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Mayor rails at court closure

Homedale magistrate courthouse
hours, clerk staff to be cut back
beginning Sept. 29;
most cases to shift to Murphy

A recent county decision to reduce hours at Homedale's magistrate court has the city's mayor suggesting citizens should rebel at the ballot box.

With revenue from court fines down, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners on July 28 reduced operational hours of the magistrate

court in Homedale from five days a week to three days a week.

"They were thinking about shutting it altogether," County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said of the commissioners' deliberations.

The decision reached during last week's meeting in Murphy is part of

the extensive cost-cutting strategy to balance the fiscal year 2009 budget. Board chairman Jerry Hoagland from District 1 has confirmed that the county anticipates a revenue shortfall of as much as \$500,000.

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'They just want to borrow a twenty dollar bill to ... get a gallon of milk.'

Economy spawns more pawns



Cash-strapped visit Marsing shop to finance gas, food

Everyone is facing higher costs in their daily life, but those who are living close to the break-even point are most vulnerable to finding themselves short of cash for basics, and in need of cash in a hurry.

Teresa Jones of River Rock Pawn in Marsing has seen a definite rise in pawns since fuel cost began its steady climb.

It's not the sort of increase that puts extra money in a pawnshop's till, for the most part.

"There are a lot less people buying," Jones said.

This has been especially notice-

able lately, when many customers were waiting on their economic stimulus check.

"We tried to be patient and hold some of the pawns a little bit longer, in order for them to get them out. They didn't want to lose them, so we've kind of been working with people," she said.

"It makes it a little harder on us — it doesn't pay our bills — but they come in and say, 'Yeah, I need to pawn this for a week. I get paid Friday, and I don't have the fuel to go pick up my check,' then they're back in a week to get their stuff out. We have several

people who do this once a month who are on fixed incomes, and they do it to get by until their next check comes."

"There's a lot of pawns for groceries," she added. "They just want to borrow a twenty dollar bill to run down to Snake River Mart and get a gallon of milk."

With the slowdown in construction, more than a few contractors have pawned their tools, she said.

People are starting to try and pawn things beyond the traditional choices, as well.

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Preparing for their close-up

An exhibitor washes down horses during a hot Sunday inside the livestock barn at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

County fair comes to life

Opening night of popular
rodeo caps busy day in Homedale

Professional rodeo cowboys and cowgirls and veteran fun seekers meld with long-standing wonders that never grow old at this week's Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

The annual event slips into overdrive beginning today with the first full day of activity at the

fairgrounds in Homedale.

The fairgrounds will be open at 8 a.m. each day through Saturday, and the annual parade through downtown Homedale will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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PA: Death penalty try too costly to Owyhee in Hoffman redux

Maxwell Hoffman’s re-sentencing for his first-degree murder conviction will definitely not see an attempt to return him to death row, due to financial constraints, the county prosecutor reported Monday.

The decision not to pursue the death penalty came down to dollars and cents, County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks explained.

“The cost estimate of \$250,000 to \$500,000 was from the office of the Attorney General,” Faulks wrote in an e-mail response to The Owyhee Avalanche. “It was based on their experience with this case and with expert costs generally associated with the kinds of mental health experts which would have been required for the sentencing. Defense estimates were higher.”

“The County would have been responsible for all of the re-sentencing costs regardless of whether the matter was carried by this office or the Office of the Idaho Attorney General,” Faulks said.

All defense costs for counsel and experts would have passed through the court and the clerk’s office, Faulks said. All jury and

expert witness costs would have been on the county’s tab as well, and the process was estimated to extend over three to four weeks.

Faulks said an anticipated \$500,000 county funds shortfall also played a role in the decision not to seek death for Hoffman.

“The potential costs of this re-sentencing is even more critical given that the County is currently facing serious budget constraints and may be forced to freeze county employee wages and even cut positions,” Faulks said.

“Resentencing to seek life imprisonment will be heard before a judge only. It will take under one week and possibly only a day or two,” he said.

Hoffman was charged and convicted of first-degree murder after the Sept. 19, 1987, slaying of Denise Williams in Owyhee County, during which he and another man severely injured Williams, fatally pelted her with boulders, and left her for dead. His recent challenge, on the grounds of incompetent defense, has led to the nullification of his death sentence, and the court will now have to re-sentence him for the conviction.

No hearing date has been set.

— MML



Maxwell Hoffman

Man dies in Marsing rollover

A pair of rollover accidents have left one man dead and another injured.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said Monday that 32-year-old Jose Batista Nava of Murphy was killed in a Sunday night accident at the junction of Idaho state highway 78 and Old Bruneau Highway.

“It looks like he drifted off the road, over-corrected and went off the road,” Aman said.

Batista Nava apparently was ejected from the vehicle when the 1993 Nissan sedan flipped after striking an embankment.

Aman said Batista Nava was pronounced dead at the scene. He wasn’t wearing a seat belt, the sheriff said.

Owyhee Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said that alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation.

The wreck also sparked a small grass fire that was contained quickly by the Marsing Rural Fire Department, Aman said.

A second man, 22-year-old David W. Shaw of Twin Falls, suffered upper-body injuries when he rolled his 2004 Toyota

Tacoma pickup near mile marker 17 on Idaho 51 south of Grand View at about 6 a.m. Friday.

The call was referred to the Idaho State Police, Aman said.

Rick Ohnsman of the ISP said Shaw was transported to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home after complaining of hand and shoulder injuries.

An Owyhee, Nev., ambulance service did the transport after arriving on the scene of the accident while returning from another call.

— JPB

Homedale City Hall hires help for records digitization

Marsing native Rachael McIntyre will help Homedale City Hall move into accordance with state law by digitizing records.

McIntyre, who started Thursday, will be a part-time employee working 19 hours each week on the project. She’ll also be available should staff want to use a vacation day or sick day, city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram said.

The City Council approved McIntyre’s hiring during its July

24 meeting.

The records retention filing and digitization encompasses decades of paper records, totaling hundreds of thousands of pages, that have to be transferred to the computer for safekeeping, Pegram



Rachael McIntyre

explained. McIntyre will be busy with that project for the foreseeable future.

McIntyre is familiar with computers and office protocol. She studied accounting at Boise State University and has computer experience in an office environment, she said.

Pegram hopes that, in the future, the city records will be available in a searchable format online, though that is beyond the scope of the current digitization project.

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What’s happening
Read Calendar each week
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New doors open to worshippers

Artwork adorns entrance to Homedale church

The First Presbyterian Church at 320 N. 6th W., in Homedale recently celebrated an improvement to its building. A special service was held July 13 to call a blessing upon a new set of doors on the church. The old doors had become weathered and were beyond repair, so an effort to replace them was launched in the spring. Fred Christensen of Caldwell led the crew that worked on the replace-



ment, and Don Townsend created a relief of praying hands that were placed on the doors.

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Four wheeling patrols, two-by-two

Reserve officers Abram Antonucci, left, and Chris Steed pose with their bikes. The pair are volunteering their time and gear to operate weekend bike patrols for the Homedale Police Department, increasing the department's patrol hours and reducing the use of gasoline.

Homedale wheels out bike beats

The Homedale bike patrol, last seen a decade ago, is on the road again.

The Homedale Police Department has two bicycle officers patrolling the streets during the weekends, thanks to reservists Abram Antonucci and Chris Steed, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

“(The officers) are assets to the Homedale Police Department. The City of Homedale is extremely lucky to have both of them,” the chief said.

Antonucci and Steed are both volunteers with Level 1 certification, giving them all of the rights and privileges of any full-time officer, Eidemiller said. The pair are volunteers and attended the Idaho Peace Officers and Standards Training academy on their own time to become certified, he added.

The bike patrols have the advantage of being silent as well as not using gasoline, Eidemiller said.

The reservists are using their own bicycles, Eidemiller said, because the department's own

bike is in need of refitting and repair.

The patrols aren't just a gas-saving idea, Eidemiller said, they are also a way to put more patrol hours into play in an effective way.

Fuel costs are a concern to all city services, but policing obviously requires continuous expenditures, so long as cars are kept on patrol. Eidemiller recently submitted a \$25,000 fuel and maintenance budget request to the City Council for the fiscal year 2009 budget.

“I budgeted for \$5 a gallon gas last year, and I'm thankful that I did,” Eidemiller said. “Based on that and the amount left in the budget, I've budgeted the same for next year.”

Although the chief budgeted the same rate for the FY 2009 budget as he did for the current year, the amount went up 25 percent because of the addition of a sixth patrol car.

His officers are doing their share to try and reduce costs as well by being fuel-conscious, he added, pointing to a \$300 reduction in fuel used last month.

— MML

Council set to ratify budget, talk vending

The Homedale City Council has a busy first Wednesday of the month tonight as councilmen are scheduled to hold the public hearing for the fiscal year 2009 budget as well as discuss the vendor license issue.

Both meetings will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

At 5 p.m., City Attorney Michael Duggan and the council will discuss the concept of creating an ordinance to regulate temporary and mobile vendors who set up shop in town.

The council then will consider approving the city's \$2 million budget during a 6 p.m. public hearing.

The budget, which is less than half of what the city budgeted to spend in FY 2008, hasn't caused many waves in the community. But the vendor license proposal has received the support of permanent businesses and at least one temporary vendor.

The devil has been in the details, however.

Councilman Eino Hendrickson, himself a business owner in Homedale, has cautioned his colleagues against setting up a fee schedule with exorbitant prices, such as McCall has done. He also wants to address all types of vendors who might hawk their wares in town.

“We need to have different classifications to cover door-to-door, temporary and one-day vendors,” Hendrickson said.

Duggan said that any vendor license fee would have to reflect a “reasonable relationship” to the city's cost in policing and issuing the licenses.

The shelf life whatever permit the city decides to issue also was debated last month by the council. Council president Dave Downum said he'd like to see a license that must be renewed on a monthly or quarterly basis to provide oversight. Downum also said that

vendors should be required to remove their temporary structure each night after closing or at least park it out of the public view.

Hendrickson suggested the permit be set up similar to the state liquor license system, which regulates the number of liquor stores a town can have.

One ordinance that the councilmen have been looking at for guidance is from Post Falls, which prohibits vendors from doing business out of a recreational vehicle or a trailer, among other things.

One vendor in Homedale, Taco El Panal, operates out of an RV with an awning to cover the dining area. That vendor, located in a space across the alley from Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, has been the focus of vending license discussions in the last month.

Chris Landa, a co-owner of Subway, attended the July 24 city council meeting and expressed his reason for supporting the vendor license idea.

“What frustrates me is anyone can put a shack up and not pay a dime in tax,” he said.

Tom Murray, the hot dog vendor seen most lunch hours near City Park, would be directly affected by whatever decision the council makes. He isn't opposed to paying a fee to hawk his dogs.

“I just hope that whatever you do pass I can deal with,” Murray said. “Limited hours of operation is fine with me.

“I'm all for a license; it's not a problem. Whatever you decide, I hope it would be a fair and reasonable amount because I'll have to pass it on to my customers. With gas and everything right now, I'm fighting to keep my costs down.”

The Homedale City Council holds its first regular meeting of the month at 6 p.m. next Wednesday.

— JPB



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✓ Fair: Parade will honor three people who made an impact on county

each night through Saturday will be the rodeo arena for local as well as Idaho Cowboys Association pro events, the expanded livestock barn will provide the heartbeat during daylight hours.

The \$99,000 improvement project completed earlier this year has given 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors more room to breathe. Fair manager Kelly Haun said there are about 120 beef and goat exhibits this year. She also said that meat goats will be sold at Saturday's junior livestock auction for the first time this year.

"In the Midwest, meat goats are very popular," Haun said. "Several kids are bringing meat goats to the fair this year, and they'll sell with beef, pigs and sheep.

"We're pioneering this in Idaho. Very few places are doing it."

Because of the influx of goat entries, the old beef barn — moved to make room for the livestock arena expansion — has been rechristened to give dedicated space to goats, she said.

"The old beef barn will be the goat barn because we have as many goats as we do beef cattle this year," Haun said. "Thankfully, with the new addition, we have enough space for every different type of animal."

Animal exhibitions will take place inside the livestock barn daily today through Saturday with the annual Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale taking place at noon Saturday.

Musical entertainment will be offered nightly at the Tumbleweed Theatre. For a full rundown of the entertainment options, see the 12-page special section in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Local entrants and ICA competitors shoot for glory in the rodeo arena today through Friday with the top competitors returning for Saturday's short-go. Highlights of the local action and Saturday's ICA finals will be televised on tape-delay by KTRV Fox Channel 12 at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17.

Many will compete for a share of a \$65,000 purse.

This is the second year that KTRV will air the short-go. In a new twist, television producers also plan to air a highlight reel from the week's best action in local events such as mutton busting, local team roping and others.

The 2008-09 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen will be crowned Friday during the rodeo, and she and 2007-08 Queen Randi Turner will take part in Saturday morning's parade in downtown Homedale.

This year's queen candidates all hail from Canyon County and include Leslie Amber Winkelman and Michelle Lynn Siegmann of Caldwell and Calla Renfro of Wilder.

Another feature connected to the fair is the Homedale Senior Citizens Center's fundraising Buckaroo Breakfast. It will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily in the senior center's parking lot at the corner of North 3rd Street West and West Idaho Avenue.

The annual parade begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Judging takes place at 9 a.m., with the parade starting an hour later. John Kushlan is the grand marshal with Ethyl Cegnar as reserve grand marshal. The late Fred DeGeus was selected as the Local Hero, and his family will ride in the parade in his honor.

Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin has launched a new feature to the fair this year that tests the skills of tractor-driving children and adults. Open registration kicks off the event at noon Thursday inside the rodeo arena. Martin said he will have divisions for adults as well as 4-H members and FFA members. All participants must navigate through a maze of cones while pulling a six-foot trailer with a tractor.

The Armory Exhibition Hall

will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. to give fairgoers a glimpse of the county's talent in arts and crafts. Family Consumer Sciences and miscellaneous exhibits entered by county 4-H'ers also will be on display.

But the hall will be closed until 2 p.m. today for judging.

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

Miniature golf, a ball-toss duck pond game and a dart toss have been added to the midway near the fair entrance this year.

The Orbiter ride is back for another spin, Haun said.

A barbecue vendor will make its debut in the food court, too.

"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:

- Deer Flat Methodist Church — hamburgers
- Oriental Express — Chinese food
- Kathy's Kountry Kitchen — Corn dogs and cotton candy
- Freddy's Tacos — Mexican food
- Txoko Ona Basque Club — Chorizos
- Shoo-Fly 4-H Club — Home-made pies and ice cream
- Homedale American Legion Post 32 — Hot dogs, French fries and onion rings
- R&L Catering — Pulled pork and elephant ears
- Living Waters Worship — Breakfast burritos, German sausages and onion rings
- Owyhee Ice Cream Co. — Old-fashioned ice cream
- Moxie Java Bistro — Frozen drinks and coffee drinks
- Homedale High School Class of 2009 — Bottled water and canned pop

Correction

An article appearing in the July 30 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported that the rent on the Owyhee County Probation Office in Homedale has increased for fiscal year 2009.

The annual total of \$10,800 published in the lease agreement signed by the county and landlord Peggy Jackson merely reflects a consolidation of two lease payments (\$6,600 for the main suite and \$4,200 for a secondary portion of the building) that had been made each year, chief probation officer Doris Jewett said.

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✓ **Pawns:** Some folks seek loans to buy gas so they can pick up paycheck

"We get a lot of phone calls from people wanting to pawn their car titles. It's a piece of paper without the rig, so we don't do that; we're not a title loan place. We do pawn vehicles if they bring the vehicle and title and sign it over to us, then we sign it back when they pay it off," Jones said.

The Jones had a shop in Emmett for five years before moving to Marsing and opening River Rock Pawn nearly two years ago.

Loans that are redeemed make some money for a pawnshop, Jones said, but the actual inventory in the shop consists of things people don't redeem, and that means regular customers who faithfully pay off items don't help the shop's inventory.

In some areas, notably jewelry, those bringing in items simply want the money to deal with bills and have no intention of redeeming their pawn tickets, though.

"A lot of people are selling their gold or jewelry for scrap. They're just bringing it in and selling it rather than pawning it — getting what they can and then leaving," Jones said. "We have a whole lot more of that than we used to. People would bring it in intending to redeem it, but now they don't



Buyers down, sellers up at Marsing pawn

River Rock Pawn owner Teresa Jones has seen more people in her shop in Marsing lately, but they're looking for loans not buying bargains.

want to pay the interest, they just want the money."

In any case, the slowing economy means that retail sales have slowed as well.

"We've lowered prices on lots of things," Jones said.

The cash-crunch has changed how people do business, too.

"Of course, every time anyone

comes in and wants to buy something, guaranteed, whatever price you've got, it's not going to leave here for that. If you've got \$25 on it they say 'I'll give you 20.' There's

a lot more of that going on now than there used to be," she said.

In addition to haggling, there's an increase in trading, or in those attempting to. For cash-strapped customers, the idea of trading one item for another is tempting. The success of any such trade will depend on a shop-owner's judgment as to whether the trader's item will sell better than the one in the shop, of course.

Some items, such as analog TVs, are simply worthless now, with the advent of digital-only television broadcasts on the horizon, she said.

While jewelry and other items may never be redeemed, there's at least one category that remains a fairly safe pawn.

"Not very many people lose their guns," Jones said.

But Jones said it's easy to spot the instances in which the firearms will stay in the shop's inventory.

"Though you know when they come in whether or not they're coming back. If they start in with 'Oh, this belonged to my long-lost grandpa and I would never lose this', you know that one's not coming back."

— MML

✓ **Court:** Magistrate workforce marked to be reduced to one part-timer

Commissioners were scheduled to approve the tentative FY 2009 budget during their Monday meeting in Murphy. No details were available at press time.

The commissioners reported the change in a July 28 letter to Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, who says the decision could cost the county "a bundle of money" as well as put citizens in Homedale and Marsing in an economic bind.

"It's not going to hurt us on the budget part; it's going to put a big burden on the citizens of Homedale," Wilson said.

The mayor suggested that the citizens fight the ill effects of the decision at the polls.

"The citizens are the ones that should get up in arms and really go to bat and fight this thing and, if (they) need to, look at when the next election comes around (and) change commissioners," Wilson said.

"That's what I would recommend."

The commissioners voted to reduce the weekly schedule at the Homedale courthouse from five days a week to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for court business such as paying fines. Court hearings still will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, according to the commission's letter to Wilson.

"Due to the slowdown in the economy and a shortfall in revenue, Owyhee County has had to

"The citizens are the ones that should get up in arms and really go to bat and fight this thing."

— **Harold Wilson**, Homedale mayor



make some cuts in the budget for fiscal year 2009," the letter begins. "One of the cuts that we are making is the reduction of days that the Court will be open in Homedale."

Sherburn said the county will save about \$27,000 with the change in procedure. Board of commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said one of the two deputy clerk positions in the Homedale court will be eliminated, and the other full-time position will be reduced to a part-time position with benefits. Jan Fink and Cindy Chavez are listed as the deputy clerks for the Homedale court.

Hoagland also said that a clerk will travel from the courthouse in Murphy to assist with proceedings during the two days of court hearings each month.

"It places a bigger burden on the Murphy court people, but they say they can handle it," Hoagland said.

The courtroom adjacent to City Hall at 31 W. Wyoming Ave., still will be the site for arraignments for Homedale Police Department

cases, as well as hearings on unlawful detainees, pre-trial hearings and uncontested cases in civil court and probate court.

But Hoagland said the amount of activity at the Homedale courthouse compared to the costs no longer justified having the services available five days a week.

The reduction in days means some cases previously heard in Homedale will move to Murphy.

According to the commissioners' letter, juvenile, divorce and small claims cases will be heard in the county courthouse in Murphy.

Wilson said the county shouldn't expect Homedale Police officers to provide transportation for people facing hearings in Murphy.

"In regards of taking all the juveniles to Murphy to court, we're not going to transport them. The city won't," Wilson said. "It's not our position to do. They should be transporting everything now; that's by state law not by city law."

Wilson said the city police department has provided transportation, such as bringing defendants

from Caldwell to court hearings in Homedale, for years. He also said Homedale officers have provided security in the courtroom, another duty that is mandated to the county sheriff's office by state law, he said.

"The sheriff will do security at both Homedale and Murphy," Hoagland said. He added that it had been suggested that Homedale Police would handle security in the magistrate court.

Judge Dan C. Grober requested the security increase, Hoagland said, and Sheriff Gary Aman said the duty will put a burden on his deputies' patrol hours and his office's FY 2009 budget.

"The judges have asked for court security, but it was not funded, which will cut into patrol services and other areas of services currently provided."

Chief probation officer Doris Jewett echoed Wilson's concern that the new policy will have a bigger impact on probationers and their families than it will on the county probation office's bottom line.

Jewett added that the county's cost-cutting move regarding the Homedale court will be more of an inconvenience to juvenile probationers and their families.

"Absolutely, cost-wise," Jewett said. "We deal with some of poorest people in the county."

The bulk of the county's juvenile probation cases come from the Homedale-Marsing area, she

said.

"It just means we'll be driving to Murphy more often," Jewett said of her staff. "But if they keep (juvenile probation hearings) on Monday, we're up there anyway, so I guess it won't affect us that much."

Jewett said probation officers routinely commute to Murphy on Mondays for misdemeanor probation hearings. She speculated that moving hearings to Murphy could cut down on employees' efficiency because they used to return to the Homedale office to catch up on work during breaks in proceedings at the courtroom.

That efficiency could be put to the test even more next year. Jewett said commissioners have set the probation office's FY 2009 budget at \$217,861 and propose eliminating a full-time position.

Jewett said she sent a counter-proposal to the commissioners Friday which would maintain her workforce by funding two part-time employees and a contracted worker thus eliminating the burden of employee benefits.

Sherburn said the cuts in the courts budget were precipitated by a reduction in revenue from the court system.

"The surcharge from court filings is down about \$3,000," she said. "The county gets to keep a little bit of each fine that is paid. There's less money coming through the courts."

— JPB

Obituaries

Patsy R. ‘Pat’ Fine

Patsy R. “Pat” Fine, 73, of Amarillo, Texas, died Sunday, July 13, 2008. Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Chester O’Brien officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Mrs. Fine was born March 22, 1935, in Elk City, Okla., and was raised in Homedale, Idaho. She was a graduate of Homedale High School, where she was the valedictorian of her class. She was a graduate of the University of Idaho at Moscow.

On June 19, 1958, she married Don Fine in Borger, Texas.

She lived in Borger from 1957, until moving to Amarillo in 1991.

She worked as the lab manager at Golden Plains Hospital in Borger for 35 years. She was an avid reader, shopper and proud “Nana” to her family and grandchildren.

She was a member of Northwest Texas Hospital Auxiliary and was one of the first hospice



volunteers at Hospice Care of the Southwest. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Donna Votaw and Susan Riley and husband Shawn, all of Amarillo; two sisters, Jane Barrett of Arlington and Betty Riddle of Borger; and five grandchildren, Ricky, Rowdy, Rusty, Caroline and Georgia.

The family suggests memorials be to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 Coulter St., Suite 404, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Beatrice Joy Stricklin

Beatrice Joy Stricklin, 67, of Homedale, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at a Boise Hospital. A graveside memorial service will be held at 3:00PM on Monday, August 11, 2008 at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

She was born on March 9, 1941 in Bandon, Oregon to William Henry and Katie Lovitt. She attended school in Reno, Nevada.

While living in Reno, Nevada she met and married William David Stricklin in 1958. To this union the couple was blessed with 5 loving children.

During the early years of their marriage the couple traveled to Reno, Bermuda, California, and Colorado Springs. The extensive travel was due to William serving in the United States Air Force.

Upon retirement the couple moved to Homedale, Idaho where they wanted to settle closer to their loving family.

Beatrice loved to raise Pomeranians, which she bred and sold. She also loved to spend time with the children of her church where she worked in the nursery.

She spent many hours quilting, painting, ceramic, bible study, and spending time with her family and friends.

Beatrice is survived by her husband, William David Stricklin, children, David



(Dianna) Stricklin, Bruce (Maryanna) Stricklin, Tammy (John) Snow, Virginia Lovelace, Darrin (Carmen) Stricklin, sister, Willi “Ducy” Lovitt, brothers, William Henry Lovitt, Silver J. Lovitt, grandchildren, Eric Stricklin, Regina Stricklin, Alexandra Stricklin, Torsten Stricklin, Holly Snow, Samantha Snow, Katie Lovelace, Amanda Stricklin, JR Stricklin, Audrey Stricklin, Jonathon Stricklin, great-grandchildren, Maximillion Stricklin, and Nicole Snow.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Henry and Katie Lovitt, 3 sisters, Katherine “Wanda” Robbins, Margaret Ruth, and Alice Rowley.

Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Marsing girl, team take fourth in Australia

A Marsing High School girls basketball player was among four Idaho athletes that just missed finishing third in the Down Under Basketball Classic in Australia earlier this summer.



Jessica Freeman

Jessica Freeman, an incoming junior for the Huskies, played for former Mountain Home girls basketball coach Brian English while in Australia. Freeman, Mountain Home’s Annika Moody and Holland Nichelson and Katie Hall from Valley joined forces with five Nebraska athletes to win six of their nine pool-play games between July 12 and July 13.

The squad lost the bronze medal game inside the Beenleigh Arena near the Queensland state capitol of Brisbane.

MHS schedules meeting for sports parents

Marsing High School will present a parent/player meeting for all fall athletics at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 14, inside the Marsing High School gymnasium on Main Street.

Athletic director Jake Walgamott encouraged all parents and participants from football, volleyball and cheerleading to attend.

Marsing graduate makes E. Oregon Dean’s List

An Owyhee County woman was among 450 students at Eastern Oregon University to qualify for the spring term Dean’s List at the La Grande, Ore., institution.

Jessica Elsberry of Marsing

made the list for students who have achieved and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework in the term.

Open house to cover county sage-grouse season rules

Thursday meeting also addresses waterfowl hunting

The sage-grouse hunting season proposed for Owyhee County will be one topic discussed during Thursday’s open house at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

regional office in Nampa.

The meeting dealing with waterfowl and sage-grouse hunting regulations takes place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the IDFG Southwest Region office, 3101 S. Powerline Road, in Nampa. Call 465-8465 for more information.

Hunters will be able to comment on the proposed seasons during the meeting.

If you have an elderly loved one that needs special care,

I have a room available in my state licensed home.

Carol Davies 495-2044

Marjorie L. Crill Transue

Marjorie L. Crill Transue, 88, passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2008, in Caldwell after a short illness.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters Wanda (Chuck) Max-

well and Carra (Ellis) Pennington both of Homedale and a son James L. Crill.

Pending notification of all family members a graveside service will be held at a later date.

Death notices

NABEL JUAREZ, infant daughter of Rocelia and Felix Juarez, Bruneau, died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at a local hospital. Arrangements by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

SHAUNA K. MCCURDY, 54, Weiser, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at a Boise hospital. Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Weiser Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Private family burial followed at the Homedale-Marsing Cemetery. Arrangements by Haren-Wood Chapels, Payette-Ontario.

GERTRUDE LOUISE SPIELMANN, 76, Parma, died Monday, July 28, 2008, at a Homedale care center. Arrangements by Bell Funeral Home, Boise.

It’s not too late to participate in the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade!

All groups, clubs, schools & businesses are welcome.

Call Donna at 337-3757 or email m224md@yahoo

Avalanche: Owyhee’s news source

Your finances Get independent by handling injury settlement wisely

Dear Dave,

Recently, I had an accident at work and lost a couple of fingers. I was given a one-time settlement of \$500,000. I’ve gotten another job since then, my wife and I are both in our 30s and we’ve got our eye on a house that appraised for \$50,000. The seller is willing to take \$38,000. We’ve also got three kids and about \$12,000 in credit card debt. What’s the smartest way to handle this money?

— Kevin

Dear Kevin,

I’m glad you’re determined to manage this money well. I’m sorry, too, that you had to suffer an injury like that. It had to be painful.

Here’s the plan. Are you ready? First, take \$15,000 and set up an emergency fund in a good money market account. Life happens, and you need to be prepared. Do not touch this money except in the event of a real emergency! Next, write a check for \$12,000 and get those credit sharks out of your life forever. Then, if you guys are sure that house is the one you want, I say go for it and pay cash. Did you see what happened? With just \$65,000 of that money you became debt-free, you own your home AND you have a fat emergency fund in place. How cool is that?

Retirement comes next. You don’t want to work forever, so fully fund a couple of Roth IRAs for you and your wife for the rest of your lives. Also, max out three Educational Savings Accounts — one for each of your kids. This will take about \$25,000 over the next two years.

Now, it’s time to have some real fun. You’ve been through a lot, so take \$10,000 and just blow it. Spoil yourself and your family a little bit. You deserve it after everything that’s happened to you.

And last, find a mutual fund broker with the heart of a teacher, and invest the remaining money across four types of mutual funds — growth, growth and income, aggressive growth and international.

If you do this, Kevin, you’ll retire a very wealthy man. By the time you’re 65, you’ll have millions of dollars on your hands! You’ll be able to live like no one else AND give like no one else.

This horrible accident can be turned into a blessing — one that will impact your family and your community in great ways for years to come.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Right now, I’ve got \$2,500



in credit card debt. I’m thinking about transferring the balance from my current card to another one that has a much lower interest rate. Is this a good idea?

— Trevor

Dear Trevor,

A lower interest rate will help you save a little money. But the problem is that it can also make you feel like you’ve addressed your problem with debt when you really haven’t. Keep in mind, too, that most of those low-interest or no-interest credit card offers are good for only a short period of time. There’s always a catch!

Emotion is a key element to getting out of debt and staying out of debt. You’ve got to get steaming mad at debt, and attack it with a vengeance. Really let it sink in, and think about how many times this debt has negatively impacted your life. Think about all the important stuff, all the great stuff — all the FUN stuff you could have done with that money instead of sending it to those bozos at the credit card company.

And here’s some great news, Trevor. You can sell some stuff, or take on an extra job for a little while and completely wipe out that debt in less than a year by making \$250 payments every month!

Lots of people make the switch to low-interest rate credit cards. But you’ve got to change the behavior and the mindset that put you in that situation in the first place.

If you don’t get mad at debt and make a stand where you’re determined never to borrow money again, you’re liable to find yourself back in the same bad situation.

— Dave

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

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Citizens Center

- Aug. 5-7: Buckaroo Breakfast week!
- Aug. 12: Oven friend chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, beverage.
- Aug. 13: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, cottage cheese, bread, beverage.
- Aug. 14: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll, beverage.
- Aug. 19: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, gravy, roll, beverage
- Aug. 20: Ham & cheese on bun, tossed salad,

- beverage.
- Aug. 21: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, roll, beverage.
- Aug. 26: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, beverage.
- Aug. 27: Sausage & biscuits, rice, carrots, beverage.
- Aug. 28: Baked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, gravy, roll, beverage.

Calendar

Today

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

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

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. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting

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

AA meeting

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

Owyhee County Rodeo

8 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo Arena, West Nevada Avenue, Homedale

Friday

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

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

Monday

County commissioners meeting

Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Melba school board meeting

4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Homedale school board meeting

7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Tuesday

Exercise class

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

Lizard Butte Library summer reading

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

Pure Word recovery meeting

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

AA meeting

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

Marsing school board meeting

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

Wednesday

Homedale City Council meeting

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

DivorceCare recovery support group

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

Grand View City Council meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

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

The Owyhee Avalanche’s calendar of events also can be accessed on the Internet at 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@cableone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Lack of trash cans means picnickers must pack out Homedale park refuse

Visitors in town for the Owyhee County Fair will notice that there is a dearth of trash receptacles along the river in Homedale. There is a strategy behind the seemingly puzzling absences.

Homedale city public works supervisor Larry Bauer said that the lack of trash cans — except for a Dumpster near the Riverside Park restrooms — is actually a move to reduce the amount of litter.

The gameplan, Bauer said, was suggested by city garbage contractor Westowns Disposal, Inc., about three or four years ago.

“We, over the years, have had several different scenario,” Bauer said. “Dumpsters overflow immediately; trash cans get dumped over.

“We have found that the best way to prevent that is no trash cans. I know it sounds strange, but it seems to work.”

Basically with only one dumpster in the Riverside Park area, Bauer says it’s the responsibility of the individuals using the park to pack out their trash.

It seems to work for the most part.

On those occasions when someone does leave litter laying around, Bauer said it’s quickly picked up by a city maintenance crew. The crews don’t go looking for the trash, but they’ll pick it up when they are in the area on other assignments.

“City crews pick it up as they’re down there, and we have a lot of volunteers down there, too,” Bauer said.

“Tom the hot dog guy (Tom Murray who vends near City Park) picks up a lot of garbage in City Park. He’s policing his own deal, and in the process, he’s helping us.”

Community service groups also do their share of picking up during the year, Bauer said.

Furthermore, Bauer said, crews also frequently burn out the trash in the seldom-used barbecues near the picnic shelters on the Snake River shoreline.

“At Riverside, we need to get rid of those barbecue pits,” Bauer said. “I never see them used.”

While Dumpsters — two at City Park and a third a Riverside Park — are the only options for park-goers to leave their trash behind legally, Bauer said even those receptacles are abused.

He said that it has been documented that folks from out of town desposit their household trash in the large brown containers.

“It’s a theft of services to use the dumpster,” he said. “(Enforcement is) a tough one. We have identified users of it before, and (authorities) were not able to remedy the problem.”

— JPB

Boaters make it out safely at CJ

Sheriff, deputies search for couple that had left

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office personnel spent about 20 man hours searching for possible drowning victims at CJ Strike Reservoir last Wednesday before the parties were found safe and sound.

Sheriff Gary Aman said his men also launched a boat searching for two people who apparently wound up in the water when their sailboat capsized near Crane Falls.

The sheriff said the reporting party saw a man and a woman in the water and heard them yelling for help, but by the time a rescue team had responded the couple apparently had received help, put their catamaran sailboat on its trailer and left the area.

Aman said the man who made the initial call, identified as Darren Roy in county dispatch records, apparently had to move away from the scene to find cellular phone service.

“The gentleman who saw them had to go quite a ways to get a cell signal, and by the time he came back they were gone,” Aman said.

Aman commended Roy for his “due diligence,” and encouraged people to make a call if they suspect anyone is in danger on the water.

— JPB

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Wolves at the door may be Owyhee ranchers' reality

Fish and Game, Cattlemen seemingly on same side of issue, pitted against federal ruling

The reintroduction of wolves is no longer an argument, if the population charts supplied by Idaho Fish and Game are accurate; the canines are back in growing numbers, and county ranchers must ready themselves to find ways to deal with the predators.

To make the situation more difficult, ranchers must do so with the species being federally protected once again.

Debbie Lords of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, in her address to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association on July 26, was not optimistic about

the situation, what with the recent injunction that has, for the present, returned the world's largest wild canine to the endangered species list. Wolves left the federal list just four months ago — in March.

U.S. District Judge Donald W. Molloy granted the injunction reinstating federal protection on July 18 after being persuaded that there was the "possibility of irreparable harm to the species" if hunts had been allowed as was planned in Wyoming. Environmental groups, including Defenders of Wildlife and the Sierra Club, sued the Interior Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the wolves.

The lawsuit was filed after the Wyoming Game and Fish Depart-

ment's decision to retain eight active mating pairs of wolves rather than a federally suggested 15 pairs. Molloy's decision was based, according to his own comments, on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's original stipulation, made in 1995, that for a wolf population to be stable, it would have to have interbreeding between different geographic areas.

"In my view, Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the majority of the claims relied upon in their request for a preliminary injunction," Molloy wrote in the 40-

page decision granting the injunction. "In particular, (1) the Fish & Wildlife Service acted arbitrarily in delisting the wolf despite a lack of evidence of genetic exchange between subpopulations; and (2) it acted arbitrarily and capriciously when it approved Wyoming's 2007 plan despite the State's failure to commit to managing for 15 breeding pairs and the plan's malleable trophy game area. In both instances, the Fish & Wildlife Service altered its earlier position without providing a reasoned decision for the change based on identified new information."

Unfortunately, Lords said, the injunction fails to take into account the differing situations of other western states, where hundreds of wolves roam, and episodes of depredation on livestock

have continued.

It also fails to take into account the careful plans of Idaho Fish and Game, which had allowed wolf populations to reach 700-800 animals before considering a controlled hunt.

"The (Idaho Fish and Game) Commission and the department, we're really disappointed, extremely disappointed, and it's resulted in a delay for state management," said Mike Keckler, communications bureau chief for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG).

"We worked long and hard on this, we have a good plan ready to go, but we have to wait on it now," he said.

Tags for the planned controlled wolf hunt would have been based on the statewide mortality limit of 425 wolves; the total normal deaths due to hunting, accidents, control actions and the like, Keckler said. Once that figure was reached, the season would have been stopped. No additional wolves past the statistical norm for fatalities for the year were to be killed in Idaho.

This is at odds with the assertions by several of the plaintiff groups, including the Defenders of Wildlife, which claimed in a press release that the planned hunts would have been "inadequate to ensure the long-term conservation of wolves in the region, allowing far too many wolves to be unnecessarily killed."

Idaho has far more than the suggested 15 breeding pairs of *canis lupus*. The Idaho Fish and Game 2007 wolf activity report plots more than 50 documented, telemetry-tracked packs as well as another 30-some which are documented, though not radio-col-

lared. Some estimates have listed the population growth for 83 documented packs at 10 percent yearly.

Other sources, including Idaho Fish and Game, have the number far higher, at 20 to 24 percent. Those numbers do not include documented small groups or suspected packs.

There are 832 wolves in the state, based on Fish and Game numbers, Lords said. A total of 47 wolves were shot last year by ranchers or wildlife service personnel — a number that has already been passed this year, she said.

The wolves aren't very far away, either. Idaho Fish and Game tracks eight documented, radio-tracked packs within 40 miles of Boise.

Assuming the conservative 10 percent growth rate, the aforementioned 832 wolves will grow to 915 this year, 1,006 in 2009, and, by 2020, approximately 2,602 wolves will roam in Idaho. If one uses the less conservative growth rate of 20 percent, the number would be approximately 8,880 wolves, or 10 times the present population.

The numbers of animals confirmed to be wolf kills in Idaho

have grown steadily since records began in 1995. In 2007, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, wolves killed 40 calves and injured eight more; killed 10 cows and injured two; killed 219 sheep and injured 41; killed six dogs and injured four and additionally injured one horse. If probable kills are included, depredations include another 20 calves, three cows, 162 sheep, five dogs and two horses killed. The confirmed depredations show a 27 percent rise in incidents over 2006.

Unlike ranchers and farmers north of Interstate 90 in the Idaho panhandle, those south of the freeway may still defend their livestock despite the re-listing. North of I-90, a wolf may only be shot on federal lands if the killing is in self-defense or defense of another person. Wolves there may not be shot even if they are killing animals.

According to the USDA regulations applying to Idaho south of the panhandle: "A landowner, their immediate family ... their employees or lease holders ... can kill a wolf that is biting, wounding or killing, or a wolf that is seen actively chasing, molesting or harassing livestock, livestock herding or guarding animals, or domestic dogs."

Any wolf shot must be reported to Fish and Game within 24 hours.

"You probably won't see one," Lords said to the OCA audience in Silver City, "but if you don't have your rifle you definitely can't shoot one; so keep your rifle with you."

— MML

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Ag producers invited to call into Crapo Farm Bill teleconference

iTownhall with federal officials set for tonight

A Grand View native will join Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) today during the senator's iTownhall meeting on the 2008 Farm Bill.

Mike Field, state director for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, will be a panelist on the telephone conference in which thousands of Idahoans can participate.

"The iTownhall is simply a conference call with Idahoans, and all that is needed to participate is a telephone," Crapo said. "Although I have hosted iTownhall meetings before, this is the first time that the meeting will be subject specific, dealing with only questions about the Farm Bill."

The meeting, expected to last 90 minutes, begins at 7 p.m.

Those wishing to participate must sign up on Crapo's Web site, <http://crapo.senate.gov>, in order to be called back tonight 10 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Other federal officials scheduled to take part include Don Dixon, state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency; and Jeff Burwell, state conservationist with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). Burwell recently addressed the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association membership at their summer convention in Silver City.

Follow-up meetings on the Farm Bill are planned Sept. 17-24 around Idaho. Details will be available at Crapo's Web site.

Local couple bring memories, lessons from the East

Michelle Ross returns to Marsing teaching job this month

Michelle and Thad Ross are bringing back more than just pictures from their two years of teaching in China.

The Rosses, who are both teachers, were on a two-year Peace Corps mission in the Sichuan province of China when their stay was cut short by the now-famous 7.9-magnitude earthquake of May 13. The disaster forced the pair home six weeks earlier than planned.

Michelle returns to her teaching position at Marsing Middle School later this month.

The quake damaged the Ross home so badly that the authorities deemed it unlivable, and the quake area's condition was bad enough, Michelle Ross said, that the government removed all foreigners because of worries over their safety.

"We had told the Peace Corps we'd live in a tent. We only had six weeks to go and we were fine with that, but the government said there was no way they wanted to be responsible for our safety," Michelle said. "It makes sense on their part, since if something did happen it's their heads that roll for it ... There's definitely a chain of command, and they were covering their own butts. It's frustrating, but we understand where it came from."

While the quake was certainly memorable, the real importance of the trip lies elsewhere: in the lessons both taught and learned.

The Rosses were teaching at a teacher's college in Chengxian, a city of a little more than 18,000 people. Their students were all prospective English instructors, who would go on to teach English throughout the country after a three-year course.

"It was very cool — we really hope the knowledge is passed on," Michelle said.

Gaining knowledge is always a two-way street, and the Rosses learned as well. A lot of what they brought back was, Michelle said, cultural understanding.

"People are the same all over the world. People have the same basic wants and desires. Our governments don't always get along, but people we met, the day-to-day people, were so kind to us. They took care of us, wanted to know all about us and America," she said.

Thad, in a post on his blog last week, echoed the sentiment.

"People are people," he writes. "Sounds redundant, right? What I mean here is that while China and the U.S. bicker over toothpaste, economics, the Olympics, and everything else, the reality is that the goals of the average person in China and the average person in America are the same. People in both places just want to have a good job, some money, a decent home, a happy family and some fun now and again."

Life and languages

While people may well be the same everywhere, languages aren't, and moreso than normal in China, where dialects vary from province to province. This became something of a frustration for Michelle.

"The Peace Corps has a great language program. Before they send you out, you spend about eight weeks, four hours a day, in language classes. They give you a really good basis before they put you out there," she said. "We had tutors as well."

Despite the leg up, communication was



Photos courtesy Michelle and Thad Ross

a challenge.

"Our textbooks taught Mandarin Chinese (the Chinese spoken largely in northern China). Then, when we'd go out into our town, nobody spoke that. They spoke a dialect of it, so it was very difficult. You're learning a very formal language and your usage is not that, so it does become a little obnoxious. You think you've got it down, and you go out and have no clue what people are saying to you."

The payoff, as far as language went, was when Michelle's parents visited and the Rosses met them in Beijing, where Mandarin is spoken.

"It was great. We could have real conversations. It made us feel good that we'd learned something, because in our town you felt like you hadn't," she said.

The Rosses came home to Nampa feeling that, despite initial resistance, their projects outside the classroom had been a real success.

"With the Peace Corps you have secondary projects, so when Thad was there he ran a film club for the English department students — he showed English language films," she said. He also trained a number of students to set up and operate the system themselves, in the hopes that after his departure the program would continue in the absence of foreign teachers.

Michelle started an English language library.

"We trained the kids to sustain it, so that now that we're not there it will continue. Of course, when the earthquake came, all the books came crashing down, so hopefully they've put it back together," she said.

It wasn't all work, of course. Outside of class, the film room and the library, students became involved in the couple's daily life.

"Thad played tons of basketball with the kids on our campus. If he walked onto the court he had a game so fast; they all wanted a game with the foreign guy. So he played hours of basketball — usually with kids he didn't know, from outside the English department," Michelle said.

For her own part, the town, being very rural, had beautiful hiking opportunities, and she would take hikes with her students, she said.

"We'd invite the students over all the time. Your relationship with the students is a lot different than in America. They're college age and, as a foreigner, you're kind of in-between a teacher and a friend. We'd

have students over at our apartment all the time to hang out. They'd come cook for us and watch videos. Most of our free time was spent with students," she said.

"It was really awesome. We got much closer to our students than our colleagues. They (the students) were our go-to if we got bored."

Their teaching colleagues were more standoffish, Michelle said.

"They were always friendly but they weren't really looking for a friendship with the foreigner, where the students definitely were," she said.

It wasn't a case of unfriendliness so much as a cultural or generational difference, she said.

"Adults have their families and everything there, and (as a Peace Corps volunteer) you don't have that there, so we're kind of like the kids; we're just hanging out. We were a lot more like the kids in that way."

Working with the system

In any foreign country, one has to learn to work within the cultural and political strictures of that society. China was no different, though there are obvious concerns in a country that has a history of tight control of information.

The Rosses, like most language teachers in any setting, depended on books and audio-visual materials, and there were concerns, though no clashes, over the library and movie room. At least there were no clashes once the rooms were finally available.

"We never had any problems. They were very supportive once we got started. At first, the school didn't seem to trust us. They wouldn't give Thad a room for the film club. I think they didn't trust that we'd utilize the things that they gave us. It took me months of begging to get a room for my English library, but once we had it up and going they loved it and were so impressed with it, and they loved the movie night. But they were really skeptical in the beginning," she explained.

"We tried to be careful of what we brought in, but we tried not to censor, as well, because we thought it was important. So we always had to walk that line and think about what would get back to the school leaders, because the school leaders didn't speak any English, but there are always students who you know are reporting foreign activities to them," she said.

The English library saw a lot of book

donations shipped from home, and Michelle said she was careful to go through them to make sure there wasn't anything that would cause a problem.

"There were a couple of very political ones about China that I just pulled. I kept them in my apartment and I read them, but I figured it wasn't worth shutting the whole room down if someone got wind of it. You do have to be careful because everything's political, and especially being an American, and being with the American government because we were Peace Corps, you have to be careful of what you say — because you know there's a kid in your class that reports back to leadership," she said.

In addition to political barriers the library dealt with, the usual ones of cultural differences had to be handled as well, though in the end all went smoothly, she said.

"Our town hadn't had a lot of foreigners, and it wasn't on a route where any came through," Michelle said. "I think they were taught not to trust foreigners from a very young age, especially the middle-aged men running the school. But once it (the library) was going they said, 'Oh look those people do know what they're doing'."

Bringing China home

Michelle will be teaching a Chinese language class at Marsing Middle School this fall.

"It will be an elective that kids can take, just an introductory-level course to language and culture and stuff," she said.

"I'm sure the kids will be so sick of hearing about China by the time they're out of my class," she added.

She plans to have her eighth-graders read some selections of Chinese literature and study some geography as well.

"China's an up-and-coming country. It's going to be important to these kids' lives, so I think it is good for them to know," she said.

The Summer Olympics, which begin Friday in Beijing, are a good tie-in, she said, as middle school students and sports are a natural matchup.

Thad and Michelle have been doing presentations around the valley about their trip, just to inform people about China and Chinese culture.

"We've done a couple at Boise at some library locations, and we're willing to do them for any group. Anyone that's interested, we'll put together a presentation and do it," she said.

If a group or organization would be interested in scheduling a presentation, Michelle may be reached at (208) 880-2568.

The audiences at presentations, and people in general, have lots of questions, she said.

"Because of the Olympics, China is getting a lot of coverage, and people want to know how accurate the news they are seeing is," she said.

While Michelle will teach eighth grade at Marsing this year, Thad — a former teacher at Liberty Charter School in Nampa — is still looking for a social studies job.

"We've been making phone calls; it's really hard. Marsing saved my job, I was on a leave of absence — the school board was really great and gave me that leave of absence — but he just had to walk away from his teaching job and now we're hoping that it pays off on the other end. We're hoping someone looks at it and says 'Gee, Peace Corps experience, cultural experiences, bilingual. That's the guy we want'."

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Grazing application evaluation standards sought

Monday meeting set in Nampa to gather info on state lands process

Ranchers, growers and others will have a chance to give their views on state land lease applications on Monday in Nampa.

The Idaho Department of Lands Land Board Grazing Subcommittee will hear public comment on streamlining application and evaluation process on the state's endowment land grazing program.

A public meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Nampa Civic Center. The state agency also has scheduled meetings for Tuesday in Orofino and next Wednesday in Soda Springs.

The public is encouraged to take part, and ranchers may find this to be a good time to make their views known, Brenda Richards, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association member and Owyhee County Treasurer, said.

Richards said ranchers offering

input would be an excellent idea because the state does look for the best return on the leased land, "and the best return on a lot of them is going to be grazing." In many semi-arid areas of the state, grazing may be the only viable way to generate money directly from the land, the Reynolds Creek rancher told the OCA membership at its summer meeting in Silver City last month.

"The meeting will have an overview of the program and the comments we received," Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Assistant Director of the Lands, Minerals and Range Division Bob Brammer said in a phone interview with The Owyhee Avalanche.

It will also examine performance standards by which applicants are judged.

"We will present a proposed lease application process. That's where we're trying to focus the

discussions as we move forward," he said.

The IDL is examining a landlord policy from 1996 that requires IDL employees to visit and examine every expiring lease.

"They complete a resource assessment on the land with the expiring lease," Brammer explained. "And those concerns are provided to any applicant of the lease to address in their management proposal they submit as a part of the application. And as we have a program that's not generating a lot of revenue, there were a couple of years where our net revenue was negative."

"We're looking at ways to reduce cost, and that's one of the things we're proposing; to not have boots on the ground on every expiring lease — that our area folks do some triage and determine what we need to look at."

In an effort to simplify this one-by-one, case-by-case procedure, Brammer said the IDL is hoping to discuss setting standards for measuring production that will simplify the process and help

inform applicants.

"We would develop performance standards and provide those to the applicants, and that's a little bit of a twist from what we're currently doing," he said.

Richards expressed concern over the difficulty of setting up all-encompassing standards.

"The problem is the diverse terrain. The resource is so varied; it's like making one shoe fit everyone's foot," she said.

The standards are key to the entire endeavor, as adhering to them will make or break a lease.

Applicants have to provide some assurance to the IDL that they can meet the performance standards — whether the old case-by-case ones or the possible new definitions — or IDL will disqualify their application, Brammer said.

"I guess the management plans that we have in some cases are fairly specific, but they may not address all issues and concerns that may be applicable to a certain lease. I feel we can get clarity in expectations with this process."

In effect, they (applicants) have drafted the standards — though I use that very loosely — in their applications," Brammer said.

The leases have no limits on who can apply, and if applicants can meet the performance standards then they would likely be approved.

"We've never really declined a qualified applicant. If they meet the standards, they're going to be OK," Brammer said.

Anyone can apply, not just cattlemen, but Brammer thinks cattlemen may have a slight edge over others in some cases and terrains.

"Frankly, I think that's one of their strengths. Looking at our leases over the years, certainly we've had a few concerns but, overall, the majority of our grazing lessees are meeting what would be performance standards at this time," he said.

What those performance standards will be in the future is a question these public meetings may help determine.

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BLM SE Oregon Resource Advisory Council meets this week in Ontario

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday and Friday at the Holiday Inn Ontario, 1249 Tapadera Ave., Ontario, Ore.

Agenda items include:

- Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Oregon energy corridor proposal update
- Fire and fuels management program
- Vegetation Treatments Environmental

Impact Statement

- Wild horse and burro program
- A presentation on the Sagebrush Cooperative post-fire science symposium

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Marsing girl sings anthem at rodeo
Marsing 6-year-old Rylee Loucks poses with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter during the Republican Roundup earlier this year on the governor's Star ranch. Rylee sang the National Anthem at the June 7 event. The daughter of Les and Amy Loucks will return to the Owyhee County Rodeo for an encore this week. She has been singing the Star Spangled Banner at the rodeo since she was 4. Submitted photo

New faces and old friends gather for the Owyhee rodeo

The 2008 Owyhee County Rodeo will see many new faces, and more than a few familiar ones, in the tussle for more than \$65,000 in prize money.

Probably the easiest new mug to spot will be that of this year's rodeo clown, Clint Selvester of Roseville, Calif. Selvester will be front-and-center keeping the bulls off the riders, entertaining the crowd and generally doing a lot of hard, dangerous work while making it look fun.

Gene King of the Homedale-based King Cattle Co., will provide stock for the first time this year, and will also be cheering on wife Stephanie, who will compete in breakaway roping Thursday. The Kings are teaming up with Terreton's Red Eye Rodeo to provide rodeo stock this year. Riders should watch the King Cattle Co., bulls; some went to the Idaho Cowboys Association (ICA) finals last year. Bronc riders can expect some solid stock, too, with most of King's brons coming from National Finals Rodeo-qualifying stock.

This year's televised rodeo finals and local highlights can be seen on KTRV Fox Channel 12 at 4 p.m. on Aug. 17. Country radio station KQFC-AM will have a live remote today.

The ICA talent on display this year will be impressive, too.

Caleb Bayes, 2006-07 bareback ICA champion, will be one of the first riders in the event tonight.

Josh, Ryan and Sammy Mackenzie of Jordan Valley will all ride in the opening round of saddle bronc tonight, facing off against last year's champ, Jake Bigelow. Bigelow is sitting at fourth in overall standings this season, while Adrian's Jared McFarlane, leading this season with a whopping 5,534.70 points, rides Thursday. Homedale High School grad Bryan Martinat will ride Thursday.

The top six ICA bull riders will all be present. Season leader Cody Brixey will face off against second-place rookie Cameron Hopper-Craig, Kelly Erickson, Brandon Holzwarth, Dally Mason and Mike Sparks.

Local color in the breakaway ropers today includes more of the Mackenzie clan, with Megan and Annie representing Jordan Valley. Scholarship winner Kelsey Cook's sister Sammee Green, formerly of Marsing, will also be competing. Kayla Tiegs, 24th-ranked this season and fresh off representing Melba at the National High School Finals Rodeo in New Mexico, will be there as well, along with 27th-ranked Jodi Endicott of Caldwell.

Thursday ropers include Homedale High grade Mikal Mackenzie. Marsing graduates Kortni Scott and Kallie Roeser and Rimrock's Sierra Ridley will also ride.

Calf roping will see Marsing grad Scott Roeser, Homedale's Jake Echeverria (ranked second in tie-down roping), Rob Black and odds-on favorite Luke Jeffries, another Homedale product.

Steer wrestling has 29 signed to compete, including top ICA rider Matt Cupp of Wilder.

Local events In local, non-ICA action, 47 teams signed up for team roping, 72 youngsters will don helmets and mount up on a savage sheep for mutton busting, 24 local ranch hands will risk life and limb in ranch bronc riding, 25 youngsters entered junior steer riding, four teams of wild horse racing are signed up and 10 wild cow milking teams are ready to go.



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Soph set for MIST driving debut

After getting feet wet as navigator, Freeman takes control Saturday

Driving an automobile is a barely legal proposition for 15-year-old Amanda Freeman. Yet, she'll be driving a powerful sprint boat in her own backyard this weekend.

Freeman, who will begin her sophomore year at Marsing High School later this month, will make her sprint-boat driving debut Saturday at the Marsing International Sprintboat Track.

Although she's strapping behind the steering wheel for the first time in Saturday's show, Freeman is no stranger to the sport.

At 12 years old, she told veteran sprint boat racer Lee Rice of Caldwell that she would own her own boat by the time she was 16.

Impressed by Freeman's gumption, Rice enlisted her help a year later as she helped launched boats at the races and helped wipe them down after the day was done.

She began her rookie season earlier this year as navigator for drivers Rice and Elmer White. Navigators sit in the passenger seat, directing the driver on which turns to take on the course as the boat goes screaming through the water.

This season, with Freeman's help, Rice sits seven in the Group A-400 standings, while the team of White and Freeman is 10th. Rice and Freeman also have battled to 13th place in the Super Modified class, while Freeman and



White are 16th.

Freeman's approach to racing has evolved from a girl afraid to smack into the bank and flip in the boat to a seasoned veteran that focused on nothing but the task at hand once she's strapped into a sprint boat.

She said she credits Rice with helping overcome her trust issues on the water.

In addition to horsepower on the water, Freeman — who answers to the nickname "Spark Plug" — is enthralled by horse power. Other interests include training her Arabian horse and four-wheeling.

Youth could be served Saturday. Freeman's navigator aboard the "Mopar" boat Saturday will be 17-year-old Julie Morton.

Another Marsing product, veteran Amanda Vestal, serves as navigator for Dave Pfeiler. The duo leads the 2008 United States Sprint Boat Association Super Boat standings after four races. Vestal teamed with Rice a year ago to finish second in the USSBA standings for Super Boats and Stock.

Sun sets on race season Saturday

The final sprint boat race of the season will be held at Marsing International Sprintboat Track (MIST) on Saturday.

Two Marsing products — Amanda Freeman and Amanda Vestal — are scheduled to compete when qualifying begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the layout across the Snake River from Marsing.

Gates open at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$7.50 for military personnel, \$5 for seniors 60 and older, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and younger get in free. Tickets are available at the gate or through Select-a-Seat.

In addition to the sprint boat racing, there will be vendors selling drinks, shaved ice, hamburgers, hot dogs and tacos.

Children's activities include at face-painting booth, balloon twisting and a slip-and-slide.

A skydiving team will bring the American flag into the facility to the start the festivities.

Spectators will be able to take sprint boat rides for \$25 each, and there also will be a 4x4 truck mud show.

Lawn chairs and umbrellas are allowed inside the gates, but pets and coolers are prohibited.



Local youth get in a football mood

Left: Children uncork their efforts in all three disciplines of the Homedale NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium. More than 80 boys and girls turned out for the contest, which capped the Homedale High School football team's youth camp.

Above: A Marsing youth football camper takes down the tackling dummy as a coach leans to watch his form July 22 at the Marsing High School football stadium. New Huskies coach Jake Walgamott and some of his players and coaches helped lead the clinic for 30 kids. Marsing will host a parent/player meeting for fall athletes at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 14, inside the Marsing High School gymnasium.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 10, 1983

Five to compete for county crown

Five young ladies will be competing for the title of Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen next week.

They include: Christy Schlegel, 16, Wilder, daughter of Tony and Carol Schlegel; Lisa Miller, 17, Bruneau, daughter of Clarence and Virginia Miller; Lisa Limerick, 18, Caldwell, daughter of Marie and Fred Lemerick; Linda Nix, 17, Caldwell, daughter of Leona and Bill Nix; and Pam Hincks, 16, Nampa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hincks.

The lasses will be competing nightly at the Owyhee County Rodeo, and the new queen will be crowned Saturday night, August 20.

Chamber discusses projects, finances

The fair and rodeo barbecue and Coke booth, and the financial condition of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce were topics of discussion yesterday noon, during the regular meeting of the organization.

Acting president Mike Blankenship reported that arrangements for the Saturday barbecue were well in order, under the direction of chairman Marleen Bean and assisted by chamber members. Ticket prices will be \$3.00 expect for preschoolers, who will be admitted free.

Blankenship read a list of commitments for working at the Coke booth each night of the rodeo.

A report of the Chamber’s bank balance showed approximately \$2,200, with a detailed list of unpaid bills against the account of \$2,037. He noted some bills were dated as far back as May, and had not been paid. Members authorized payment of those bills read.

Other obligations and bills were discussed, including the authorization of the town renovation project, accounting fees, electrical work and electricity for the Gem and Mineral Show. These could total well over \$1,000. Further action on the finances was tabled until after the fair and rodeo.

Wendell Hyer, president of the Owyhee County Rodeo Board, thanks the Chamber for painting the rodeo chutes last Thursday.

Mayor proclaims western wear week

IT’S OFFICIAL – All Homedale residents are supposed to wear Western clothes next week, August 15 through 20. To be “legal,” you must wear at least three articles of western attire, stated Mayor George Murray upon signing the document.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Owyhee County Fair & Rodeo, scheduled for August 15 through 20 will bring many people into our city; and

WHEREAS, the rodeo is one of the most important community-wide celebration each year, and

WHEREAS, commencing on August 15th, citizens of Homedale are asked to wear western clothing during the week of August 15th thru August 20; and

WHEREAS, no vigilantes will operate, but we ask all citizens to cooperate with the Mayor and the Rodeo Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo Board desires all business and professional men and citizens to join in the fun;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE T. MURRAY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, in the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of August 15 through 20 as OWYHEE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO DAYS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Homedale, in the State of Idaho to be affixed at Homedale, Idaho this 9th day of August, 1983.

Snake River run held in Marsing

The first annual Owyhee County March of Dimes Snake River Run was held in Marsing on Saturday. McDonald’s restaurants of Nampa and Caldwell sponsored the race. A total of 80 runners finished the 1.5 mile and four mile.

50 years ago

August 7, 1958

Owyhee fair again to honor area ‘Old Timers’

Many outstanding events are being planned this month for the Owyhee county fair and rodeo, August 21, 22, and 23 with a variety of entertainment scheduled for each day.

The fair will include livestock and agricultural exhibits, 4-H fat stock sale, pig and calf scramble.

Night show entertainment will be held Thursday night, presented by the Choraleer under the direction of Mrs. Hollis Selders.

An added attraction this year will be a two-night rodeo Friday and Saturday, produced by Jake Pope, Twin Falls, and sponsored by the Owyhee Wranglers and the Owyhee county sheriff’s posse.

The traditional fair parade will be held Saturday morning and will feature an “Early Days” theme. The parade will include many types of floats, a children’s division, and saddle clubs.

The popular old timers’ day and barbecue will take place Saturday when many old timers of the county will be honored. A barbecue dinner will be served at noon at the park for everyone. A charge of 25 cents per plate will be made this year for the dinner.

Arkway Shows, a carnival locally owned by George Simmers, will be added entertainment for the young and old during the fair, offering a variety of rides.

Election set for Tuesday; few contests in prospect

A quiet primary election seems to be in prospect for Owyhee County and most parts of Idaho as campaigning draws to a close and polling commences next Tuesday.

No primary election battles have flared, although the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination speeded up somewhat when Al Derr announced his support to casino-type gambling for Idaho as a revenue-raising measure.

Despite this issue, the main race for the nomination seems to lie between John Blasby, who got off to a big lead early in the year and Max Hanson, whose campaign seems to have started too late.

The Republican race for lieutenant governor has drawn some attention, since Gov. Robert E. Smylie has no opposition in the primaries. Perry Swisher, Pocatello weekly newspaperman, may wrest the nomination from incumbent J. Berkley Larson, Firth. Roger Hagadone, Boise TV and radio man, is an also-ran.

The Democrats have two in the lieutenant governor’s race, W. E. “Bill” Drevlow of Craigmont and Edward S. Middlemist of Bonners Ferry.

The four democrats vying for representative in congress from the 2nd district have traded blows over union support, but since they are all from the eastern part of Idaho, Homedale voters have had little contact with them.

A field of three for attorney general on the democratic ticket gives the nod to Sylvan Jeppeson, former prosecuting attorney of Owyhee county.

Owyhee Cattlemen plan convention at Silver City

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s association will hold its annual meeting in Silver City Saturday August 16.

Plans for the meeting are as follows: Festivities will start at 10am with a business meeting. A barbecue dinner will be held in the evening, dance, midnight supper, and breakfast the following morning. This will be the 80th annual meeting of this association which was started in Silver City in 1878.

The cattlemen of Owyhee county, led by Mike Hyde of Oreana, banded together for protection at that time. This organization has continued all through the years.

W. A. Boston of Swift and Company is barbecuing the beef which will be served along with the rest of the trimmings furnished by the State Line grange of Homedale.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “I’m one of the few citizens who gits to sign his name on the election ballot. I’ll be makin’ my ‘X’ plenty come Tuesday.”

140 years ago

August 1, 1868

HAVING BEEN ABSENT is our only excuse for not furnishing our usual amount of mining summary. We are just now entering, as it were, upon a mining existence. Operations in our camp are no longer being conducted as an experiment – capitalists from San Francisco and the east are here such numbers, and representing sufficient capital to very plainly say to the world that our mines are not only a reality but possess riches heretofore unknown in mining history. We intend making a tour of the mountain next week and promise to particularize more, both in regard to mines and men operating them than circumstances have permitted us to do during the last few weeks.

NEW PAPER. We have received the first number of the Argent, published by Jon. & Jos. Wasson at the new town of Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada. It is a twenty-four column weekly and presents a decidedly neat mechanical appearance. It supports Grand and Colfax, from which some idea of its politics can be obtained. We make the following extract from the salutatory:

“Our primary purpose is to faithfully represent the diversified interests of Humboldt County; secondary, those abroad. We consider the Argent’s permanency as well assured ad Humboldt Country’s future importance and prosperity, whose mountains are threaded with rich and large veins and precious and baser metals; whose valleys have proven their own fertility; who surface is clad with nutritive pasturage, and whose greatest length is traversed by the chief of continental thoroughfares – the Overland Railroad,”

The boys will get up a tiptop paper. We cordially recommend all who would keep up with the times to subscribe for the Argent - \$5 coin per year, or \$3 for six months. E. Lobenstein is agent for this place.

OWYHEE LODGE NO. 2 I.O.O.F. have just received from San Francisco a splendid outfit in the way of regalias, jewelry &c. The Order is in a flourishing condition.

FOR FLINT. The Rising Star Company have a 30-stamp mill on the way from San Francisco for their mine in Flint.

THE WEATHER. Last Wednesday we were visited by the heaviest rain-storm of the season. It fell in torrents the greater portion of the afternoon, flooding the streets, filling the gutters and visibly raising the creek. It is very hot now during the day time but cool and pleasant nights.

POLITICAL SPEAKING. Hen. J. J. May, independent Democratic candidate for Delegate to Congress, arrived last evening from Boise, and will address the people this evening in front of the Golden Chariot Saloon.

GRASSHOPPERS. Robert Davidson, just over from Catharine Creek informs us that the myriads of grasshoppers have made their appearance in that locality destroying every green thing on their line of march. Mr. Hunter’s ranch has been swept of nearly everything in the vegetable line. Cabbages, corn, and potatoes disappear like magic. This is strange. As there were no crickets this season abundant crops were anticipated in the valleys to the eastward, but it seems that crickets are not so bad as the grasshopper pest, which in destroying capacity resemble the locusts of old.

ELECTION TICKETS. It is now but one week until the election, and as there will probably be a variety of different kinds of work to do we would suggest to those wanting tickets that they bring in their orders as early in the week as possible. We have arranged our composing room so as to keep it strictly private when desired, so that those ordering anything which they do not want the public to see can rely upon having it done as directed. We will serve all alike.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Buy bilingual

Senator Barack Obama is taking partisan flack for saying, “...*you should be thinking about how can your child become bilingual ... you need to make sure your child can speak Spanish ... I know because I don’t speak a foreign language. It’s embarrassing.*”

For a man who is normally an eloquent and commanding speaker from the podium, he seems to have two left feet when speaking without notes. He has that in common with President Bush’s malapropismic articulation, except, of course, President Bush does speak a little Spanish. However, Sen. Obama could have said, “If I was going to give a gift to my children, it would be to speak another language in addition to English.”

I grew up in New Mexico. My county was 65 percent Spanish-speaking. I went to work in agriculture. Spanish is commonly the first language of a large portion of the people I worked with. Today, the percent of Spanish speaking people in the ag workforce has expanded far beyond the Southwest.

Scholastically, I did not do well in Spanish class, but it interested me and I made it a point to teach myself.

There are commentators and politicians who became indignant with Sen. Obama’s comments. But think about it. If your children could better themselves by learning to weld or program a computer or auctioneer, would you discourage them because you oppose the Alaska pipeline, Microsoft, or free trade? Would you dissuade them from learning Arabic or Spanish because you are incensed by the Iraq war or illegal immigration?

We spend endless hours helping our children play volleyball and soccer, or the piccolo. Granted, these pursuits can improve character, but rarely will it help them get a job. But a second language is a gift that can last a lifetime.

So, to those who are offended by Sen. Obama’s verbal stumbling, don’t throw the baby out with the ... I mean, don’t shoot the messenger ... no, that’s not it ... anyway, what he says is good advice.

On a personal note, even though I speak passable Spanish, I was told that I sound a lot like Charro or Desi Arnaz does in English!

En terminando, mis amigos Mejicanos dicen que yo hablo Español como Desi Arnaz o Charro hablan Ingles!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

It’s a wonder we’re still alive



When I was a kid my father liked to go to auctions. Sometimes he came home with a box full of odds and ends — everything from doorknobs to crank telephone magnetos. It was fun to look through Dad’s auction acquisitions because you never knew what you might find.

One day when I was maybe 7 or 8 years old, I was going through Dad’s latest auction box. Down in the bottom, I found a tiny glass flask with a cork stopper. The flask glass was cloudy, but inside I could see some sort of liquid. At least it moved like a liquid. But it looked like bright silver molten metal. I showed it to Dad.

“That’s Mercury,” Dad said. He put a piece of white paper on the table. Uncorked the flask and poured the mercury onto the paper. There was a clump of mercury about half the volume of a copper penny. Dad showed me how to lift one edge of the paper, then lift the opposite edge and make the mercury glide back and forth. If I poked the blob with a toothpick it broke into a number of smaller shimmering blobs. But if you pushed two blobs so they touched, they instantly turned into one larger blob.

I dumped the reassembled shiny blob from the paper to the palm of my hand. It was surprisingly heavy. I poked it with my finger. It shimmered like a liquid but didn’t make my fingertip wet. The mercury was amazing stuff.

Sometimes when the neighbor kids came over we would get out the mercury, pour it on the tabletop and push it around with our fingers. The shiny blob kept getting smaller, but we could increase the size by adding mercury from old glass thermometers.

Several years ago I mentioned the bottle of mercury to Sara. She said when they were children she and her siblings also played with mercury and thought it was

neat stuff. Then I mentioned it to several friends and co-workers who are about my age. Virtually all of them had memories of playing with mercury and being fascinated by its properties ...

On a recent weekend, the big news story in the valley was the health crisis in a Boise neighborhood. Someone discovered traces of mercury in and around a couple of houses. Authorities evacuated the neighborhood and cordoned off the area. A team of hazardous materials specialists was flown in from Seattle. Their investigation found as much as two tablespoons of mercury in the area. Heavy equipment was used to remove six inches of topsoil in the yards of the affected homes.

Residents of the area were examined by doctors who said fortunately no one seemed to have suffered any ill effect from their exposure to the deadly element. Cost dealing with the mercury incident is estimated at more than \$100,000.

Members of my generation rode bicycles without wearing helmets. We played with all sorts of toys capable of putting an eye out. We chewed on crib rails and windowsills coated with lead-based paints. We rode in cars without child seats or even seatbelts. Medicines and caustic household chemicals didn’t have childproof caps. We swam in canals downstream from stockyards. And apparently most of us played with mercury.

If you believe all the stories we see nowadays about things that can hurt us, it’s a wonder anybody over 60 lived to be that old.

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

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau

Voice of Idaho ag Judge rules rural Idaho is expendable — wolves aren’t



Pop quiz, folks. What’s more important: rural Idaho families or the perception of genetic viability among Canadian gray wolves? If you thought it was the families, business owners and the agricultural economy that built this state, we’re sorry but you are wrong.

In what could go down as one of the biggest ham-fisted maneuvers ever, federal judge Donald Molloy gave rural Idaho a boot to the guts July 18, granting a preliminary injunction to reinstate Endangered Species Act protection for wolves.

Federal judges are untouchable and while there is a chance this decision could be overturned on appeal, it’s likely to take 15 to 32 months, which is approximately enough time to add another 150 wolves to Idaho’s blossoming population.

There is nothing our state elected officials, or congressional delegation can do about it. So basically the radical environmental groups are running Idaho from their ivory towers back east and things are probably going to get worse before they get better. Our only option now is to hurl insults, tear apart this incredibly naïve and biased court decision, and hold out hope that some judge higher up in the federal court kingdom has at least a lick of common sense, which seems iffy.

Judge Molloy’s 40-page decision to reinstate federal protection to a pack of wolves that is growing by 20

percent per year is so unscrupulous and dishonorable it makes us wonder if he is on more than one payroll. The document is loaded with unsubstantiated conclusions, so much so that we don’t have space to address them all. The biggest is the assertion that there isn’t enough genetic exchange between subpopulations of wolves. In other words, Molloy believes wolves from central Idaho aren’t moving into Yellowstone, Montana or Wyoming to breed, which threatens the overall wolf population because of a lack of genetic diversity.

Memo to Judge Molloy: Wolves don’t fear people; with ESA protection they have no reason to. They travel wherever they want and kill whatever they want. They go right up on porches and run through backyards to kill dogs, they’ve crossed every geographical barrier in this state, including rivers, freeways, mountain ranges and railroads. They are documented in Utah, Oregon and Washington. They have successfully populated the most rugged wilderness in the lower 48. We have too many wolves in Idaho now, and they are a huge financial burden on rural communities.

We are sure Judge Molloy and his environmental cronies don’t care about any of these arguments or the families whose livelihoods this decision places in peril.

— See *Wolves*, page 17

Commentary

Idaho transportation needs

Pay for road rehabilitation today with funds — not loans

by Phil Batt

It’s frustrating when it takes 40 minutes to drive to work from eight miles away. We need more arterials and more freeway lanes.

And it’s hard on the car when the roads are filled with pits and potholes. We’re overdue for a new roadbed in a lot of places throughout the state.

And it sure would be nice if we had a super highway to North Idaho and a road up to Midvale that bypassed that winding canyon along the Payette River.

But don’t hold your breath while waiting for these improvements to take place. The reality is that it will require a massive change in funding our highway program to make any substantial progress on Idaho’s roads.

I know it’s a poor time to talk about increasing the cost of operating a motor vehicle. But we have always had more needs than money regarding our transportation system within our beloved state. The picture has never been more bleak than today. But financial sacrifices for transportation have been required since territorial days, and each generation has responded with increased funding. It doesn’t make sense that we now say “We won’t face the music — make our kids and grandkids pay.”

A brief look at history makes clear that the problem has always been with us. The intractable topography of territorial days presented a nightmarish mobility problem. The saving grace was that there were no motorized vehicles then.

The original Idaho Territory comprised most of the northwestern U.S. Then Oregon and Washington split off — followed by Montana — finally Wyoming. Idaho, then and now, was left with a wonderfully diverse piece of geography, but with a colossal headache in getting from one place to another.

The Territorial government soon declared county boundaries, they, in turn, established road districts. Primitive roads were built, almost exclusively with private funds, and tolls were charged. Sometimes the fees were exorbitant, to say the least.

To take a single burro over some passes, it cost \$1. That would be about \$50 today.

Some of the delegates to the Idaho Territorial government lived in what is now Montana. History does not record how they managed to cross the mountains to get to the Lewiston Capitol. Maybe they went clear around the southern part of the state.

Economic opportunities dictated where the earliest roads were established. The Gold Rush of 1861-65 brought hundreds of prospectors into Orofino and the Boise Basin.

They blazed all kinds of trails, and paid through the nose for their supplies. An Idaho City feed yard charged \$13.60 for feeding two mules 34 pounds of hay.

There was quite an extensive toll road system by that time, and the toll operators effectively squelched any attempts at building public roads. Toll franchises were eagerly sought after and were mostly granted to friends of those in power. In the early days of statehood, counties and highway districts subsidized state efforts with loans of money that they derived from property taxes. There was also a \$3 local road tax on able-bodied men. A full day’s work (mostly with pick and shovel) could be given

in lieu of the head tax. The state was severely limited in its ability to raise transportation taxes.

Idaho did levy a tiny property tax, but it took many years to repay its debts to the counties and highway districts. The state finally repealed its own property tax levy for roads in about 1925 and went to other sources.

Throughout our state’s history, requests for roads have exceeded available funds by four to 20 times. That’s still the case. But the difference today is that we don’t seem to have the will to do anything about it.

Registration fees were instituted in 1913 ranging from \$15 to \$40. They were reduced to a flat \$5 during the Great Depression. They are now at \$54, which is far below the average of other states. This evidently isn’t much of a burden as specialty license plates abound, where people voluntarily throw in another \$35 to \$70 to get the tag they want.

The first state fuels taxes were levied in 1923. The gas tax was 2 cents per gallon, 1925 — 3 cents, 1929 — 5 cents.

It was 14.5 cents in 1986 and was raised periodically until it reached 25 cents under my administration in 1996. The purchasing power of our gas tax has declined with inflation and the cost of construction. It would take more than twice the tax rate to buy the same amount of construction and maintenance we could in 1996. We haven’t raised gas taxes since then.

Here’s my farmer’s estimate* of the effect of state gas tax on the cost of gasoline:

Year	*Cost of gas	tax	percent of cost of gas
1923	\$.10	\$.02	20 percent
1929	\$.20	\$.05	25 percent
1986	\$1.00	\$.14 1/2	15 percent
1996	\$1.50	\$.25	17 percent
2008	\$4.00	\$.25	7 percent

What is the cost of operating a car? An example would be a \$20,000 auto that gets 20 mpg and travels 20,000 miles per year:

Insurance — \$ 500
Tires — \$200
Oil Changes (4) — \$100
Depreciation — \$2,000
Interest (Half the cost multiplied by six) — \$600
Gasoline (1,000 gallons mutiplied by \$4) — \$4,000
Maintenance, repairs, registration — \$600
Total — \$8,000

This is 40 cents per mile. Most governments use about that figure for reimbursement. It is interesting to note that state and federal gas tax on 1,000 gallons of gas costs about \$400 per year or 2 cents per mile.

The federal government has always been a big player in building and maintaining our roads. Because it owns most of our state, it has regularly paid a big share of our bills. The feds paid for 90 percent of our interstate system. In Idaho, it was 92 percent, because of our federal holdings and because our engineers were on the ball and ready to build the roads. We have historically collected more from the federal highway fund than we paid in. We are a donee state. The donor states have been howling, and Congress has increasingly accommodated them. Idaho’s favorable

treatment has diminished and is rapidly coming to an end. This is only one of several reasons why GARVEE Funding (borrowing from your future federal funds to build now) is a bad idea. Here are some reasons:

(1) GARVEE is a typical modern-day idea of funding by smoke and mirrors, similar to our credit card excesses and sub-prime mortgages. In each case, it is spend now and leave any pain involved in the payback until later. It allows legislators and governors to say they have done something to fund our roads when all they have done is borrow money.

(2) Federal highway funding levels are likely to reduce in the future making GARVEE-based repayments even more painful. There are periodic proposals for federal gas tax holidays or outright repeal. Congress will likely never have the courage to increase that levy. In the meantime, our federal highway fund surplus has disappeared, and we will probably see the necessity to add to our burgeoning national debt in order to finance it. I believe our Congress must become fiscally responsible in every way. It’s probable that federal highway aid will actually decrease. If it comes down to transportation funding or medical care, medical care will win.

(3) The Idaho legislators assumed the authority to say when and where GARVEE roads would be built. This is a dangerous historical departure from our tried-and-true practice of leaving these decisions to a neutral highway board. It’s not in the cards for a legislator from Malad or Sandpoint to get behind a plan to exclusively build Treasure Valley roads. I served on the Highway Board. The board makes its decisions as much as possible on data and recommendations furnished by a staff of professional engineers. Politicians need to keep hands off that process.

So what should we do? Our roads are falling apart. Gridlock is here in some places. Needs are burgeoning, and costs are rising. Yet we haven’t increased available revenue substantially for over a decade. Here are some of the options:

- (1) Raise gas tax to match inflation since last increase.
- (2) Apply sales tax to gas.
- (3) Increase registration fees to be comparable to other states.
- (4) Develop private partnerships for toll roads (a beltway around Treasure Valley would be an example).
- (5) Pay for state police from the general fund. This would increase money available to the highway fund by \$16 million.
- (6) Fund some highway costs from general fund taxes (some states do this).
- (7) Get more GARVEE funds.
- (8) Impose higher impact fees for construction.

I’m not choosing or recommending among these. Any of them but further borrowing would make sense to me. I do say the problem is acute and will get worse fast if we don’t face up to it and raise some more highway funds. Gov. Otter is doing a good job of pointing out the urgent need for additional funds. Idaho citizens and Idaho legislators need to listen and respond with action.

— *Wilder native Phil Batt served as governor of Idaho from 1995 to 1999. Two decades earlier, the began one term as lieutenant governor.*

✓ Wolves: USFWS knows more than judge

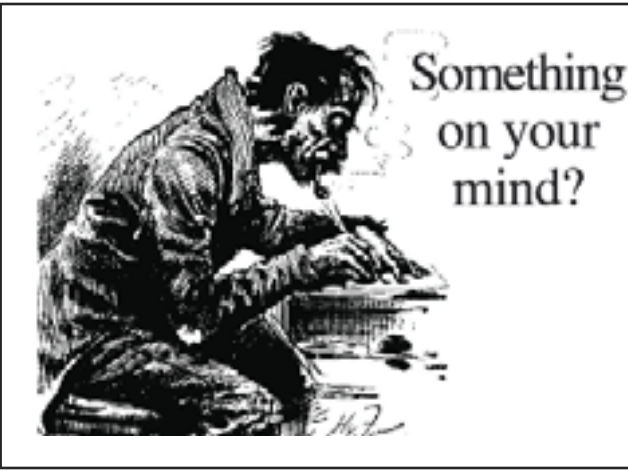
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But we hope someday they’ll understand that their actions have put good people in harm’s way.

Our bottom line is that U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologists, among the foremost wolf experts in the world, have determined the northern Rockies wolf populations are sustainable now.

Shouldn’t that be good enough?

— *Frank Priestley is the president of the Idaho Farm Bureau.*



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 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.

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The written comment deadline is August 27, 2008, unless otherwise listed. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed. ** Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790

02-0303-0801, Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation Use and Application. Incorporates by reference the Code of Federal Regulations that require inspections of pesticide producing establishments, pesticide dealers and professional applicators to ensure compliance with federal pesticide containment requirements and allow the inspections to be completed with state credentials and reviewed by state officials; deletes pre-registration requirements for unusable pesticide collections.

02-0602-0801, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law. Updates the incorporation by reference of the 2009 edition of the Official Publication of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) which is a standard reference manual for feed control officials for the registration of animal feeds.

02-0612-0801, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law. Updates the incorporation by reference of the 2009 edition of the Official Publication of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) which is a standard reference manual for feed control officials for the registration of fertilizers.

02-0618-0801, Rules Governing Mint Rootstock and Clone Production. (Temp & Prop) Changes the time frame for mint field inspections and triples the inspection rate from every 30 rows to every 10 rows to provide better assurance that regulated pests and diseases are not present.

02-0631-0801, Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw Certification Rules. (Temp & Prop) Changes the certification marking for noxious weed-free forage and straw bales from special blue and orange colored twine to special purple and yellow colored twine and changes the certified compressed forage bale binding material colors and requirements to meet the North American Weed Management Association inspection standards.

02-0641-0801, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001. Incorporates by reference the 2009 edition of the Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO), the standard reference manuals for fertilizer control officials for the registration of soil and plant amendments.

IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY 1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83642

07-0103-0801, Rules of Electrical Licensing and Registration – General. Clarifies that any person or entity that advertises to perform or offers to perform electrical contracting services is considered to be acting or attempting to act as an electrical contractor and must be licensed.

07-0204-0801, Rules Governing Plumbing Safety Inspections. Allows for the use of a single sticker for multiple inspections from multiple trades and removes the color limitation and eliminates unnecessary expenses associated with multicolored inspection tags and allows flexibility in the placement of the tags.

07-0301-0801, Rules of Building Safety. (Temp & Prop) Incorporates by reference the 2006 editions of the International Existing Building Code, the International Building Code and the International Residential Code.

IDAPA 09 – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 317 W. Main St., Boise, ID 83735

09-0108-0801, Rules on Disclosure of Information. (Temp & Prop) Adds required sections; provides for public inspection of records; make changes to definitions; and provides for access to information by individuals, employers, agents, attorneys and elected officials.

09-0135-0801, Unemployment Insurance Tax Administration Rules. Deletes "continuity of business activity" and adds "transfer of trade or business" to accurately reflect statutory language in Section 72-1351A, Idaho Code.

IDAPA 16 – DEPT. OF HEALTH AND WELFARE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0301-0801, Eligibility for Health Care Assistance for Families and Children. (Temp & Prop) Aligns rules with federal regulations allowing Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants eligibility for health care; aligns provisions for Transitional Medicaid with federal law which requires the participant to report quarterly; and deletes procedural language.

16-0304-0802, Rules Governing the Food Stamp Program in Idaho. (Temp & Prop)

16-0305-0801, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled. (Temp & Prop)

16-0308-0802, Rules Governing Temporary Assistance For Families In Idaho. (Temp & Prop)

Changes to these 4 chapters align these rules with the federal regulations allowing Afghan and Iraqi special immi-

grants eligibility for benefits and assistance under each of these programs.

16-0503-0801, Rules Governing Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings. Provides the following administrative review options: a process for reviewing child protection cases prior to a person's name being entered into the Child Protection Central Registry; a review option for Intensive Behavioral Intervention that allows for informal resolution of disputes related to certification, billing, or reimbursement; a new appeal process specific to the Infant Toddler Program to ensure that federal due process requirements under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" are followed. Also adds required sections; gives an appellant 14 days to file a petition for a Board review and allows the Board chair to determine whether the Board needs a transcript of a hearing on which they are going to hear oral argument; and clarifies that a Medicaid review conference must be held within 28 days of the request for an administrative review.

16-0613-0801, Rules Governing Emergency Assistance for Families and Children. Updates the definition section; clarifies conditions that make up an emergency; clarifies who the service population is; reduces the complexity of eligibility criteria; and ensures compliance with federal law.

IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043

18-0109-0801, Senior Consumer Protection in Annuity Transactions. (Temp & Prop) Complies with HB 411 by amending the rules governing sales of annuity products to protect all consumers rather than just senior consumers.

18-0162-0801, Annual Audited Financial Reports. Renames and revises chapter to require that insurers comply with certain best practices related to auditor independence, corporate governance and internal control over financial reporting to meet the NAIC Model Audit Rule for accreditation standards; and adds required sections.

IDAPA 21 – DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES 320 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702

21-0105-0801, Rules Governing Medical Transportation Payment for Wheelchair Confined Veterans. Increases reimbursement to transportation providers for transporting disabled veterans to medical providers.

IDAPA 24 – BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES 1109 Main St., Ste. 220, Boise, ID 83702

24-1501-0801, Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists. (Temp & Prop) Complies with HB376 by establishing the qualification, examination, and continuing education requirements, practice limits, and application and license fees for an associate marriage and family therapist license.

24-1901-0801, Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators. Complies with HB492 by allowing the Board to approve exams other than the National Association of Board of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB) exam; provides for an open book exam to test on Idaho law and rules; and updates the reference to the association to IHCA/ICAL.

IDAPA 30 – IDAHO COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83702

30-0101-0801, Rules of the Idaho Commission for Libraries Governing the Use of Commission Services. Complies with SB 1321 by providing a mechanism for operating a digital repository of state publications including authority and exemptions.

IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT. PO Box 7129, Boise ID 83707-1129

39-0207-0801, Rules Governing Tinting of Salvage, Specially Constructed, and Reconstructed Motor Vehicles. (Temp & Prop) Complies with HB 364 and 365 by changing the procedures for tinting vehicles declared salvage or total loss; requires disclosure upon sale that the vehicle has been declared salvage or is branded as rebuilt salvage to simplify the process for branding such vehicles as "rebuilt salvage"; clarifies and defines "brand" and when it must be used; no longer exempts motorcycles, trailers, and vessels from having a branded title of rebuilt salvage; adds definitions; and clarifies that assembled and replica vehicles must meet federal safety standards and emission requirements in effect for the model year being titled.

39-0260-0801, Rules Governing License Plate Provisions. (Temp & Prop) Complies with HB 602 by providing for the issuance of a new plate type for all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, and off-road motorbikes, to be known as an "Idaho Restricted Vehicle," and for a process for the

new plate type and validation by registration through Parks and Recreation; allows for the issuance of a temporary 30-day registration when the automated system is not available; clarifies the acceptability of personalized plate messages and defines that the length of personalized plate messages will include spaces.

39-0322-0801, Rules Governing Overlegal Permits for Extra-Length Vehicle Combinations. Clarifies that permitted, longer combination vehicles, with multiple axle configurations such as tandem and tri-axes, can to continue use the same tire limitations.

IDAPA 58 – DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255

****58-0101-0802, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.** Updates citations to federal regulations incorporated by reference at Sections 008 and 107 to include those revised as of 7/1/08. Comment by 9/1/08.

****58-0103-0801, Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules.** Defines the terms "bedroom" and "module"; revises the wastewater flow rates for single family dwellings; refines the soil classification system from 3 to 6 soil types; and revises the maximum total square feet of trench. Comment by 9/3/08.

58-0105-0801, Rules and Standards for Hazardous Waste. Updates the federal regulations incorporated by reference to include those revised as of 7/1/08 and adds new Section 017 to include 40 CFR Part 278. Comment by 9/3/08.

58.01.08, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems

58-0108-0801 - Revises definitions; clarifies Section 500, Demonstration of Technical, Financial, and Managerial Capacity; revises Section 501, General Design Requirements for Public Drinking Water Systems; modifies the content of facility plans and preliminary engineering reports contained in Sections 502 and 503; revises Section 504, Review of Plans and Specifications; clarifies separation requirements for sources of contamination from public drinking water wells; modifies sections regarding spring sources and ground water sources; clarifies Section 531, Design Standards for Chemical Application; adds and clarifies design requirements for drinking water distribution systems; redefines storage structures and facilities; and clarifies several operating criteria for public drinking water systems. Comment by 9/3/08.

58-0108-0802 - Updates the incorporation by reference of the federal EPA Ground Water Rule as promulgated 11/6/06 to retain primacy for enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act for Idaho's public water systems. Comment by 9/3/08.

58-0111-0801, Ground Water Quality Rule. Adds definitions necessary to improve statewide consistency with interpretation and implementation of mining provisions of this rule; develops a procedure and process to follow for setting the point(s) of compliance for ground water quality related issues at mining areas; provides for ground water monitoring at mining areas; and imposes a fee on mine operators making an application to set the ground water quality point(s) of compliance. Comment by 9/3/08.

58-0116-0801, Wastewater Rules. Revises definitions; revises review of plans and specifications; adds new Section 409, Demonstration of Technical, Financial, and Managerial Capacity; modifies the content of facility plans and preliminary engineering reports; clarifies the requirements for operation and maintenance manuals; clarifies Subsection 430.02.0., Non-Potable Pipelines in Relation to Potable Water Pipelines; streamlines the rules for private municipal wastewater treatment plants; revises the lagoon separation distance requirement and clarifies seepage testing requirements; adds requirements for septage transfer stations; clarifies operating criteria for public wastewater systems; and adds new Section 660, Waivers. Comment by 9/3/08.

58-0124-0801, Standards and Procedures for Application of Risk Based Corrective Action at Petroleum Release Sites. New chapter describes standards and procedures for application of risk based corrective action at petroleum release sites. Comment by 9/3/08

A NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Department of Insurance

18-0144-0801 - Schedule of Fees, Licenses and Miscellaneous Charges

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, August 6, 2008, Volume 08-8 for notices and text of all rulemakings, Senate and House Concurrent Resolutions, Omnibus Rulemaking Notice of Final and Temporary Rules, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JULY 21ST AND 23RD. OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Tolmie, and Freund, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Aman, Prosecutor Faulks, and Jim Desmond.

Amendments to the agenda included: Catering Permit, Creative Real Estate, and Murphy property.

Mayor Wilson, and Chief Eidemiller asked for court security in Homedale. No action taken.

Analytical Laboratories will be the back-up operator for the Murphy water system.

A review of contracts for 2009 was conducted. No action taken.

Approved payment of all bills: Current Expense \$44,513, Road & Bridge \$29,483, District Court \$818, Fair \$85, Probation \$1,058, Health \$4,187, Museum \$638, Indigent & Charity \$4,338, Pest \$78, Revaluation \$6,139, Solid Waste \$10,991, Weed \$4,190, 911 \$3,007.

A letter was sent regarding recently purchased property in Murphy.

Indigent & Charity: 08-23 and 08-24 liens approved. 07-15, 07-36, 07-37 assignments to Catastrophic approved.

Catering permit for Owyhee County Rodeo approved.

Discussion on Extension Office budget. No action taken.

A letter was sent to Creative Real Estate regarding refund.

A tax cancellation was approved for \$21.68 on Parcel No. PP5900595 T.

Approved pay for newly hired Jailer at \$13.50 per hour.

Recess until July 23rd to work on budgets.

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

/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn
8/6/08

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 hearing of the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way for the vacation of the roadway located along Main Street just west of its intersection with Highway 95 and along the southern part of Sunset Village Mobile Home Park. This Application was filed by the owners of Sunset Village Mobile Home Park.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

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

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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

INVITATION TO BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:

Furnishing road oil for approximately fourteen and one half (14.5) miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2008. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, PO Box 456, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 8:00 PM the 18th day of August, 2008.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to wave any technicality. If further information is needed call RICK MEADE, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 880-8215.

Dated August 1, 2008
Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
8/6,13/08

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 25th 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

Natural Volcanic Spring Water
707-355-1481
7/16-9/10/08

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Budget of the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY 09) City of Grand View, Idaho

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 7:00 pm on Wednesday August 13 , 2008 All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave. in Grand View, ID during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Mon-Tues-Wednesday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to budget documents or to the hearing, please contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to public hearing. The proposed FY 2009 budget is shown below as the proposed expenditures and revenues.

City of Grand View Expenditures	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Account Payable Name:	Approved Budget City Exp	Approved Budget City Exp	Proposed Budget City Exp
Administration:	\$9,600.00	\$10,784.00	\$10,784.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Backhoe Maintenance	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Capital Outlay	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
City/City Park Maint/Supplies/Repairs/Equip/Tools/Parts	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dues	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,300.00
Election Supplies	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Engineering / Surveying / Mapping	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Hydrant / Supplies	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurance / Bonds / Workman's Compensation	\$3,000.00	\$3,113.00	\$3,113.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Office Supplies / Postage / Safe Dep Box Fee	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Professional Services: Accounting / Legal	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Publication	\$1,483.00	\$1,483.00	\$1,483.00
Seminars	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<u>Utilities - Power / Phone / Dumpster Service</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>
Total City Expenditures	\$34,333.00	\$35,730.00	\$35,730.00

City Revenue Funds

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Approved Budget City Rev	Approved Budget City Rev	Proposed Budget City Rev
City Business Liquor License	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
State Liquor Allotment	\$4,287.00	\$4,954.00	\$5,043.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$13,919.00	\$13,769.00	\$12,493.00
State Sales Tax Revenue	\$5,337.00	\$5,833.00	\$5,358.00
County Warrant: Grand View Tax Levy & Ag	<u>\$6,010.00</u>	<u>\$6,374.00</u>	<u>\$6,568.00</u>
City Revenue	\$31,803.00	\$33,200.00	\$31,732.00

City Carry / Over Funds:

	City C/O '07	City C/O '08	City C/O '09
Investment Pool	\$2,363.00	\$2,493.00	\$2,597.00
Checking Account	\$167.00	\$37.00	\$1,401.00
Total City Carry / Over Funds:	\$2,530.00	\$2,530.00	\$3,998.00
Total Anticipated City Rev & C/O			\$35,730.00

City of Grand View - Street & Road Exp. Account Payable Name:

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Approved Budget St & Rd Exp	Approved Budget St & Rd Exp	Proposed Budget St & Rd Exp
Administration - Payroll Reimbursement			
- Wages for Supervisor	\$3,200.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
- Wages for Maint. Assistant	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Backhoe / Mower / Tractor Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Professional: Accounting / Legal	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Streets / Safety	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Street Signs / Signing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Surveying	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tools & Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<u>Utilities: Street Security Lighting</u>	<u>\$2,756.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Street & Road Expenditures	\$35,256.00	\$35,600.00	\$35,600.00

St & Rd Revenue

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Approved Budget St & Rd Rev	Approved Budget St & Rd Rev	Proposed Budget St & Rd Rev
HUR - State Highway Users Fund	\$19,052.00	\$18,503.00	\$16,743.00
Idaho Power Franchise	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
<u>Grand View Tax Levy</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total St & Rd Revenue	\$24,352.00	\$24,003.00	\$22,143.00

St & Rd Carry Over

	St&Rd C/O '07	St&Rd C/O '08	St&Rd C/O '09
Investment Pool	\$9,407.00	\$9,926.00	\$10,330.00
<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>\$1,497.00</u>	<u>\$1,671.00</u>	<u>\$3,127.00</u>
Total St & Rd Carry Over	\$10,904.00	\$11,597.00	\$13,457.00
Total Anticipated St&Rd Rev & C/O	\$35,256.00	\$35,600.00	\$35,600.00

The proposed expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 2009 have tentatively approved by the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings. Publication dates for the Notice of Public Hearing are August 6, 2008 and August 13, 2008 in the Owyhee Avalanche, Homedale, Idaho.

Helana (Lani) Race	City	\$35,730.00
Grand View City Clerk / Treasurer	St/Rd	\$35,600.00
8/6,13/08	City & St/Rd Total	\$71,330.00

Public notices

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 RECONTRUST COMPANY 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

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628

The Commissioners of the HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT have tentatively adopted an amended budet for 2007-2008 and have tentatively adopted the 2008-2009 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing for the adoption of such budgets will be held at the office of Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant, 18 W 1st., Homedale, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008. Such budget may be examined at the above mentioned location prior to the hearing.

	Budget Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008	Amended Budget Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008	Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009
Revenue			
Beginning Fund Balance	\$155,000.00	\$284,000.00	\$225,000.00
Property Tax - Owyhee	116,000.00	116,000.00	143,416.00
Property Tax - Canyon	56,000.00	56,000.00	73,881.00
Ambulance Payments	70,000.00	70,000.00	60,000.00
Interest Income - Checking	20.00	20.00	
Interest Income - Investment	6,500.00	6,500.00	2,500.00
Permits	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00
License Plates Ambulance	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Marcus Aldacosia	2,500.00	2,500.00	115.00
Penalties & Interest - Owyhee	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Sales Tax Surplus - Owyhee	27,000.00	29,000.00	27,000.00
Ag Replacement - Owyhee	4,300.00	4,300.00	5,025.00
Penalties & Interest - Canyon	500.00	500.00	500.00
Ag Replacement - Canyon	1,400.00	1,400.00	2,589.00
Sales Tax Surplus - Canyon	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Sales Tax Excess - Canyon	900.00	900.00	900.00
Tax Prepays - Canyon	500.00	500.00	
Tax Circuit Breaker	800.00	1,200.00	800.00
Rent Income	7,200.00	7,200.00	5,400.00
Total Revenue & Beginning Fund Balance	\$455,020.00	\$586,720.00	\$551,776.00
Expenditures			
Employer FICA Expense	\$7,650.00	\$7,650.00	\$8,721.00
SUTA Expense	1,250.00	1,250.00	897.00
FUTA Expense	550.00	550.00	912.00
PERSI Expense	900.00	3,400.00	4,500.00
Retirement Expense	150.00	500.00	525.00
Fire - Supplies	6,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Ambulance - Supplies	9,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
Ambulance - Gas, Oil & Tires	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fire - Gas, Oil & Tires	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fire - Dues	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Wages	100,000.00	100,000.00	114,000.00
Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,000.00
Fire - Firemen's Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Ambulance - Attendant's Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Ambulance - School & Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fire - School & Training	2,500.00	3,300.00	2,500.00
Legal	7,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
Accounting	15,000.00	15,000.00	17,000.00
Audit Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Professional Billing Services	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00	3,400.00	3,500.00
Lifelight	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
District - Building Improve. & Maint.	4,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
Ambulance - Equipment	51,200.00	51,200.00	148,972.00
Fire - Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	19,064.00
Ambulance - Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fire - Repair & Maintenance	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Property Taxes	250.00	250.00	175.00
Ambulance - Telephone	850.00	850.00	850.00
Fire - Telephone	850.00	850.00	850.00
District - Telephone	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Cell Phones	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
Utilities	6,000.00	7,200.00	8,000.00
Canyon County Paramedics - Collection	3,500.00	4,500.00	3,500.00
Contingency Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	28,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$315,650.00	\$330,900.00	\$462,166.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$139,370.00	\$255,820.00	\$89,610.00
Total Expenditures & Ending Fund Balance	\$455,020.00	\$586,720.00	\$551,776.00

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

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 TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: ID -133200-C Loan No.: 7442415535 A.P.N.: RP01N03W063487A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 10/20/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Halley St., known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, ID, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Parcel 1 A parcel of land being a portion of Government Lot 4 and 5 lying in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5, thence along the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 and the centerline of State Highway No 78, North 00° 17’ 00” West 619 10 feet to a railroad spike; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of Government Lot 5 and said centerline of State Highway No. 78, North 89° 11’ 40” East 388.01 feet to an iron pin marking the Real Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 17’ 00” West 1188.87 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68° 15’ 00” East 231.28 feet to an iron pin; thence South 67° 21’ 00” East 14.65 feet to an iron pin; thence South 00° 17’ 00” East 746.58 feet to an iron pin; thence South 88° 33’ 30” West 10.47 feet to an iron pin; thence South 55° 51’ 14” West 69.51 feet to an iron pin; thence South 25° 30’ 13” West 26.97 feet to an iron pin; thence South 15° 59’ 50” West 105.56 feet to an iron pin; thence South 05° 17’ 47” West 62.01 feet to an iron pin; thence South 41° 59’ 41” West 166.98 feet to the Point of Beginning Parcel II A parcel of land being a portion of Government Lot 5 lying in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of

said Government Lot 5; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 and the centerline of said Highway No. 78, North 00° 17’ 00” West 619.10 feet to a railroad spike; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of Government Lot 5 and said centerline of said Highway No. 78 North 89° 11’ 40” East 388.01 feet to an iron pin marking the Real Point of Beginning; North 41° 59’ 41” East 166.98 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05° 17’ 47” East 62.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 15° 59’ 50” East 105.56 feet to an iron pin; thence North 25° 30’ 13” East 26.97 feet to an iron pin; thence North 55° 51’ 14” East 69.51 feet to an iron pin; thence North 88° 33’ 30” East 10.47 feet to an iron pin; thence South 24° 50’ 03” East 380.72 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89° 11’ 40” West 386.08 feet to the Real Point of Beginning Parcel III Together with and reserving therefrom a 30 foot wide ingress-egress easement lying 15.00 feet left of and 15.00 feet right of the following described centerline. Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest Corner of Government Lot 5 of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian; thence along the Westerly boundary of Section 6, said Westerly boundary also being the centerline of State Highway No. 78 North 00° 17’ 00” West 634.10 feet to a point; thence leaving said Westerly boundary and centerline, North 89° 11’ 40” East 33.00 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of said State Highway No. 78 said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said Easterly right-of-way, North 89° 11’ 40” East 368.76 feet to an iron pin; thence North 41° 59’ 41” East 146.54 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05° 17’ 47” East 62.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 15° 59’ 50” East 105.56 feet to an iron pin; thence North 25° 30’ 13” East 26.97 feet to an iron pin; thence North 55° 51’ 14” East 69.51 feet to an iron pin; thence North 88° 33’ 30” East 859.67 feet to an iron pin; thence North 84° 43’ 16” East 395.72 feet to a point of ending in the above described 30 foot wide Ingress-Egress easement 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 sometimes

associated with said real property is: 7967 OWYHEE VIEW LANE MELBA, Idaho 83641 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: SHAWN M MYERS, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantors, to ALLIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of “MERS” MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 12/12/2006, recorded 12/19/2006, as Instrument No. 259198 and re-recorded , records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which Is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC.. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale Is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/12/2006 The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 1325.81, due per month from 11/1/2007 through 10/20/2008, 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 \$184,263.27, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.875% per, annum from 10/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation, Dated: 6/16/2008 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Dee Ortega, authorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee Services, LLC at 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: (714) 259-7650 ASAP# 2799347 8/6,13,20,27/08



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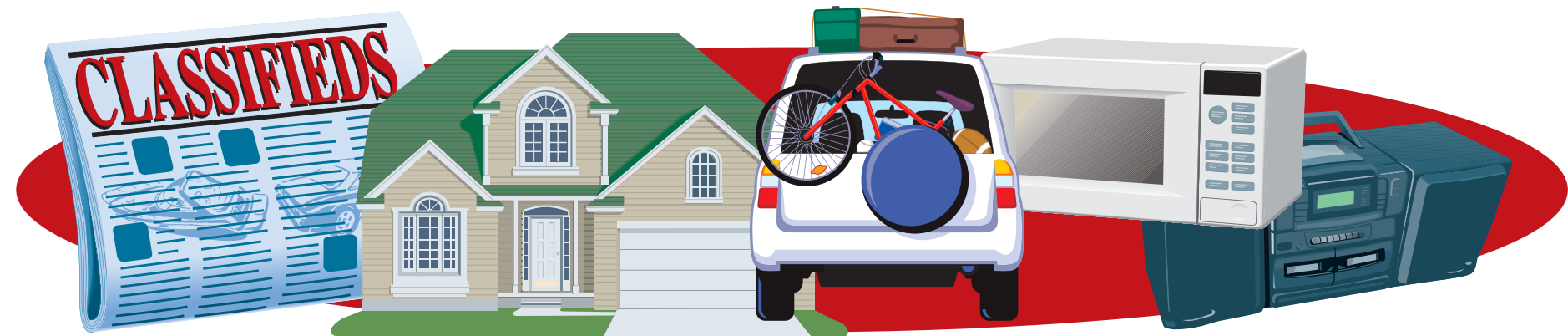
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