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Warm bread on a hot day



Men cook with Dutch ovens at Basque picnic

Tony Larrocea of Wilder, checking his fire, and Ramon Ocamica of Homedale, adding a layer of fuel to his own fire, made Dutch oven bread at the Txoko Ona picnic in Homedale on Sunday. Both cooks braved the heat of their ember-lined earthen ovens to give visitors a taste of old-fashioned bread. Demonstrations of strength and dance also were part of the fun in Homedale. See Page 11. Photo by Terri Uria

ATV access could change with new law

Commissioners' Monday agenda
included 'road issues' item

With a new state law covering ATV use looming, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners were expected to make a decision on county road access during Monday's meeting.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said last week that he expected the commissioners to discuss which roads to close to ATV use at Monday's meeting

because it was the last get-together for the board before the comprehensive HB 602 goes into effect Tuesday.

"Road issues" was an item listed under old business for Monday's board meeting. Results weren't available at press time. The new law opens all county roads to ATVs

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Business owners: State order hampers Homedale exposure

Allied Signs owner has six days to remove U.S. 95 billboards

Despite appeals to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), three billboards, located on Amalgamated Sugar Co., property on U.S. Highway 95 just south of the highway's intersection with East Idaho Avenue, will have to come down by Tuesday.

Business owners are saying the removal will impact the frontage and advertising power of businesses in Homedale as far as exposing drivers passing on U.S. 95, a result that's on the mind of many asked in Homedale. Some are downright hot about it.

"It's the Idaho Transportation Department. They feel that they are untouchable, and they are probably right," Stan Zatica of Paul's Market in Homedale said bluntly.

"I don't see why they have to go," Edith Roe of Homedale Drug said. "I've owned several businesses and had to put up signs and deal with this. It's just stupid."

Del Motz of the Homedale Mini Mall echoed the sentiment.

"I don't see it hurts anything. Up to a point, it's (the presence of billboards) OK, but too much

looks like garbage," Motz said.

"It's going to take away advertising. People who drive by won't know what's here," Tara Noel of Homedale said.

Jessica Harden, also of Homedale, wasn't even sure why the signs needed to go. "They just need to be fixed up," she said.

Public opinion notwithstanding, the signs, which are owned by Homedale businessman Mark Jolley, will have to come down and be moved as the 60-day

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State orders billboards removed

Homedale business owner Mark Jolley takes down the advertisements from one of his three billboards Monday to comply with an order from the Idaho Department of Transportation requiring all advertising to be removed even though the structures can stay up until Tuesday.

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HFD says goodbye to one of its own



Honor guard for the fallen

Fire trucks stand in solemn order outside the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on June 17 while their crews, and many friends and relatives, gathered inside to remember Frederick A. DeGeus of Wilder. DeGeus, known for his many local projects including the Owyhee County Rodeo Board, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and his stint as fire commissioner, was a 20-year veteran of the volunteer Homedale Fire Department. He died at home on June 10, 2008.

Homedale heads set to talk budget Thursday night

The Homedale City Council and department heads will huddle Thursday in a workshop for the fiscal year 2009 budget. The workshop, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. immediately after the second council meeting of the month, is open to the public. The council meeting begins at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Lane joins Avalanche

Born in San Francisco, but raised from the age of three in Eastern Washington, in the Newport area, Michael Lane has traveled, lived and worked in a variety of locations, from Enterprise, Ore. to Akita-ken, Japan. Now, he has landed in Homedale as the newest reporter for The Owyhee Avalanche. He's a graduate of Washington State University, where he earned a degree in Journalism. Lane has worked as a journalist, bookseller, builder, photographer and teacher. Not to mention all the usual farm-related activities like fencing, haying and cursing

at backhoes. In his free time he enjoys fishing, camping and cinema. Lane is married to Claudia. She currently resides in Kelowna, British Columbia, with their sons, Jesse, 9, and Troy, 13, and six horses, a cat, two dogs and degu (Lane calls it a Chilean rat). The rest of the family plans to relocate to Owyhee County within the year.



Michael Lane

Marsing's Third as hot as 4th of July

Fireworks, barbecue and Doodlebug Race return

As July approaches, so does the glare and thunder of the Marsing fireworks show slated for the Third of July. It's not, as Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Streibel would point out, the traditional day for fireworks, but it's certainly the best. "We do it on the Third because the communities here have family and friends that live all over, and Homedale does the big demolition derby on the Fourth, so Marsing tries to support them in that," Streibel said.

Staggering events also allows supporters, many of whom are involved with the Marsing Lions Club or other organizations and who work on several of these event projects yearly, to have the freedom to attend them or do their volunteer work. In any case, it guarantees two days of back-to-back entertainment for Owyhee County residents. In addition to the ever-popular fireworks, which will bloom over the Snake River at dusk, the Marsing celebration will include the Doodlebug Race following a barbecue hosted by the Lions. Racers can buy a ticket at most Marsing retailers and race their own doodlebug (actually a ping pong ball) in the race down the creek that runs through City Park. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three finishers with the winner receiving \$250, second place getting \$125 and third place earning \$50. Doodlebug entries are \$3 each or 10 for \$5 with proceeds helping

finance the fireworks display. Tickets are available through Marsing Lions Club members, at the barbecue or by calling Rob Troxel at 896-4168. The barbecue begins at 6 p.m., but Streibel recommends arriving early for the lineup. "It's good to be here by 5:30, as it's first come, first served and they cook up everything then serve until it's done," she said. Meal tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children ages 12-16, \$3 for children younger than 12. Family tickets are available for \$30 for those with lots of mouths to feed. Live music is being provided by the Sandbar River House Restaurant, which has brought in the Dan Sevy Band, a Marsing-area family band that will be playing popular favorites at the restaurant's patio from 8 p.m. until or after the fireworks. People come to view the fireworks from all over Owyhee County and beyond, with some making the trek from Jordan Valley, Streibel said. "Last year, we had a fellow try to do an approximate head count, and we think we had about 3,000 people," she said. "They filled both sides of the river last year." Funds for the fireworks are raised with the Doodlebug Race as well as with donations from private citizens and businesses, Streibel said. The City of Marsing put up \$500, as well. It's a fun time, Streibel said, and one that lets the community renew ties. "Lots of people are so busy this time of year. It's a good chance to take a day and sit and talk," she said.

— MML

Marsing Third of July celebration

When: Festivities begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 3
Where: Marsing City Park and Marsing Snake River waterfrong
Events:
• **6 p.m. at City Park** — Barbecue and Doodlebug Race
Barbecue tickets — \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children ages 12-16, \$3 for children younger than 12. Family tickets available for \$30
Doodlebug entries — \$3 each or 10 doodlebugs for \$5. Available by calling 896-4168, through Lions Club members or on Thursday at the park
Doodlebug prizes —\$250 for first place, \$125 for second, \$50 for third
• **8 p.m. at Sand Bar River House Restaurant** — Live music from Dan Sevy Band
• **Dusk over the Snake River** —Fireworks by Marsing Fire Department personnel

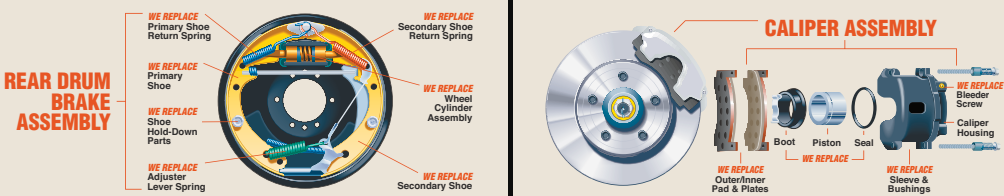
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Chrysler's derby dynasty may be at an end

Lions consider overthrow of the Imperial

In an effort to maintain car count and improve driver safety, the Homedale Lions Club has floated the idea of outlawing the popular and pulverizing Chrysler Imperial from its annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

The official announcement at Wednesday's drivers meeting ruffled the feathers of at least one veteran driver, but organizers said that competitors were aware of the possible rule change in the days following last year's event.

The drivers will have the final say in a vote during the drivers meeting immediately prior to next week's derby. A preliminary vote Wednesday showed that 18 of the 28 drivers present for the meeting agreed with the idea to ban the beasts.

"We'll give them three (measures): If they want to end the Imperials; end them this year or end them next year," Lions Club member Dave Bahem said.

This year's derby is set for 6 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena in Homedale. A concert by the Straight Away and a fireworks show follows the derby.

Limited C section tickets are still available, and a few should be for sale on the day of the event. The C section grandstand is in full sun next to the beer garden on the opposite side of the arena from the covered grandstand. Those tickets go for \$11 each.

No matter where the estimated 3,000 fans have seats at the annual event, they always can be assured that a jam-packed show of twisted metal and hard hits will ensue. Car counts usually are strong, and the rules of the game make for non-stop contact.

And, one can surmise that Imperials butter the bread of the derby.

But Bahem said the idea to outlaw Imperials sprouted from the growing chasm between the haves and have-nots of the derby, which event organizers see as a looming threat to the continued prosperity of the tradition.

Bahem and fellow Lions



Chrysler's Imperialist reign nears the end?

Brad Hunt, left, plows his Chrysler Imperial into an opponent during the 2005 Homedale Lions Demolition Derby. The Lions Club has presented a rulebook amendment to outlaw the dominating vehicles from future derbies.

2008 Homedale Lions 4th of July Demolition Derby

When: 6 p.m., Friday, July 4

Where: Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

Tickets: Only C section seats remain. They're \$11 each and available at NAPA Auto Parts stores in Homedale and Marsing

After the show: Fireworks and a concert by Straight Away.

member Jerry Breshears said after Wednesday's meeting that the high demand for Imperials has driven up the cost to be competitive in derbies, and that they want to give the shade tree derby jock just as much chance to bring home cash and a trophy as the veterans who spend thousands of dollars on a car and hundreds of hours trying to hone it into what Bahem bluntly described as a "rolling tank."

"Lots of new guys don't know the advantage of the Imperial," Bahem said, and he was answered by one driver who shouted back, "But they'll find out," to hearty laughter.

Imperials are coveted crushers because of the sheer mass of metal brought to the arena. The

behemoths of Detroit weigh as much as a ¾-ton pickup and are capable of inflicting extensive — and dangerous — damage to lighter cars (not to mention the other drivers).

Nearly half of the 33 cars entered in this year's derby will be driven by rookies. None have listed Imperials on their entry lists, and only five even have a model of Chrysler. Last year, 11 rookies made the 26-car field, with first-year driver Tyler Maxwell winning it all behind the wheel of a Chrysler New Yorker.

"We've gotten dozen of calls from people saying, 'We don't want Imperials. They're too hard to find and they're too expensive when we find them,'" Bahem said.

Most rookies are fielding non-Mopar vehicles such as Chevy Impalas and Mercury Cougars. There's even a Ford LTD driven by Chad Rasmussen of McCall. Derby veteran Caleb Morgan plans to enter a Ford Crown Victoria

"We're going to try and make this a more competitive derby,"

Bahem said. "We want the guy with the LTD to have a chance. We want the guy who doesn't have 100 hours to have a chance."

"Steven Nash and Alan Bahem (two early competitors) put their cars together in less than two weeks."

Dave Bahem added that the derby will remain viable only if the event attracts at least 21 cars. Last year, only 24 cars made it to the show, the lowest turnout in years.

"One day we're going to show up at the fairgrounds, and there'll be nine cars down there," Bahem said, hinting that the Imperial fleet eventually will sink the event that stretches to the early 1980s.

The most vocal driver to speak up in opposition of the Imperial ban was 10-year derby veteran Jake Ferguson of Homedale, the 2006 runner-up who has entered a 1966 Imperial — and has another '73 Imperial lying in wait.

Homedale Lions member Jeremy Townsend said Friday afternoon that Ferguson has decided to enter both of his Imperials in this year's derby.

There is no rule prohibited such a move, Townsend said, adding that it's unclear how Ferguson actually will operate both vehicles. Ferguson said Wednesday that he planned to run the 1973 model in the 2009 event.

The original proposal announced by Bahem was eliminating the Imperial option after this year's derby.

"You can't tell us this just 2½ weeks before the derby," Ferguson said.

Although many derbies, including Blackfoot, have put the kibosh on the Chrysler land yacht, Bahem said the Lions Club will adhere to whatever the drivers decide in the pre-race polling.

"We're going to conform to what you guys want," he said. "You're building the cars. You're the drivers."

In addition to Ferguson, Imperials reportedly have been entered by two-time derby champion Leonard Hurd of Emmett, Homedale drivers Tyson Stimmel, Bret Hall, Travis Parrill and Brian Bailey.

— JPB



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Stuffed birds burgled from Y Bar in Grand View

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies dealt with a mixed bag of calls last week, including a break-in and a case of theft in Grand View.

Sheriff Gary Aman confirmed that the Y Bar and Cafe in Grand View was burglarized sometime during night between June 17 and June 18.

The dispatch report stated various items were missing. Aman said that authorities are looking for a pair of male suspects who were patrons of the establishment.

Sgt. Jim Bish provided additional detail on Monday. While the two suspects in question are not yet in custody pending formal charges from the prosecutor's office, the identity of the suspects are known and they have been contacted. The two men, who stole a variety of bar paraphernalia including stuffed birds taken from the walls, were on camera throughout their activities, Bish said.

"I'm not sure if they knew they were on camera or not," Bish said.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's Office source mentioned the suspects were military members, which Bish indirectly confirmed.

“Wherever they go in the world, we’ll know,” he said. “It was pretty stupid. Not a good career move. If you’re going to be dumb, be real dumb.”

On June 16, approximately 20 battery cores were stolen from the rear of the Gus' Gas business on Idaho highway 78 in Grand View. Law enforcement officials have said crooks steal and recycle battery cores to pick up some cash much like the ongoing stolen wire and irrigation tubing phenomena.

Aman said such thefts are decreasing, but still occur occasionally.

A 19-year-old Homedale man

received his second citation for not carrying auto insurance and also for driving without privileges after rolling his car at Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

Aman said Jesus U. Ozuna was cited for the two misdemeanors and released after the crashed a white 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. He refused medical attention at the scene of the June 17 crash.

On June 16, 21-year-old Trevor Soesbe of Caldwell was cited for misdemeanor malicious injury to property after he was caught vandalizing a paper towel dispenser in the restroom of the ION Truck Stop located at the intersection of Idaho state highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 outside Marsing.

“He couldn’t get a paper towel to come out of the paper towel dispenser, so he busted it,” Aman said.

— MML and JPB

Crime spree suspects receive state sentences

Joshua Larrea and Amanda Ravelette, two of the three accused in this winter's burglary, home invasion and robbery crime-spree across southwest Idaho, have entered guilty pleas to grand theft and burglary. Both were sentenced at their June 17 hearings before District Judge Gregory M. Culet in Murphy.

Larrea pleaded guilty to both grand theft and burglary, one charge each, in a deal that saw the prosecutor drop both the second grand theft charge and the second burglary count. Larrea was sentenced to two years fixed/ seven indeterminate, with an identical sentence stemming from additional Canyon County charges to run concurrently. Larrea's

sentence may not make much difference in the long run, though, county criminal court clerk Trina Aman said, as he faces federal charges as well. If sentenced on the federal indictment, he will likely have his state sentences dismissed while serving out his federal term.

Ravelette pleaded guilty in a similar deal, with the state dropping one grand theft charge in exchange for a guilty plea to one grand theft and one burglary charge. She was sentenced to two years fixed/five indeterminate also to be served concurrently with a Canyon County sentence.

The third arrested in the spree, Anthony Bernal, is still awaiting trial.

Road work scheduled for Idaho 67 near GV

Crews have begun seal-coating work on Idaho highway 67 between Grand View and Mountain Home Air Force Base.

A press release from the Idaho Transportation Department said the project undertaken by Snake River Construction in Twin Falls will stretch from the Mountain Home AFB southwest to Grand View. A project to seal coat eight miles of Idaho 51 west of

the air base already has been completed.

The \$1.14 million project entails spraying liquid asphalt on the highway and spreading a layer of crushed rock over it.

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Former Melba schools secretary pleads guilty

A former Melba School District administrative assistant entered a guilty plea on one count of felony grand theft last week in a Canyon County courtroom.

The Melba School District announced in a press release that Belinda Thiel entered the plea before Third District Judge Thomas Ryan on June 16. She was accused of stealing more than \$45,000 from the

school district.

The school district serves students in parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties.

Thiel will be sentenced in August.

Thiel was terminated in December 2006 after allegations surfaced. She previously served on the Melba school board.

The Melba School Board worked

cooperatively with the Canyon County Sheriff's Office during the investigation. According to a press release, the district conducted a fraud audit in January 2007, and the forensic examination found more than \$28,000 in unauthorized credit card charges and more than \$17,500 in appropriated food services deposits without authorization.

Melba superintendent Bob Larson said he was satisfied to finally get closure on the case.

"This has been an extremely traumatic situation for the board and community," Larson said. "This is a serious crime, and it is especially heinous when a person who has been entrusted with the public's money does something of this nature."

From page 1

✓ State: Owner says city merchants will lose revenue when signs go away

extension on ITD's order to Jolley expires Tuesday.

Transportation department spokesperson Mollie McCarty said the state initially discovered the signs during a rotating inventory of signage in September 2004. The state agency contacted Jolley in the next month, informing him that the signs "were in violation of Idaho statutes and Department rules" as stated in the department's official Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law report. It went on to say that Jolley was informed that the signs were erected without securing the required permits from ITD and that they were also erected outside of active industrial or commercial zones as defined by the De-

partment. It also stated that Jolley did not have a license to engage in the business of outdoor advertising and that this was an additional violation.

Department documents show that after this initial letter, Jolley contacted ITD District Three senior right-of-way agent Jan Stough to discuss the situation.

During a hearing with ITD, Jolley presented the minutes from a Homedale City Council meeting showing that city had approved the signs. He also followed this up by applying for and being granted a license to engage in outdoor advertising.

In a December 2006 meeting, ITD officials informed Jolley that the signs were still not

legally placed. The violations as set out in the Findings were that even though the area the signs occupy is zoned industrial, the portion used for sugar beet storage is considered agricultural and temporary and is disallowed under ITD code.

A second violation stems from the signs having more than one face visible from the same direction, and the third being that two of the signs are located too near to the intersection(s) of the roadway.

The state denied an appeal by Jolley, who had countered that ITD incorrectly issued the violations because none of the infractions applied to signs located within the city limits of

Homedale.

Originally ordered in March to bring the signs down, Jolley was granted an extension until Tuesday to remove the signs or have them impounded by ITD.

Jolley, who owns Allied Signs, a FedEx business and the Owyhee Ice Cream Co., on East Idaho Avenue, will be taking the billboards down, he said.

The structures have been in place since late 2003, after the Homedale City Council granted Jolley a building permit. Jolley said he has been working with the ITD in an effort to find new locations for them, and is in negotiations with a landowner north of Homedale at this time, as well as trying to locate the owner of

another site to the south on U.S. 95.

The relocation will cost several thousand dollars, Jolley said, in addition to lost revenues if the signs are down. A fully loaded billboard can earn \$10,000 a year, he said.

"The lost revenue for the city merchants from the passing public will be tremendous," Jolley said. "I think it's unfortunate, all you can see from the road is an ugly beet dump and a bypass. You're past the town before you truly see it."

"ITD is deciding how people can use their property regardless of planning and zoning."

— MML

BLM battles fire near Three Creek School

Late Friday night crews responded to the Three Creek Fire, which burned just a quarter of a mile from the Three Creek School in southeast Owyhee County.

The blaze grew to five acres, with firefighting crews from the Bureau of Land Management staying overnight in the area and finishing suppression efforts on Saturday morning.

Fire officials recently gathered

in the area to assess recovery from last year's massive Murphy Complex Fire

"Even at five acres, this surprised fire management officials because they were just down there for a meeting and had noticed how green the area was. That's just an indication of how fast things can dry out," Sky Buffat, fire information specialist with Idaho BLM's Twin Falls District.

✓ ATV: County must designate closed roads

unless commissioners designate certain roads for closure.

Silver City Road could be on the hit list in light of two recent ATV-related accidents, Aman said.

"Under the new Idaho Code, the commissioners are also looking at what roads are going to be open or closed to ATV use, and these accidents could play a role in the decision," Aman said.

The latest mishap occurred on the morning of June 17 when Aman said ATV rider Tylon

Borren of Eagle cut a corner on the winding Silver City Road and collided with an oncoming pickup driven by local resident Paul Nettleton about five miles from New York summit.

There were no injuries, and Aman said no citations had been issued, but the accident still was under investigation.

Determining which roads should be closed to ATVs has been an ongoing process in advance of the new law taking effect.

"We talked about it about two

weeks ago," he said Wednesday. "We're waiting for the assessor to print out a map."

Any road closures have to be in place by the time the law takes hold Tuesday. The commissioners won't meet Monday because it is the fifth Monday of the month and the three officials — Commission Chair Jerry Hoagland (District 1), District 2 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie and District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund — only meet four times each month.

— JPB

Chandlers dust weather, Simplot for another Grand View Days title

Originally not planning to compete, the Chandlers team returned for another run Saturday in the annual Grand View Days softball tournament to benefit Grand View Little League. Tournament director Dale Gray said Chandlers endured a heavy dust storm in the championship game to beat Simplot, 11-3, in five innings. Simplot reached the championship with a 9-5 four-inning win over Very Smart Remedy from Glenns Ferry. Very Smart Remedy finished third in the four-team tournament, with Ridley — sponsored by US Ecology — bringing home fourth. Simplot opened the tournament Friday with a 16-2 rout of Ridley in four innings.

After the tournament, Grand View Little League president Sarah Hall presented Chandlers with the championship trophy. Present at the award ceremony were, from left, Jackie Thurman, Tony McDaniel, Hall, Jim Johnson, Mike Chandler, Chelsea Chandler, Scott Snyder, T. J. Snyder, Shelby Chandler, Isaac Garcia and Emily Chandler. Chandlers team members not pictured include Raelynn Schkade, Mellisa Martin and Andrea Meyers. Photo by Dale Gray



Nominations sought for 2008 Owyhee fair grand marshal

Time is running out to nominate dignitaries to be honored during the 2008 Owyhee County Fair.

Nomination forms for honorary grand marshal, grand marshal and local hero are available on the bulletin board at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

Owyhee Lanes co-owner Donna Marose is the voluntary coordinator for this year’s fair and rodeo parade, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9.

July 8 is the last day to turn in nomination forms.

The fair runs Aug. 4-9. The final day to submit parade entries to Marose is Aug. 1. Books for this year’s fair, themed An Old Fashioned Love-A-Fair, are now available.

A honorary grand marshal nominee is defined as a well-known Treasure Valley person or group that has made a significant contribution to Owyhee County and the surrounding community within the past 10 years.

A grand marshal nominee is a person from within the county who has made a significant contribution to Owyhee County in the past decade.

A local hero is characterized as a person or group that has made a significant contribution to the people of Owyhee County and/or the state of Idaho.

Each form must include the nominee’s name, address and phone number as well as the contact information for the person making the nomination. Each nominator also is asked to cite reasons that the nominee meets the above criteria.

Nomination forms signed and dated by the nominator can be returned to Grand Marshal Committee, P.O. Box 566, Homedale, ID 83628.

Nomination information also can be e-mailed to m224md@yahoo.com.

Hearing exams available at Homedale Senior Center

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center will play host to a hearing aid clinic next month.

On July 8, Turner Hearing Center staff will be on hand to check hearing and test hearing aids. Hearing aids also will be cleaned free of charge. Call the senior center at 337-3020 to schedule an appointment.

The center will be closed on July 4 for the holiday.

The monthly Saturday night dance will be held July 19 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, and participants are asked to bring finger foods. All ages are invited to the dance.

The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave. For more information, call 337-3020.

A mammogram screening originally scheduled for next Wednesday at the center has been cancelled because of a lack of appointments received, according to Leslie Madsen, the nursing supervisor for St. Luke’s Breastcare Services, which runs the mobile exam unit.

Lizard Butte Library fun run will become annual fundraiser

Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel reports a strong turnout for the second annual Run with the Lizard Fun Run.

The event was held June 14 in Marsing before the first Blue Hawaii Days Marsing Festival kicked off.

The fun run and walk included distances of one mile, five kilometers and 10 kilometers.

“We had 18 participants that all did the 5K,” Streibel said. “This is double the amount of people he had from two years ago, so I am very happy with the turn out we had.”

Carolyn and Fred Wright were the first to finish the run at around 9 a.m.

“We all had fun and most people walked,” Streibel said. “We had a few kids on bikes and even a few four-legged friends.”

Streibel said the fun run, which raises money for library programs, will be held every year on the second Saturday in June.

She also said that there still is room in the library’s summer reading program for children, “Catch the Reading Bug.”

The reading program will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday from July 8 to Aug. 12. It’s open to children ages 5-8.

For more information or to register, call the library at 896-4690.

HHS grad completes Army basic training

Army Pvt. Joseph W. Foster, a 2004 graduate of Homedale High School, has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Foster is the son of Margaret Perkins of Homedale.

During nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

On June 14, Ronda Macaw and Dee Conrad of Devil Creek Ranch along with Bert, Chet and Ira Brackett and many others went on the Murphy Complex Flames bus tour. They took off from Castleford and after looking over the range they had a barbeque spearheaded by Gus Brackett and his mother Paula at the Three Creek school. The south end of the burn is reported to look really good. Bert Brackett asked Arnie Pike of the BLM, “Are you going to let us use it or let it burn again?”

School is out for the summer and the huge pile of sawdust and the playground equipment looks lonely setting there.

New school board members are Antonia Gonzalez and Gus Brackett.

Roy Smalley, age 78, our Three Creek Good Road District manger for many years passed away June 9, 2008, after a short bout with cancer.

Roy was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Buhl to Edward and Myrtle Worley Smalley. He married his sweetheart Corabel Frame on June 8, 1948, in Ely, Nev. It was a marriage made in heaven. Roy wanted to live for their 60th wedding anniversary, and he got the job done.

Roy was baptized on Sept. 7, 1963, in Pasadena, Calif., as one of the Jehovah’s Witnesses and he served it well. He and Corabel were at the Three Creek road yard from the early 1980s until he retired in 1994. Corabel was out here with him most of the time. They got caught in some bad snowstorms, one time having to walk back from Deadwood in a cold windy snowstorm. One time we were coming home from Bruneau and away out on the desert all by herself was Corabel driving the rock rake machine.

They were the parents of eight nice friendly children. Roy is survived by his wife Corabel, sons Wayne Smalley, Bert Smalley, Mike Smalley and son-in-law Rusty Nyquist, daughters Terry (Jim) Duggan, Nancy (David) Mills, daughter-in-law Barbara (Rodger) Graddy, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, brother Robert Smalley, sister Opal Rathbun and sister Norma Jean (John) Schaer. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Chip and Shorty Smalley and sister Ellen Brenen, three children: Linda Nyquist, Pat and Kevin Smalley. Services were held Monday, June 16, 2008, at the Kingdom Hall in Buhl.

Senior menus

Homedale center

June 25: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, beverage.

June 26: Pork chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, beverage.

July 1: Chinese style beef & broccoli, stir fry vegetables, noodles, beverage.

July 2: Baked ziti w/meat sauce, salad, roll, beverage.

Marsing center

June 25: Chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, carrot salad, dessert, beverage.

June 26: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, beet salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

June 30: Breakfast to order.

Homedale Class of 1988 plans its 20-year reunion

The Homedale High School Class of 1988 has planned a weekend of celebration for its 20-year reunion next month.

The reunion will be held July 19-20 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

The festivities begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 with a meet-and-greet for adults at the Basque center.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, a family barbecue will be held.

The class members also are inviting teachers who taught at Homedale High School between 1984 and 1988 to the barbecue.

For more information on the reunion, call Teresa Uranga-Ryska at (208) 608-8381 or (208) 337-3177.



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Your finances

Couple must work together to achieve a debt-free lifestyle

Dear Dave,

We're so close to being debt-free, but I can't get my wife to stop using credit cards. We pay them off every month, but it still scares me. I've tried to get her to use a debit card instead, but she doesn't like the idea of having \$500 in the bank and seeing something she wants that costs more. Any ideas?

— Dan

Dear Dan,

I think the real issue here is that the girl is just a little bit spoiled. I also think that you guys aren't working together on your money. It sounds to me like she does whatever she wants, and then you guys cover it. That's not togetherness.

To most people, credit cards represent three things. One, they represent convenience. They're easier to use because you don't have to fool with a checkbook in the grocery store line. Two, they represent security. If you're away from home and need money, you can just pop it into a machine. And No. 3, they're a way to get stuff you can't afford. This doesn't sound like the case here, because you pay them off every month. But the fact remains that a debit card will do virtually anything a credit card can do.

I want the two of you to sit down together and start doing a written budget every month — on paper, on purpose before the next month begins. Ask her how much extra she'd need in the account each month to feel comfortable, and come to a reasonable, affordable agreement on this. Then, you pull out the scissors and cut up the credit cards — together.

You need some flexibility here, Dan. But she needs to grow up and get over the idea that she's supposed to have whatever she wants the second she wants it!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My life insurance agent recently sold me a universal life policy. When I mentioned your name and asked if term life insurance was better, he laughed and said term insurance is horrible. I'm a little confused right now. What's the truth here?

— Guy



Dear Guy,

The truth is that universal life insurance is one of the worst financial products on the planet. You need to find yourself another insurance agent!

If a 30-year-old buys \$125,000 of universal life for 20 years it will cost around \$145 a month. That same person can buy \$400,000 of 20-year level term insurance for about \$15 a month. That's a savings of \$130 a month! The term life may not have a savings program attached, but you can do your own saving using good, growth stock mutual funds and get a much better return.

Within the first three years, you'll generate nothing with universal life, because it all goes to fees and commissions. Plus, studies show that the average net yield on universal life is only 2 to 5 percent. That stinks! The 30-year-old who bought universal life will turn around 20 years later to find it has a cash value of about \$27,000. By the time he or she is 70, the cash value will only be about \$66,000.

On the other hand, if you buy good, level term insurance and invest the difference you'll see in savings in good, growth stock mutual funds, it will be worth \$133,000 at age 50. By the time you're 70, it will be worth about \$1.5 million!

Which one sounds better now?

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Calendar

State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Today

Homedale library summer reading

3:30 p.m., Bats at the Beach, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

DivorceCare recovery support group

7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

Exercise class

11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Homedale City Council budget workshop

7 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

AA meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Tuesday

Exercise class

11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Marsing PTA meeting

7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273

Pure Word recovery meeting

7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733

AA meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

Mammography exams

9:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., St. Luke's Mobile Mammography unit, call for appointment, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 706-2055 or (866) 706-2055

DivorceCare recovery support group

7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, July 3

Exercise class

11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

AA meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday, July 4

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby

6 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, Homedale

Monday, July 7

County Board of Commissioners meeting

Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381

Tuesday, July 8

Hearing exams

Appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Exercise class

11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Lizard Butte Library summer reading

3 p.m., ages 5-8, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting

7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District board meeting

7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control board meeting

7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

AA meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Marsing school board meeting

8 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave.

Wednesday, July 9

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

DivorceCare recovery support group

7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Grand View City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday, July 10

Exercise class

11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution

11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon

noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271

Owyhee Garden Club meeting

1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Adrian school board meeting

7 p.m., Adrian School Library

AA meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting

8 p.m., 250 N Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

The Owyhee Avalanche's calendar of events also can be accessed on the Internet at www.owyheepublishing.com.

Submit upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jbrowneditor@cablone.net.

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Wine country annexes piece of Owyhee

Davis Creek Cellars tasting room open on Main Street in Marsing

Gina Davis reached back in her memory to a lunch break to find the perfect spot for her wine tasting room.

She had visited Pepe's Pizza on Main Street in Marsing occasionally when she was looking for a bite and a break from her job at wineries in the Sunnyslope area.

When it was time to branch out on her own and start her own wine label, Davis remembered the pizza joint.

"I used to come in here when it was Pepe's Pizza, so I was familiar with the space," she said. "I knew it had good bones."

After months of renovation, she opened the Davis Creek Cellars wine tasting room in the same space, 429 Main Street, Suite 101 inside the Owyhee Plaza.

Her first day of business was June 6, and Davis will have the shop open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Currently, the room features four wines fashioned from grapes from the area as well as one variety from the Yakima Valley growing region:

- A 2007 pinot grigio from the Yakima Valley's Pontin Vineyard
- A 2007 late harvest syrah from Skyline Vineyards in Nampa that Davis classifies as a dessert wine because of its sweetness
- A 2006 cabernet sauvignon from the Arena Valley Vineyard
- A 2006 merlot from the Wood River Vineyard, which is located in Canyon County. Wood River recently took over the Eagle Knoll Winery near Star.

In addition to selling wine, Davis also has Davis Creek-monogrammed wine glasses, hats and apparel and other wine accessories for sale in her shop. Paintings by a local artist also are available for purchase as are quilts.

Davis, who worked in the Ste. Chapelle laboratory for three months and also worked three years at the Sawtooth winery, also tends to a vineyard near Homedale and Plum roads in Canyon County on which the riesling white grape is grown.

Davis is well-versed in the Sunnyslope wineries. The Caldwell resident still works at Koenig off of Idaho highway 55, and that is where she crafts her Davis Creek Cellars wines as well.

"This area is an area where a lot of wineries are looking to build," she said.

There's plenty of grape stock for those wineries looking for space, Davis said.

"I'm buying grapes locally. There are more growers than wineries still," she said.

Part of Davis grand plan is to own her own vineyard eventually, but for now she'll settle for buying grapes and making wine in her corner of the Koenig facility.

Although she has had a lease on the Marsing suite since October and only opened earlier this month, Davis began formulating the wine for her label in the spring of 2007.

"I started working on it in May of '07," said Davis, who has a Horticulture degree from



Tasting room brings local wine to county

Above: Davis Creek Cellars owner Gina Davis pours wine for customers Tom and Trudy Woodworth of Boise to taste during her first day of business earlier this month. **Below:** In addition to her wine, Davis also sells merchandise bearing her operation's logo such as wine glasses and apparel.

the University of Idaho. "We harvested the first grapes last fall and brought them to Koenig and made the wine out there."

Davis said she'll have the four varieties now on sale in her shop through the summer. Once fall rolls around, Davis plans to introduce a non-dessert syrah and a malbec red wine, the grape for which hails from the same region of France as the Cabernet and Merlot grape.

Davis said Idaho wine varieties still are relatively undiscovered outside of local connoisseurs, and that keeps the price of Idaho wine lower "until we make a bigger name for ourselves," she said.

"There has been a lot of push to the Idaho wines, and there



are people who drink California wines, but they're mostly in Boise," she said.

But Davis said most of the snobbery melts away after one sip of wine grown in the Snake River Valley

"Most who try it are surprised," she said. "They like it just as well or better than California wine."

— JPB

Legion Auxiliary quilt raffle helps pay for Girls State trip

The Homedale American Legion Auxiliary is holding a raffle for a hand-made afghan to help recoup transport costs to send two girls to Idaho/Syringa Girls State.

Homedale High School seniors-to-be Hannah Johnson and Annamaria Salas represented Homedale at Girls State earlier this

month at Boise State University.

Tickets are \$1 for one entry or \$5 for six.

The drawing will occur during the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale in August.

Tickets are available from Carolyn Grooms, who knitted the afghan. She can be contacted at 249-6021 or at 402 W. Utah St.

Homedale's airport goes gold

The Homedale Municipal Airport saw its golden anniversary Saturday, and will see an anniversary celebration at a date within the next several weeks, Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson said.

The field was established by proclamation of then-Mayor Joe Eiguren on June 21, 1958, a date

he declared Community Airport Day.

Eiguren asked citizens of Homedale to iput forth an effort to assist in every way possible to construct the airport for Homedale.

Calls went out for dump trucks and farm trucks to help haul the crushed rock for the strip and

for people to help with the final removal of brush.

The initial 2,500-foot runway surface, later extended by 400 feet, was finished in a day with the aid of residents.

Those who built the air strip then relaxed at the airport dance held in the armory to the music of the Blue Star orchestra.

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Club builds microcosm of Owyhee plant life

Portion of Marsing community garden will grow into teaching tool for native landscapers

Thanks to an Owyhee Garden Club project, folks won't have to hike to the extreme reaches of the county to see native plants.

Owyhee Garden Club member Linda Symms has spearheaded the design of a 1,875-square-foot garden space in the Marsing Community Garden.

Using a \$1,000 grant from The Principal Financial Group, the garden club has embarked on an ambitious effort to recreate the many growing "zones" in the Owyhee region, including mountainous, lower desert, foothills, canyon floors and riparian.

Garden club president Sharon McIlveen pointed out that plants from the Silver City area are in one section, while there are plants that are found in the Givens area in another and plants found west of U.S. Highway 95 in still another section of the garden.

In all, there are 25 plant species in place now, with the possibility

of more than 100 flourishing by next summer.

McIlveen said the Marsing FFA chapter and Marsing School District superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley were instrumental in allowing the club to stake out space in for the native plants display.

The community garden is located on 8th Avenue West next to the Marsing FFA building on the edge of the school district property.

Dr. Pat Packard, a botanist who taught at the College of Idaho, has served as a consultant on the project, while Billy Addington from Taste the Wild provided the foliage from his native plant nursery in Sand Hollow.

More plants will be developed for planting next year, too.

"We've been collecting seed this year out in the county to grow more local natives for next spring," Addington said.

Addington said there are about 30 seedlings at his nursery that



Native garden begins to take shape
Linda Symms of the Owyhee Garden Club stands near what will become the part of the Marsing Community Garden displaying native plants of the Silver City area of the county. It will include Douglas firs, among other mountainous plants.

will be planted for the fall, and that the collection effort has turned up 50 more species. Seeds of those plants have yet to germinate.

Symms has hauled in rock to landscape the area. She obtained a Bureau of Land Management permit and brought rock in from a public quarry in the Opaline area. Her goal is to have native rock with each region represented in the garden.

She said it took one morning

in May to put the plants in the ground for the initial display.

Symms said she had been thinking about a native plant display since October, but the effort slipped into high gear after McIlveen returned from a convention with a report on the Go Native program.

The Owyhee Garden Club native plant garden is the only one in Idaho in which plants native to the region are on display, members said. The Nampa Garden Club used a Go Native grant to landscape a part

of Caldwell's Indian Creek development with plants that are native to the United States.

The garden club must have the project done in two years, but there are plans to make it a permanent part of the community garden where county residents can learn more about native plants.

Another phase of the plan is the installation of placards describing the plants, their habitat and historical uses, according to the garden club. Packard would help develop those elements.

Addington, who sells plants at farmers markets in Nampa, Caldwell and Middleton, will sell samples of the plants found in the Marsing Community Garden's native plant section, and there are plans for informational brochures to help folks use the plants in their own backyards and their own county to spruce up their living space.

"It was also important to me to make it a landscape, and that it was nice to look at," Symms said. "And hopefully people can see how to use the plants in their own gardens."

— JPB

4-H conducts county demonstrations Dust Devils take two titles at horse shows

by University of Idaho, Owyhee County Extension staff

4-H Horse Demonstrations were held June 12 at the Grand View American Legion Post 134 Hall and Marsing Elementary School and June 14 at the Marsing Elementary School.

A huge thank you goes out to Gina Showalter, Laura Eubanks, Judith McShane and Jessica Hansen, who were the judges. Fifty young people participated this year, providing great competition.

Kortney Bahem from the Dust Devils placed first in the Senior division. Catie Kershner from South Mountain Cowboys came in a close second. Eli Ressler

from Bits 'n' Pieces placed third with her demonstration on Rodeo, and Carlen Hipwell from South Mountain Cowboys placed fourth.

For the Junior I division, Sage Raine from South Mountain Cowboys placed first followed by Krista Mayer from Wilson Butte in second. Lewis Rutan from South Mountain Cowboys placed third, and Morgan Monson from Wilson Butte placed fourth. Bryana Hampton, Lena Metcalf, and Isabella Clapier — all from the Owyhee Silver Spurs — also worked hard to provide some very informative demonstrations.

Charlie Purdom from Dust Dev-

ils placed first in the Junior II division. Shelby Dines of the Owyhee Silver Spurs followed in second place, and Bridget Black from the Bruneau Sage Riders took third. Adrianna Salutregui from the South Mountain Cowboys took fourth place followed by Carey Dines from Owyhee Silver Spurs in fifth place and Abe Cunningham from South Mountain Cowboys sixth.

Rianna Kent from Owyhee Silver Spurs, Arlie Stevenson from Bruneau Sage Riders, and Tristan Hylten from Wilson Butte participated, along with Bonnie Standlee, Hailey Boman, Sami Bachman, and Zach Tindall all from Bruneau Sage Riders.

The Intermediate division had some tough competition with 17 participants. Katie Blackstock from Wilson Butte took first place followed closely by Lacy Usabel from Wilson Butte in second place. Becky Carter from Wilson Butte took third, and Caleb Cunningham from South Mountain Cowboys followed in fourth place. Tom Nelson from South Mountain Cowboys placed fifth followed by Stephanie Hylton from Wilson Butte in sixth place. Jackie Phillips and Liz Gramps from Wilson Butte participated along with Evon Timmons, Rochelle Ressler, Phaedra Stevenson, and Lorianne Ressler from Bits 'n' Pieces. Dalton Pen-

rod and Hayleigh Green from Owyhee Silver Spurs participated along with Jordan Boman and Bailey Bachman from Bruneau Sage Riders. Sydnee James from Oreana Rednecks also participated.

The Cloverbud division had nine participants, all eager to show their stuff. Baylee Davis, Cheyanne Davis, TJ Davis, Wade Raine, and Lindsey Salutregui all from South Mountain Cowboys participated. Fallon Wasson and Taylor Ann Tomas Fisher from Owyhee Silver Spurs also gave demonstrations. Sam Monson from Wilson Butte and Darion Bowman from Bruneau Sage Riders both participated.

Competitors flourish in agriculture, FCS contests

by University of Idaho, Owyhee County Extension staff

4-H Ag and Family and Consumer Science/Miscellaneous Demonstrations for Owyhee County were held June 10 at the Marsing Elementary School. A huge thank you goes out to Kelley Hansen, Tamara Miller, Judith McShane and Jessica Hansen, who judged the phenomenal talent displayed by each 4-Her. Thirty-three young people participated, providing great competition.

Two brave Cloverbuds gave it their all. Anthony Sugai gave his demonstration on his New Fin-

land Dwarf Rabbit and Cheylah Volkens gave her demonstration titled, "Obey the Red."

Senior Tyler Blackstock placed first for the division with his demonstration titled, "Have a Ball," followed by Megan Harper's demonstration on Mastitis in Dairy Cattle.

For the Intermediate division, Jackie Phillips from Wilson Butte swept the charts by placing first with her demonstration titled, "Show King." Courtney Bennett from Snake River Livestock followed Jackie in second place with her demonstration on the Fla-

vors of Beef, and Diedre Briggs from Barnyard Brigade placed third with her demonstration titled, "Help Me." Hailey Brisbin, Josie Grim, Brittany Roberts, Cory Maupin, Perry Maupin, and Shelby Brown from Wilson Butte also participated. Clay Cantrell from Snake River Livestock and Shelby Lee from Dust Devils participated along with Jace Turner, Kolbie Gerdes, and Esteban Lejardi from Shoofly.

Micheal Lejardi gave a wonderful demonstration on Pig Ear Notching, placing first in the Junior I division. Annie Bass fol-

lowed in second place with her demonstration titled, "Becoming A Best Friend Forever with your Bovine." Megan Smith took third place with her demonstration on the four compartments of a ruminant stomach. Morgon Munson, Kaitlyn Wilson, and Wyatt Grim from Wilson Butte also participated. Nick Bennett and Kaitlin Johnson from Snake River Livestock also gave their demonstration.

For the Junior II division, Crystal Good from Snake River Livestock and Wade Bass from Wilson Butte tied for first place. Crystal

gave a demonstration on how to shear your sheep titled "Hair Cut for Woolly," while Wade Bass gave an illustrated talk titled "Where's the Beef?" Both were fantastic presentations and deserved to be placed first. Garret Briggs from Barnyard Brigade placed second with his demonstration on Sheep Breeds. Tori Nash from Shoofly swept third with her demonstration on Heritage Breeds. Kellie Barraza and Morgan Nash from Shoofly also participated along with Jeannie Kroske from Snake River Livestock and Bodie Brown from Wilson Butte.

Basque center caps first year with dancing, picnic

Memory and culture carry on across the years

The Txoko Ona Basque Center celebrated its first birthday in style on Sunday. Approximately 400 people attended the event, enjoyed lunch, a weightlifting demonstration and contest and were entertained by the moves of both Boise's Oinkari Dancers and the youngsters of the Herribatza Dantzariak group taught by Homedale's Gloria Lejardi.

Basque dance has a long and deep tradition, with experts counting something in the neighborhood of 400 distinct folk dances. Dances may have sacred or secular roots. Many, historically, were danced only by men, some strictly by women, and some by both.

Herribatza, which means "a collective of towns," Lejardi said, consists of young dancers from kindergarten through eighth grade. The dancers come from Homedale, Marsing, Nampa and Caldwell.

Lejardi has been the director of the dance group throughout its 28-year run. This year there are 32 children involved, she said.

"My grandmother taught me to dance," she said when asked how she had started out. She joined and danced with the Oinkari dancers for 15 years, and taught Boise children Basque dance for an additional seven years or so. "Some families in Caldwell asked me to teach their kids, and that's how this group started."

Even for those with a limited background in things Basque, the signature costumes of the dancers, largely black or white with accents of red and green, should be familiar. The Herribatza dancers' costumes have been made by several seamstresses over the years. Lori Davies of Homedale



Txoko Ona picnic another big hit

Top: The youngest Herribatza Dantzariak dancers opened the celebration and entertained a crowd of hundreds with traditional Basque dance. **Lower top:** The three oak scions east of the Center are all of the Gernika tree's line, one that traces its roots back almost 500 years. **Lower bottom:** Tony Larrocea hands Ben Badiola a freshly cut piece of Dutch oven bread while Joe Gannuscio, right, and Andrea Burch, left, look on. Dutch oven bread photo by Terri Uria

currently creates them for the group.

The dancers practice at Txoko Ona weekly, from September through April, Lejardi said, adding how nice it was to have the facilities of the center on South Main Street in Homedale.

While her primary reasons for sticking with the program over the years are the kids and the joy they bring, such activities have another lasting value: that of sharing cultural heritage.

"Basque culture only exists because those who knew taught and continue to teach," Lejardi said.

She extended thanks to all who came to watch.

"The kids really enjoy performing for an audience," she said.

That concern with and stress upon culture extends through much the center does. One fea-

ture many might overlook at first are the three small oak saplings located beside the center.

"These are from the tree of Gernika," Stan Zatica said. "These are offspring of the tree that survived the bombing of Guernica."

Guernica was bombed into near oblivion in 1937 in Operation Rügen, a combined aerial attack by the German Luftwaffe's Condor Legion and the Italian Fascist Aviazione Legionaria during the Spanish Civil War. Three waves of bombers and ground attack planes pounded the city, destroying three-quarters of the buildings. Hundreds died, though experts dispute the exact total to this day.

"Guernica was bombed as a test run," Zatica said. "Hitler wanted to see if he could level a town, and of course Franco denied

everything."

The Gernika oak, the third scion of the original "father" tree of Biscay, planted in the 14th century and serving as a meeting point and focus for the Basque representatives of the Biscay area, survived the attack. Survivors of the bombings rallied at it afterward, Zatica said. The three trees at Txoko Ona are its descendants.

In addition to the depth of history, the fun of watching dancers, trying Dutch-oven bread, or watching weightlifters shoulder immense loads, the event was a chance to get together with both the organization membership and others, Txoko Ona president John Lejardi said.

"We'd done potlucks and the like in the past, get together and share food," Lejardi said. "(The opening of the center) last year

was so much fun that the members thought it would be good to do it again. It's not a money-making event, though it would be nice if we broke even, it's just a good chance to get together. We're here to promote our culture and a day like this goes a long way toward that."

The center may expand in the future, Zatica said, with a possible second building designed specifically for the dancers to practice and perform, though such an addition is still in the planning stages.

Lejardi hopes the picnic and entertainment event becomes an annual occurrence.

The day ended with a dance to live music performed by Amuma Says No inside the Txoko Ona center.

— MML



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ION Heritage Museum celebration

Cooperation makes JV museum a reality

The establishment of the ION Heritage Museum really is the tale of two museums.

The dream began in 2003 when the Now and Then Building opened on U.S. Highway 95 in Jordan Valley.

And it has continued through the years as the Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council (JVOHC) Board of Directors and volunteers have leaned on their counterparts in Murphy for ideas and concepts for the museum that will be dedicated Saturday at 502 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Curator Joanne Cunningham is modest when she discusses what the museum in the Elorriaga Home and Basque Boarding House is and is not.

“A lot of it, I just put together because that was the space I had,” Cunningham said of the layout of the nine-room house. “It is unique that way. It looks more like a house (of) someone (who) had an interest in history.”

Whether the museum resembles a collection of history or a “canned” museum, as Cunningham referred



Boarding house becomes time machine
Attendees relax and take in the festivities Saturday during the dedication ceremony of the Elorriaga House as the ION Heritage Museum in Jordan Valley.

to some of the museums she has visited in her quest to get ideas, there are some in the profession of preserving history who are impressed.

“I think it’s coming along

marvelously,” Owyhee County Historical Museum director Thom Couch said. “I think they have a marvelous opportunity to create a wonderful museum there that will serve that part of Malheur County

exceptionally.”

The relationship between the JVOHC and the Owyhee County Historical Museum is intertwined much like the stories of people from the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region.

Couch points out that the man whose name was given to Jordan Valley and Jordan Creek — Michael Ignatius Jordan — also discovered gold in Silver City in the 1860s.

“One of the things that is important for people to know is that we cooperate and we’re related,” Couch said. “We share information. If we have something that’s better off in Jordan Valley, Jordan Valley will get it.

“We’re in the information business, and that means sharing the information and preserving the artifacts.”

Couch points out that anyone who joins the OCHS also gets a membership in the Jordan Valley museum, and vice versa.

Cunningham said Couch has been a great help in showing her the ropes of running a museum.

Before joining the Owyhee County museum, Couch taught museum studies, and he said he has assisted his Jordan Valley counterparts with technical aspects of setting up and running a museum.

Cunningham doesn’t claim to be a professional in the museum business

“I have not paid any attention to local history,” she said. “My father was Ulmer Stanford. He knew history, he talked history, and I didn’t listen.”

But Couch said Cunningham and the rest of the ION Heritage Museum volunteers have acquitted themselves superbly while developing the museum.

“Joanne has been great to work with,” he said. “She’s very sharp and she and the folks down there have shown a great passion.

“Even though there’s been little formal training, it’s clear that they understand the story that they’re trying to put out there, and they’re doing a great job doing that. They’re doing a professional-quality job down there.”

— JPB



Sights from a celebration

Counterclockwise from above:

ION Heritage Museum publicist Adele Payden, left, chats with Homedale School District clerk Jim Duncan and Paul’s Market founder Paul Zatica on Saturday.

The Oinkari Basque Dancers march in Saturday morning’s parade through downtown Jordan Valley.

The Idaho Civil War re-enactors present a colorguard outside the museum on Swisher Avenue.

Women from the Oinkari Basque Dancers perform on the museum grounds.



ION Heritage Museum celebration

Visitors get a glimpse into life in ION region

You'd expect a strong Basque flavor from a museum housed in a former boarding house owned by Basque.

But ION Heritage Museum curator Joanne Cunningham and her colleagues on the Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council (JVOHC) board of directors have worked hard to bring the complete Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region experience to the nine rooms of the historic Elorriaga home and Basque boarding house, which is located at 502 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

"I am trying to get everyone and all of the cultures," Cunningham said. "There are a lot of Basque things now because that was in the house."

In the 11 months since the museum opened, several donations have helped bring a wider variety of artifacts into the two-story home located west of U.S. Highway 95.

Local historians Mike Hanley, the president of the museum's board of directors, and Bob Skinner Sr., also a board member, have helped bring items into the museum. Owyhee County Sheriff's Office Backcountry Deputy George Reed, a Civil War buff, has provided items from the Civil War and various Indian wars.

Reed's contributions are housed in a military-themed room upstairs in the museum.

"One room downstairs is what we call the Pastime Room," Cunningham said. "There are a lot of old radios and we have the loan of an old phonograph that we'll get to work as soon as we can put a horn on it."

The Pastime Room also has a jukebox and examples of the sports, including horse racing, that have occurred in the region.

With a Skinner on board, you can bet that there will be mention of the Skinner Toll Road, too, somewhere in the museum as well as the history of overland freight between San Francisco and Silver City in the mid- to late 19th century.

The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Cunningham said the Thursday and Friday hours, typically 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., essentially are informal.

"Whenever there's a vehicle here, we're open," she said.

There also are opportunities for private tours by appointment. Cunningham said that some groups have made special trips to visit the museum as word has spread through conversations and newspaper articles, and groups of local schoolchildren also have made field trips to the museum.

"We have had a lot of travelers come through and a lot of river runners came in," Cunningham said. "Some have heard of it through the newspapers and have come on special trips."

The curator envisions the museum growing into a source of tourism dollars for Jordan Valley.

"We thought originally, and it's still a hope, that we could get tour buses to stop, and it would boost the motels and the restaurants also," Cunningham said. "We were and are still hoping it will be an economic boost for the community."

For more information on private tours, contact the museum at (541) 586-2100 or ionmuseum@yahoo.com. Admission to the museum is free, but a museum logo lapel pin is available for \$5 as a fundraiser for the effort.

Annual memberships also are a source of revenue for the museum



Exhibits reflect days gone by

Above: Many of the items displayed in the ION Heritage Museum actually were furnishings still in the Elorriaga House when it was donated to the Jordan Valley Owyhee Historical Council.

Below, left: An old stove still sits on its hearth in the house.

Below, right: Civil War re-enactor George Reed relaxes in costume among memorabilia.

George Reed photo by Greg Landrey; other photos submitted

and include a student and senior memberships for \$10, individuals for \$15, family for \$25, supporting for \$50, small business for \$100, corporate for \$150, associate for \$150 and lifetime for \$500. Free honorary memberships are available to anyone 80 or older who was born in the ION area.

The Malheur County Cultural Trust Fund recently awarded a \$2,000 grant that Cunningham said was used two weeks ago to install a sign on the museum grounds.

"Before that, we had a little sandwich board saying that the museum was open," Cunningham said.

There's no signage on U.S. 95, but the distinctive Now and Then Building on the main drag through

Jordan Valley features seven display windows of historical items, and also alerts visitors that the main ION Heritage Museum isn't far away. The Now and Then Building is located on U.S. 95 next to JV Cafe.

Cunningham said anyone wishing to donate ION region-related items or those who want to volunteer to staff the building also can call the museum.

The museum is located east of U.S. 95 on Swisher Avenue. Cunningham said the intersection where motorists turn is distinctive because of a pelota court. Pelota is a Basque handball game. It also is just north of the westward bend in U.S. 95 that many southbound travelers associate with Jordan Valley.

The Elorriaga home was a boarding house for Basque sheepherders who were out of work during the winter or had come into town for the weekend, Cunningham said. But other people also stayed in the home, including two of Cunningham's cousins while they attended Jordan Valley High School and merchants on their way to Silver City.

The rest of the board of directors for the JVOHC, the parent organization, include vice-president Tal Trautman, treasurer Delores Scott, secretary Adele Payden and members Beth Chabler, Forest Fretwell, Martha Fretwell, Bobbie Hammer, Hazel Johnson, Johnny Madariaga and Bob Shupert.

— JPB



Fire threatens school propane tanks



Crews knock down blaze burning near propane source

Above left: Flaming gas jets from the burnt-out register valve of the line connected to the tanks. **Above right:** Homedale Police Chief and volunteer fireman Jeff Eidemiller one of the first on the scene and helped douse the blaze and cool the tanks. **Below, left to right:** The gas line and register valve were charred and melted by the fire, and the building singed. Robert Nations had used lighter fluid to help ignite the fire and the bottle was left where it had fallen as he ran for help. Firemen hose down the smoldering trash-pit from which the fire escaped. Fire Marshal Dennis Uria wires shut the propane tank cover after breaking it open to shut off the gas during the blaze.

Trash bin burn gets out of control outside town

A grass fire ignited by an open trash-pit burn singed a pair of 500-gallon propane tanks at the Bible Missionary Church Christian School building on Industrial road just south of Drum Lane Thursday in Homedale. The call came in just after 1:30 P.M. The siding of building, which is not currently in use, was blackened and the register valve leading into the building was charred and destroyed.

Robert Nations had been burning trash when the fire had spread from the three-sided cinderblock pit to the weeds surrounding it, Sara Nations, his sister, said. Sara contacted authorities after Robert ran into the house, warning that he could not put the fire out, she said.

"Something in there exploded and shot fire out," Robert said. "Maybe a can. It caught the weeds."

The weeds around the tanks were completely burnt off, though the tanks themselves survived unharmed.

Sara, Robert and three children



briefly evacuated the Nation's home, which it situated on the far side of the school building from the tanks. None were in the building itself, nor was anyone hurt.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, also a volunteer fireman, was one of the first on the scene and helped extinguish the blaze.

"They're shaped like bombs for a reason," he said when asked how dangerous the situation could have been.

Homedale Fire Department Assistant Chief Tom Pegram said that while the tanks could have been a major danger, an explosion

was somewhat unlikely.

"Propane tanks should vent off and drain (rather than explode)," he said. "The main thing was that the side of the building was involved. That could have been bad. Luckily it was just the siding and the regulator."

Pegram warned people considering burning this time of year.

"You have to be careful wherever there's this dry cheatgrass. It burns so easily, and so fast," he said.

Pastor Ron Franklin of the Bible Missionary Church was not available for comment.

— MML



OCHS reports large turnout for field trip

by Mary O'Malley, OCHS

More than 80 Owyhee County Historical Society members and guests enjoyed a trip June 14 to Spencer Reservoir and to the Josephine Ranch on Josephine Creek south of Triangle.

At Spencer Reservoir, Steve Miller told how the stockyard and scale house there were built by Civilian Conservation Corps crews from 1937 to 1939. Bruce Sothern told his memories of participating in cattle drives through the area.

At the Josephine Ranch, after an excellent potluck feast, field trip leader Mike Anderson told the current history of the ranch. Tim Nettleton and others told about earlier days, from the 1920s when most of the ranch was homesteaded by Nettleton's ancestors, the Joyces and the



Field trip encompasses Spencer Reservoir

Steve Miller tells Owyhee County Historical Society field trip participants the history of the Spencer Reservoir and stockyards during a June 14 gathering. Photo by Mary O'Malley, OCHS

Nettletons, until they sold it in the 1950s. Stories were told of Oscar the bull snake, of sourdough crocks and biscuits, and of course, lots of horse stories.

The July 12 OCHS field trip

has been altered.

Instead of a trip to the Afterthought mine, as previously scheduled, the next historical society trip will be to Triangle and other ranches in the area

and the Louisa Dam on Louisa Creek. Trip leaders will be John and Lorna Steiner. There will be a potluck lunch so bring a dish and table service. High-clearance vehicles will be needed, four-wheel drive preferred.

The trip will begin from the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana at 9 a.m. There will be a quick tour of the church before the field trip.

Call Jim or Kathy Skelton at (208) 495-2322 for more information on this trip.

The August field trip will incorporate the historical society's co-sponsorship of the Aug. 4-9 Oregon-California Trails Association National Convention, which will be based out of the Nampa Civic Center. Bus field trips will be taken to the Utter Disaster site at Castle Creek

and other Oregon Trail sites in Owyhee County on Aug. 7 and Aug. 9 with lunchtime stops at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy both days.

OCHS members and guests also will be able to attend Oregon Trail-related talks and workshops and enjoy related entertainment on Aug. 6 and Aug. 8 at the Nampa Civic Center.

Visit www.idahooccta.org for more information or to register.

The historical society's Sept. 6 field trip will follow the Owyhee Backcountry Byway, which is Mud Flat Loop. Cars are acceptable for this excursion. Nick and Dolores Ihli will lead the trip and there will be a potluck lunch. For more details, call (208) 495-2537.

The field trips are free to OCHS members. Non-members are asked for a small donation.

Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008

HHS graduate to volley for Coyotes

State tournament qualifier Shravan Sriganesh returns a shot during a match for Homedale High School in the spring. Sriganesh and fellow 2008 Homedale grad Gage Egurrola have joined the reinstated men's tennis program at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.



Trojans tennis alumni enlist at College of Idaho

Two recent Homedale High School grads have signed on to play college tennis next spring. Gage Egurrola and Shravan Sriganesh recently were announced as the first players to join the newly reinstated men's tennis team at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. Both graduated from Homedale in May.



Gage Egurrola

The Coyotes' program, which will be led by current women's tennis coach Cisco Limbago, will begin play in 2009, eight years after the school disbanded the men's squad. Sriganesh closed his high school career with a pair of victories in the 3A state tournament in Caldwell in May.

Homedale boys basketball wraps up busy week

Wednesday saw the finish of the three-day Homedale High School Boys Basketball Camp. Nick Williams, a former Trojans player, and Jared Mace oversaw the final hours of the event, running high school players through passing and shooting drills, and putting the final polish on their moves. About a dozen seventh- and eighth-graders attended the camp, Williams said, with another 13 or 14 players from coach Kenny Thomas' high school program. Attending players went through defensive, offensive and fitness training and worked hard every day, Williams said. "This was the first year we've done this," Williams said. "This was sort of the tryout year. It was a lot of fun, and I think it will be even easier next year and we'll have more kids. It's great to watch them improve." "It is a lot of fun," Mace said. "We love to be in the gym." Players clean up for camp A hot Friday saw the Homedale High basketball players washing cars for \$5 each in the school gymnasium parking lot, between water fights. The players were raising money for their upcoming camp, and had washed around 25 cars by early



Off-season workout Senior-to-be Austin Emry works against camp instructor Jared Mace during last week's Homedale High School boys basketball camp. afternoon, coach Kenny Thomas said. The car wash began at 10 a.m. and wrapped up around 4 p.m. Thomas said a number of local businesses helped out and brought vehicles in. He thanked Owyhee Auto, Paul's Market, Owyhee County Farm Bureau, Les Schwab, Campbell Tractors, Van Co., "and everyone else who stopped by."



Players stay cool while fighting grime Homedale High School boys basketball players keep cool in the June heat, and raise some cash while cleaning cars. A dozen players broke out the swimsuits and soap Thursday and helped many local cars shine a bit more brightly at a fundraising car wash to pay for a summer basketball camp.

Rimrock begins search to replace longtime coach

Rimrock High School is looking for a slew of new coaches, including a replacement for 18-year baseball coaching veteran Bob Murray. In addition to Murray's position, there are vacancies for athletic director after Carol Steinmetz stepped down as well as assistant varsity football coach, coaches for

junior varsity volleyball, junior varsity girls basketball, junior high football, junior high girls basketball and junior high boys basketball. Murray took the Raiders to three state tournaments including back-to-back appearances in the 1A playoffs in the past two seasons.

The Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365 also announced teaching positions are open, including secondary math instructor, an elementary teacher, a Grades 7-12 girls physical education and health instructor, a half-time Elementary, P.E. and health teacher and a half-time K-12 art teacher.

Pomerlee, Mats sweep into title tilt

The Idaho Matadors, coming off a 22-19 win against the Boise Speed, a team that beat them 30-13 earlier in the season, are headed for the Rocky Mountain Football League AA championship game. Running back Anthony Pomerlee, a former Rimrock High School assistant coach, is a substantial part of what got

the team here. He gained more than 1,300 yards in his second season. The Matadors travel to square off against top-rated Eastern Idaho on Friday in the AA final. After the title game, Pomerlee next plays in the 11th RMFL All-Star Game on July 12 at Marsh Valley High School.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Food crisis



At the top of the agenda for reporters this news cycle is the global food crisis. Jay Leno observed that the world is suffering from a food shortage and obesity at the same time! Pundits, who seem to have the attention span of a Bartlett pear, are busily looking for someone to blame! The conservative bloggers are plotting a conspiracy theory which blames the environmentalists. It goes like this:

As recently as the 90’s a squadron of green politicians were clamoring to place a federal surtax on gasoline to raise it up as high as \$5.00 a gallon. Their logic assumed that Europeans pay that much, why shouldn’t we? The high price of gas, they postulated, would make people limit their driving, buy more gas-efficient automobiles, and seek alternative energy sources.

At first, they were thrilled with the production of ethanol. They assumed it would cost more than the gasoline that it replaced. Therefore the price of fueling your car would go up no matter what, which was their original unspoken intent. However, because of the overwhelming response of farmers who switched to growing corn instead of wheat, biofuel soon cost less than gasoline! The opposite of what the environmentalists wanted, so they have taken extreme measures.

They continue to protest against nuclear power plants, against oil exploration in Alaska, to building more oil refineries, even fighting wind power in Nantucket. The green Europeans are encouraged to resist the import of genetically modified foods which reduce production costs and makes food cheaper. They continue to enlist the help of celebrities to promote extravagant energy use; Robert Redford’s SUV, Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Humvee, Al Gore’s Tennessee castle, Condeleezza’s trips to the Mideast, and corporate jets flying movie stars and CEO’s around the world.

And if the conservative’s theory is right, it seems to be working; the price of gas continues to rise. The liberal bloggers, on the other hand, blame the oil companies’ greed and point out that subsidized farmers produced more corn just to make money, but under the guise of producing environmentally friendly fuel. And in the prices of over-production, they use more oil and gas to plant and harvest! Thus the oil companies make money on both ends which isn’t fair. Who says you can’t have it both ways? It appears to me that both sides want the price of gas to stay high, but for their own reasons.

Which still doesn’t explain how we can blame the global food shortage on the oil companies OR the environmentalists. Here’s my convoluted reasoning: Gas prices go up. People drive less, they stay home and eat more, thereby getting fat and simultaneously reducing the world’s food supply which then stimulates farmers to grow more grain to meet the demand, use more fuel, so the price of gasoline stays up, forcing people to drive less, to stay home more, eat more, and get fatter which reduces the world’s food supply which then...

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest The most beautiful poem ever



It is nearly midnight at the hotel bar — the time of night when western writers attending their annual convention tend to wax nostalgic.

On this particular night, the discussion drifts toward memorable convention bar moments. I say the most interesting one I’ve seen was in Rapid City several years back when a young writer attending his first convention, drank too much and came within an inch of getting an etiquette lesson from Max.

Max is in his mid-80s now. He grew up in New Mexico’s Hi Low Country. He cowboied there, survived crossing Omaha Beach on D-Day during World War II, then hung out in Hollywood during the 1970s with Sam Peckinpah, Lee Marvin and Brian Keith. In his younger days, Max probably broke as many noses as he broke horses. And if there is one thing he will not abide it is rude behavior.

As I complete my Rapid City nomination speech, Robert sits across the table shaking his head in disagreement. Robert is a Cherokee Indian who is a very talented writer and artist, and a close friend of Max. Robert notes that the Rapid City incident actually happened in Wichita. But in his opinion the most memorable confrontation occurred some 20 years ago when the writers held their meeting in San Diego.

One night, Robert and Max decided to leave the hotel bar and go to a little place across the street. Also with them was one Billy Ray Simmons (not his real name — I can’t remember it) described by Robert as “a big Iowa farm boy.” Billy was attending his first convention and was pretty much in awe of the fact he was hanging out with a couple of literary legends.

At some point that evening in the San Diego bar, the conversation turned to poetry. Robert, who doodles on every drink napkin he gets, claimed writing poetry really isn’t that difficult. He grabbed a fresh napkin and wrote a few lines of prose.

Robert showed the poem to Max. He said it was a doozy. But Billy Ray Simmons was more than just impressed. As he read the words on the napkin, the tears started rolling down his cheeks, and he said he believed it was the most beautiful poem ever written.

Also in the bar that night was a local customer who, for whatever reason, seemed to think the western wordsmiths were trespassers. Several times he came over to the trio and said uncomplimentary things, obviously trying to start a fight. But they ignored him.

But the local would not leave well enough alone. When he overheard the discussion of Robert’s poem, he made some additional remarks about poetry in general and Robert’s poetry in particular.

Robert and ole Max have been pals for a lot of years. So when the troublemaker said something about the poem, Robert knew what was going to happen.

Max has been in more than his share of bar fights. Because he is only about 5-9 in his cowboy boots, he long ago learned that the best technique is to make the first blow good enough that a second one won’t be necessary. So Robert automatically turned around and caught Max’s arm just as he was winding up to give the critic a beer mug up the side of his head.

Robert told Max getting thrown in jail for beating up the idiot just wasn’t worth the trouble. Max said he wasn’t about to let some local yokel say bad things about his best friend’s poetry. The discussion was interrupted, however, by a disturbance behind them.

Robert and Max looked over their shoulders. Billy Ray Simmons, lover of poetry, had the local critic laid out on his back across a table and was beating the snot out of him — smacking him over and over again in the face with a big ole Iowa farm boy fist. There was blood everywhere.

Robert and Max pulled Billy Ray Simmons off the guy. Police sirens could already be heard in the distance, so they headed for the exit. When they got outside, Billy Ray Simmons took off in one direction while his two companions trotted back toward the hotel.

“Ain’t that something, Robert?” said Max as they jogged along. “Ole Billy Ray Simmons just beat the s*** out of the peckerwood over your poem. Ain’t that a beautiful thing?”

And some people claim cowboys aren’t sensitive.

(I should have asked what the most beautiful poem ever written was about, but somehow that seemed immaterial.)

— Go to www.theowyheeavalanche.com to link to some of Wayne’s previous columns on his Internet blog. You’ll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau

Voice of Idaho ag Coalition unfairly targets ethanol production industry



A swarm of angry lobbyists recently launched an erroneous smear campaign blaming ethanol for increasing food prices, threatening crucial ecosystems and being bad for the economy, among other evils.

It’s a typical self-serving, emotion-based public relations campaign that we take issue with on several fronts. But before we address some of the deception this group is peddling, let’s establish a few simple but indisputable facts. First, crude oil prices are up 43 percent since January, which has nothing to do with ethanol. Second, if Congress agreed to lift the 51-cent per gallon fuel blender subsidy and the renewable fuel mandate requiring ethanol blending with gasoline, the price of corn would drop by only 77 cents per bushel. And third, the days of \$2.50 per bushel corn aren’t coming back.

Our question is did ethanol production create these problems, or could it be that some businesses got a little too comfy on cheap corn?

The Food Before Fuel Campaign, a partnership of more than 20 environmental, retail, hunger, Hispanic, agricultural and food industry groups alleges the U.S. government’s ethanol policies “have increased our reliance on food as an energy source,” and urges lawmakers to “address how to develop alternative fuels that do not pit our energy needs against affordable food and environmental sustainability.”

It strikes us as unfortunate and self-serving that livestock producer groups are teaming with environmentalists and food industry groups, to attempt to smother a booming, job-producing rural industry and a significant business opportunity for the very people that supply their raw products — farmers.

— See *Ethanol*, next page

Commentary

Reader's view

Friends keep Lowry cattle corrals going after theft

by Nita Lowry

I would like to relate the history of our corrals on Cow Creek. We have deeded land and Bureau of Land Management rights there about eight miles as the crow flies from our home on Trout Creek. The first year after purchasing this ranch in 1966, we had to trail cattle and used this land corral them to work or ship. We decided there needed to be corrals built on Cow Creek along the road bordering our land.

On BLM land, on our South Mountain country, there was a set of corrals ranchers in the area no longer used. The BLM wanted them removed, so we made a deal with BLM personnel, tore them down and used the material to build corrals on Cow Creek. With help of Galo Mendieta, who also needed to use them for his cattle, and with lots of hard work and sweat they were finished in time to ship our yearling steers and heifers to market in August.

A couple years ago, after 40 years of use, they were almost passed using. We redesigned a corral system in order to sort, wean and ship the cattle that used the area. All though this was a strain on our budget, we ordered heavy duty, 20-foot panels, purchased new gates and dug post holes in the

rocky, hard dirt to install railroad ties to anchor with.

What a blessing to have friends, Norman, Sue, Jerry, and David, show up to help with the project. Jerry, who came from Nampa to help dig, declared it was a vacation from city life and good for his muscle building. We were proud of the finished product and just in time to ship our steers from the new facility. Other ranchers also enjoyed using the corrals occasionally.

December of 2007 was the last time we used them bringing out odds and ends before winter set in for good. In April, Bill went to see if the snow banks had disappeared enough to start repairing fence and was shocked to find at least half of our corrals gone with only the lonesome railroad ties still standing — the nuts, bolts and chains all taken.



It would have taken more than one person to remove and lift those heavy panels and gates. This evil act was probably done in the dark and a trailer load prevented taking them all, some others were unbolted and ready to load. What I would like is the person(s) who have them to know is that you will still be looking over your shoulder, wondering if you will be discovered and not enjoying life to its fullness for a long time to come.

What we will remember is those who helped build them; the wonderful anonymous friend who has replaced our gates; the good friends who have promised to help make a substantial reward to anyone who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who stole our corrals. Friends and neighbors like these help us realize that we have much to be thankful for.

Also, if you who stole these in the dark would bring them back and set them back up in the dark, and then you could look us all in the eye in the daylight and have a much better life.

— Nita Lowry and her husband Bill ranch in the South Mountain area of Owyhee County.

Letter to the editor

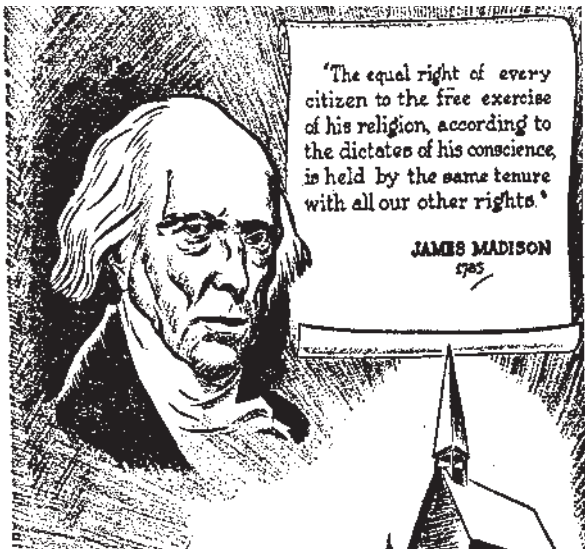
Assessor was at disadvantage because employee did appraisal

Since my name was used in last week's front-page article about the County Assessor, I feel compelled to comment. Mr. Scott Erwin of the ISTC mentioned my appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals on Dec 18, 2007, held in Murphy, Idaho. The Appeal Officer did call a recess during the hearing, while Mr. Endicott and myself went to the Assessor's office and discussed my assessment valuations.

My memory of the event however, is that Mr. Endicott was knowledgeable of the time adjustment process. The point we were unable to resolve was a valuation figure placed on my land. A former employee (appraiser) of the Assessor's Office had valued my land, thereby placing Mr. Endicott at a disadvantage when it came to explaining why and how this valuation had been determined.

I came away from the appeal process with the following impressions: the County Commissioners play a large role in our property tax bills as they are the ones that approve county budgets before taxes are levied. When it comes to assessments, it is State of Idaho Tax Law that is running the show. If the taxpayers of Owyhee County are frustrated with the whole property tax/assessment roller-coaster ride, communicate your concerns to your County Commissioner and State Legislators.

Gary Hamilton
Sunrise Skypark



✓ Ethanol: More to food prices than corn supply

From previous page

The deeper you delve into the Food Before Fuel Campaign's press materials the thinner and more devious the tactics become. The assertion that using corn to make fuel "damages our world," pegged our truth-o-meter. It seems odd that livestock producer and food industry groups that depend on corn in order to exist are making the argument that increasing corn production threatens environmental sustainability. Do arguments that squishy really pass for effective lobbying with these groups? Further, are producer check-off dollars being used to fund distribution of this drive!

Getting back to a place where the truth matters, we know there are several contributors to our rapidly changing economy. Ethanol production has increased demand for corn, stimulating prices for all grains that were in the tank for a long time prior.

Drought and crop failure in Australia and other wheat-exporting countries has pushed prices.

We mentioned record-setting crude oil prices above, but according to CNBC, aggregate energy prices increased 63 percent between the first quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008. Diesel fuel prices have doubled in the last year, drastically increasing the cost of transporting food.

The value of the dollar is down in relation to other world currencies. That makes U.S. products more competitive abroad and increases demand for U.S.-produced food and other products. However, imported food like bananas and coffee and imported energy are more expensive.

Labor is the biggest component of the food marketing dollar. For every dollar spent at the grocery store or restaurant, 40 cents pays for wages throughout the food chain. Farmers receive 20 to 25 percent of the food dollar.

China and India are consuming more meat, grain and energy as income levels have risen in recent years. Per capita consumption of meat in China doubled over the last decade. All of these factors are contributing to rising food prices in the U.S. The consumer price index for food and beverages showed a 4 percent increase in 2007 and is expected to increase 3.5 to 4.5 percent this year.

As you can see, it's a complicated situation that must be addressed on several fronts. Changing federal energy policies at this time will harm domestic ethanol producers and take profit away from family farms, but it won't bring back cheap corn, reduce energy costs or make food less expensive.

— Frank Priestley is president of the Idaho Farm Bureau.

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer's address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to owyheeavalanche@cableone.net or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

The Owyhee Avalanche

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 29, 1983

Full day of celebrating planned at Homedale

The second annual July 4th celebration at Homedale next Monday will include a full day of activities, contests and events, according to Lions Club president Larry Bahem.

The Homedale Lions Club has organized the day’s events, and various groups and organizations are coordinating efforts with the club.

The Owyhee County fairgrounds will be the center of the celebration, with the gates opening at 10am. Also at that time, softball games will begin at the school grounds. The Homedale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the ballgames, with Hal Tolmie as chairman.

Events at the fairgrounds available when the gates open are horse shoe pitching, volleyball and greased pole climbing, Bahem said.

Drivers participating in the Monday evening demolition derby must have their cars at the fairgrounds for inspection by 12 noon. Following the inspection, the race cars will form a parade through town, beginning at the city park and ending back at the fairgrounds.

20 cars to race Monday night

Twenty cars have been registered for next Monday’s July 4th demolition derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale, according to Ken Bahem, Lion member.

Driving cars will be Phillip Lootens, Dennis Hall, Sam Maouf, Jim Ferguson, Jerry Ferguson, Kevin Lootens, Paul Fink, Bill Maxwell;

Also are Kevin Ensley, Alan Bahem, Darrin Smith, Mike Johnson, Mark Bauer, Gheen Christoffersen, Roger Bail, Bob Stuart, Ben Badiola, Brad Peterson, Mike Conant, and David Page.

The number of entries is nearly double that of last year, Bahem said. Deadline for entering was last Saturday.

4-H judging contest scheduled for today

The District II 4-H horse judging contest will be held at the fairgrounds in Homedale today.

Nine Southwest Idaho counties will be represented, with up to 10 teams and 10 individuals in three age groups. About 200 4-H members are expected to participate in the qualifying contest.

The top 10 teams and individuals will be selected to participate in the state contest, planned for July 7 at the Bonner County fairgrounds in Sandpoint.

Over coffee ...

Dick and Roxie Downum and their sons Dave and John loaded up their camper and boat and went camping at Warm Lake June 12 through 18. It was a peaceful retreat aside from having a flat tire while ascending Horseshoe Bend Hill and untangling their kitten from a tree.

Several local people attended the Simplot Retiree Ice Cream Social June 18 at the Caldwell Memorial Park including Robert and Iva Felty, Marie Stewart, Joe and Mary Mahler, Lucy Nation and Hazel Smallwood. It was an old fashioned ice cream social with plenty of cake, ice cream and good fellowship. Entertainment was by Woody Purdom and his band.

Eastern Star news

Silver Star Chapter No. 83 met Tuesday, June 21 with W.M. Ferne Jesenko and W.P. John Jackson presiding. The Worthy Matron welcomed our guests and introduced the Grand Representatives who were, Betty Jo Clark Meridian Chapter No. 66 Grand Representatives to Massachusetts in Idaho and Lorraine Upton Grand Representative to Arizona in Idaho. Grand Chapter Committee Members, Dora Upton “Constitution and By Laws,” Martha Titmus “Interest and Benevolent” Grand Chapter Reports were given, Lisa Marie Lillie was initiated at the last meeting. A silver tray was presented to the Chapter in appreciation for the Chapter’s response to the Worthy Grand Matron’s project last year.

50 years ago

June 26, 1958

‘Airport in a Day’ project was big success

“Rome wasn’t built in a day,” so the saying goes, but the Homedale airport can almost claim that distinction. It was built in a long weekend.

This ambitious “airport in a day” project, sponsored by the Homedale Flying club, the state department of aeronautics, and Owyhee county, got off to an uncertain start Friday evening, when heavy equipment began a trial run which lasted until dark.

Work began in earnest at daybreak Saturday morning, when all equipment available was pressed into service to move the thousands of yards of earth needed to level the 300-ft.-wide airstrip, which extends over 2500 feet from the Snake River bridge south along the river bank.

Water trucks followed the earth movers and graders, soaking down the loose dirt and gravel.

A dozen dump trucks also scurried back and forth from a gravel pit opened along the bank above the strip, hauling gravel to surface a 75-ft runway in the center of the strip. Other trucks hauled heavy rock from a pit in Caldwell to use in laying runway markers. Cement trucks brought ready-mix concrete to pour a warm-up slab, and a mixer was used on the site to pour tie-downs for three planes. Three additional tie-downs are being added.

A cheer went up Saturday evening when the wind-sock, symbol of an airfield ready for use, was erected, but because of equipment still on the runway it was Sunday evening before airplanes began to set down on the strip.

Work continued through Sunday following the big airport dance at the armory Saturday night.

Junior Nanney of Opaline and his Blue Star orchestra played for the dance.

Winners of the free airplane rides given as door prizes at the dance were F. J. Cawdery and Dee Basabe who each won a trip to McCall with dinner at Shore lodge for two.

Winning a 20-minute airplane ride over the valley for two were Ed John, Beverly Lamphie, Caldwell; Jim Hayden, Caldwell; L. Hooker, Nampa; Jim Miklancic, Walt Tracy, Ed Manning, Clyde Newman, Carl Agenbroad, Bruneau; Bob Carpenter, Caldwell.

Ricky Echevarria won a plane ride for selling 41 tickets to the dance. He was chosen to draw names of prize winners at the dance. His mother, Mrs. Margie Echevarria, was in charge of tickets sales at the dance.

Dale Jackson was the first pilot to set a plane down on the new strip. He piloted a Piper Tri-Pacer here from Nampa. Jay Ray Jackson made a turn on the field in the same plane with Frankie Garrett as passenger to become the second pilot to land on the field. Later Dale Jackson returned with a smaller plane, a two-place Aeronca, and he was followed by Frankie Garrett in his Tri-Pacer from Caldwell with Everett Colley as passenger and John Cook with Phil Church, Wilder as a passenger in a Tri-Pacer from the Caldwell Flying Service. Keith Eachus later brought his Stinson plane from Caldwell.

Vic Uria attends postmasters meet

Vic Uria, Homedale postmaster, attended the three-day Idaho postmaster convention at Moscow June 19-21. A total of 110 postmaster throughout the state were in attendance, as well as postal inspectors and other officials from Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.

Election of officers from the new year was held Saturday. Mrs. Dorothea Fletcher, Murphy, was elected president.

Light poles ready to be installed

About 10 members of the Jaycees and Softball association volunteered their help at the fairgrounds Sunday to install light poles on the athletic field. Although the poles were not put up, they were wired and equipped with cross arms. The lights will be installed on the poles just before they are erected. The group plans to complete this project Sunday and asks for volunteers to help.

140 years ago

June 20, 1868

PAUPER FARM PURCHASED. During the last session of the County Commissioners the negotiations for a tract of land for a pauper farm which have been pending for some time were concluded. The land was purchased from Mr. Stephen Coffin for the sum of \$4,000. *Oregonian June 9th*

LETTER FROM FLINT. Flint District, June 18, 1868
EDS. AVALANCHE: Last Saturday the first stage of the season from Sliver City across the summit; and in charge of the obliging Jake Brinkerhoff, arrived in Flint, and for the next six months a trip to Silver City and back will be regarded as one of pleasure. And here let me advise the ladies and gentlemen of Silver City that if they wish to see nature in all its loveliness, hills covered with high grass and flowers, brooks filled with trout, and in fact a change from barren rocks to a splendid landscape, to visit us, and I feel assured they will not regret it.

In the Rising Star mine work is progressing with uninterrupted vigor. Upwards of 200 ton of well assorted rock is on the dump, which is taken out of the upper level where the ledge is still twenty feet wide. The main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 120 feet, where a new level has been started south. At this depth the ledge has been penetrated to a width of about eight feet, showing an increased richness of ore and a remarkable purity of metal, in most of which ruby silver predominates. The steam hoisting works will be on the ground in a few days, when the shaft will be continued about eight feet deeper, where another level will be started. Another shaft has been started about 200 feet south of the main shaft on the original discovery. This shaft is intended for the purpose of ventilation and will strike the upper level at 170 feet, and the intended lower level at a depth of about 250 feet, when the mine may be considered in a fine condition to furnish ore enough to keep, if necessary, a fifty stamp mill employed. The Company are very fortunate in having secured the services of as energetic a foreman as Mr. Clark has proved himself to be, being an experienced miner and commanding the respect of those under his charge. It is the intention of the Company to immediately prepare for the erection of a thirty stamp mill, and Mr. Eves has secured the contract for the required amount of lumber. I believe it is not yet decided whether barrel process or chlorination is to be employed. The site has not yet been chosen, but no difficulty will be experienced to obtain an eligible location. But a short time ago the destinies of this camp were problematical, how its success is assured and we can look with confidence to the future when this district will occupy the proudest eminence amongst the rich mines of the Pacific Coast. In my former letter I estimated the average value of the ore extracted at \$175 per ton, but I am confident I have not done the mine injustice, as I feel assured it will work much higher. Our flattering prospects are mainly due to the untiring energy and knowledge of the business in which they are engaged of the gentlemen who compose the Rising Star Company, and of which O. A. Sanborn, Esq., is the able residing Superintendent. The mill is expected to be in working order before snow begins to fly, and is expected to cost about two hundred thousand dollars. Before the first “brick” is received this Company will have expended for mill and mine between three and four hundred thousand dollars, but will have in exchange a mine superior to any now opened and worked on the Pacific Coast. This assertion of the mine will no doubt be controverted, but I speak advisedly, and those of your readers who will take the trouble to remember this will find that I am right when I prophesy that before another year Rising Star stock will sell in San Francisco for over \$1500 per foot.

GREENBACKS are now selling at 74 cents in San Francisco. Whether this sudden rise is occasioned by the nomination of Grant for the Presidency or the Democratic victory in Oregon is not yet fully made known.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2008
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Tolmie, Commissioner Freund was present for the a.m. session but absent for the p.m. session, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Aman, Assessor Endicott, P&Z Coordinator Huff, Fred Grant and Jim Desmond.

A letter was sent to Idaho EMS in support of Central Owyhee QRU.

A weed control agreement with the Jarbidge District BLM was approved for a three year period in the amount of \$38,700.

Bill Pastoor with Westown’s Disposal requested a rate increase for trash hauling. An increase of \$15.00 was approved for Homedale, and \$25.00 for Opaline.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-18 Proposal for Realignment of Jordan Creek Bridge.

The Board acted on recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission:

Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for John Burke. The applications for Ihli, Rundel/ Magnum/Chadwick, Jantz, Brown Burningham, Cram, McGrew and Silver City Fire and Rescue were not approved.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-17 setting special conditions that shall be apply as standard conditions for issuance of Conditional Use Permits.

The Board took the following action on pending indigent and charity cases;

08-18 lien approved.

08-19 lien approved.

08-16 denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3502 (13)

07-13 assignment to Catastrophic.

The Board adopted Ordinance 08-02 Amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance.

The Board recessed until June 13th at 9:30 p.m.

Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 the Board called for an executive session on possible litigation. No action was taken.

The complete minutes can be reviewed in the Clerk’s office.

/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn
6/25/08

STATUTORY SUMMARY OF OWYHEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-02 (Amendments to the County Zoning Ordinances, Article II of the County Code)

After the Planning and Zoning Commission heard testimony on proposed amendments to the County zoning ordinances, it made changes in the proposals and recommended them to the Board of Commissioners. After another public hearing, the Commissioners made a few other revisions and then adopted Ordinance No. 08-02. Below is a summary of the Ordinance. Complete copies are available at the Planning and Zoning Office in Murphy, during regular work hours 8:30AM to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Section 1----Subdivision provisions were amended by referencing both the definition and definition of an original lot to August 13, 1979, the date of adoption of the Subdivision regulations. (Testimony by several persons at both hearings

referenced a need to change the date to a more modern date in order to allow for easier development of land for multiple residences since the County is expected to grow in population. The Board determined as did the Commission that the Comprehensive Plan’s priority for protecting agricultural uses in the agricultural zones supported establishing the 1979 date as a point of reference for divisions.)

Section 2----defines Major subdivisions as greater than 10 lots and minor as 10 or less. (The distinction is made because of the extra cost for staff time and in hearing time and plat review time for the larger lots; and fees are set to recoup actual costs.)

Section 3---Requires 10 copies of plans, plats and other documents related to subdivisions

Section 4---Defines “major subdivision” as above, and “minor subdivision” as above, and non-agriculture activities as residential, commercial, and industrial, and use not primarily devoted to growing , raising or producing and processing agricultural products.

Section 5---Inserts the term “Administrator” as the person to handle applications, scheduling hearings, resubmissions of applications. (This does not create the position of administrator as some witnesses thought. The term is authorized by prior ordinances, and now that the Board appointed an administrator several months ago, this amendment simply brings the ordinance consistent with practice.)

Section 6---When an appellant intends to present evidence to the Board that was not presented to the Commission, he/she must notify the Board which will hold a pre-appeal hearing at which it will review the evidence to be offered. If the evidence would have been relevant to the Commission’s decision, the case will be remanded, and the applicant will have to pay a remand hearing fee before the new hearing before the Commission.

A fee also will be assessed for the pre-appeal hearing. (The originally proposed amendment contained no pre-hearing determination of relevance, rather there was a process by which the Board would have had to determine whether evidence was discoverable at the time of the first hearing as well as relevant. The amendment as adopted simplified the process as suggested by witnesses)

Section 7----Expands the protective language for the agricultural zone to focus inquiries by the Commission and Board on viability of tracts of prime ground, and to focus on not allowing “minor incidental agricultural uses”. (The proposed amendment limited the minimal lot size to 160 acres with a maximum density of one house per 40acres. The reason for the proposal was to protect farm and ranch lands, yet reduce the need for conditional use permits for true residential homes for agricultural operations. If, for example, a person wanted to build family homes on the farm or ranch, he could have built 4 homes on a 160 acre parcel without applying for a conditional use permit. But, in view of the opposition to this, the Commission changed and recommended elimination, and the Board agreed.)

Section 8----Removed junk yard as an allowed use

Section 9---made a junk yard a permitted use. And requires that

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007					
	General	Road and Bridge	Solid Waste	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$915,496	\$78,853	\$303,579	\$574,031	\$1,871,959
State Funds	126,236	984,465	40,089	221,161	1,371,951
Other Revenues	2,331,080	272,809	1,972	823,411	3,429,272
Total Revenues	3,372,812	1,336,127	345,640	1,618,603	6,673,182
Expenditures					
Current:					
General Government	1,590,525	0	0	594,486	2,185,011
Public Safety	1,867,642	0	0	441,831	2,309,473
Highways & Streets	0	1,112,102	0	0	1,112,102
Sanitation	0	0	331,925	110,608	442,533
Health	0	0	0	49,716	49,716
Welfare	0	0	0	269,536	269,536
Education	0	0	0	18,000	18,000
Culture & Recreation	0	0	0	126,440	126,440
Debt Service:					
Principal	60,794	49,193	0	0	109,987
Interest	3,198	5,810	0	0	9,008
Capital Outlay	110,609	158,229	0	29,514	298,352
Total Expenditures	3,632,768	1,325,334	331,925	1,640,131	6,930,158
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(259,956)	10,793	13,715	(21,528)	(256,976)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Interest Earned	285,712	0	0	0	285,712
Municipal Lease proceeds	76,043	0	0	0	76,043
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	361,755	0	0	0	361,755
Net Change in Fund Balance	101,799	10,793	13,715	(21,528)	104,779
Fund Balances--Beginning	1,576,063	835,116	131,656	948,910	3,491,745
Fund Balances--Ending	\$1,677,862	\$845,909	\$145,371	\$927,382	\$3,596,524
6/25/08					

in agricultural zone changes from ag use, great weight shall be given to soil classification and historic and current use of the parcel.

Section 10---states that multiple use zone is designed for mixed uses where commercial should be anticipated in accordance with the comp. plan.

Section 11---The minimum size lot in the residential use zone was made the size of a lot which the Southwest Health District would approve for placement of well and sewer systems.

Section 12---Makes residential subdivisions subject to development agreements.

Section 13---Changes application for subdivisions so that the Planning and Zoning Commission is the first source of filing and hearing.

Section 14---Continues modification of the ordinance to provide formally for role of Planning and Zoning in Conditional uses.

Section 15---Planned Unit Developments may be permitted under a conditional use permit

Section 16---Temporary hardship permits permitting temporary dwellings.

Section 17---Enforcement, violations are misdemeanors with fine of \$100.00 per day.

6/25/08

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Homedale will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment regarding the proposed \$1.00 increase in trash services to cover fuel costs. Individuals desiring to comment on the proposed fee increase may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments will also be accepted at Homedale City Hall until 5:00 pm on July 10, 2008.

6/18,25/08

ORDINANCE 168
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, VACATING A PARCEL OF

LAND BEING THE NORTH 2 FEET OF THE DEDICATED 20’ WIDE ALLEY BOUNDED BY LOTS 1 AND 20, REICH’S FIRST ADDITION, RECORDS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDER, MURPHY, IDAHO, SAID PARCEL LYING IN THE SW1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 34, T.3N., R.4W., BOISE MERIDIAN, MARSING, O W Y H E E C O U N T Y, IDAHO; ABANDONING SAID PORTION OF ALLEY, AND REVERTING SUCH PORTION OF ALLEY TO THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER; AND, ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: A parcel of land being the north 2 feet of the dedicated 20’ wide alley bounded by Lots 1 and 20, Reich’s First Addition, records of the Owyhee County Recorder, Murphy, Idaho, said parcel lying in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 34, T.3N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point marking the SE corner of Lot 20, Reich’s First Addition, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence, S.00°36’00”E. 2.00 feet along the east line of the alley and the west right of way of Reich Street; Thence, S.89°24’00”W. 50.00 feet to the west line of said alley; Thence, N.00°36’00”W. 2.00 feet along said west line of the alley to the SW corner of said Lot 20; Thence, N.89°24’00”E. 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 100 square feet.

Is hereby vacated and abandoned and reverts back to the adjoining landowner pursuant to Idaho Code §50-1324 and 50-311.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its passage, all as provided by law.

Passed this 11th day of June, 2008 by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Marsing, Idaho.

City of Marsing

By: /s/Keith Green, Mayor
ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
6/25/08

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

Rubber Band Holdings LLC of 910 N. Curtis Rd, Boise, ID 83706 filed Application No. 73934 to transfer two water rights with 1952 and 1971 priority dates from the Snake River totaling 7.44 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to create a permissible place of use on the applicant’s property limited to 372 acres in a 477 acre area. Water will be used at the current place of use generally located between Wild Horse and Castle Buttes about 5 miles northeast of Oreana in the Henderson Flats area.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided under “new water right applications.” Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before July 7, 2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director
6/18,25/08

NOTICE

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program will post an updated list of Idaho Unclaimed Property owners on the internet on July 1, 2008. This online list will be updated quarterly at tax.idaho.gov (click on “Unclaimed Property”) anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at any Idaho State Tax Commission office, or at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

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Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV08-0687H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: CINDY SANCHEZ CORTEZ, Legal Name of Child.

A Petition to change the name of Cindy Sanchez Cortez, born April 11, 2001, in Nampa, Idaho, residing at 630 W. Arizona Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628, has been filed in Owyhee County, Magistrate Court, Homedale, Idaho. The name will change to Cindy Cortez Sanchez because: Cortez is my maiden name and Sanchez is my husband’s last name and it should be mother’s maiden name first and father’s last name second and it is turned around on the birth certificate. The child’s father is living and his address is 630 W Arizona, Homedale, Idaho 83628.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Homedale, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

DATED This the 9th day of June, 2008.
By Jan Fink, Deputy Clerk
Erik Johnson - ISB#4704,
Attorney at Law, IDAHO LEGAL AID SERVICES, INC., 1104 Blaine Street, P.O. Box 1116, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-1116. (208) 454-2591 Fax (208) 454-2593 Attorney for Petitioner
6/25;7/2,9,16/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: May 20, 2008 File No.: 7479.20262 Sale date and time (local time): September 19, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 301 W California Ave Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Richard L. Cox, unmarried Original trustee: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association Original beneficiary: U.S. Bank National Association ND Recording date: January 26, 2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 259591 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 20, 2008: \$58,692.26 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lot 1 and the East 13 feet of Lot 2 of Block 30 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according

to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as No. 7284 on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7479.20262) 1002.91312-FEI
6/4,11,18,25/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: May 22, 2008 File No.: 7307.22685 Sale date and time (local time): September 22, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: HC 79 Box 733 MELBA, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: David M. Lucas, a single person Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Corporation Recording date: August 30, 2002 Recorder’s instrument number: 240768 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 22, 2008: \$107,223.46 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Parcel I: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 21; thence South 0 degrees 00’14” West 1,327.13 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 21; thence continuing along said Westerly boundary of said Section 21, South 0 degrees 00’47” West 1,078.75 feet to a point on the centerline of the Opaline Ditch, said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of said Section 21 and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances: thence South 35 degrees 19’26” East 304.55 feet to a point; thence South 24 degrees 33’43” East 196.79 feet to a point; thence South 36 degrees 35’28” East 212.90 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said

Opaline Ditch North 89 degrees 57’01” East 939.94 feet to an iron pin marking the Easterly Boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, North 0 degrees 05’32” East 349.18 feet to an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence continuing along said Easterly boundary North 0 degrees 04’36” East 249.57 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21 South 89 degrees 57’01” West 1,325.64 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A 28 foot ingress-egress, public utilities, drainage and irrigation easement lying 28 feet Northeasterly of and adjacent to the above described irrigation easement and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, thence South 0 degrees 00’14” West 719.88 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin; thence leaving said Westerly boundary South 52 degrees 19’53” West 300.74 feet to an iron pin; thence South 31 degrees 22’37” West 297.49 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68 degrees 14’05” West 150.64 feet to a point, said being the Real Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 68 degrees 14’05” west 28.00 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 08’38” East 110.28 feet along a line 25 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence South 22 degrees 01’07” East 324.12 feet to a point; thence South 34 degrees 26’13” East 301.98 feet to a point; thence South 23 degrees 29’44” East 470.35 feet to a point; thence South 35 degrees 19’26” East 120.39 feet to a point; thence leaving said parallel line North 89 degrees 57’01” East 34.30 feet to a point; thence North 35 degrees 19’26” West 137.30 feet on a line 53 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence North 23 degrees 29’44” west 470.13 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 26’13” West 301.61 feet to a point; thence North 22 degrees 01’ 07” West 320.86 feet to a point; thence North 21 degrees 08’38” West 110.37 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.22685) 1002.91462-FEI
6/4,11,18,25/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: ID -114644-C Loan No.: 2000539183 A.P.N.: RP 02N04W033610 A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 8/11/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey St., known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, ID, will sell at public auction, to

the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: PARCEL I Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot One (1), Section Three (3), Township (2) North, Range Four (4) West, Boise Meridian, thence West along the South line, 247 feet; thence Northwest along ditch line 108 feet; thence Northeast along the South line of the Pallon Subdivision 439 feet, to a point on the East line of said Lot One (1); thence South along the East line, 379 feet to a point of beginning. PARCELL II Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Three (3), Township (2) North, Range four (4) West of Bolsa Meridian; thence 267 feet South along the East line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, thence in a Northwesterly direction 364 feet to a point on the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest quarter that is West along said North line 250 feet from the point of beginning; thence East along said line 250 feet to the point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description o’ & the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 317 PATTON ST MARSING, ID 83639-0000 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: RALPH R ROBINSON, A MARRIED INDIVIDUAL, SOLE AND SEPARATE, as grantors, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON

COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of “MERS” MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE, as Beneficiary, dated 7/20/2006, recorded 7/24/2006, as Instrument No. 257372 and re-recorded , records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC.. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/20/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,05.20, due per month from 6/1/2007 through 8/11/2008, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$112,655.25, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.25% per annum: from 5/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 4/9/2008 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Dee Ortega, authorized signatory c/o EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES. INC. 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504 Phone: (818) 260-1600 Sale Line: (714) 259-7550 ASAP# 2734680
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Sunnyslope Market
Homedale Drug
Jackson’s, Homedale
Paul’s Market, Homedale
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Murphy General Store
Fishin’ Hole, Grand View
Snake River Mart, Marsing
ION Truck Plaza, Marsing

The Owyhee Avalanche

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No. 200800482-30530 Loan No. 1190015347 On 09/09/2008 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: A parcel of land within the Northwest Quarter Southwest Quarter and a portion of Government Lot 6 of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the found 5/8 inch rebar with no cap at the center West 1/16 corner (Northwest corner of said Government Lot 6) of said Section 34, from which a found Brass Cap at the West Quarter corner of said Section 34 bears North 89°18'38"30" West a distance of 1319.11 feet; thence South 0°18'14"08" East a distance of 25.00 feet along the West line of said Government Lot 6; thence South 89°18'38"30" East a distance of 81.71 feet (formerly South 89°18'41"00" East a distance of 81.68 feet as shown on the Personal Representatives Deed from J. Carmen Carillo to Salvador Aliare and Hermino Sandoval, recorded as Instrument No. 222434 in the Owyhee County Recorders Office at Murphy, Idaho) along a line parallel with the North line of said Government Lot 6 to a point; thence South 19°18'19"06" East a distance of 348.81 feet (formerly South 19°18'19"23" East a distance of 349.00 feet as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) to a found ½ inch rebar with plastic cap “LS3627” shown on set on Record of Survey Instrument No. 219463 recorded in said Owyhee County Recorders Office, and the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 19°18'19"06" East (formerly South 19°18'19"23" East as shown on said (Personal

Representatives Deed) a distance of 107.83 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612” hereinafter referred to as Point “B”; thence continuing South 19°18'19"06" East (formerly South 19°18'19"23" East as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) a distance of 128.59 feet to a found ¾ inch iron pipe shown as found on said Record of Survey Instrument No. 219463; thence South 09°18'00"40" East a distance of 174.60 feet (formerly South 09°18'00"59" East a distance of 174.60 feet as shown on said (Personal Representative Deed) to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612”; thence South 57°18'04"35" West a distance of 172.03 feet (formerly South 57°18'04"40' West a distance of 172.42 feet as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612” at a point of intersection with Northeasterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway North; thence North 32°18'55"25" West a distance of 585.28 feet (formerly North 32°18'55"20" West a distance of 585.15 feet as shown on said (Personal Representative Deed) along the Northeasterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway North to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap (PLS7612); thence South 89°18'38"30" East a distance of 356.96 feet (formerly South 89°18'41"00" East a distance of 357.19 feet as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) along a line parallel with said North line of Government Lot 6 to the True Point of Beginning, Excepting therefrom the following parcel: Commenting at said point “B”, a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612” and the point of beginning; thence South 57°18'04"35" West a distance of 273.05 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612” at a point of intersection with Northeasterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway North; thence North 32°18'55"25" West a distance of 390.69 feet (formerly North 32°18'55"20" West as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) along the Northeasterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway North to a set 5/8 inch rebar with plastic cap “PLS7612”; thence South 89°18'38"30" East a distance of 356.96 feet (formerly South 89°18'41"00" East a distance

of 357.19 feet as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) along a line parallel with said North line of Government Lot 6 to said found ½ inch rebar with plastic cap “LS 3627”, shown as set on said Record of Survey instrument No. 219463; thence South 19°18'19"06" East (formerly South 19°18'19"23" East as shown on said (Personal Representatives Deed) a distance of 107.83 feet to Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 315 North Bruneau Highway, Marsing, Idaho 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Roy Olvera and Martha Olvera, husband and wife, as grantors, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 10/07/2005, and recorded on 10/27/2005, as Instrument No. #253921, of Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/07/2005. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of 259.61, due per month for the months of 10/20/2007 through 5/2/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$28,847.58, plus accruing interest at the rate of 10.625% per annum from 09/20/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure

and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Melmet Default Services, Inc., 1820 E. First Street, Suite 410, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 This is an attempt to collect a debt and information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: 5/5/08 Pioneer Lenders Trustees Services, LLC By: Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 2757772
6/4,11,18,25/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: June 10, 2008 File No.: 7777.26577 Sale date and time (local time): October 10, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 2477 STATE HWY 19 HOMEDALE, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Vagan Sudzhyan Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for American Brokers Conduit Recording date: August 10, 2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 257625 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of June 10, 2008: \$317,190.25 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above.

The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: All that portion situated in a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter at Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows: (The basis of Bearing for this description is the Idaho West Zone Coordinate System, NAD 83 Datum, based on a tie to Triangulation Station “Homedale”). Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 5, a brass cap monument in the pavement of State Highway 19, from which the Southwest corner of the said Section 5 bears South 0 degrees 18’07” East 2651.12 feet; thence South 0 degrees 18’07” East along said Section line, 29.54 feet to the South right of way line of said Highway 19; thence along the South right of way line of Highway 19, the following courses: South 89 degrees 00’55” East 15.13 feet to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the right concave Southerly, having a radius of 921.93 feet, through a central angle of 35 degrees 29’13”, an arc distance of 571.01 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said right of way the following 2 courses: Southeasterly, along a curve to the right, concave Southwesterly, having a radius of 921.93 (of record as 912.93) feet, through a central angle of 2 degrees 48’47” (of record as 0 degrees 28’47”), an arc distance of 39.90 feet; thence South 51 degrees 02’55” East 837.43 feet; thence departing said right of way North 89 degrees 59’22” West 767.50 feet to a point on the East edge of a concrete lined irrigation ditch, thence along said East edge of the ditch the following 2 courses; North 2 degrees 28’ 53” East 325.60 feet; thence North 17 degrees 23’12” East 236.22 feet to the South right of way line of Highway 19 and the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.26577) 1002.92700-FEI

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Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 <small>Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Espanol)</small>	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 249-2512 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 7-8pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2008 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 - March 8 - April 12 May 10 - June 28 - July 12 - Aug. 16 Sept. 27 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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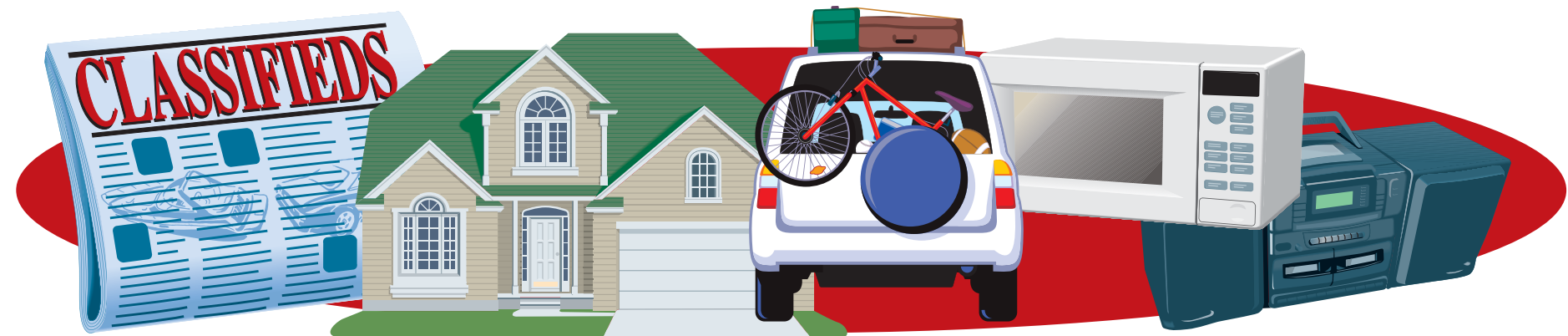
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