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## State asked to investigate assessor

Official says Endicott  
is cooperating  
in preliminary stages

An Idaho State Tax Commission official confirms that the state agency has received

a formal request to investigate the Owyhee County Assessor's Office.

"We have received a request for an investigation for a specific area of concern from an Owyhee County taxpayer," ISTC Division of County Support administrator Steve Fiscus said.

Fiscus wouldn't name the complainant or

give details of the complaint, but he said 14 other property owners signed the request. Fiscus supervises Kathlynn Ireland, who has been working with county Assessor Brett Endicott as a consulting appraiser for the State Tax Commission.

It's unclear if an investigation has been started. According to Rule 120 of the Idaho

Administrative Code for the Idaho State Tax Commission, the commission examines all complaints it receives to decide if a formal investigation is warranted.

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### Ranchers gather again

Past president  
receives overdue  
belt buckle

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board member Matt Tindall, left, hands a commemorative belt buckle to 2002 president Kenny Tindall on Saturday. More on the 130<sup>th</sup> summer meeting, Pages 12-13



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## Input sought on OHV closures

Residents, landowners can testify  
at Homedale meeting Tuesday

A public hearing to get input on which roads should be closed to ATV use will be held in Homedale on Tuesday.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has called the meeting for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Homedale High School gymnasium. All witnesses wanting to give testimony must sign in between 8 a.m. and the start of the meeting.

Residents and landowners in Owyhee

County are eligible to give testimony.

Commission chair Jerry Hoagland said Saturday that the meeting was called for Homedale during the week of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo with an eye toward getting as many folks from throughout the county to give their input.

A new state law going into effect Jan. 1 gives county governments the authority to designate which roads

within its jurisdiction shall be closed to off-highway vehicles (OHVs), such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs) and motorbikes.

"We're also looking for input on seasonal closures, too," Hoagland said.

HB 602, signed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter earlier this year, essentially opens all roads in the state to ATV use unless counties designate which roads are closed. The law states that designation can occur only after a county board has held public hearings.

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## Annual fair has something old, something new

Celebration begins

Monday with horse events

The Owyhee County Fair's theme, "A Fair to Remember," urges folks to draw on their memories of fairs past. But there are just as many new experiences as old favorites at this year's fair, which starts Monday in Homedale.

The new livestock barn, on which the county fair board spent more than \$99,000, will make its debut, giving animal exhibitors more room to show and, fair secretary and manager Kelly Haun said, room to grow.

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# Bulk of assessment appeals rejected

Nearly three-quarters of the assessment appeals filed by county property owners were denied by the Board of Equalization during this year’s round of hearings.

Of the 52 cases heard by the Owyhee County BOE between June 23 and July 14 in Murphy, the value established by the office of Assessor Brett Endicott was upheld in 37 instances, or 71.1 percent of the time.

The county BOE is comprised of Owyhee’s three commissioners — Dick Freund, Jerry Hoagland and Harold “Hal” Tolmie.

The county BOE upheld 88.1 percent of those cases in which the appellant appeared before the board to give testimony.

Property owners failed to show for an appeal hearing 10 times, and four appeals were withdrawn before the hearing got under way.

Only 10 property owners saw their assessments reduced, and two other assessments were corrected after errors were discovered.

Endicott pointed out one error in the third-party appraisal of a property, and the proper adjustment was carried out.

Another assessment was reduced after a mathematical error on the part of the assessor’s office miscalculated the assessment of a half-acre non-improved parcel at nearly five times its actual value,

according to an assessor’s office staffer.

Overall, 12 assessment adjustments were made in response to the 10 appeals. In two cases, the land and its improvements had separate assessed values.

The total property value of those parcels on which appeals were filed, originally assessed at more than \$1.8 million, was cut by about \$454,000 to just over \$1.4 million.

Each assessment was reduced by an average of 24.3 percent or \$37,833.50.

One assessment appeal resulted in a parcel’s value being slashed 70.6 percent from \$53,100 to \$15,600. In another instance, a \$634,960 assessment was reduced by 23.4 percent or \$148,710.

Another parcel was reduced more than 50 percent from \$26,562 to \$13,087 after an appeal.

Assessments help determine levy rates to help fund budgets for the various taxing districts in the county.

After the county budget is set and levies certified, the Owyhee County Treasurer’s Office will mail property tax bills. County Treasurer Brenda Richards said the bills will be sent out around Nov. 20, and the first half of the property tax payment is due Dec. 20.

— JPB

# Fair to keep an eye on parking, dog problems

A dangerous situation at another large public event has triggered a new policy at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

Fair secretary and manager Kelly Haun said that when the fair begins Monday authorities will crack down on dogs on the Homedale fairgrounds as part of tighter enforcement that also will envelope illegally parked cars and bicycles, which are prohibited.

Haun said automobiles were illegally parked around Dumpsters last year , which made clean up by Westowns Disposal, Inc., crews virtually impossible. Cars found parked illegally this year will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Haun also said anyone caught riding a bike on the grounds will have the bike impounded.

The prohibition of dogs is being tightened as well, and Haun said that the fair board can ask at member of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office or Sheriff’s Posse to write a trespassing ticket for anyone whose dog is found on the grounds.

“It’s all for liability purposes,” Haun said. “The fair board has decided to take it to the next level because a dog was on the grounds at the Jordan Valley Big Loop, and it spooked a horse and a girl was severely injured.”

— JPB

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## Daily schedule

**MONDAY**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**4-H horse show**  
8 a.m. — Flag salute  
8:30 a.m. — Showmanship  
11 a.m. — Obstacle course/Grand Champion showmanship  
11:30 a.m. — Reining  
6 p.m. — Boxing: Dry work and cow work  
8 p.m. — Working cow horse: Dry work and cow work

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**Fair and Rodeo Queen**  
7 p.m. — Contestants style show and interviews

**TUESDAY**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**4-H horse show**  
8 a.m. — Parade of Clubs and flag salute  
8:30 a.m. — Equitation: Bareback and Western  
1 p.m. — Western riding  
4 p.m. — Awards  
6 p.m. — Green Horse Showmanship and Green Horse Exhibition

**Armory Exhibit Hall**  
**Open class/4-H projects**  
Noon-6 p.m. — Check-in for all open class (flowers, leafy vegetables and sugar beets excluded) and 4-H Family & Consumer Sciences and miscellaneous entries

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**4-H Style Revue**  
6 p.m. — Practice

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**4-H horse show**  
7:45 a.m. — Flag salute  
8 a.m. — Dummy roping: Cloverbud, Level 1 (on foot and horseback)  
9 a.m. — Calf roping: Head and heel on foot, Level 2; ranch calf roping: breakaway hondo, Level 2 and regular rope, Level 3  
10 a.m. — Team branding  
11 a.m. — Ranch rodear sorting and penning, Levels 1-3  
11:45 a.m. — Ranch horse awards presentation  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m. — Amateur and pro events

**Armory Exhibit Hall**  
**Open class/4-H projects**  
8 a.m. — Interview evaluations and judging; 4-H FCS and miscellaneous judging  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Flowers, leafy vegetables and sugar beets open class entries accepted  
About 2 p.m. — Hall reopens to public after judging

**Livestock barn**  
**Animal exhibition**  
11 a.m. — Llama  
1 p.m. — Goat  
4 p.m. — Dairy

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**Animal exhibitions**  
1 p.m. — Poultry  
2 p.m. — Rabbit and Cavy  
**Evening entertainment**  
5:30 p.m. — Maximus Blues, traditional blues  
7 p.m. — Boyd Robinson Band, bluegrass  
9:30 p.m. — Country Revolution, country

**THURSDAY, AUG. 7**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**Tractor driving contest**  
Noon — 4-H, FFA and adult categories  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m. — Amateur and pro events

**Armory Exhibit Hall**  
**Open class/4-H projects**  
Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Livestock barn**  
**Animal exhibition**  
8 a.m. — Beef  
3 p.m. — Sheep

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**Veggie people making**  
11 a.m. — Divisions for 8-and-younger, 9-14 and 15-and-older  
**Animal exhibitions**  
1 p.m. — Cat  
2 p.m. — Dog  
3 p.m. — Small animal round robin  
**Evening entertainment**  
4 p.m. — Cooking with Sagebrush, traditional old-time fiddle music  
6:30 p.m. — Old School, rock ‘n’ roll  
9 p.m. — Buckin’ Country

**FRIDAY, AUG. 8**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**Horse and mule driving**  
9 a.m. — All breeds, free admission  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m. — Amateur and pro events

**Armory Exhibit Hall**  
**Open class/4-H projects**  
Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Livestock barn**  
**Animal exhibition**  
8 a.m. — Swine  
4 p.m. — 4-H and FFA livestock judging contest  
**Roping contest**  
6 p.m. — Divisions for 9-and-younger, 10-15, 16-and-older

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**Pedal tractor pull contest**  
2 p.m. — Open to children 5-11  
**4-H events**  
6 p.m. — Style Revue  
7 p.m. — Awards show  
**Evening entertainment**  
9:30 p.m. — Dance: Music by Straight Away

**SATURDAY, AUG. 9**  
**Rodeo arena**  
**Drill team competition**  
Noon — Free admission  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m. — Finals: Amateur and pro events

**Downtown Homedale**  
**Fair and rodeo parade**  
8:30 a.m. — Registration  
9 a.m. — Judging  
10 a.m. — Parade begins

**Armory Exhibit Hall**  
**Open class/4-H projects**  
Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Livestock barn**  
**Animal exhibition**  
11 a.m. — Round robin  
Noon — Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale  
After sale — Animal costume show

**Tumbleweed Theatre**  
**Entertainment**  
2:30 p.m. — Dan Sevy Band, rock and country  
5 p.m. — Fiddlin’ Loucks  
6:30 p.m. — Rewind Dance Band, rock and country  
10 p.m. — Dance: Music by Straight Away



## Rainbow fish



### Young readers dabble in art

Brennan Streibel, the 6-year-old son of Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel, applies paint to a fish during a gyotaku (Japanese fish print art) exercise supervised by Fish and Game conservation officer Craig Mickelson on July 22 at the library in Marsing. The event was held in conjunction with the third installment of Lizard Butte's summer reading program. For more, see **Page 19**

## Marsing proposed budget remains steady overall

Figures just released show Marsing's proposed budget is \$88,411 less than last year's expenditures; a difference of just 1.8 percent.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the budget proposed for fiscal year 2009 at 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 at City Hall, 425 Main St.

The difference between FY 2008 and FY 2009 is a bit misleading, as the budget is currently inflated with the water and sewer projects, and the increase for next year in non-project-related areas is higher, at 16 percent.

Setting aside the atypical \$3.5 million involved in the water project, and the \$500,000 for sewer improvements, the general fund will see the largest increase, rising from \$273,945 to \$336,331, a \$62,386 increase (22 percent).

The biggest single-ticket item in the upcoming year will be roads. Roads and streets will be allocated \$127,548, up from \$107,556 in 2008 (an 18.5 percent increase).

Law enforcement, with Marsing renewing its service contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, increased three percent from \$74,160 to \$76,385.

Sanitation costs climbed from \$85,000 to \$90,300, a \$5,300 increase (16 percent) because of higher rates due to Westowns Disposal Inc.'s fuel costs and the city subsidizing poorer residents' participation in the newly mandated tote program.

Budgeting to parks remained nearly identical, rising just \$747, from \$18,022 to \$18,769 (a four percent increase).

Planning and zoning, with the completion of P&Z work on water and sewer projects, dropped from \$28,600 to \$18,800 (a 34 percent decrease). Irrigation funds dropped slightly, from \$58,961 to \$51,700 (a 12.3 percent decrease).

Outside the water and sewer project, the budget as a whole rose to \$719,833 from \$619,244. In total, that's a \$100,589 increase, for a day-to-day budget bump of 16.24 percent.

## Queen candidates named

Three Canyon County cowgirls will compete for the honor of becoming the queen of the 2009 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

The winner will succeed Ontario, Ore., cowgirl Randi Turner as the 64<sup>th</sup> queen to represent Owyhee County in various rodeo functions.

The competition begins at 7 p.m. Monday with the style show and interviews at the Tumbleweed Theatre on the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. The winner will be announced during the Aug. 8 rodeo performance.

The Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo queen is eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Idaho competition.

This year's contestants include:

• Calla Renfro, 22, is the eldest of the competitors. She is the granddaughter of Dan and Patsy Renfro



Renfro



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Winkelman

of Wilder.

• Michelle Lynn Siegmman, 18, is the daughter of Steve and Katherine Siegmman of Caldwell. She is a recent graduate of Vallivue High School.

• Leslie Amber Winkelman is the daughter of Mark and Sara Winkelman of Caldwell. At 17, she is the youngest competitor in this year's field.

## Library, parks budgets up

The City of Homedale will operate next year on half the money it took to run operations this year, according to the proposed fiscal year 2009 budget.

Still, most all line items will increase, including a 22.8 percent bump in the Homedale Public Library budget. One-third of the Homedale Police Department's 4.7 percent budget increase will go directly into the gas tanks of the department's vehicles.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed \$2 million budget at 6 p.m. next Wednesday inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The FY 2009 budget is \$2.5 mil-

lion less than the current budget. Part of the reason is the reduction in sewer and water department expenses because of the completion of two extensive infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

The combined water and sewer expenditure for FY 2009 is a little more than \$500,000, down from about \$3.1 million a year ago.

One of the largest budget increases by percentage for a department benefits the Homedale Public Library, which could see a 22.8 percent increase to about \$81,500 to pay for extended hours for one employee and reflect an influx of grants for computer equipment and system upgrades,

according to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

By contrast, the police department budget could rise only 4.7 percent to cover increases in wages, fuel budget, uniform allowances and other increased expenses. One-third of the total increase for Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller's department (\$5,000) is dedicated to fuel costs.

The Streets and Highways budget could rise 15.9 percent to reflect a \$50,000 transportation study grant, Pegram said. The Parks fund will rise 45.6 percent because of a slew of grants, including some secured to build a playground at Sundance Park.

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## ✓ Closures: New law will open all roads unless county sets parameters before Jan. 1

Public comment also can be sent to the county offices in Murphy. Written testimony with specific reasons why roads should be closed or open to OHV use can be mailed to Planning Administrator, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650 or hand-delivered to the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex or e-mailed to [rtobias@co.owyhee.id.us](mailto:rtobias@co.owyhee.id.us).

Hoagland said all previous road closures achieved after public hearings will be nullified by the new law, so the county must reset the closures.

He added funds for new signage would come from the state Parks and Recreation Department through ATV usage fees.

"It's legislation that has been talked about for five or six years with the Idaho Sheriff's Association, Parks and Rec and user groups," county Sheriff Gary Aman said.

The sheriff said the new law provides comprehensive change to the regulations governing OHV use in the state.

The new law requires ATVs to have restricted-use license plates, which Aman said will allow for better accountability of OHVs.

"It allows law enforcement

to run a plate number and find out who (the machine) belongs to and see if it's stolen," Aman said. "That was one of the biggest things we were going after in this bill."

Aman said the special licensing hopefully will cut down on the number of people driving ATVs on roads as motor vehicles.

He also said the new law will make it illegal to operate an OHV while under the influence of alcohol.

"We've had numerous injury accidents that were the result of driving under the influence," Aman said.

As Hoagland said user fees will help with new signage, Aman said the state's sheriffs hope that future legislation will designate a portion of OHV registration fees to help pay for enforcement of law just as snowmobile and boat registration fees now help finance local enforcement of state laws pertaining to those vehicles.

Aman suggested that future legislation could allow users to designate where the fee would go. For example, a rider would earmark his fee to Owyhee County if that was the primary county in which he used his OHV. Aman

said a \$2 annual fee could bring an additional \$30,000 into the county budget each year.

He said there was resistance to getting the registration surcharge into the bill in the 2008 Legislature.

"Now, it's just a general registration and all the money goes to Parks and Rec," Aman said. "Fish and Game has a problem with (the locality surcharge). They wanted \$5 added to OHV for Fish and Game enforcement, and (state sheriffs) wanted something passed to get us in the door."

All in all, Aman is pleased the law is going into effect.

"Nobody got everything they wanted, but it was a step in the right direction," he said.

— JPB

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## Check crimes, gas driveoffs up

### Eidemiller tells council that Meza shooting case is gang-related

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller reports that the department has seen a rise in both bad checks being written and driveoffs from gas stations.

"Times are hard right now, and they're not getting any better. I suspect we'll see an increase in those sorts of property crimes," he said during Thursday's Homedale City Council meeting.

Three bad checks totaling \$50 or more can be prosecuted as a felony, while a single check over \$50 can be charged as a misdemeanor. Any time a check is written on a closed account, it is a felony.

In many cases, bad checks are simply an accident or poor records keeping, and problems are worked out between the writer, the receiver and the involved financial institution. In cases where it's merited, the Homedale Police Department mediates cases between check-writers and businesses to resolve them.

"Ultimately our goal is to get the money back for businesses in town," Eidemiller said.

The chief extended kudos and thanks to Cpl. Perry Grant and Officer Jeff Wasson for the speed with which they put together the

case that led to last week's pot bust in Homedale and the arrest of Adelberto Lopez. The final haul weighed in at one pound of dried leaves and 12 plants at five pounds.

The council echoed Eidemiller's praise of his officers.

The investigation into the July 12 shooting in Homedale continues, Eidemiller told councilmen. A warrant was issued last week for Juan Carlos Meza, born 1989, after he fired six shots at a pickup occupied by 12 people, one bullet from the fusillade passing through the cab.

Another witness has come forward and identified Meza through a photo lineup, and the department has a possible location that Meza may be living at, Eidemiller said.

The case is gang-related, he said.

"I have talked to the prosecutor about looking into federal prosecution on gang involvement charges," Eidemiller said.

"Anyone who is willing to shoot six rounds into the back of a moving pickup with 12 kids in it doesn't need to be walking around with the good people."

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## Homedale Class of '68 sets 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for this weekend

The Homedale High School Class of 1968 is holding its 40-year reunion Saturday and Sunday.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m. at the Txoko Ona Basque Club

center. Other Homedale alumni will be welcome after 8 p.m.

At noon on Sunday, members from the Class of 1968 will gather at the home of Colleen Paxton for a picnic.

## Homedale to charge for copies of public records

Homedale City Hall staff now may charge labor costs to help people retrieve public records after the City Council passed a resolution setting up a fee schedule Thursday.

The city now will charge 5 cents per page as a copying fee. Additionally, the city plans to charge \$2 per item for notary

public service as well as actual administrative and labor costs if a public records request results in a document exceeding 100 pages, requiring redaction of non-public information or taking more than two hours for city staff to locate.

Also, if an outside source must be contracted to fulfill a public records copying request, the city

will charge labor costs provided by Idaho Code 9-338(8) plus any fees incurred by the outside business.

Sales tax will be assessed on all copying fees.

State code allows cities to charge for copies of public records as long as the municipality has set up a fee schedule.

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## ✓ **Assessor:** Endicott acknowledges ‘personalities’ affected work with state

In a July 9, 2008, letter, the state tax commission requested data from Endicott to help determine the merits of the complaint. That July 9 letter from Fiscus to the second-term assessor stated that preliminary information submitted by Endicott was “insufficient to make a determination if the response would answer the concerns of the complainant.”

In that letter, Fiscus requested that Endicott provide further information to help in the evaluation process. Fiscus said Thursday that Endicott made the July 18 deadline for submitting the additional data.

The information requested included data on all recent sales sorted by 10 different parameters, including — among others — waterfront with front footage, parcel size, location, view, land use and distance from influence centers, such as central business districts.

Another specific parameter was any sales in which the buyer had razed a building to make way for new construction.

“I have received the requested information, and a member of my staff will be reviewing the documents,” Fiscus wrote in an e-mail. “We will determine the next step

after the review.”

It’s uncertain when the state tax commission received the initial request for an investigation, but Fiscus said he contacted Endicott by phone when the request came in.

Ada County Prosecutor Greg H. Bower concluded earlier this month that “no criminal charges can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt,” after Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks requested a determination as to whether a special prosecutor needed to be appointed to investigate the assessor’s office.

In other correspondence be-

tween the assessor’s office and the state, Endicott wrote a June 16 letter to Fiscus admitting that he allowed “personalities” affect his working relationship with Ireland, stating, “I will work hard to improve my working relationship with you and any of your staff.”

In his June 26 response to Endicott, Fiscus offered to the assessor the commission’s assistance in future matters. He also commended the cooperative effort between Endicott’s office and Ireland in “developing a quality product and proper assessment levels that can be maintained through annual analysis.”

But Fiscus stressed that continued cooperation and transparency was necessary to build upon the progress.

“It will be your decision as to how much or how little assistance we provide,” Fiscus wrote. “However, we cannot develop a sound working relationship if we are not provided with open access to sales data, assessment data or other necessary reports that we must have to complete our statutory duties.

“We *must* have unrestricted access to that data.”

— JPB

## ✓ **Fair:** Horse show dominates first two days of county fair in Homedale

“To the general public, it might be a covered area, but it’s huge to our 4-H groups and FFA people in this county,” she said. “(Participation is) always growing.”

Also new this year is a tractor driving contest dreamed up by Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin. Martin has been holding practices near the Marsing FFA shop in preparation for the contest, which will be held from noon to 4 p.m., on Thursday inside the rodeo arena.

The contest will have at least three divisions — FFA, 4-H and adult — and contestants will be judged on their ability to navigate through a course of cones.

Before the tractors take to the arena, the 4-H horse clubs will take center stage on Monday through next Wednesday for the Owyhee County Horse Show.

The first element of the 2008 Owyhee Fair and Rodeo Queen contest takes place at 7 p.m. at the Tumbleweed Theatre. Hopelys Leslie Amber Winkelman and Michelle Lynn Siegmann of Caldwell and Calla Renfro of Wilder begin their quest to succeed 2007-08 queen Randi Turner with the queen style show and interviews.

The three-day horse show begins at 8 a.m. Monday with the flag salute, which is followed by showmanship, obstacle course, reining, boxing and working cow horse.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, 4-H contestants return for the Parade of Clubs and flag salute followed by western equitation, bareback equitation and Western

riding. The awards presentation will be held at 4 p.m., followed by the 6 p.m. Green Horse Showmanship and Green Horse Exhibition contests.

The final day of the horse show begins at 7:45 a.m. next Wednesday with the flag salute. A day of roping and branding gets going at 8 a.m. with dummy roping at three levels, including Cloverbuds. Calf ropers of varying skill levels take to the arena at 9 a.m., and team branding starts at 10 a.m. Penning and sorting competitions will be held at 11 a.m., and the Ranch Horse awards will be held at 11:45 a.m.

The horse show superintendent is Cindy Bass.

Tuesday morning also kicks off the first of four consecutive days of good eating in the parking lot of the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The center’s annual fundraising Buckaroo Breakfast runs 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily from Tuesday through Saturday.

The rest of the fair schedule Tuesday will consist of open class check-in at the National Guard Armory from noon to 6 p.m. All entries except flowers, leafy vegetables and sugar beets must be entered at this time.

4-H projects for Family and Consumer Sciences and miscellaneous categories also must be submitted between noon and 6 p.m. The county’s 4-H members will decorate the Armory Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, too.

Interview evaluations and judging for the Armory exhibits and 4-H FCS and miscellaneous

entries begins at 8 a.m. next Wednesday. The exhibit hall will be closed to fairgoers until about 2 p.m. during the judging. But open class entries for flowers, leafy veggies and sugar beets will be taken from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Next Wednesday, the fair’s new livestock barn will make its debut with animal exhibitions throughout the day. Shows will include llamas at 11 a.m., goats at 1 p.m. and dairy at 4 p.m.

Haun said that the Shoofly 4-H Club plans to move sheep pens into the new arena tonight.

There also will be animal shows at the Tumbleweed Theatre, including poultry at 1 p.m. and rabbit and cavy at 2 p.m.

Haun said that the old beef barn will be renamed and dedicated to the burgeoning goat show population. The goat barn will house upwards of 60 animals, Haun said, matching this year’s cattle entries.

“Thankfully, with the new addition, we have enough space for every different kind of entry,” Haun said.

Haun said that 2009 marks the first time that meat goats will be entered into the annual fat stock sale, which is scheduled at the livestock barn for Saturday, Aug. 9 after the buyers appreciation luncheon.

The rodeo, with a purse worth around \$65,000, will begin its four-night run next Wednesday at 8 p.m. inside the rodeo arena. According to 1958 issues of The Owyhee Chronicle, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arena’s construction as well as the 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the addition of the rodeo as an element of the fair.

Rodeo tickets are available at Matteson’s Owyhee Auto Sales (aka Phillips 66) in Homedale. All seats are general admission this year, with \$10 tickets Wednesday through Friday and \$12 tickets for Saturday’s finals.

Children 12 and younger get in for \$7 each night, senior citizens can buy tickets to the Wednesday and Thursday shows for \$7.

Saturday’s rodeo finals will be broadcast on tape delay by KTRV Fox Channel 12 at 4 p.m. on Aug. 17. Country radio station KQFC-AM will have a live remote from the rodeo arena next Wednesday.

Nightly fair entertainment at the Tumbleweed Theatre also begins next Wednesday with blues, bluegrass and country acts.

Haun said there are some new additions to the fair food and carnival options, too.

“One of our vendors will be bringing and miniature golf setup this year,” Haun said.

Other new carnival game additions this year include a ball-toss duck pond and a dart toss. The Orbiter ride will be back, Haun said.

While the Orbiter is returning, Haun reported that a former favorite staple of the fair’s food court — Cajun cuisine — will not make a comeback. Instead, a new barbecue vendor will make its debut.

“They have a great, big barbecue pit. It’s steel and in the shape of Idaho,” Haun said. “They’ll add a few things to our menu. Items that we haven’t had before.”

Also on the food court will be old favorites such as the Deer Flat Methodist Church hamburger stand; Oriental Express Chinese food; Kathy’s Kountry Kitchen with corn dogs and a new addition of cotton candy; Freddy’s Tacos from Marsing; chorizos from Homedale’s Txoko Ona Basque Club; the Shoo-Fly 4-H Club’s booth for homemade pies and ice cream; hot dogs, French fries and onion rings from the Homedale American Legion Post 32; pulled pork and fair staples like elephant ears from R&L Catering; breakfast burritos, German sausages and onion rings served by the Living Waters Worship Center; ice cream from Homedale’s Owyhee Ice Cream Co.; frozen drinks and coffee drinks from Moxie Java Bistro; and the Homedale High School Class of 2009 will sell bottled water and canned pop near the livestock barn as a fundraiser.

Fair contests are back:

- The sixth annual salt lick art contest, with a \$25 award for first prize. Entries will be taken from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday

- Nature’s Wonder contest, with \$25 for first place. Entries accepted from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

- A Bountiful Harvest contest, with a \$25 cash award for the top entry. Registration is 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., next Wednesday.

The annual fair and rodeo parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 in downtown Homedale. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

— JPB





**Jordan Valley student visits capital**  
*Jordan Valley FFA chapter secretary Anne-Marie Eiguren, left, helps sort potatoes during a team-building exercise at the Washington Leadership Conference earlier this month. Submitted photo*

## Jordan FFA officer visits D.C.

The secretary of the Jordan Valley FFA chapter recently attended a national gathering in Washington, D.C.

Jordan Valley High School student Anne-Marie Eiguren joined students from across the nation at the 2008 Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) July 8-13.

The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.

The weeklong program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters, communities and their future careers. They attended workshop sessions on persuasive communication, character leadership and building relationships, and participated in discussions on citizenship. They also participated in service learning events.

“We live in an increasingly competitive world,” says Dr. Larry Case, national FFA advisor and coordinator, agricultural and rural education with the U.S. Department of Education. “Tomorrow’s leaders must develop skills in these areas to effectively compete. Every student leaves WLC with an advantage because it gives those young people cutting-edge leadership skills and valuable insight for productive citizenship.”

The National FFA Organization coordinates WLC, which attracts participants from across the country. This summer more than 2,000 FFA members will attend one of the conference’s seven weeklong sessions. Students also increase their understanding of the nation’s heritage through visits to Arlington Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials and other historic sights in Washington D.C.

## Obituary

### Marjorie Kushlan

Marjorie Kushlan, 87, of Homedale, went quietly on July 24, 2008 to spend eternity with her loved ones long passed after a lengthy illness that simply wore her out. Graveside services were held at 10:00AM on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Marjorie was born on August 30, 1920 in Meridian, Idaho to Harry and Lucille Parker.

She moved with her family to Homedale in 1932, where she met Lewis Kushlan and they married on January 17, 1940 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa.

Mom and Dad then began turning a patch of sagebrush southwest of Homedale into farm and home for themselves and eventually raised their 5 boys. They resided there until retirement in 1977 and they moved into Homedale where she lived until her passing.

Mom and Dad worked very hard at farming and were successful in their efforts. Both loved to watch their boys and grandchildren compete in sporting events and rarely missed a game.

Later in life Mom enjoyed fishing and having coffee with her friend Betty Ishabashi.

We are all grateful to have had the opportunity to spend some quality time with her in her final days and hours. We will miss her.

Marjorie is survived by her sons: Dave and wife Elsie of Homedale, Bob and wife Pressie of Port Orchard, Washington, Glenn and wife Sue of Caldwell,



Ken and wife Vernie of Payette, Rick and wife Lorrie of Caldwell, sisters: Bonnie Clough and Erma Tegge of Springfield, Oregon, along with 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her Mother Lucille, Father Harry, Sister Dorothy Kushlan, a Grandson Brian and her Husband Lewis.

Memorials may be made to the Homedale Sports Inc. (15834 Bronze Ct., Wilder, Idaho 83676) or drop off donations to Bowen and Parker Office in Homedale.

Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

## Death notices

**FRANCES V. BRITTON**, 80, of Homedale, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at home of natural causes. Pending arrangements under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252.

**LAUREETA HASTINGS**, 94, of Homedale, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at a Nampa assisted living facility. Pending arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

**RUTH EVANGELINE TUCKER**, 86, a veteran teacher in schools in Marsing, Grand View, Arock, Ore., and Melba, died Sunday, July 20, 2008. Arrangements through Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, Nampa.

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## Senior menus

### Homedale

July 30: Sausage & biscuits, rice, carrots, beverage.

July 31: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, gravy, roll, beverage.

Aug. 5-7: Buckaroo Breakfast week!

### Marsing

July 30: Italian baked chicken & noodles, spinach & carrots, potato salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

July 31: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, beverage.

## HMS mails parental info; office to open

Homedale Middle School will open its doors beginning Monday to assist parents with any questions they have, or if parents want to pay registration fees, lunch fees, etc.

Parents will receive a mailing with a picture packet, a letter explaining registration, physical forms which are required for sixth-graders in cross country, all seventh-graders who plan to participate in an extra-curricular activity, or any eighth-grader who has not been involved in an extra-curricular activity.

Also included in the mailing are free/reduced lunch forms, a Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act (FERPA) notice, and a field trip permission slip to be signed by the parent and student and returned to the middle school.

Class rosters will be posted beginning Monday for parents to learn who their child’s fifth- and sixth-grade teachers will be.

Seventh- and eighth-grade class lists include students’ eighth-period Advisory class. Parents can request copies of class schedules for their seventh- and eighth-grade children from the HMS office.

The first day of school at Homedale Middle School is Aug. 18.

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# Your finances

## More schooling shouldn't mean deepening debt

Dear Dave,

My husband finished dental school three years ago. Recently, he told me that he wants to go back to school to become a dental anesthesiologist. He makes \$100,000 a year right now but says this will give him the potential to double his income. We've paid off five credit cards in the last year and a half, but we still have a \$200,000 student loan. We also just found out that I'm pregnant. So, I'm feeling unsafe with this idea. What do you think?

— Shannon

Dear Shannon,

This is not a wise move. You're \$200,000 in debt, and he brings in dentist money. You guys need to clean up your debt.

This starts by living on nothing for a while. If he makes \$100,000, then you guys need to live on half that. We're talking rice and beans and living on a VERY tight budget for a couple of years. Then, if he wants to go back to school after that — and save up money to pay for it — we can sit down and talk.

You have every right to feel unsafe right now, Shannon. I'm sure your husband is a great guy, and that he loves you very much. But this is a ridiculous idea.

He needs to listen to his loving, pregnant wife. You're right on this one, and he's wrong. Period!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 61 and on disability. My home is paid for, and I have about a million dollars in assets. I try to spend no more than 4 percent of the principal each year. My current car needs repairs, but the cost would be more than the car is worth. I'm looking at getting another vehicle and was wondering, in my situation, if it would be better to lease, finance or pay cash.

— Linda

Dear Linda,

I'm proud of the way you've handled your money. You've got the right attitude about wealth building, but the wrong idea about car buying.

There's not a chance on the planet that I'll tell you to go pick up a "fleece" or payments on a car. You've got a great thing going for you — a peaceful, calm and



successful financial life. Why would you want to mess all that up with a lease or payments?

Here's the deal. Consumer Reports AND my calculator both say that leasing a car is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. It's a rip-off! Dealerships make more money off leases than they do from the sale of cars.

I'm OK with you buying a car. You've managed your money well, and you're in great shape financially. But when it comes to the big shiny things, pay cash or don't buy it!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Does having supplemental insurance make good financial sense?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Some of it does under the right circumstances. But you have to be very careful when choosing these products, because there are lots of companies out there trying to sell you stuff that doesn't make good financial sense.

One example is short-term disability insurance. I would not do that. Another example is cancer insurance. I wouldn't do that, either. But they also sell good stuff like long-term disability insurance. That's something you really need!

Beware of the little gimmick insurance plans, too. Those \$6-a-month things are not a good idea!

— 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](http://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](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

# Calendar

**Today**  
**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  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893  
**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  
**Evangelist Dea Warford ministry**  
7 p.m., Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 249-2512

**Saturday**  
**Marsing Gun Club trap shoot**  
Noon, barbecue at 4 p.m., \$5, Marsing Gun Club, Hwy. 78, Marsing. (208) 573-3321, (208) 896-4780 or (208) 573-3533  
**Evangelist Dea Warford ministry**  
7 p.m., Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 249-2512

**Sunday**  
**Evangelist Dea Warford ministry**  
11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 249-2512  
**Marsing High School reunion picnic**  
1 p.m., all classes, potluck, Marsing City Park. (208) 896-4220

**Monday**  
**County commissioners meeting**  
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

**Tuesday**  
**Buckaroo Breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 12-and-younger, Homedale Senior Citizens Center parking lot, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Marsing PTA meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**  
7 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**Gem Irrigation District board meeting**  
7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**South Board of Control board meeting**  
7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Wednesday**  
**Buckaroo Breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 12-

and-younger, Homedale Senior Citizens Center parking lot, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**Homedale FY 2009 budget hearing**  
6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo Arena, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

**Thursday, August 7**  
**Buckaroo Breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 12-and-younger, Homedale Senior Citizens Center parking lot, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**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. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893  
**Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting**  
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo Arena, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

**Friday, August 8**  
**Buckaroo Breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 12-and-younger, Homedale Senior Citizens Center parking lot, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**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  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo Arena, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

**Saturday, August 9**  
**Buckaroo Breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 12-and-younger, Homedale Senior Citizens Center parking lot, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee County Fair**  
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo parade**  
10 a.m., downtown Homedale  
**Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale**  
Noon, Owyhee County Fairgrounds livestock barn, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale  
**Owyhee County Rodeo**  
8 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo Arena, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

*The Owyhee Avalanche's calendar of events also can be accessed on the Internet at [www.owyheepublishing.com](http://www.owyheepublishing.com). Submit information on 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](mailto:jbrowneditor@cablone.net). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.*

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# Ex-labor camp staffer sentenced on federal charges

\$50,000 scheme buys  
Caldwell woman  
365 days in prison

The former bookkeeper for the Marsing Farm Labor Board has been sentenced after her conviction on federal mail fraud charges stemming from illegally collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Juanita J. Quintero, 30, pleaded guilty to two of 25 counts of mail fraud in connection with the fraudulent benefit claims after being charged in November after a 15-month investigation by Idaho Department of Labor employees and federal agents.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge on July 21 sentenced the Caldwell woman to a year and a day in federal prison and three years of supervised release for illegally collecting benefits that may have totaled more

than \$50,000, according to a Department of Labor press release.

As the bookkeeper for the Marsing Farm Labor Board, which provides workers for its farming members, Quintero had access to the Social Security numbers used by farm laborers. According to investigators, for several years prior to quitting Marsing Farm Labor in 2006, Quintero filed unemployment insurance claims for 25 of the workers but had the benefit payments sent to her. She stated on the claims forms that they were working legally and, therefore, were entitled to benefits when she admitted she did not know the legal status of the workers involved.

“It was an unfortunate occurrence,” labor camp manager Rob Troxel said. “I never got in much on the trial, other than being asked questions during her investigation.” Troxel said the federal charges, which arose when the charges included mail fraud, were

a surprise.

He said that he had heard from several people in contact with Quintero that “she was very embarrassed, which she should be.”

Quintero acknowledged collecting benefits totaling more than \$46,000, according to reports. Investigators believe she obtained another \$19,000 in benefits, but she has not acknowledged those payments.

Through garnishments, more than \$19,000 has been recovered from Quintero and some of the workers in whose names she filed claims.

In addition to imposing the prison term, Lodge ordered Quintero to pay restitution of the remaining \$27,000 she illegally claimed from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and another \$3,529 in administrative fees.

She must surrender on Aug. 13 to begin her prison sentence. Upon her release,

Quintero will be placed on three years of supervised probation that will include 120 hours of community service and a payment schedule recouping the money she fraudulently claimed.

Quintero’s husband, who still works at the labor camp, is also paying restitution on \$11,000 that he received from her scheme, Troxel said, at \$200 a week.

“Idaho’s unemployment insurance program provides a much needed boost to the state during severe economic downturns,” said Don Arnold, the compliance bureau chief for the state Department of Labor. “When Ms. Quintero and others make fraudulent claims, those funds are no longer available. This type of fraud is felt not only by those out of work but also by Idaho employers, who ultimately cover any fraudulent losses through higher taxes.”

— MML

## Two county drivers found guilty of DUI

The Third Judicial Court of Owyhee County has taken away the driving privileges of two more county drivers cited for, and found guilty of, driving under the influence of alcohol.

Wayne Augdon of Melba, who was pulled over and cited in November 2007, was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI and fined \$409.50 plus court costs of \$90.50.

Augdon, 50, also had his driver’s license suspended for six months, was sentenced to 180 days (suspended) and will be on probation for a year.

Matthew Allen Tinchler of Marsing, 27, was cited in April for misdemeanor DUI. Tinchler faces a fine of \$309.50 and \$90.50 in court costs.

He also has had his license suspended for 180 days, faces a year on probation and did 21 days in jail, with an additional 159 suspended. He also must enter a treatment program.

Last week, it was reported that an Owyhee County judge had stripped two other people of their driving privileges for six months each after separate DUI convictions.



Wayne Augdon



Matthew Tinchler

## Sex offender jailed for at least 3 years

Michael C. Gardner, 19, of Marsing was sentenced to a state prison term of three years fixed, five indeterminate last week after his conviction on a sex charge.


Gardner was one of three sex offenders picked up in a 10-hour period during February sweep by Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office personnel.



Michael Gardner

Gardner faced two charges of lewd conduct with a child under 16, charges that arose from an incident in January. His sentence reflects only the first of the two counts.

Also as part of the punishment, Gardner has been registered as a sex offender and has had his DNA recorded on file.



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# School registration upcoming

It's time for books, backpacks and buses once again. Students are preparing to register at county and areas schools in early August. of class for all grades will be Aug. 18. Those with any questions may contact the school district at 896-4111.

## Homedale

Registration for middle school students will occur on Aug. 18, the first day of school, so parents do not need to pre-register. High school and elementary (kindergarten through fourth grade) students will register at their school on Aug. 11, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The high school registration will be staggered by year, though the precise times are not yet fixed. Parents with questions may contact the school(s) directly by phone.

## Marsing

Elementary students may register Aug. 11-13 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., middle school on Aug. 11-12 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and high school students Aug. 11-13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at their respective schools. The first day

## Grand View-Bruneau

Any new students may register starting Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration continuing until school starts on Aug. 25. Returning students need not register. Lunch fees will be increasing by 25 cents across the board, with costs now \$1.50 for elementary students, \$1.75 for high school students and \$3 for adults. The initial start date for Grand View-Bruneau schools is being changed slightly, with all classes now starting on Aug. 25. For more information, call the school district at 834-2253.

## Jordan Valley

Elementary students need not register before school starts, however, high school students should be ready to register on Aug. 5. School for all grades begins

## Adrian

Registration for high school students will be held Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children entering kindergarten through fifth grade may register at any time from Monday until the classes start Aug. 18. Parents with questions may call the school district at (541) 372-2335.

## Melba

Student registration begins Tuesday and continues until the first day of classes for all grades on Aug. 19. There have been changes made to some class fees. Class dues for high school students will be \$10 for freshmen, \$15 for sophomores and \$20 for juniors. Middle school students' class activity card fees will be \$20. Parents with additional questions may call the school district at 495-1141.

# Progress report

Percent of Homedale students rated Proficient or above						
Grade 3	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	66.7%	80.8%	-14.1%	76.7%	82.7%	-6%
Math	70.1%	86.3%	-16.2%	81.6%	87.5%	-5.9%
Language	56.4%	66.5%	-10.1%	60.5%	70.0%	-9.5%

Grade 4	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	71.5%	80.6%	-9.1%	76.0%	82.5%	-6.5%
Math	65.5%	82.0%	-16.5%	81.0%	84.2%	-3.2%
Language	78.6%	80.0%	-1.4%	75.2%	77.6%	-2.4%

Grade 5	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	67.6%	78.5%	-10.9%	81.1%	84.3%	-3.2%
Math	71.5%	73.0%	-1.5%	79.0%	78.0%	1.0%
Language	66.7%	68.8%	-2.1%	66.4%	74.2%	-7.8%
Science	38.2%	53.4%	-15.2%	46.8%	60.1%	-13.3%

Grade 6	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	73.4%	77.4%	-4.0%	81.1%	81.6%	0.5%
Math	79.8%	64.7%	15.1%	77.9%	77.1%	0.8%
Language	69.1%	67.4%	1.7%	72.7%	71.7%	1.0%

Grade 7	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	58.0%	77.0%	-19.0%	90.5%	80.7%	9.8%
Math	63.6%	60.0%	3.6%	80.0%	74.8%	5.2%
Language	54.6%	64.9%	-10.3%	68.4%	69.0%	-0.6%
Science	28.4%	47.7%	-19.3%	49.4%	51.0%	-1.6%

Grade 8	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	76.2%	85.8%	-9.6%	89.6%	88.4%	1.2%
Math	63.8%	71.7%	-7.9%	78.4%	78.6%	-0.2%
Language	44.8%	61.8%	-17%	57.7%	66.6%	-8.9%

Grade 7	2007			2008		
	Homedale	State	Gap	Homedale	State	Gap
Reading	81.5%	78.8%	2.7%	89.8%	85.7%	4.1%
Math	72.5%	72.7%	-0.2%	74.1%	76.6%	-2.5%
Language	64.2%	64.2%	0.0%	67.8%	68.8%	-1.0%
Science	52.8%	58.1%	-5.3%	70.6%	66.9%	3.7%

# Homedale schools close ISAT gap

District still behind Idaho averages in some grades and subjects

The Idaho Standards Achievements Test (ISAT), the basic benchmark used to measure compliance and success with the federal No Child Left Behind program, shows Homedale improving in almost all tested grades.

Spring 2008 scores, compared to gains Homedale School District students made in '07, showed improvement in most areas.

The ISAT weighs students' skills in reading, math and languages in lower grades and adds science to the mix for fifth, seventh and 10th grades, science. Schools not meeting the target percentages for students rated proficient or above risk losing federal funding.

Homedale third-graders closed the gap by an aggregate 19 percentage points overall, excelling especially in math.

Fourth-grade students improved 14.9 percent over last year, again in aggregate, with math the most improved subject.

In fifth grade, students improved 6.4 percent overall and exceeded

the state average in math.

The sixth-grade results showed only an aggregate 1.6 percent increase — though this is misleading as the sixth-graders were above state averages in reading, math and language, a distinction unique to that class this year.

The highest aggregate improvement — helped by the presence of a science test — was among seventh-graders, who closed the gap by a whopping 67.8 percent in total. Seventh-graders also managed to beat the state average in both language and science scores.

Eight-graders showed a solid improvement, with the gap narrowing 26.6 points across the three tested subjects, and edging above the state standard for reading.

In high school, only sophomores are tested, and the 10th-graders held up well on a state level, exceeding state averages in both math and language scores, and showing a cumulative 7.1 percent improvement across the four tested categories.

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## Irrigation boards meet soon

The boards of directors from local irrigation districts will hold their regular monthly meetings Tuesday at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st Street W., in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation

District board will meet at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District board of directors will hold its meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors will meet at 7:30 p.m.



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# New store to offer designer clothing, overstock deals

## Former video store owner poised to open Homedale shop on Main Street

Mike Simpson is betting that higher gas prices and years of retail experience will help Main Street Overstocks be a success.

The new shop, located at 8 N. Main St. in Homedale, will carry a range of women's clothing "from the smallest to the largest sizes," Simpson said. His stock includes brand names people will probably recognize: Anne Klein, Oscar de la Renta, Old Navy, Levi-Strauss and others will be represented.

"I buy like Ross does, on a smaller scale, and can compete with their pricing because they have more overhead," Simpson said.

The store will see its grand opening Aug. 6-9, and will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Simpson said. Early birds can get in Monday.

"We probably have 1,500 items, mostly clothing," he said.

Women's clothing will be the main stock-in-trade of Main Street Overstocks, Simpson said, though if he runs across a good buy on anything he believes he can sell, he plans to follow up on it; the shop already has a selection of jewelry, watches and other items.

Why clothing as a mainstay?

"It's something that everybody has to have, and with times like now — to drive all the way over to Wal-Mart to save a little money — I thought now might be a good time to offer quality clothing at a reasonable price," Simpson said. His slogan, "Save time, save gas, save money," is posted on more



Mike Simpson

than one of his display signs. That flexibility and rotation of stock is the advantage small business has over the larger corporate chains, he said.

"I'll buy what people are asking for if I can find it at a price they'd be willing to pay for it. It's that simple," Simpson said.

The shop will have shoes arriving next week, an example of a good buy that Simpson hunted down and brought to his inventory. Simpson is not new to retail management, marketing, or small business. He owned Reel Time Video for four years, selling it in January of this year. Main Street Overstocks is his sixth business involved in retail. He also operated an office supply store in Arizona, and was a manager for K-Mart, running stores in Nampa, two in Salt Lake City, one in Arizona and one in Las Vegas.

"Actually, retail is pretty easy," he said. "It's just a matter of finding those items people want — and the money is made when you buy. It isn't when you sell; it's how you buy."

In the future, if things go well, Simpson may expand to a larger store, and include menswear in his inventory, but at this point he is using his space to focus on women's clothing.

"This store is an experiment, to see if it'll be accepted," he said.

— MML



Owyhee as cover art

Idaho Magazine's August edition features stories on Murphy and the Owyhee Canyonlands.

## Local magazine focuses on Murphy, canyonlands

The August edition of Idaho Magazine has a heavy Owyhee County flavor.

The magazine's spotlight city is the county seat, Murphy, and the cover story details freelance photojournalist Chad Case's trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands.

The publication will be on newsstands around the first of the month.

Idaho Magazine has put three county communities in its spotlight in recent years — Homedale, Bruneau and now Murphy.

Madge Cook Wylie writes the

Murphy piece, which chronicles the history and commerce of the state's smallest county seat and features vintage photos of the town's families and landmarks.

Through photos and words, Case takes readers on a journey through the rugged land surrounding the Owyhee River.

The cover price is \$3.50. The only sales location in Owyhee County is at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The publication is available online through [www.idahomagazine.com](http://www.idahomagazine.com).

# Owyhee Ice Cream Co. opens Homedale parlor

As summer hits its highest heat and tongues begin to parch, the Owyhee Ice Cream Co. in Homedale offers a respite with handmade ice creams at a new shop on East Idaho Avenue.

Following a remodeling that Mark Jolley has worked on more than a year on, the shop opened on June 11, offering tempting sweets to beat the heat.

You'll find no soft-serve ice-cream-extruding machines here. This shop serves old-fashioned hard ice cream.

"Premium grade ice cream. All natural ingredients, no added colors, no added flavors, no preservatives," Jolley said.

The shop does things that fast-food places don't, and can't, like huge old-fashioned banana splits — a favorite of the staff — as well as hand-mixed shakes, sundaes and cones. The Owyhee Ice Cream Co. offers flavors you won't find at

Baskin-Robbins, too; like real huckleberry ice cream.

"We wanted it to be an old-time ice cream shop, the sort small-town people could come to and sit down and enjoy themselves," Jolley said.

Customers can even get an actual root beer float or ice cream soda and recapture the taste of the soda fountains.

The business is family-owned, and Jolley's daughter, Lisa Briggs, is the chief of operations for the parlor. The family moved into the business gradually.

"We have an ice cream truck that we took to the fair last year," Briggs said. "It was fun and we decided to do a shop with the same homemade ice cream."

"That started it," Jolley said. "We took it out there, and people were asking us 'Where can we get this?'"

As it turns out, back at the fair beginning next week, because Jolley is scheduled to move his truck to the fairgrounds again this year.

The inside of the new shop has been fully remodeled, though a section of awning remains to be done outside, Briggs said adding that in the future there are plans to expand to the West, adding an outdoor patio and seating.

"We've had a tremendous response from the community," Jolley said. The company also had a great experience with its booth at the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby, he said.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 or 9 p.m., depending on the day.

Jolley also operates a FedEx shipping business and Allied Signs in Homedale.

— MML



Old-fashioned ice cream shop opens

Mark Jolley and daughter Linda Briggs bring their love of natural flavors and old-time ice cream to Homedale diners.

## Marsing Gun Club presents shoot Saturday

The Marsing Gun Club plans to give away more than 65 knives during a trap shoot beginning at noon Saturday.

Pocket knives, folding knives and fixed-blade knives will be in the prize pool for the shoot, which will feature events for beginners, intermediates and

professionals. There will be buddy shoots, clusters and other shooting activities.

The event is open to members and non-members and will be followed by a 4 p.m. barbecue.

The cost of the all-you-can-eat barbecue is \$5 and baron of beef, pork loin, Karen's mashed

spuds and all the trimmings will be served.

For more information, call Tim Dines at 573-3321, Bud at 896-4780 or Marty Floyd at 573-3533.

The gun club is located on Idaho state highway 78 about three miles south of Marsing.

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# 130th annual OCA summer meeting

## Climate change poses problem, opportunity

Whether you think humans are responsible for climate change or not, it's something everyone has to deal with, Peter Donovan argued as keynote speaker at the 130th annual Owyhee Cattleman's Association meeting Saturday. How this affects farmers and ranchers directly, and how they can potentially stand to gain from it, is a subject he has spent considerable research and effort on.

The OCA membership listened and questioned carefully as Donovan, a native of Enterprise, Ore., ecological writer, rancher and board member of the Soil Carbon Coalition, spoke on the complex issue.

"Carbon dioxide isn't a pollutant," Donovan said. "It's a natural part of the carbon cycle."

How we manage an overabundance of the colorless, odorless, heat-trapping greenhouse gas is the real question, he said. Ranchers may be surprised to know that grazing can directly help the situation, and that, in the future, soil sequestration of carbon dioxide may become an asset sold and traded in the same way carbon credits are beginning to be sold today.

Donovan argued that the potential to run a more efficient agricultural operation while netting profit as part of a ecosystem services market was potentially a huge boon to farmers and ranchers, expanding upon the theme in his speech and on the Soil Carbon Coalition Web site itself.

Primary bonuses for ranchers and farmers are soils that retain more water, produce more biomass, feed more beef and control runoff and flooding. The secondary positive effect concerns ecosystems services.

Ecosystem services are in their infancy, Donovan pointed out. Things like water filtration, food, fuel, game, decomposition of wastes and the regulation of floods or droughts are often seen as free services simply provided by nature, despite the necessity of someone — be it rancher or engineer — to make sure the processes run smoothly. He argues that soil carbon sequestration is as vital as any other sort of environmental management, and as valuable, especially now, with greenhouse gasses in the public consciousness.

Donovan illustrated the continuing rise of CO2 since measurements began in 1950 and brought up some concepts rarely heard.

"Only three percent of the CO2 in the atmosphere is there from fossil fuels," he said. That three percent pushes what was a stable system out of balance, leading to climate and weather-pattern change, but it is a short-sighted mistake to think that addressing only fossil fuel emissions is a way



Peter Donovan

to deal with the problem — especially when opportunities exist to reduce the other sources of CO2 that form the remaining 97 percent of the gas in the atmosphere, he said. The remaining 97 percent is largely tied to natural processes like respiration, decay, fires, volcanism and soil oxidation.

The most effective natural reservoir of carbon in the natural cycle is the soil, with soil carbon, more stable than living matter storage, being nearly 10 times as effective at keeping carbon bound and out of the atmosphere, he said.

Even if the world ceased using fossil fuels tomorrow, negating that pesky three-percent overage, it would take over a century for the Earth to bind and otherwise rebalance the excess billions of tons of CO2 in the atmosphere and bring climate change slowly to a halt.

That century isn't Donovan's own prediction; it's part of the findings of a 2,000-member panel of scientists who were part of a U.N. study on climate change and fossil fuels, he said.

Donovan's suggested solution to the problem is to use natural processes to help bind more carbon in the soil. Those processes, coincidentally, dovetail neatly with ranching practices in some ways, especially in grazing cattle.

First, it's important to know what doesn't keep carbon in soil, Donovan explained. Processes like tilling, which turns over soils, allows added bacterial action and frees carbon from organic materials in decomposition and oxidation; burning, the fastest route to oxidizing carbon and making CO2; bare-earth fallow fields and row-cropping, where exposed uncovered soil allows further oxidation, are all culprits that release carbon faster than vegetation can recapture it.

What does put CO2 back into the soil are perennial grasses' roots and the natural fungi that go along with them, he said.

This is where grazing and land management come into the mix.

A cow grazing a perennial grass will make the plant slough off most of its root-mass, trapping that organic material and its car-

bon — which the plant removed from the air — in the soil, helping to enrich it while removing CO2 from the atmospheric stage of the carbon cycle. The grass plant, given a chance, will re-grow, re-root and be ready to be grazed again.

That cycle of regular intensive grazing, and the side effect of cattle or other grazing animals treading grasses down into the topsoil, increases coverage to avoid bare soils, reduces water loss and helps soils build an increasing carbon reservoir, he said.

Forestry, he said, isn't as effective a method as is popularly thought. Letting forests cycle naturally, with lightning-caused burns or logs rotting on the ground, returns carbon to the air rather than the soil, he said.

"This," he said, indicating the historic wood-frame Silver City schoolhouse in which the meeting was being held, "is probably the best example of holding carbon through forestry." High-quality wood products that people kept and used, he said, helped the situation, where cheap disposable wood or plastic ones did not.

Donovan's argument is, in the end, simple; better land management and an understanding of why some practices such as sod farming, cyclic grazing by herd animals and an avoidance of tillage, can do as much or more than fighting fossil fuels emissions to reduce greenhouse gasses, and do it more quickly. As cities and industry realize the potentials of farmland to act as carbon sinks for CO2, the prospect of soil sequestration payments arise and the birth of an environmental services industry may promise farmers and ranchers another route to making money.

### Other views

Questions from the crowd included one as to whether such no-till agriculture would alter the diets of Americans in the future. Donovan said that while he wasn't able to predict the future, he certainly saw it likely that as time went by diets would change, as some crops might not fare as well in no-till.

Mike Hanley of Jordan Valley, an attendee at the meeting, shared the story of his grandfather, who had warned him "never buy a farm that has a plow on it" with the admonition that sod was there for a reason. That common sense nugget of wisdom dovetailed neatly with Donovan's speech.

Fire Use Manager and Acting Office Manager Steve Jirik of the Bureau of Land Management was pleased by Donovan's stress on the importance of perennial grasses, since a large portion of Jirik's work is aimed at restoring those grasses to areas now dominated by cheat grass and junipers. Jirik and Aden Seidlitz,

the new BLM Boise District Manager, were both interested in the processes Donovan spoke of, but were somewhat skeptical of the ability of arid areas like those forming the Owyhee County rangelands to support long-term soil-carbon collection with the lack of rainfall. Both saw the possibilities with no-till row crops or irrigated pasturage, though.

"A lot of what he said made sense to me," Jeff Burwell, Idaho State Conservationist for the National Resources Conservation Service said. "Like the rise in CO2. I've always known vehicles were involved but couldn't believe that was the biggest factor. We have to take a look at this holistically."

### Difficulties

The chief difficulties that Donovan and the ecologists, ranchers and farmers involved in the Soil Carbon Coalition face is a difficulty in getting measurable data that current climatologists and ecologists will listen to.

"It's the difficulty of measuring soil carbon," Donovan said. In traditional measuring systems, samples vary so widely in even a small area that scientists have moved to modeling rather than surveys to "gather" soil carbon data.

"If you wanted to know how fast a human being could run," Donovan asked the audience, "would you make a multi-million-dollar computer model of a human

being? No, you'd invite the best and fastest runners and have a race."

Soil carbon needs a similar race, he said. That race would likely be a contest of sorts, with ranchers or farmers who volunteered being part of a study or contest seeing exactly how quickly the process worked under their local conditions.

"Some type of incentive program is going to be critical," he said.

There also needs to be a re-examination of the measuring methods used. Science is on the cusp of technologies that can make more accurate estimates on soil carbon retention and the importance of biology on CO2 reduction much easier to do, especially as applies to remote sensing, Donovan said.

"You can't sell what you can't measure," he said. The measurement has to come, along with replicable data, before growers and ranchers will be able to see the secondary monetary gains.

Donovan invited anyone interested to contact him and get involved, and offered to help the OCA or any similar groups in organizing testing, experiments or informational campaigns. He further urged the involvement of the NRCS and colleges like Boise State and Idaho State.

Those interested can learn more by visiting [soilcarboncoalition.org](http://soilcarboncoalition.org).

— MML



Donovan's speech, and all OCA meetings, were held in the refurbished Silver City schoolhouse. More than one attending member commented on how nice it was to be back in the building.



# 130th annual OCA summer meeting



**Top:** Dozens of Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting attendees gather for a potluck during the lunch break at Saturday's business meeting. **Right:** Russ and Vicki Turner show off the silver bit they won during the membership drawing at the start of Saturday's meeting. Russ Turner is a past president of the OCA.



**Above:** Newly inducted OCA Life Member Walt Nilles chats during Saturday's lunch break. **Below:** New Idaho District 23B Rep. Steve Hartgen (R-Twin Falls), left, talks with his predecessor, District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) during Saturday's activities in Silver City.



**Right:** Owyhee Cattlemen's Association director Brenda Richards gives the membership an update on progress of the Owyhee Initiative legislation in the U.S. Senate.



Outgoing president Dana Rutan, left, hands the gavel over to incoming Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Bodie Clapier prior to the new business segment of Saturday's meeting in the Silver City schoolhouse.

## Ranchers set sights on issues

After an intensive year of pushing the Owyhee Initiative toward law, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association is ready to shift its resources to other issues, past president Dana Rutan said Saturday before turning over the gavel to Bodie Clapier at the 130th annual summer meeting in Silver City.

"This is probably the most rewarding year I have had," Rutan said. "Outside of my family, this is the most rewarding thing I've done."

The rancher said his time at the head of the OCA board of directors magnified his understanding of issues facing the cattle industry, even if the majority of his year in office was spent concentrating on the land-use bill that now awaits a spot on the U.S. Senate's calendar sometime later this year.

OCA director Brenda Richards, filling in for usual Initiative reporter Chad Gibson, told membership gathered inside the 116-year-old Silver City schoolhouse that a vote before the full Senate could take place in September.

Richards said the implementation act, which would create 500,000 acres of wilderness and hundreds of miles of wild and scenic rivers, has a good chance of moving on to the House of Representatives because it has been rolled into an omnibus bill featuring 90 other pieces of legislation.

She also said that bill sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) continues to build bipartisan support to clear hurdles created by Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming) and Tom Coburn (R-Okla.).

Richards, who is a member of the Owyhee Initiative Working Group formed to hammer out the agreement beginning nearly a decade ago, reflected on the tribulations faced during the process.

"Some days were more trying than others from the aspect of

trying to come to a decision that was suitable for all involved," Richards said. "It was an honor to serve on the committee."

With the Owyhee Initiative in the hands of Congress, Rutan said cattlemen can turn their attention to other issues threatening the industry, including the possible merger of JBS Swift Co., and two other domestic meat packers that would result in the Brazilian-owned JBS Swift owning about 80 percent of the U.S. market. JBS S.A. of Brazil absorbed Swift & Co., a year ago.

There are other issues facing the industry, too, but Rutan is positive that the board will stay alert to all threats to ranching.

"We still addressed all the issues we needed to and stayed on top of them," Rutan said of the year dominated by the Owyhee Initiative progress. "We've got a young board and an ambitious board, which helps a lot."

Sage-grouse conservation also impacts ranchers, and Owyhee Local Working Group chair Donna Bennett of Grand View said that efforts to study the population and improve habitat continue. The LWG has met twice since February, and has developed a new project to study where the sage-grouse population once living in the area of last year's massive Murphy Complex Fire has gone.

"The Air Force thinks it's on the training range on Juniper Mountain," she said.

Bennett also said that the efforts of working groups might provide data to create a favorable outcome of the current federal case before Judge B. Lynn Winmill. Bennett said Jim Desmond has completed the data call required by Winmill outlining the LWG's conservation efforts. Environmental groups have challenged the U.S. Fish & Wildlife determination that the

greater sage-grouse doesn't need protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Winmill's decision is due in December. Bennett admitted optimism fueled by the work of LWGs has been tempered by other recent ESA judicial developments.

"In light of the recent wolf relisting, I'm not very hopeful," Bennett said of the sage-grouse case.

Bennett said spring lek counts were hard to disseminate because of the heavy snowfall, but that an unusual 50-50 ratio, males to females, were found in some leks.

"Anecdotal evidence from you guys (the ranchers) is very valuable to us," Bennett said.

Bennett said there will be no 2008 sage-grouse hunt in the eastern portion of Owyhee County as the bird population continues to recover from last year's fire. She added that there will be restrictions on hunting south of Mud Flat Road, too, and speculated that West Nile Virus could impact hunting.

While Bennett spoke on one animal species facing ESA listing, Debbie Lord of the Idaho Cattlewomen's Association addressed the recent re-listing of wolves.

She said that studies have shown that there were 832 wolves in Idaho at the end of 2007 and the population is expanding by 25 percent annually.

With the recent court ruling placing wolves back under federal protection, Lord reminded ranchers that they have 24 hours — not 72 hours as in previous cases — to report the killing of a wolf to prevent livestock depredation.

The 2008 wolf hunt in Idaho has been put on hold because of the re-listing, Lord said. But she added that state Fish and Game officials want no wolf population in Owyhee County because of the region's valuable cattle industry.

— JPB



# OC 4-H Horse Show riders ready

There's more to riding than sitting on a horse, and the 4-H youngsters know that.

Young riders and their mounts showed off their skills and knowledge Thursday at the 2008 Owyhee County 4-H Horsemanship Evaluation Program at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The ring evaluations were done by judges Melody Cook of Marsing and Debi Paterson of Caldwell. The evaluations are the first step in this year's horse show competition, and allow judges to see the progress young riders are making, with stress on leadership, initiative and sportsmanship as well as skills in horsemanship and horse safety, care and training.

"Equitation is mainly the controlling of the horses, the balance of the rider — how well the horse goes in the bridle, the knowledge of that rider," Cook said. "We test them on a lot."

The horse show will continue Monday with the start of the two-day run at the Owyhee County Fair.

On Thursday, each rider was interviewed and quizzed in accordance with their level of advancement, and, where applicable, asked to take their horse through several set maneuvers — backing, bringing into frame, smoothly handling a lead change — or a transition in the horse's gait — and so on. A young rider's answers are as important as their riding, as far as scoring goes.

"The oral interview is 20 points, skills are 20, also," Cook

explained.

There is no direct competition between members — this isn't a sport that pushes children to beat each other for the prize, as the guides published by the 4-H point out — each contestant competes only against the goals they've set for themselves, with the final prize being a better, deeper knowledge of horsemanship as well as improved social skills and confidence.

The evaluations are broken down into three phases, with the maneuvers and knowledge required for each becoming progressively more complex.

Dust Devils founder Cook still volunteering her time

Melody Cook of Marsing likes working with the 4-H kids. She likes it well enough that, 19 years ago, she put together the Owyhee County Dust Devils 4-H group.

The Dust Devils started out when Cook and Bobbi Ferguson, both pregnant at the time, and both with youngsters interested in 4-H, decided to put together a group.

"When we first started, we probably had 15 kids," she said.

The kids had a big hand in the choice of the group name — though they'd started off trying the Tasmanian Devils.

"They just wanted to be little feisty things, I guess," Cook said. She offered the suggestion that, as there weren't many Tasmanian Devils north of, say, New South Wales, "dust devils" might be a better option. The kids OK'd the name, and the Dust Devils were

born.

The group has ridden in parades, dressed in the red and black colors chosen by the original group members. They performed a variety of community services over the years, including things like planting flowers for the senior citizens center and were among the first to go on trash clean-up duty in the wake of the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby, Cook said.

In addition to cleaning up the arena, the Devils spent long hours practicing, drilling and doing activities there, Cook remembers.

Equitation and 4-H riding weren't something Cook initially had a lot of experience with, she said.

"It was all new to me, too. I came to it from the rodeo deal, so I had to learn how to do it," she said. "I had to go through these books and learn the proper way to do it; I knew how to ride, but (in equitation) you can't post while you're trotting and so on."

Cook learned, and passed that learning on.

The Dust Devils continue today, teaching kids about community service, animal husbandry and, of course, riding.

"It's still going, and I'm really happy with that," Cook said. She herself is no longer a leader for the Dust Devils, though she still does work with the 4-H in judging and other activities.

"It was very good. I learned a lot," Cook said. "I very much enjoyed the children. I love being with the kids — they're so much fun. It's the little things they do."

A case in point was 8-year-old Isabel Clapier, taking her Phase One evaluation on Thursday. Cook asked Clapier if she could make her horse pose as is required for the showmanship class. Clapier squinted thoughtfully.

"I can try, but I don't think so," she answered.

Cook referred to her entry form.

"It says you know how right here," she said.

Clapier cocked her head to one side.

"My dad filled that out. I don't know *what* he was thinking," Clapier said laconically.

In the end, working with the kids is its own reward.

"It was fun with them, and I think that they appreciated it. That is the biggest thing that you want — that the kids appreciate what the 4-H leaders are doing — because it's all volunteer," Cook said.

## Horse show saddles up

This year's horse show will see county 4-H members compete in a variety of categories Monday and Tuesday at the Owyhee County Fair.

Judging is fairly straightforward, with placement awarded in each category, and ribbons to the top six entrants. In each age division, scores will reflect both



## Horses and riders — in a variety of sizes

**Lower left:** Isabel Clapier. **Above:** Judge Melody Cook interviews 4-year-old Fallon Wasson of the Silver Spurs, and her horse Whiskey. **Below:** Bryana Hampton, 10, is a member of the Owyhee Silver Spurs and has been in 4-H for two years.



placing points and ribbon points. Classes judged will include record book, demonstrations, showmanship, judging, western equitation, bareback equitation, obstacle course and reining. If a competitor fails to compete in any of these categories, they will not be considered for the All-Around Award.

In the performance classes riders can fall afoul of any number of faults, some of them very obvious, such as dumping your horse during the contest. Some are subtle enough that many watching will miss them, things like a competitor briefly touching the horse or saddle with a hand.

In western and bareback equitation on Tuesday, the skills of the rider in controlling the horse are stressed on a par with the smoothness of the response of the horse.

In the reining class on Monday, the neatness, ease and speed with which the horse completes the pattern are the preeminent things judges look for.

The working cow horse class on Monday combines the pattern riding of reining with herding, turning and controlling a cow.

Riders in the obstacle course,

also held Monday, will run a varying number of obstacles dependent on age. Seniors face eight, intermediates seven, juniors six and novice riders five obstacles. Horses have to negotiate corners and cones while backing, riders may have to handle gates from horseback, ride over a bridge or perform drag or pull maneuvers. The exact nature of the obstacles are set by the judges.

The green horse class, held Tuesday after the show's award ceremony, will see young horses in training in an exhibition environment. The green horse division is only open to horses younger than four years of age.

Each class will be split into Junior I (8-9 years of age), Junior II (age 10-11), Intermediate (age 12-14) and Senior (age 15-19) levels, with the exception of the green horse and ranch horse classes, which are open to any age.

Additional horse events will be held Wednesday, but — although some 4-H horse club members will participate — they are not part of the Owyhee County Fair 4-H Horse Show.

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## County, OCD arrive at office space price

### Owyhee will pay higher rent on probation office

After months of haggling, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has settled on a purchase price for satellite office space in Marsing.

The Owyhee Conservation District has agreed to sell its property at 19 Reich St., in Marsing, to the county for \$240,000, which is \$35,000 lower than the district's original offer.

The commissioners gave a preliminary acceptance to the sales price at their July 7 meeting in Murphy.

The deal now must be ratified by a two-thirds majority from the boards on both sides of the transaction. The commissioners will consider approving the purchase in a meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Aug. 11, in the county courthouse in Murphy.

The OCD board of directors will vote at 8 p.m., Aug. 15, at a meeting inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

The county negotiated the price based on the cost of upgrades needed to turn the building into offices for sheriff's deputies, the Department of Motor Vehicles

and other county services.

Sheriff Gary Aman said moving the sheriff's office substation out of Marsing City Hall would increase the efficiency of the county's law enforcement operation.

He said he had given the commissioners a "general layout" in which the sheriff's office would occupy about one-quarter of the building's north end.

Aman added the office space would give deputies more room to write reports, process evidence — including fingerprinting — and interview suspects and witnesses.

"It should lower the cost of doing business by cutting down on trips to Murphy for the deputies and patrol sergeant," Aman said.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said once the transaction is approved, the county would pay for the building out of its Payment In Lieu of Taxes fund.

In other county building developments, the commissioners unanimously voted during a July 8 meeting to pay Peggy Jackson \$10,800 during fiscal year 2009 to lease the Owyhee County Probation Office at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street West in Homedale.

Rent amounts to \$900 per month for the 3,775-square-foot building, up from the \$833.33 monthly breakdown last year.

— JPB



Larry Ray Bates

### Suspect, vehicle

Owyhee County Sheriff's investigators say Larry Ray Bates used a 1960s GMC rollback truck, right, to haul wood from the Dewey Mine site last month. OCSO photos



## Suspected Dewey Mine vandal surrenders to county lawmen

The chief suspect in the destruction of a 19<sup>th</sup> century mine building turned himself in last week.

Larry Ray Bates showed up in Murphy on the afternoon of July 21 and was taken into custody on a \$50,000 felony grant theft warrant, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said.

Cameron said Bates, 41, paid a reduced bail of \$15,000 and was released the same day of his arrest.

His arraignment is scheduled for Aug. 4 in magistrate court in Murphy.

Bates is accused of tearing down a building at the Dewey Mine site on Florida Mountain late last month. The building is owned by the Chipmunk Grazing Association and was built with large timbers.

Authorities say Bates was taking down the building for firewood.

### Homedale man hurt in wreck

A Homedale man could face charges after he was found bleeding from the head and wandering down U.S. Highway 95 on foot early in the morning of July 22.

Cameron said Gordon Mark Stimmel, 25, was walking down U.S. 95 about a half-mile north of milepost 30 on U.S. 95. Stimmel's 1999 Toyota Tacoma pickup was in a hay field.

Homedale Ambulance transported Stimmel to

West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell. Cameron had no update on the man's condition.

The chief deputy said alcohol may have been involved in the crash, and authorities plan to subpoena blood results from the hospital.

Cameron said it appeared that Stimmel drove his truck off the road, traveled 400 feet and then smacked into a cement ditch. The truck went airborne and rolled.

### ATV accident injures teen

A 14-year-old boy sustained a broken wrist and possible spinal injuries last Wednesday when he crashed his ATV near Owyhee Feeders in the Wilson Creek area.

Cameron said the boy was disoriented and had lost consciousness after the crash. The initial thought of spinal injuries grew out of the fact that the boy had a lack of movement on one side, Cameron said.

He was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise by Air St. Luke's, Cameron said. No more information on his condition was available.

A 15-year-old passenger on the ATV, also male, received scrapes and bruises but refused medical treatment.

Central Owyhee QRU and sheriff's deputies and posse members responded to the mishap.

— JPB

## Marsing muni water project moves ahead

### Contractors soon can submit qualifications

Marsing residents will have an additional half-million gallons of water for quenching thirsts and fires by next summer.

"It will improve both quantity and quality," City Clerk Janice Bicandi said of the project, which has been OK'd by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and will go ahead as planned.

The riveted steel reservoir will be located on a concrete foundation within 100 feet of the two new well heads, which will be sited across Idaho highway 78 (8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West) from the Marsing Middle School.

The project, expected to run approximately \$1.5 million, should be completed in July 2009, Shawn Kohtz of SPF Water Engineering said, adding that the planning and execution of the project had been a smooth road.

"The biggest challenge is setting up the funding and getting everyone involved — the council, the water system operators — to agree on a system they're comfortable with. From a technical standpoint, it's not so much of a challenge," Kohtz said.

The City of Marsing is seeking bids on the new booster pump station and water storage reservoir for the community's drinking water system, as part of the Marsing water improvement project. A pair of well pumps and all required piping and other necessities are to be included in the project.

Contractors must qualify for the project before bidding, and will have to show their experience with projects of similar size and complexity to be considered. Contractors may submit qualifying information from Aug. 7 to Aug. 12, and those qualifying will begin bidding for the project Aug. 28, Kohtz said.

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# Avalanche Sports

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## Caba's captures Percifield crown again

Idaho Auto Center comes away with lower division championship

A field of 29 teams battled it out at the Percifield Memorial softball tournament in Marsing last weekend. For the second year running, Caba's I took home a championship title in the upper division.

The win puts Caba's in a three-way tie with the Pour House and Panzeri's Livestock for most championships in tournament history, which will make next year a potentially interesting tiebreaker.

Argh!! — a team that played with the Jolly Roger waving from its dugout — took second, fighting back from a first-game loss, and playing six games on Sunday. Panzeri's took third, American Family Insurance fourth, newcomers to the upper division Triple-D fifth and Ball Sharks sixth in the upper bracket.

Upper bracket MVP kudos went to Ed Ducouto of Argh!! and Caba's Christina Mo.

The lower bracket championship went to Idaho Auto Center, with Solid Rock in at second, Bell Key in third and Showalter Construction finishing fourth. Alvin Puello of Idaho Auto Center was named male MVP, and Jennifer Strong of Solid Rock was MVP among female players.

This year saw a women's home-run derby along with the men's, and 17 women signed up to swing stick. Katie McBain of Argh!! won this first-ever women's derby, and Austin Neads of Caba's triumphed in the men's. Winner took home the buy-in pot for the derbies, and Neads took home a team-autographed Boise State football helmet as well.

In other awards, the Sportsmanship Award for 2008 went to Lurre Construction, the Community Sponsorship Award to Jim and JoAnne Thomas of Marsing and the Kim Panzeri Award to Homedale grad Kevin Allumbaugh.

The tournament is held yearly in honor of Tim and Mike Percifield and Kim Panzeri.

The event benefits Marsing's city recreation program, and also puts money into other projects as the board sees fit, such as buying Marsing High School a new rack and 10 basketballs when the team was in need.

"It went great," J.W. Chadez, tournament co-organizer with wife Amy, said. "The weather made it nice, and we had no problems."

Chadez thought that the crowd was slightly bigger than last year,



Annual tourney attracts dozens of teams

*Above:* A pitcher for Arggh! lobes an offering toward home plate Sunday. *Below:* Two teams square off under a banner honoring the namesake of the tournament's all around player award.



as well, and the sponsors set a record, with 54 stepping up at \$50 each. The only "problem" is

that the tournament is almost too popular.

"Every year we have more

teams ask, but we can't go over 29," Chadez said.

— MML

## Football team's drug tests won't hunt steroids

Even though Homedale High School football players won't be screened for steroid use, the recent decision to allow mandatory testing expands a school district drug testing policy that the superintendent viewed as ground-breaking when he showed up on the job.

"When I came to Homedale, I was surprised at the fact that Homedale, given the conservative nature of the community, was really leading in this area," Tim Rosandick said, "because where I had been for 20 years, I don't think this even came up."

"... When I came here, and I learned that Homedale had this policy in place, it was quite remarkable."

Rosandick moved to the Homedale district from the larger Caldwell school system. Reports since the Homedale drug policy became public earlier this month suggest no other Treasure Valley school districts test for drugs.

School board member Tim Quintana, the father of football player Mitch Quintana and him-



Test materials

*When the time comes, a Homedale School District employee will use this device to screen urine samples from the high school's football players.*

self a former Trojans athlete, found nothing surprising about the football program's request to institute the policy.

"It's not a surprise to me be-

cause I feel like Homedale has a tradition of having character excellence in our sports programs," Quintana said. "So it doesn't really surprise me that we'd be a leader in that arena."

Originally approved by Homedale school trustees in 1999 for the 2000 school year and amended in 2006, the student activities drug testing policy provides for random testing for 10 percent of those students involved in extra-curricular activities such as athletics or special interest clubs.

It also gives parents the option of requesting a drug test of their child.

At the request of Trojans football coach Rob Kassebaum, the policy was expanded in June to include mandatory testing for all football players. Athletes from other sports won't be subject to mandatory testing.

There were no dissenting votes during the board meeting, Quintana said.

"This is pretty easy for me because I feel the same way both as a

parent and as a board member, and that is that these extracurricular activities are designed as character builders," Quintana said.

Quintana also said that he has heard no negative feedback from the community on the policy in the days since news broke of the decision on July 21.

"I was quite frankly very surprised and kind of please because I think it does set a very good precedent," Quintana said of the widespread media coverage the issue received.

"And I'm also quite pleased with the reaction of the community because I have not heard anybody come out negatively against it. They recognize it for what it is, and that's nice."

Rosandick said the school board's decision to allow mandatory testing is within the parameters of the standing policy.

"(The policy) does allow for whole groups to be tested, and the board gave approval for the whole group, meaning the football team, to be tested," Rosandick said.

Urine tests of dozens of

Homedale football players will screen for alcohol and illegal drugs such as amphetamines, meth, cocaine, marijuana and opiates. Steroid use won't be tested.

"The steroid issue wasn't a point of discussion," Rosandick said.

The current drug testing kits that the school district has in stock aren't designed to detect steroids, Rosandick said.

"The drugs that we've been testing for in the past are the drugs that we're for this year," Rosandick said.

"The kits that we use and the kinds of substances that we're testing for, I'm assuming since 2000, haven't changed."

Rosandick said teacher Dennis Ankeny has handled the drug tests of male students in the past. A student provides a urine sample, into which Ankeny dips a test strip. If the strip reflects the presence of an illegal substance, the sample is sent to a lab for verification, Rosandick said.

— JPB



## Enraptured with reading



### Marsing program draws crowd

Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel, left, shows an illustration from “Hi Fly Guy” to a group of about 30 children June 22 at the Marsing library. Streibel said upwards of 50 children have participated in the program this year, and a total of 65 signed up. Based on that turnout, Streibel is planning two sessions for the program next summer, which would allow a total of 100 children participate. In last week’s exercise, the children sorted insects into “deputy” and “desperado” categories according to how the bugs impacted human activity. The weekly reading program runs through Aug. 12.

## F&G officer to offer Hunter Ed. class in Marsing

A Hunter Education class is planned for the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing next month. Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson will serve as one of the instructors for the course, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., on Aug. 18-21 and Aug. 25-28. The field day takes place from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 30. The course is open to ages 10 through 18. Registration is \$8 for the class, which will be limited to 20 students. Cash or check payments will be accepted. To sign up, call Mickelson at 989-9328. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1975, must complete a course in order to purchase an Idaho hunting license or show proof that they previously held a valid hunting license in Idaho or another state.

## Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday morning, Owyhee Reservoir was 46 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 156 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out of the reservoir at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 224 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 330,488 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30):

## Owyhee SNOTEL report

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day’s temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
07/22	0.1	0.5	16.4	87.9	62.0	70.4
07/23	0.0	1.3	16.3	79.6	52.1	65.6
07/24	0.0	1.2	16.3	88.8	50.3	68.9
07/25	0.0	1.1	16.3	85.4	54.1	69.4
07/26	-0.1	1.0	16.3	94.8	55.6	75.5
07/27	-0.1	1.1	16.3	91.9	51.3	72.1
07/28	-0.1	0.5	16.3	88.7	52.0	71.2
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
07/22	0.1	0.1	17.8	79.8	65.8	72.5
07/23	0.1	-0.2	17.9	71.1	55.7	63.4
07/24	0.1	0.4	17.9	75.3	54.8	65.4
07/25	0.1	0.1	17.9	76.5	53.2	66.1
07/26	0.1	0.3	17.9	87.7	57.2	73.4
07/27	0.2	0.0	17.9	83.7	62.5	71.1
07/28	0.0	-0.2	17.8	82.6	60.9	70.3
<b>South Mountain</b>						
07/22	-0.2	-0.7	34.0	81.2	58.2	69.2
07/23	-0.2	-0.6	33.6	70.3	53.5	60.8
07/24	-0.3	-0.7	33.8	80.1	56.3	65.6
07/25	-0.2	-0.7	33.8	81.1	54.9	65.8
07/26	-0.3	-0.8	33.9	84.2	61.6	72.3
07/27	-0.3	-0.9	33.9	82.3	61.5	69.7
07/28	-0.3	-0.9	33.9	80.3	58.9	68.0

**Weather report  
can be found  
on Page 4 today**

# RAC gathers info on Murphy Sub-Region rec plan

Members of the Boise District Resource Advisory Council spent July 18 touring various sites in the 230,000-acre Murphy Sub-Region of Owyhee County to learn how the BLM is developing a Recreation Travel Management Plan (RTMP) for the area.

Jerry Hoagland, chairman of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners and Karen Steenhof, a member of the Owyhee County Recreation Task Force, joined the RAC members on their tour. Aden Seidlitz, the new Boise District manager for the Bureau of Land Management, attended as well.

Hoagland thought the tour was, overall, a positive experience.

“It’s interesting, though,” he said. Hoagland said the east side of the state doesn’t always know what sort of recreational use western areas like Owyhee County sees, and doesn’t always fund projects in a way that makes it possible to carry through as planners would desire. The county, state and BLM will all have to seek a median between a variety of not-always compatible views to make trails and recreational areas work, Hoagland said.

“You hear people talking like it’s a lost cause, but I think this is the right way to go,” Hoagland said.

The tour began at the Wilson Creek Recreation Trail Head,



### Tour maps out future rec plans

Dave Wolf, associate manager for the Bureau Land Management’s Boise District Office, discusses recreation “anchor points” in the Murphy Sub-Basin during a Resource Advisory Council stop at the Hemingway Butte Play Area. Photo provided by MJ Byrne, BLM

where Ryan Homan, BLM’s Owyhee Field Office recreation planner, gave an overview of the Wilson Creek RTMP. This area, encompassing approximately 30,000 acres, is much smaller than the Murphy Sub-Region. Wilson was targeted for non-motorized users, primarily equestrian, hikers, and mountain bikers. The Murphy Sub-Region’s Plan will emphasize motorized uses.

After the Plan has been fully implemented, BLM will continue to monitor the area’s trails, replace signs, work on public education about the need to stay on the trails and enforce prohibitions on riding on closed trails.

The second stop was at

Hemingway Butte Recreation Area, an “Open Play Area”. There are 192 acres of public lands that have been set aside for unrestricted motorized recreation travel. There are numerous maintained trails and two restrooms. Cattle guards have been placed at the entrance to the trailhead to prevent livestock from entering the area.

Using a map, BLM associate district manager Dave Wolf explained that the Sub-Region has three key anchor points: Hemingway Butte, Rabbit Creek and Fossil Creek. The tour continued along Reynolds Creek Road with stops at temporary parking areas that are being created by motorized recreation

users. BLM must decide which will remain open and which to close. The route along the Windy Point Pipeline was discussed. There are a few points along the pipeline where it is above ground, posing a safety hazard to recreationists and an issue as to its general maintenance.

The issue of motorized recreation vehicles entering private land off of routes on public lands was discussed as the tour went down Rabbit Creek Road, and stopped at the entrance to the Briar Subdivision where the RAC saw an example of this issue. Steenhof, who has a home in the subdivision, expressed her concern about the number of trails that are beginning to be formed that radiate out from the designated trails.

The tour continued with a drive down Old Stage Road to Silver City Road. Route designations were discussed along the way.

The RAC made their own lunches during a stop at Sink Creek just off Silver City Road. This is the only 303-D listed creek in the area. Expansion of the trailhead area at Fossil Creek, and whether to have a fenced or unfenced trailhead at Rabbit Creek Trailhead were discussed.

The tour ended at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy. Additional maps were put up on the wall showing the

huge number of trails inventoried in the Murphy Sub-Region, the BLM’s initial analysis and how the agency is trying to develop a system of connectivity among the numerous trails radiating out from the three anchor points, Hemingway Butte Play area, Rabbit Creek and Fossil Creek.

A map showing the system of trails that have been identified by the Owyhee County Recreation Task Force was shown to the RAC.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, chairman of the county recreation task force and a RAC member, and Hoagland explained that several of their key stakeholder groups, including grazing permittees were consulted as they developed their plan.

The RAC agreed to reactivate their Off-Highway Vehicle and Transportation Management Sub-Group to work with BLM and the county to resolve any differences between the two plans. A Sub-group meeting is planned for 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, in Murphy at the museum. Plans are for the RAC to continue the discussions with both BLM and the county. BLM is asking the RAC to provide recommendations on several decisions that need to be made as the Plan is developed. The public is invited to attend the Sub-Group’s meetings as well as all future RAC meetings.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense

### Castaways (cigarettes)

There they stood out on the loading dock at the back of the administration building. Huddled behind a Dumpster to protect themselves from the biting wind, they shivered, occasionally glancing over their shoulders at the solid metal door.

People that walked by glanced at them then quickly looked away. It could have been a picture from a Depression-era hobo camp, or a group of refugees waiting for a food distribution truck. I ambled up to the crowd and said, “Gotta light?” (Just a joke, folks.)

I smoked a little on and off over the years. The last spanking I got growing up was for leaving some Indian beans in the pocket of my jeans. The beans were long and filled with fluffy seeds like milkweed. When Mother washed them the fluff filled up the washing machine and it looked like a snowstorm!

“Wait ’til your father gets home!” I was thirteen.

My friends and I had a treehouse built across a cotton field from the Home of the Good Shepherd. Scotty and I had climbed down inside a homemade chicken-wire cornercrib. It was full of whole ears of corn. We were peeling the shuck back from the tips and helping ourselves to the cornsilk to smoke. In retrospect, I could defend our actions by saying we were removing temptation from the girls.

Anyway, we were stuffing it in our pockets and under our shirts. I remember looking up to see Conrad, our lookout man, racing across the field toward the treehouse! Then I heard the roar! The army of girls led by a phalanx of brown-habited nuns were bearing down on us! We scrambled out and ran, cornsilk shedding from our bodies like we were on fire! The battalion swarmed behind, individuals stooping to pick up clods and heave them at us. We managed to climb to the treehouse where they held us at bay yelling and bombarding our scavenged board eyrie until one of the nuns reported our deeds to Conrad’s mother.

By the time I had bought my first motor scooter, a Savage, I had graduated to Bull Durham. I’d stop along the bar ditch, pull the bag from under the seat, roll one and light up. With such a great start, you would think I would have become a pack-a-day smoker, but I didn’t. I’m glad. It’s obvious, because over the years we have learned it is not a wise thing to do. Now only 25 percent of the population smokes, many of them young people who will realize before it is too late that it will kill you.

I wish I could say it was that mature wisdom, the realization of the risk, and common sense that got me off cigarettes. Alas, it was because I started riding bulls and took up chewin’ tobacco!

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ... but possibly of interest



### The Dump: A bureaucratic study

On Friday evening, after work, I loaded our pickup with the rotted wood that was the base for our metal storage shed that I had moved elsewhere. By loading the wood Friday evening, I would be ready to go to the dump first thing Saturday morning, and escape some of the July heat.

Part of the old shed foundation was made of chipboard. Some of the chipboard had gotten wet and dissolved into small pieces and sawdust. If I put it in the back of the truck, chances were good it would blow out before I got to the dump. Since I didn’t want to get a ticket for littering, I put the pieces in a black plastic leaf bag and put it in the pickup cab.

Saturday morning, I was third in line to get into the dump when it opened. I drove to the wood pile, which is about a quarter mile from the main dump. I backed up to the wood pile and several guys who apparently were doing time on the weekends for assorted crimes, helped me unload (a great idea). They were supervised by a landfill employee — a woman probably in her 40s.

The work detail was dragging the last boards out of the back of the pickup when I reached into the cab and pulled out the plastic bag full of particleboard pieces. I planned to dump out the chips, then put the bag back in the truck (you can’t put anything but wood in the wood pile).

“You can’t put that here,” said the Dump Woman, pointing at the bag.

“I know you can’t leave plastic here,” I said. “I’m just going to dump out these wood chips and put the bag back in my truck.”

“Anything that comes in a plastic bag has to go to the upper dump,” said the Dump Lady.

“But I’m not leaving the bag—just the wood ...”

“It doesn’t matter,” said the Dump Lady. “If it comes in

a bag, it has to go to the Upper Dump.”

“But I’m not leaving the bag — just the wood.”

“If it comes in a bag, it has to go to the Upper Dump,” she repeated.

The bed of the pickup now was empty. I had an idea.

“OK, how about this,” I said. “I’ll dump the wood chips from the bag into the back of the truck, put the empty bag in the cab and sweep the wood out of the bed onto the wood pile.”

“If it came in a bag you have to take it to the Upper Dump,” she said. “That’s the rule.”

If there weren’t any rules, anarchy would reign supreme. I have admiration for people who stick to their guns and refuse to allow people to ignore sensible rules. But ...

“This is silly,” I said. “All that is in the bag is wood chips. All I want to do is ...”

“Anything that comes in a bag must go to the Upper Dump,” the Dump Woman said again.

It was starting to get hot, and I wanted to get home.

“OK, here’s another idea: How about if I empty the wood chips out of the bag, then put the bag over your head, tie it tightly at the neck, and see how many times you can repeat the Upper Dump Rule before you pass out.” Fortunately, I thought the suggestion rather than saying it out loud.

So I tossed the bag into the truck and drove over to the Upper Dump. I threw the plastic bag full of wood chips into the pile. As I drove home, I did get a certain amount of satisfaction from the fact that although the Dump Lady may have the final say at the dump, I write a newspaper column.

— Go to [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://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.

Sen. Larry Craig

## From Washington Federal government should pay for wolf mess it created



“They are killing animals a hundred feet from my door!”

— letter to me by a concerned Idahoan

Those of us who have owned livestock knew this is what would happen. What we feared has become a reality. Wolves are roaming Idaho, and their presence is hurting the livelihoods of many Idahoans.

In 1996, I warned the former Secretary of the Interior under the Clinton Administration, Bruce Babbitt, that introducing gray wolves into Yellowstone and Central Idaho would carry a price tag for local ranchers. I asked him to wait until we knew exactly how that cost would be borne before taking any action. He ignored my warning, releasing wolves into the Rocky Mountain ecosystem, and leaving all compensation for depredation caused by wolves to come from private sources.

Twelve years later, ranchers face an additional problem. The private money that was promised to cover damages caused by wolves will not be available next year, and now ranchers are looking for help. Idaho has been fortunate enough to secure \$100,000 a year for this cause, through my work on the Senate Appropriations Committee, but our neighbors to the east have not been so fortunate: Ranchers in Montana and Wyoming are struggling to make up for the livestock and other wildlife they’re losing to wolf attacks.

Very soon, Idahoans will join their ranks.

That is why I recently co-sponsored the Gray Wolf Livestock Loss Mitigation Act of 2008 along with my colleagues from Montana and Wyoming. This bill would provide grants through the Department of Interior to our three states and tribes within our borders to support landowners both in preventing livestock predation and obtaining compensation for any losses. The federal government has forced wolves upon the people of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. It seems reasonable that the federal government should help pay for the harm this is causing.

This is particularly important because that harm is likely to increase. In 2005, an estimated 50,000 coyotes caused 600 losses in Idaho and an estimated 500 wolves were responsible for almost 900. That’s nearly two losses per wolf, compared to a little more than one loss per 100 coyotes. Last year, the wolf population was estimated to have increased to almost 750, and their numbers are still increasing today. It is safe to assume that with the increase in wolf population, there comes an increase of depredation.

Up until now, wolves have known no predator. They have roamed freely, killing as they wish. Giving ranchers

— See *Wolf*, page 20



# Commentary

## Accuracy In Media

### McCain wrong to support media shield law passage

by Cliff Kincaid

The Bush administration is absolutely right — and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is absolutely wrong — on the issue of the so-called “media shield law” before Congress. The purpose of the law is to enable people claiming to be journalists to hide their anonymous sources of information even when those sources are involved in or have knowledge of criminal or terrorist activity.

The bill would also give federal protection to anonymous sources in and out of government who hide behind the media in order to destroy or damage the lives of innocent people.

President Bush has threatened a veto, but the media are counting on Congress to override it.

The bill puts in the hands of federal politicians and judges the ability to define a “legitimate” journalist or blogger who is deserving of federal protection. As such, it restricts First Amendment rights to a certain group of people currently in favor with federal authorities.

In endorsing the bill, Sen. McCain told an Associated Press forum, “There will be times, I suspect, when I will wonder again if I should have supported this measure. But I trust in your integrity and patriotism that those occasions won’t be so numerous that I will, in fact, deeply regret my decision.”

This seems to be a big roll of the dice with our lives on the line.

My reading of the First Amendment says that Congress should stay out of the business of deciding who is and who is not a journalist. My reading of the Constitution is that journalists are like everybody else — citizens of the United States — and that when they have knowledge of criminal activity, they should disclose that to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Why should the media be above the law?

The answer is that they have the power and ability to work their will on the Congress. Fortunately, the Bush administration is standing in their way.

Time is running out. Under media pressure, one version of the bill passed the House by a vote of 398-21. Only 21 members had the courage to oppose the demands of the Big Media lobby. The Senate version (S.2035) passed the Senate Judiciary Committee in October. The vote was 15-2. Only Republican Sens. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) had the courage to vote against it.

Media lobbyists are now demanding that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) schedule a full Senate vote and pass the bill and send it to the president’s desk. McCain’s endorsement was a major feather in their cap. Democrat Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton can be expected to fall in line.

By the term “media,” we are talking about the biggest guns in the business. As noted by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), a supporter of the bill, “The Free Flow of Information Act is strongly supported by more than 50 news media and journalism organizations, including the National Newspaper Association, the Coalition of Journalists for an Open Government, the Magazine

Publishers of America and the National Press Club. The call for action extends to editorial pages across the country, including the Washington Post, Arizona Republic, Salt Lake Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and New York Times.”

Considering all of this high-powered media support, is it any wonder that voices opposed to the bill like Accuracy In Media have been suppressed?

It’s officially called the “Free Flow of Information Act” but we call it the “Special Rights for Journalists Act.” There are many problems with the bill, but one of the most glaring is the failure to adequately define a “journalist.” The media arm of a terrorist group might be able to qualify, depending on what a federal judge rules, as a protected organization.

The bill says, “The term ‘journalism’ means the regular gathering, preparing, collecting, photographing, recording, writing, editing, reporting, or publishing of news or information that concerns local, national, or international events or other matters of public interest for dissemination to the public.”

What does “regular” mean? Would a blogger qualify if he or she posted material every other day or every other week? Does this apply to the media arm of al-Qaida? To Al-Jazeera?

Consider that federal officials have indications that a “journalist” has knowledge of terrorist activity, based on his or her sources in a terrorist organization. Under the media shield law, the “journalist” could claim these are confidential sources and refuse to provide evidence of criminal activity that threatens the lives of the public. The bill has exceptions for national security or bodily harm, but the burden of proving that the protected information has to be known is put on those responsible for stopping terrorist or criminal activity. It may be too late to save lives with this bill in place.

One incident that sparked renewed interest in the legislation was when Judith Miller of the New York Times went to jail rather than reveal her sources in the so-called CIA leak case. It is strange that the liberal media cite this case as justification for a shield law to protect anonymous sources. The sources in this case were Bush administration and other officials accused of illegally naming a CIA operative, Valerie Plame, for the purpose of damaging her husband, Joe Wilson, a Democratic Party operative commissioned by the CIA to investigate a possible Iraqi nuclear deal.

Ironically, a media shield law might have protected the anonymity of those same Bush officials, who were merely providing information to the press about the motives behind a controversial CIA mission. In the end, of course, those officials were never found guilty of violating any law against naming intelligence operatives. Instead, former vice-presidential aide Lewis Libby was merely found guilty of obstructing the prosecutor’s search for answers. For her part, Miller was released after making a deal. However, she was ostracized by her colleagues for using Bush officials as sources and left the Times.

The media claim a shield law would help them protect sources of information about government wrongdoing. But the Watergate scandal was disclosed without a federal shield law in place.

One real danger of a media shield law comes when the wrongdoing involves those anonymous government sources leaking false information to the press and then wanting to escape accountability for their malicious actions. Former government scientist Steven Hatfill was falsely named in the media as a suspect in the anthrax murders case, and his reputation and career were destroyed. He went to court years ago to get the names of the government officials who targeted him. Under current law, even though they are stalling him, Hatfill has a reasonable chance of forcing these journalists to provide this information so that he can hold those officials accountable. A federal media shield law would make it impossible to get those names and for him to get justice.

We have written critically about this legislation for years but have been denied the opportunity to testify against it. This demonstrates the power that the media have over our elected officials.

Simply put, when the matter before Congress is something that directly affects them, the Big Media will make sure that the American people are not given two sides of the story.

This is the essential fact: our Big Media are the biggest lobby in town. They not only hire lobbyists; they use their media properties to lobby. And no campaign finance law will ever apply to their editorials, news stories and commentaries.

Fortunately, the Justice Department is fighting back against this massive media blitz. It has launched a Web page with information about the dangers of the legislation. They represent the views of the law enforcement officials and prosecutors trying to save lives — our lives.

Sen. McCain said supporting the bill was a close call. “It is, frankly, a license to do harm, perhaps serious harm,” he said. “But it also is a license to do good; to disclose injustice and unlawfulness and inequities; and to encourage their swift correction.”

Have the media earned our trust? You’ve got to be kidding.

Isn’t it interesting that McCain referred to this bill as a “license” for the media? I thought the First Amendment was supposed to guard against federal schemes to license the press. In any case, the media already have a “license” to do good. It’s called the First Amendment.

By the way, the First Amendment is supposed to apply to us, too, not just the favored few who qualify as “media.” In this new media age, everyone has the potential to be a journalist. But the media shield bill will necessarily limit the definition of the term.

Tell your senators: no special rights for journalists. Don’t tamper with the First Amendment. Don’t give the media a license to do serious harm.

— *Cliff Kincaid is the editor of Accuracy In Media, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.*

## ✓ Wolf: Policy has impacted ranchers’ livelihoods

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permission to kill a wolf that is attacking their livestock is a step in the right direction, but it’s not enough. They also ought to have a realistic opportunity to be compensated when, despite that limited ability to control the situation, their flocks and herds are damaged by wolf attacks.

Growing up on a ranch, I understand the frustration and nervousness my fellow ranchers are feeling. They

were minding their own business, peacefully raising cattle and sheep, when a monstrous threat was thrown on their doorstep. That threat was not of their making. The federal government released wolves into their lives, and it’s time the federal government pitched in to help pay for the depredation caused by this policy.

— *Republican Larry Craig is the senior U.S. senator from Idaho.*

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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### Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

- E-mailed to jbrowneditor@cableone.net
  - Faxed to (208) 337-4867
  - Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
  - Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.



# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

August 3, 1983

### Homedale Fire Department

July was a busy month for the Homedale Fire Department, according to Fire Chief Floyd Breach. The department responded to these calls: July 7, Northside Road, William Larsen, building fire; July 13, Garrett Ranches, weed fire; July 16, Pioneer Road, Ralph Cuz, weed fire; July 20 Graphic Lane, Fred Sarceda, grain field; July 25, Homedale Road, Donna Cook, trash fire; July 25, Purdom Lane, Ruben Garcia, weed fire; July 26, Homedale Road, Garrett Ranches, out buildings; and July 29 Graveyard Point Road, Ray Huter, grain field.

### Cheerleaders attend camp

The Homedale Varsity Football cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer workshop where they received top recognition as the most spirited squad at the camp. The workshop was held at Pocatello, Idaho and attracted over 200 cheerleaders from a five-state area.

The coveted “Spirit Award” was presented to the cheerleaders on behalf of the National Cheerleaders Association at each of the over 250 NCA workshops held across the United States. The Homedale Varsity Football cheerleaders were selected for this award over all the cheerleaders at the workshop on the basis of their cheerleading technique, unity, friendliness, cooperation, leadership and sportsmanship to the other squads attending.

The presentation of the National Cheerleaders Association “Spirit Award” came at the completion of a full workshop of training on cheerleading techniques, cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pep rallies; as well as leadership seminars on sportsmanship, crowd participation, responsibilities, organization and dedication. The National Cheerleaders Association has been conducting summer workshops for over 30 years, teaching nearly 100,000 students each year on the art of cheerleading. The Homedale Varsity Football squad consists of Mandy Gainer, Janice King, Teri Westfall, Briana Rogers, Toni Comstock and Josie Isaguirre. However, Toni and Josie were unable to attend the camp.

### Jaycees, Jaycettes elect

Newly elected officers of both the Homedale Jaycees and Jaycettes were installed during a joint installation ceremony held at the Jaycee Hall. The installation was preceded by an outdoor barbecue.

Alice Troxel was installed as Jaycette president with Floydine Egurrola as vice president and Conchi Morales as secretary-treasurer. Installing officer was Donna Waddle, state Jaycette president, of Boise.

Doug Marston was installed as Jaycee president with Dave Lacos, vice president; Ed Lowder; secretary; Rob Troxel, treasurer; and Ralph Rangel and Armando Rangel, directors. Installing officer was Bob Holland, Jaycee state president, Boise.

One of the major Jaycee projects each year is the Fourth of July fireworks display with the greatest share of the expenses paid from the Jaycee-operated chorizo booth at the Owyhee County Fair. Another activity sponsored by the Jaycees is the annual catfish derby. They also sponsor a baseball team and a number of benefits to give financial assistance to area residents.

### Birthday party

Harvey and Hazel Pegram gave a birthday party Sunday afternoon at their home for their granddaughter, Johnna Hite’s 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, and their sister in law, Eileen Pegram. Others attending were Elmo and Mary Ann Pegram and Pam, Rufo and Margie Isaguirre and Josie, Rick and Janice Echevarria, Cody and Casey, Gene and Linda Shields and Andrea, Wilder, Johnna’s husband, Joe and sons, James, Justin and Jason and Eileen’s husband Glenn and son, Stan.

## 50 years ago

July 31, 1958

### Drilling of new well for Homedale commences

Drilling of a new well for the Homedale water system is underway this week by A. E. Hosack and Sons of Nampa.

The well-drilling rig, manned by Charles Fletcher and Carl Poen, Nampa, set up in the edge of Riverside park at the north end of 1<sup>st</sup> street west Tuesday, and Mr. Fletcher said a 16-inch hole will be drilled.

Use of a 16-inch casing will permit a gravel-pack construction which will help to prevent the pumping of sand, which has been a consistent problem at the present city well.

Fletcher said he anticipated the new well may be between 300 and 400 feet deep, and he hopes to hit a 500-gallon per minute flow. He predicted it would take six weeks to complete drilling.

He just finished drilling a new well for the city of Wilder which is 370 feet deep and supplies 500 gallons a minute. A month was required to drill and test the Wilder well. He said some fine sand was pumped during a 24-hour test.

City officials hope that the new Homedale well, when completed, can be tied directly into the water main and will be centrally located to furnish better water pressure throughout the city.

### Quick to represent Owyhee in Miss Rodeo Contest

Margie Quick, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Quick, will participate in the Miss Rodeo of Idaho queen contest at Caldwell Saturday and Sunday. She was chosen by the Owyhee Wranglers and is representing Owyhee county. Nine girls will compete for the title.

Margie, who has been riding horses since she was 5 years old, owns her own quarter horse mare, Shamie, and a yearling quarter horse. She has future plans of raising quarter horses and of rodeo secretarial work.

Margie is a graduate of Adrian high school, Nampa business college and attended several years of school at Homedale. She has been employed since March at the Idaho First National bank.

Margie was secretary for an amateur rodeo producer one summer two years ago in Minnesota. She was also queen for one of the amateur rodeos produced in Minnesota. She recently spent one summer at White Horse ranch near McDermitt, Nev.

The contest includes a western style show and personality appearance at the Elks ballroom Saturday at 8pm. The horsemanship portion and the selection of Miss Rodeo of Idaho will be held Sunday night at 8pm following the rodeo supper at 6 o’clock. The queen will reign over the Caldwell night rodeo August 5-9 and will be entered in the Miss Rodeo of America contest.

### Poke Hensons entertain with hamburger fry

Mr. and Mrs. Poke Henson entertained with an outdoor hamburger fry at their home Monday night for members of the Owyhee Motors softball team and the Jaycees, their wives and families following the evening’s ball games.

Their 58 guests included Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kent and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Slatter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lineberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Smith and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Tolmie and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matteson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corriell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koenig and son, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Salisbury and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Drum, Merrill Tallman, and Dick Cloninger.

**Succor Crik Sam Sez:** “Ain’t worried about the postal increase. They’re still chargin’ the same for pony express.”

## 140 years ago

July 25, 1868

THE K.K.K. & S. A. CLUB. Until very recently we were not aware of the existence of a Club of this kind in Silver, but it seems that now, since politics are becoming popular, they are beginning to show their colors. We are not disposed to expose any of the members of the Club, but will say they are known and watched. If any one will take the trouble to visit their rendezvous at any time between the hours of 8 and 12pm they can there find them congregated round a table with some poor devil who they are in the act of initiating to the tune of numerous cocktails, toddies punches, lagers &c. The game was tried on us a few evenings since but their plans did not work. If the same thing is timed again our patrons may look for revelation of the secret doings of the order, as well as the names of the most active members. Go slow gentlemen, and be careful who you try to initiate.

UNION COUNTY CONVENTION. Silver City, July 20, 1868.

Convention organized by calling W. B. Crane to the Chair and appointing R. E. Hallock temporary Secretary.

On motion, the Chair appointed a committee of three on credentials, composed of Messrs. Edwards of Flint, Johnson of Sinkers, and Bury of Silver.

On motion the Chair appointed a committee of five on permanent organization, composed of Messrs. Gove of Silver, West of Ruby, Woodward of Hay & Ray, Jennings of Sinkers and Morse of Ashby. On motion, the Chair appointed a committee of five on resolutions, composed of Messrs. Swart of Flint, Frazer of Reynolds Creek, Tracy of Jordan Valley, Cleary of Ruby and Barter of Silver.

On motion adjourned for 15 minutes.

Report of committee on credentials read and adopted.

The committee on permanent organization reported the following officers to act for this Convention: Chairman, W. B. Crane; Secretary, Joseph Bury. Adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention nominate for Assemblyman, Sam D. Prescott; for Sheriff, A. C. Springer; for Recorder, Chas. M. Hays; for Probate Judge, C. G. Stafford; for County Clerk, R. E. Hallock; for County Commissioner, W. D. Walbridge; for Justice of the Peace, Mann Taylor. We deem it inexpedient to make further nominations.

Resolved, That the present divided and unsettled condition of politics in the Territory and the slight political importance of the offices to be filled at the next election, we recommend to our party that they ignore strict party rulings, and endeavor to fill the County offices with good men, who will be acceptable to all parties.

Resolved, That we believe the nominees on what is called the People’s Ticket to be competent, good and reliable men, and we recommend to the Republican voters of the County the endorsement of the People’s Ticket.

Resolved, That this Convention cordially endorse the platform, resolutions and nominations of the Territorial Republican Convention, held at Boise City July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1868.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS. Washington street is to be continued and opened through the Owyhee Co’s mill road below town, intersecting it at a point about four hundred yards below W. F. & Co’s office. A substantial bridge is to be built across Jordan Creek where the line of Washington st. crosses it, and the street put in first rate order for travel. This valuable and necessary improvement is being made by the property holders interested in this street. A subscription list is in circulation for that purpose and liberal donations being made. Washington is susceptible of being made a beautiful street, and if persons interested in it could only see that every dollar invested in its improvement will be returned to them a hundred fold in increased value of their property, there would be no trouble in raising all the means necessary.



Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**JULY 14, 2008**  
**OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Freund and Tolmie, Clerk Sherburn, Sheriff Aman, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, and Fred Grant.

Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1) an executive session was called for on a personnel issue. No action was taken.

Board of Equalization was called for on review of appeal number 08-46, and 08-55.

Departmental budgets were reviewed.

The following action was taken on Indigent & Charity.

08-20 Approved with reimbursement.

08-22 Lien approved on applicant

08-15 Conclusions after withdrawal.

A concerned citizen came to the Board on a recent fire near her home. No action was taken

The Board recessed until July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened on July 16<sup>th</sup> to go over budgets with department heads.

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

/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman  
Attest: /s/ Charlotte Sherburn  
7/30/08

**NOTICE OF AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE**

Buyer, OWYHEE COUNTY, agrees to purchase and Seller, OWYHEE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, agrees to sell the following real property together with its improvements and appurtenances described as follows:

Lot 20 and the North 50 feet of Lot 1 of Reich’s First Addition to the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and Tax Parcel No. 29E described in Instrument No. 157350 of the Real Property Records of Owyhee County and described in attachment “A”.

Said property is commonly known as 15 REICH STREET AND 19 REICH STREET, MARSING, IDAHO

The purchase price shall be \$240,000.00.

Each party must ratify this agreement with at least a two-thirds vote. The Board of the OWYHEE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT will consider this transaction for approval at a meeting on the 15th day of August, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. The location of said meeting will be at the U.S.D.A. Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing, Idaho.

The Board of OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will consider this transaction for approval at a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho.

Charlotte Sherburn  
Owyhee County Clerk  
7/23,30/08

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for rehearing of the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way for the vacation of the alleyway located between Lots 1, 2, 3 and 16 in Block 6, City of Homedale. (Alley is located off of Sixth Street West between Washington and Montana Streets).

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Homedale  
7/30;8/6/08

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CITY OF HOMEDALE Quarterly Expenditure Report 3RD FISCAL QUARTER, FY2008								
FUND	PERSONNEL	Overhead / Maintenance	CAP IMP	QTR TOTAL	CITY SUPPORT *	Fiscal Year to Date Total	BUDGET AMOUNT	PERCENT of BUDGET USED
01 General	\$ 17,884.22	\$ 30,775.15	\$ -	\$ 48,659.37	\$ 270,396.51	\$ 399,282.14	\$ 547,546.00	72.9%
02 Streets & Hwys	\$ 8,188.25	\$16,239.02	\$ -	\$ 24,427.27		\$ 85,362.91	\$ 162,171.00	52.6%
03 Parks	\$ 6,836.43	\$ 5,163.11	\$ 500.00	\$ 12,499.54		\$ 32,925.28	\$ 86,765.00	37.9%
04 Library	\$ 6,910.33	\$ 3,623.12	\$ 1,630.22	\$ 12,163.67		\$ 33,804.10	\$ 66,390.00	50.9%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 55,403.57	\$32,303.34	\$ -	\$ 87,706.91		\$ 227,106.23	\$ 313,513.00	72.4%
30 Airport	\$ -	\$ 39.06	\$ -	\$ 39.06		\$ 239.44	\$ 5,115.00	4.7%
60 Irrigation	\$ 8,365.82	\$ 12,257.00	\$ -	\$ 20,622.82		\$ 70,231.69	\$ 109,640.00	64.1%
25 Water	\$ 17,650.26	\$ 15,473.05	\$ 453,105.35	\$ 486,228.66		\$ 1,177,118.93	\$ 2,301,985.00	51.1%
26 Sewer	\$ 12,828.75	\$ 10,386.70	\$ 7,280.00	\$ 30,495.45		\$ 325,710.50	\$ 823,300.00	39.6%
27 Sanitation	\$ -	\$ 20,007.31	\$ -	\$ 20,007.31		\$ 59,680.35	\$ 87,000.00	68.6%
<b>TOTAL (all funds)</b>	<b>\$ 134,067.63</b>	<b>\$ 146,266.86</b>	<b>\$ 462,515.57</b>	<b>\$ 742,850.06</b>		<b>\$ 2,411,461.57</b>	<b>\$ 4,503,425.00</b>	<b>53.5%</b>

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.

Publish: **July 30, 2008**

Signed: ALICE E. PEGRAM  
City Clerk~Treasurer

\* Support dollars includes the City support for the Library, Parks & Rec and Law Enforcement Funds

Notice of Public Hearing FY2009 PROPOSED BUDGET Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (FY2009) CITY OF HOMEDALE			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 (FY2009). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00pm on August 06, 2008. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.			
Funds	FY 2007 2006-2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 2007-2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 2008-2009 PROPOSED
Expenditures			
01 General	\$529,947.00	\$547,546.00	\$543,000.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$144,561.00	\$162,171.00	\$188,057.00
03 Parks	\$94,949.00	\$86,765.00	\$126,295.00
04 Library	\$61,696.00	\$66,390.00	\$81,518.00
06 Law Enforcement	\$296,425.00	\$313,513.00	\$328,154.00
25 Water	\$2,610,390.00	\$2,301,985.00	\$310,500.00
26 Sewer	\$1,464,055.00	\$823,300.00	\$211,100.00
27 Sanitation	\$76,100.00	\$87,000.00	\$96,000.00
30 Airport	\$65,980.00	\$5,115.00	\$5,160.00
60 Irrigation	\$107,700.00	\$109,640.00	\$111,967.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$5,451,823.00	\$4,503,425.00	\$2,001,751.00
Revenue			
General Fund	\$215,270.00	\$252,300.00	\$259,000.00
Library	\$20,571.00	\$21,200.00	\$26,000.00
Park & Rec	\$12,345.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,900.00
Total Property Tax:	\$248,186.00	\$288,000.00	\$299,900.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$314,677.00	\$295,246.00	\$284,000.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$144,561.00	\$162,171.00	\$188,057.00
03 Parks	\$82,604.00	\$72,265.00	\$111,395.00
04 Library	\$41,125.00	\$45,190.00	\$55,518.00
06 Law Enforcement	\$296,425.00	\$313,513.00	\$328,154.00
25 Water	\$2,610,390.00	\$2,301,985.00	\$310,500.00
26 Sewer	\$1,464,055.00	\$823,300.00	\$211,100.00
27 Sanitation	\$76,100.00	\$87,000.00	\$96,000.00
30 Airport	\$65,980.00	\$5,115.00	\$5,160.00
60 Irrigation	\$107,700.00	\$109,640.00	\$111,967.00
Total Other Sources	\$5,203,637.00	\$4,215,425.00	\$1,701,851.00
TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)	\$5,451,823.00	\$4,503,425.00	\$2,001,751.00

Alice E. Pegram  
Homedale City Clerk-Treasurer

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# Public notices

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Owner: City of Marsing  
Address: PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of:

One (1) potable water booster pump station, one (1) potable water storage reservoir, two (2) well pumps, yard piping, site improvements, and all associated appurtenances as described in the plans and specifications titled, “City of Marsing, Idaho Water System Improvement Project Booster Pump Facilities and Water Storage Reservoir.” Will be received by: The City of Marsing, Idaho at the office of: Marsing City Hall, c/o Janice Bicandi, City Clerk and Treasurer

Date and time of bid opening to be provided after prequalification of Contractors.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: SPF Water Engineering, LLC

Prequalification:  
Contractor shall prequalify to bid for the project. Contractor must demonstrate prior experience with work of equal or greater size an complexity with a history of at least (5) five projects. A minimum of (5) five positive references shall be submitted with statements from owners of projects completed by the Contractor. Contractor shall be licensed as an Idaho Public Works Contractor. Documentation shall be submitted by Contractor demonstrating prequalification requirements by August 7, 2008. Documentation shall be submitted to Marsing City Hall, c/o Janice Bicandi by 2:00 PM local time. Contractor shall be informed of qualification status, pre-bid meeting date and time, and bid opening date and time no later than August 12, 2008. Instructions for demonstrating prequalification requirements may be obtained by contacting Shawn Kohtz (skohtz@spfwater.com, 208-383-4140) at SPF Water Engineering, LLC. The prequalification instructions are titled, “Prequalification Proposals Instructions and Information.”

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing office located at: SPF Water Engineering, LLC upon payment of \$35 for each set.  
/s/ Keith D. Green, Mayor  
Dated: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
7/23,30/08

**NOTICE OF LETTING**  
Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o’clock p.m., on August 19, 2008, for the work of bridge deck rehabilitation, milling, paving, guardrail, & curb and gutter on US-95 MP 34.700 to MP 34.855; Snake Rv. Br., Homedale, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A011(062), in Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Key No. 11062.

[FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT ENGINEER \*\*\*SHAWNA KING\*\*\* AT (208) 459-7429.]

The Idaho Transportation Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant

to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award.

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho.

**A non-refundable charge of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40.00) plus applicable sales tax** will be made for each set of plans, payment to be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be ordered by phone (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430; or by written request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.

**\*\*\*\*\*COMPUTERIZED BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*\*\*\*\***

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty. This guaranty must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier’s Check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder’s Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid.

Bidders shall obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 358-6895 before award will be made, as provided in Subsection 103.02 and 107.03 of the Idaho Standard Specifications.

The Contractor will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates of the general wage decision for the project, as set out in the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.

It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon.

Dated July 18, 2008  
LOREN D. THOMAS, P.E.  
Acting Chief Engineer  
7/23,30/08

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CITY OF MARSING QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE REPORT 3rd FISCAL QUARTER, FY2008							
Fund	Personnel	O&M	Cap. Imp.	Law Enforcement	Total	Budget %	
General	\$22,216.	\$35,268.	\$66,384.	\$55,620.	\$179,488.	51.4%	
Streets	14,290.	22,889.	17,636.	-0-	54,815.	51%	
Parks	-0-	3,812.	917.	-0-	4,729.	26.2%	
P&Z	1,186.	8,288.	-0-	-0-	9,474.	33.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,692.</b>	<b>\$70,257.</b>	<b>\$84,937.</b>	<b>\$55,620.</b>	<b>\$248,506.</b>	<b>54%</b>	
Water	144,319.	68,072.	296,663.	-0-	509,054.	13.9%	
Irrigation	7,157.	18,312.	3,271.	-0-	28,740.	48.7%	
Sanitation	5,169.	56,863.	-0-	-0-	62,032.	73%	
Sewer	46,530.	86,505.	3,886.	-0-	136,921.	26.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,175.</b>	<b>\$229,752.</b>	<b>\$303,820.</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>\$736,747.</b>	<b>5%</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$240,867.</b>	<b>\$300,009.</b>	<b>\$388,757.</b>	<b>\$55,620.</b>	<b>\$985,253.</b>	<b>5%</b>	

Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed, supporting records of the above Financial Statement, at Marsing City Hall, during regular office hours.  
Janice C. Bicandi City Clerk/Treasurer  
7/30;8/06/08

Notice of Public Hearing FY2009 PROPOSED BUDGET Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (FY2009) CITY OF MARSING			
	FY 2007 2006-2007	FY 2008 2007-2008	FY 2009 2008-2009
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
Expenditures			
01 General	\$210,526.00	\$273,945.00	\$336,331.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$113,484.00	\$107,556.00	\$127,548.00
03 Parks	\$20,388.00	\$18,022.00	\$18,769.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$28,600.00	\$28,600.00	\$18,800.00
Law Enforcement	\$72,000.00	\$74,160.00	\$76,385.00
25 Water	\$3,694,000.00	\$3,665,278.00	\$3,507,278.00
29 Irrigation	\$40,980.00	\$58,961.00	\$51,700.00
30 Sanitation	\$65,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$90,300.00
35 Sewer	\$418,500.00	\$515,500.00	\$511,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES funds)</b>	<b>\$4,663,478.00</b>	<b>\$4,827,022.00</b>	<b>\$4,738,611.00</b>
Revenue			
General Fund	\$79,976.00	\$82,375.00	\$89,046.00
Roads & Streets	\$22,384.00	\$23,056.00	\$23,748.00
Park	\$7,988.00	\$8,222.00	\$8,469.00
<b>Total Property Tax:</b>	<b>\$110,348.00</b>	<b>\$113,653.00</b>	<b>\$8,469.00</b>
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$202,550.00	\$265,730.00	\$323,670.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$91,100.00	\$84,500.00	\$103,800.00
03 Parks	\$12,400.00	\$9,800.00	\$10,300.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$28,600.00	\$28,600.00	\$18,800.00
25 Water	\$3,694,000.00	\$3,665,278.00	\$3,507,278.00
29 Irrigation	\$40,980.00	\$58,961.00	\$51,700.00
30 Sanitation	\$65,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$90,300.00
35 Sewer	\$418,500.00	\$515,500.00	\$511,500.00
<b>Total Other Sources</b>	<b>\$4,553,130.00</b>	<b>\$4,713,369.00</b>	<b>\$4,617,348.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)</b>	<b>\$4,663,478.00</b>	<b>\$4,827,022.00</b>	<b>\$4,738,611.00</b>
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 (FY2009). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street 7:00 pm on August 13, 2008. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear. Janice C. Bicandi, Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer 7/30;8/6/08			

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# Public notices

## NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties has proposed to increase the following fee by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fee charged last year. The proposed percentage increase on the fee is listed below. The following table is an estimate of what this change may mean to the students.

Fee	Last Year Fee	This Year Fee	Percent Increase	Percent Above 105%	Last Year Cost per Student	This Year Cost per Student	Exceptions
H. S. Yearbook	\$30.00	\$33.00	110.00%	5.00%	\$30.00	\$33.00	None

This fee is being increased to cover increased costs.  
All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The hearing will be held on August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.  
Faith K. Olsen  
Administrative Specialist  
7/30;8/6/08

## NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV08-0713 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB,  
Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
That the United States of America  
acting through the United States  
Department of Agriculture, Rural  
Development has filed herein  
a Petition for Adjudication of  
Intestacy and Appointment of  
Personal Representative, a copy  
of which is on file with the  
above entitled Court in the above  
captioned estate pursuant to the  
statutes of the State of Idaho  
applicable thereto.

Hearing has been set upon said  
Petition on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
2008, at 11:30 a.m., before the  
Honorable Dan C. Grober, at the  
courtroom of the above entitled  
Court at Murphy, County of  
Owyhee, State of Idaho.

DATED this 7 day of July,  
2008.  
/s/Susan E. Wiebe  
Attorney for Petitioner, 802  
Arthur, PO Box 606, Caldwell,  
ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-  
454-9075. ISB# 3919.  
7/23,30;8/6/08

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No. 0730015377 T.S. No.  
ID-08-125967-PJ On 10/23/2008,  
at 11:00:00 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 Lender Trustee Services,  
LLC an Idaho limited liability  
company, as Trustee on behalf  
of WASHINGTON MUTUAL  
BANK 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 real property, situated  
in the County of OWYHEE  
State of Idaho, and described as  
follows: THE EAST HALF OF  
THE NORTHWEST QUARTER  
OF THE NORTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 12, IN  
TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE  
4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN,  
OWYEE COUNTY, IDAHO.  
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 7823 SOMMERCAMP RD,  
MELBA, ID 83641 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 MICHAEL  
J COOK, AN UNMARRIED  
MAN as Grantor/Trustor, in  
which WASHINGTON  
MUTUAL BANK, is named  
as Beneficiary and LENDER  
SERVICES DIRECT INC. as  
Trustee and recorded 212812007  
as Instrument No. 260008 in  
book -, page - of Official Records  
in the office of the Recorder 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 2/14/2007.  
The monthly installments of  
principal, interest, and impounds  
(if applicable) of \$1,653.36, due  
per month for the months of  
9/1/2007 through 2/7/2008, 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  
\$218,206.21 together with interest  
thereon at the current rate of  
8.3000 per cent (%) per annum  
from 8/1/2007. 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  
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. Date: 6/25/2008 By:  
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services,  
LLC an Idaho limited liability  
company, as Trustee Quality  
Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th  
Avenue San Diego, CA 92101,  
as Agent By: Danielle Meza  
Assistant Secretary \*\*\*For Sale  
Information Call: 714-730-2727  
or Login to: www.fidelityasap.  
com If you have previously been  
discharged through bankruptcy,  
you may have been released of  
personal liability for this loan in  
which case this letter is intended  
to exercise the note holder’s  
rights against the real property  
only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO  
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED  
WILL BE USED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE. As required by law,  
you are hereby notified that a  
negative credit report reflecting  
on your credit record may be  
submitted to a credit report agency  
if you fail to fulfill the terms of  
your credit obligations. ASAP#  
2803282  
7/9,16,23,30/08

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST  
Title Order No: W831353 Loan  
No.: 0092745553 T.S. No.: T08-  
38267-1D NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that PIONEER LENDER  
TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC an  
Idaho limited liability company,  
as Trustee CIO CR Title Services  
Inc., the duly appointed Successor  
Trustee, will on 10-31-2008 at  
11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE  
LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE,  
LOCATED ON THE CORNER  
OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY  
ST, 20381 HIGHWAY 78,  
MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, 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, to wit: LOTS  
7, 8 AND 9 OF BLOCK 72 OF  
THE AMENDED TOWNSITE  
PLAT OF HOMEDALE,  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO,  
ACCORDING TO THE  
OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON  
FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER  
FOR OWYHEE COUNTY,  
IDAHO. 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: 18 EAST WASHINGTON  
AVENUE HOMEDALE, ID  
83628, 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: NICHOLAS  
A. ELORDI AND SELENA  
R. ELORDI, HUSBAND  
AND WIFE, As grantors, To:  
PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE  
SERVICES, LLC an Idaho limited  
liability company, as Trustee,  
As successor Trustee, for the  
benefit and security of ARGENT  
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC,  
As Beneficiary dated 01-16-  
2006 recorded 01-23-2006, as  
Instrument No. 254942, records  
of OWYHEE County, Idaho.  
PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE  
GRANTOR(S) 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 total amount of the  
unpaid balance of the obligation  
secured by the property to be sold  
and reasonable estimated costs,  
expenses and advances at the time  
of this Notice is: \$115,028.29.  
All delinquencies are now due,  
together with unpaid and accruing

taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees,  
attorney’s fees, costs and advances  
made 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: July 03, 2008 PIONEER  
LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES,  
LLC an Idaho limited liability  
company, as Trustee CIO CR Title  
Services Inc. 888-485-9191 Kara  
Lansberry, Assistant Trust Officer  
FOR SALES INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY  
SALES AND POSTING AT  
WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM  
OR 714-730-2727 ASAP#  
2816203  
7/30;8/6,13,20/08

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On October 29, 2008, at the  
hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of  
said day, at the Owyhee County  
Courthouse, State Highway 78,  
Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC.,  
as Successor 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  
to wit:

**In Township 1 South, Range 2  
West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee  
County, Idaho**

**Section 18: That portion of  
Government Lot 3 of Section  
18, Township 1 South, Range 2  
West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee  
County, Idaho, lying South and  
West of the High Line Canal.**

**E X C E P T I N G  
THEREFROM**

**Any portion thereof which  
may lie within the East 330 feet  
of said Lot 3**

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 the address of  
**12946 Bailey Rd., Melba, ID,**  
is sometimes associated with the  
said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject  
to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff,  
a reinstatement or any other  
conditions of which the Trustee  
is not aware that would cause the  
cancellation of this sale. Further,  
if any of these conditions exist,  
this sale may be null and void,  
the successful bidder’s funds shall  
be returned, and the Trustee and  
the Beneficiary shall not be liable  
to the successful bidder for any

damages.  
Said sale will be made without  
covenant or warranty regarding  
title, possessions or encumbrances  
to satisfy the obligation secured  
by and pursuant to the power  
of sale conferred in the Deed of  
Trust executed by Eric J. Fritzler  
and Angela M. Fritzler, husband  
and wife, as Grantor(s) with North  
American Mortgage Company as  
the Beneficiary, under the Deed of  
Trust recorded January 6, 1999,  
as Instrument No. 227119, in the  
records of Owyhee County, Idaho.  
The Beneficial interest of said  
Deed of Trust was subsequently  
assigned to Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc.,  
recorded July 31, 2002, as  
Instrument No. 240408. The  
Beneficial interest of said Deed of  
Trust was subsequently assigned  
to Midfirst Bank recorded June  
19, 2008, as Instrument No.  
265399, in the records of said  
County.

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  
the amount due under the certain  
Promissory Note and Deed of  
Trust, in the amounts called for  
thereunder as follows: Monthly  
payments in the amount of \$729.12  
for the months of December 2007  
through and including the date of  
sale, together with late charges  
and monthly payments accruing.  
The sum owing on the obligation  
secured by said Deed of Trust  
is \$95,603.84 as principal, plus  
service charges, attorney’s fees,  
costs of this foreclosure, any and  
all funds expended by Beneficiary  
to protect their security interest,  
and interest accruing at the rate  
of 7.0% from November 1, 2007,  
together with delinquent taxes  
plus penalties and interest to the  
date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or  
cause the trust property to be sold  
to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
2008.

/s/Sumerli Lynch, Trust Officer  
for Just Law, Inc.

PO Box 50271, Idaho Falls,  
ID 83405

For information concerning  
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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. 08-68326 Title Order No. W831326 Parcel No. RP009800010070A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, 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, on 11/17/2008 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/09/2006 as Instrument Number 256299, and executed by DOUGLAS J GROSSMAN, AND SARAH GROSSMAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: LOT 7, BLOCK 1, WHISPERING HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 8, 2000 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 234317 AND AFFIDAVIT TO CORRECT RECORDED NOVEMBER 22, 2000 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 234425, OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDS The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 5959 ROLLING HILLS PLACE, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 02/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$220,000.00, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes,

and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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. DATED: 07/07/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY 2380 Performance Dr, RGV-D7-450 Richardson, TX 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 2816046  
7/16,23,30,8/6/08

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Idaho Code 45-1506

Loan No.: 233300  
T.S. No.: 10078.1198  
TSG No.: 200805129  
On 10/21/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the Owyhee County courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC as Trustee on behalf of the beneficiary 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:

**See legal description attached hereto and made a part hereof.**  
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: **11886 Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641**, 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: **William D. Hall Jr. and Sandra L. Hall, husband and wife**, As grantors, To: **Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC**, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security

of **Roger D. Freeman Sr.**, As Beneficiary, dated **8/16/2007**, recorded **8/21/2007**, as Instrument No. **262153**, and rerecorded on 10/22/2008 as instrument No. 26263 Official records of Owyhee County, Idaho.  
**Please Note:** The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), ID 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 **8/16/2007**. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of **\$1,010.45**, due per month from **3/1/2008** through **10/15/2008**, 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 **\$164,000.00**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **6.2%** per annum from **3/1/2008**. 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.  
Dated: **June 17, 2008**  
By: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon**  
By: **Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, Its agent.**  
Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer  
Exhibit A  
A parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter of 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 Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence along the Easterly boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of Section 21, North 00° 19’54” East 318.48 feet to an iron pin, said iron pin being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said East boundary, North 00° 19’54” East 327.00 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Easterly boundary North 89° 48’00” West 761.75 feet to an iron pin on the Easterly right-of-way of State Highway 78; thence along said right-of-way South 29° 44’40” East 377.38 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said right-of-way South 89° 48’00” East 572.63 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.  
7/30;8/6,13,20/08

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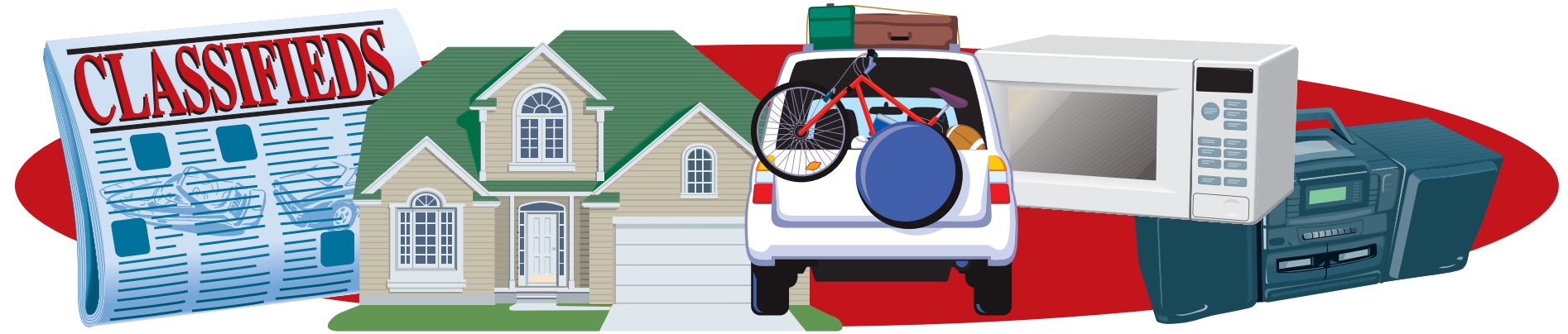
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