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Former deputy's body found

**Retired backcountry man Reed drowns
after car swept into Snake River**

The body of a former Owyhee County backcountry deputy was recovered Tuesday morning after he went missing during Saturday's flash flooding.

According to witnesses, a car later identified as belonging to Jordan Valley resident George Reed was swept away

by water rushing over Idaho highway 78 on Saturday night.

Reed, who retired Jan. 12 after 11½ years with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, died after his red Ford Mustang was slammed by a wall of water rushing toward the Snake River from Scorpion Creek, about a

mile upstream from the Blue Canoe restaurant outside Murphy.

Reed's unoccupied Mustang was retrieved from the muddy Snake River on Monday. Searchers discovered Reed's body Tuesday morning.

Former Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, who serves as the Reed family spokesman, hired Reed to be his backcountry deputy.



— See *Reed*, page 3 *George Reed*

Worst flood in generation hits Murphy

**Rabbit Creek waters wash out
roads in county seat**

Torrential rainfall Saturday night sent water rushing through several Owyhee County drainages, wiping out a road in Murphy and claiming the life of a former Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy.

Water over the road forced the closure of Idaho highway 78 after 9 p.m., and torrents of water washed out Pedracini Street in Murphy and left rocks and mud strewn on nearby Con Shea and Old Highway 45 roads.

Sudden rainfall sent Rabbit Creek through a portion of Murphy, causing minor damage to homes and damaging a pump on the town's water system. Sunday morning, a wide swath of mud and debris — and asphalt remnants of Pedracini Street — greeted residents.

Two longtime Murphy residents, both of whom declined to be identified, told The Owyhee Avalanche on Sunday that the rain that triggered the washout of Pedracini Street

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*"We had a real
gully washer here."*

— **Bill Shaw**
Homedale resident
staying in Murphy



Rabbit Creek ruins road

Murphy's Pedracini Street was destroyed Saturday when overflowing Rabbit Creek rushed through town on its way to the Snake River.

Lawmen seize pot valued in millions

**Recreationalist
reports grow near
Juniper Mountain**

An unidentified recreationalist's report of a large, organized pot grow near Juniper Mountain led to combined personnel of the Bureau of Land Management and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office pulling 12,545 seedling marijuana plants on Friday, BLM special agent-in-charge Loren Goode

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Nuisance ordinance proposed

**Public input
to be sought**

As the Board of County Commissioners and the prosecutor's office continue to hash out a proposed nuisance ordinance, a public hearing could be on the horizon.

Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery and his deputy, Chuck Saari, presented an ordinance proposal dealing with barking dogs and property strewn with junk vehicles to the BOCC again during last week's meeting. On Monday, the commissioners

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Water rights fight may be ahead for Initiative

Wild and Scenic water stipulation
have board and state at odds

The Owyhee Initiative board of directors learned of a possible snag in securing water rights during its organizational meeting last week.

The board of directors also reviewed proposed bylaws, elected an executive board and created committees to oversee the creation of different elements of the law signed by President Obama in March.

Layne Bangerter, a representative from the state office of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), reported that the appropriations needed to institute the law have been submitted.

But a progress report from board member Bill Sedivy from Idaho Rivers United left in limbo the water rights stipulation for the Snake River Basin Adjudication that would finalize Wild and Scenic Rivers designation.

The water rights stipulation must be filed with the SRBA because it was taken out of the legislation that became law, Sedivy said.

Appendix B of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, which was signed by the Work Group in May 2006, established a maximum withdrawal from watersheds of the designated rivers at 10 percent of the mean monthly cubic-feet-per-second flows as measured from March to June.

But during Wednesday's board meeting in Nampa, Sedivy reported that the state deputy attorney general in charge of the Natural Resources Division — Clive Strong — has said that Idaho water law prohibits language in the negative, specifically the Initiative's language limiting water withdrawal.

Instead, Sedivy said the state has inserted language that "expands the scope of what the Work Group agreed to."

The state's language calls for a "40 percent exceedence" — meaning future withdrawals from the Wild and Scenic rivers can total up to 10 percent of the mean monthly

flows for the four highest years in a given 10-year span.

The language concerns the Initiative board because, according to Sedivy, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has no way to end the diversion of water, which basically puts anyone with a water right in the Wild and Scenic watershed on an honors system. If the irrigator doesn't stop after his allotment is met, there's little recourse to preserve needed Wild and Scenic flows, Initiative executive board chair Fred Kelly Grant said.

Sedivy also told the board, after a Grant question, that the state rule could lead to "enhanced monitoring and metering" of water usage. That's something that the Appendix B was trying to avoid, Grant has said.

But Grant and Sedivy both seemed confident that the desired outcome will be reached.

"The (Bureau of Land Management) wants to work with us on this and to get it done the way the Work Group wants it," Sedivy said.

Grant backed up the BLM angle, saying that state director Tom Dyer won't sign the water stipulation unless it is written in a way that is satisfactory to the Initiative Board of Directors.

Grant created a water committee of Owyhee Cattlemen's Association rep Chad Gibson, Sedivy, Owyhee County representative Frank Bachman and conservationist Will Whalen. That panel will work with the attorney general's office, the IDWR and the BLM on working out the water issue.

"The position of the board should be exceedence is not part of the agreement because it's not in (the Initiative agreement)," Grant told the board.

Executive officers tabbed

In addition to electing Grant the chair of the executive board — which could be considered a continuation of his role as Work Group chair — the board of directors elected other officers.

Craig Gehrke from The Wilderness Society was elected first vice-chair and secretary. Chad

Gibson from the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will serve as second vice-chair and treasurer until an executive director is hired to oversee finances with the help of a board subcommittee.

Lou Lunte from the Nature Conservancy and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes cultural resources director Ted Howard also will serve on the executive committee with the three officers.

Committees formed

Grant also announced chairs for committees dealing with specific aspects of the Initiative:

Gibson will chair the Science Review committee; John Robison from the Idaho Conservation League will head up the Wilderness and Wild and Scenic committee; Jordan Valley rancher Dennis Stanford is chair for the Conservation Research Center panel; Grant Simonds of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association will oversee two committees that will act as one, in essence: Recreation and Travel Management Planning.

— JPB

Homedale pool opens with uncertain future

The Homedale city swimming pool opened last month, and hours later the city council heard about

the shape it's in.

City public works supervisor Larry Bauer said the first day of

business for the pool was brisk (a total of \$357 was brought in), but he also warned that the facility is in

desperate need of costly repairs.

"We might have a problem and lose it," he said.

Calling it a great asset to offer the citizenry, Bauer also reported that the city lost \$6,500 while operating the pool last summer.

There are many overdue repair projects, he said, including the deteriorating cement deck around the nearly 50-year-old pool. The condition of the deck plus the uneven cement leads to swimmers stubbing their toes, he said. The cement deck also crumbled when it was pressure-washed last month in preparation for summer.

The restoration of the pool will be a costly matter, Bauer said. He told the council that the last time the price tag was estimated — eight or nine years ago — the cost was set at about \$50,000.

"It's real money," he said, adding that a new pool filter for \$6,000 to \$7,000 was "doable".

Bauer asked for direction, and Councilman Aaron Tines suggested that the city start putting money aside to build a capital fund.

"It's an asset the city has that some don't," Tines said, "and we should keep it for the kids."

Council president Dave Downum asked Bauer to get estimates and put the item on the agenda for the June 10 council meeting.

Meanwhile, the city released its fees for the summer at the pool.

It costs \$2 a day to swim, but there are season pass options: \$45 per person, \$65 for a family of two, \$80 for three, \$100 for four and \$120 for families of five or more.

Lessons are \$5 per session, and the pool can be rented for private parties at a rate of \$50 for two hours or \$35 for one hour.

The pool is open Monday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.


Rental hours are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

HHS graduate Hannah Johnson serves as pool manager, and Kelsey Perryman is back as a lifeguard. Also set to stand watch over swimmers are Alex Mereness and Reece Landa, both of whom are in the process of certification.

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✓ Reed: Man retired from deputy post in January after 11-plus years

“I’ve known George 29 years and besides a good cop, he was a great friend,” Aman said. “Of all the cops I know, there are only a half-dozen I would have turned loose in the backcountry. And that’s why I picked George when I hired him, because I knew he could handle it.”

Earlier Saturday, Reed had participated in a World War II re-enactment at Gowen Field in Boise, driving a vintage Willy’s Jeep. Aman said Reed—who was retired from the Army—was a “true history buff” who knew his military history.

Reed was retired from the Malheur County Sheriff’s Office when Aman tabbed him for the

backcountry position more than a decade ago. Before Malheur, he worked in rugged Boise County for that sheriff’s office.

Two teenagers sharing the road with Reed during the heavy rainfall Saturday said the vehicle stopped at the creek, which was then just barely flooding the highway, then proceeded to cross.

What they described as a wall of water hit the left side of the car, taking it over one-quarter mile down the creek valley and into the river.

The occupants of the car that had been behind the Mustang reportedly ran down through the field beside the creek and watched helplessly as the vehicle was

washed into the river.

Personnel from at least two sheriff’s offices — Owyhee and Canyon counties — searched the river Sunday and Monday several hundred yards from Idaho 78.

An Ada County Sheriff’s patrol boat equipped with sonar searched for the submerged car Sunday afternoon as concerned friends — many of whom were Reed’s former OCSO colleagues — and family members gathered near the site. Reed’s son, David, is a jailer for Owyhee County.

“(Family members) obviously appreciate everybody’s help down there,” Aman said.



Car in river triggers multi-agency effort
A diver from the Ada County Sheriff’s Office goes in the water during recovery efforts Monday in the Snake River.

— JPB

✓ Flood: Deluge causes flash flooding in Homedale-Marsing area, too

is the worst they have seen in the county seat in 25 to 30 years. District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund, another longtime Murphy resident, concurred Monday.

“We really had a gully washer here,” said Homedale resident Bill Shaw, who spent the weekend in an RV in Murphy amid thunder and lightning. He was part of the crew that cooked the Outpost Days Buckaroo Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Another witness said two to three inches of water rushed down Murphy’s streets.

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Thom Couch said about a dozen people were stranded in the sheriff’s office, and more than 300 gallons of floodwater had to be pumped out of the museum’s exhibit hall hours before the second day of Outpost Days was to begin Sunday.

In light of the stranded folks in town, Couch reiterated his desire to have cots and blankets on hand at the museum to create a temporary shelter in Murphy in case people are stranded or displaced in the future.

The municipal water pump in Murphy went down during flooding, public works employee Mark Fuchs told the Board of County Commissioners at Monday’s meeting. Fuchs said the city is on a backup manual pump now. As of Monday, people were asked to conserve water, as the pump cannot be run continuously. A sensor to keep the town’s water tank from overflowing also shorted out.

Rainfall sent water down

several drainages in Owyhee County, including Scorpion Creek and Rabbit Creek. Water from Reynolds Creek left mud and debris on Reynolds Creek Road, too. More than two inches of rain reportedly fell in the Murphy area. Jump Creek overflowed and sent water onto the roadway near Marsing, too.

Flooding also was reported south of Homedale on Succor Creek and nearby streams.

The weather station at Helena Chemical Co. in Homedale reported that 1.25 inches of precipitation fell in a 24-hour period between Saturday and Sunday.

Owyhee sheriff’s personnel closed Idaho 78 after 9 p.m. Saturday after a red Mustang driven by retired OCSO backcountry deputy George Reed was swept into the Snake River by a wall of water rushing down from Scorpion Creek. Reed drowned in the accident.

The highway, which had been closed from the Canyon County line at the Walter’s Ferry bridge to Grand View, was open again Sunday morning, but berms of mud tattooed with tire tracks from the heavy equipment used to remove it from the roadway were visible on the side of the highway.

The National Weather Service Web site reported that there was a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in Murphy through Friday and a 20 percent chance of more precipitation this weekend.

— JPB



Muddy mission
A longtime Murphy resident searches for his mailbox Sunday morning, hours after floodwaters from Rabbit Creek cut a swath through town.

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Two departments defend homes



The Sunnyslope fire obscured threatened houses with a thick pall of smoke, Thursday.

A brush fire threatened several houses in the Sunnyslope area, at the line where Marsing and Homedale fire district coverage areas meet in Canyon County.

The 10-acre blaze, which started just before noon Thursday, likely began on the far side of the hill east of Charleston Drive, north of Hoskins Road, in a dry, brushy area, Tim Dines of the Marsing Fire Department said. The cause of the fire is not known, and is under investigation at this time, Dines said.

Trucks from Marsing arrived

first, as the initial call had located the fire in Marsing's response area, but as winds pushed the fire west toward homes, Homedale units also arrived. The fire burned up to Charleston Drive itself, just yards from several homes and out-buildings, but no structures were involved. Charleston marks the border between the two districts.

"It got a little interesting," Dines said of the wind-driven fire. "It got real exciting. I thought I was going to die right there," he said with a laugh.

Firefighters fighting a brush fire

don't use the tanks and respirators seen in house fires, as smoke is usually not as large a factor, but in this fire along the hillside approach to the homes, smoke was very intense as the fire burned through heavy sagebrush, matted vegetation and willows.

"I was glad to see the Homedale units there," he said.

The fire was a stubborn one. A final hotspot flare-up in the willows on the east side of the burned area required a second visit around 2 p.m., Dines said.

— MML

Council hears new open meeting regs

Homedale government representatives will get a crash course in the state's new open meeting law during tonight's City Council meeting.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Other agenda items include a community service challenge issued by a resident, departmental reports and an executive session.

The executive session has been called under the segment of the law allowing the council to meet with legal counsel to discuss the ramifications of legal action or pending litigation.

After the executive session, the council will consider a resolution on right-of-way issues pertaining to the sewer force main traveling into town from the treatment lagoons northwest of the city.

A representative from the Idaho Association of Cities will outline changes to open meeting law for the council and mayor.

The changes in the law earlier this year are the first revisions to the 1974 code since 1992.

One of the biggest changes to the law requires boards to list the

reason for an executive session, rather than just a general description as is allowed now. The new law goes into effect on July 1.

The new law also allows a council to amend its agenda during a meeting.

Marsing

At its 7 p.m. meeting today, the council will consider approval of a business license ordinance.

City engineer Amy Woodruff will deliver and update on Phase 3 of the city's water project, and Pam Roylance of the Owyhee County Democratic Party will ask the council for permission to use City Park for a June 28 wine tasting at which Rep. Walt Minnick (D-Idaho) is scheduled to appear.

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Assessor: Agricultural ground values grow

Endicott says little change in remainder of market value

While surrounding counties may be experiencing drops in property value, Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott said Owyhee County’s assessments have remained flat for the most part.

Endicott’s office has mailed assessment notices to the county property owners, and he said the only significant jump in value has come on farm ground.

Valuations in other property categories have remained stagnant, Endicott said. Property owners have until June 22 to file an appeal that will be heard before the county Board of Equalization.

“The nice thing about the appeal process, you get some people who are just plumb-angry and then you have some people who say, ‘You don’t have our acreage right, can you look into it?’ ” Endicott said. “And sometimes there is a problem, and we get it fixed.”

Endicott said a chat on the phone can sometimes avoid a BOE hearing.

Endicott used the example of one land-

owner whose assessment skyrocketed by \$100,000 last year. When he called the assessor’s office in Murphy, it was discovered that the value was inadvertently increased because a number was transposed, he said.

The assessor said anyone with a question about assessment notices can call his office at (208) 495-2817.

If a landowner isn’t satisfied after the BOE hearing, an appeal can be made to the state Board of Tax Appeals, Endicott said.

Property owners have until June 20 to pay the second half of their 2009 property tax bills. This year’s valuations are used to tabulate next year’s property tax bills, the first half of which will be due Dec. 20.

Although he didn’t have specific numbers, Endicott said the increase in agricultural assessments can be attributed to the fact that for the first time in three years appraisers have completed a wholesale appraisal of the county’s farm ground. The more detailed appraisal process, Endicott said, includes sending questionnaires to individual farmers.

The assessor said the assessment process for ag ground is unique because farm income, not just the going price for farm land on the real estate market, is a factor

in determining land values.

Endicott said that because of the nature of the information-gathering — essentially asking farmers how much they make off their land — cooperation is hard to come by, hampering the quest for complete data.

“It’s the same thing as sales verifications (which are used to determine market value for other types of property),” Endicott said. “The more data you get, the better analysis you can do.

“With the data that we got and (by) doing the income approach on it, basically what we’ve seen is farm ground has gone up, and we’re required (by state law) to make those adjustments.”

Endicott said the big jumps in land value can be attributed to the fact that the value of some ag parcels hadn’t been adjusted in the past three years.

But he said another period of stagnation in property value adjustments is unlikely in the wake of the process built by his appraisers in creating the database for ag land values.

The assessor said he also battles a misconception built by news coverage of land values in surrounding counties.

“Because the national media started 12 months ago, and Ada and Canyon started

some months ago (reporting) that property values were plummeting, (county landowners) thought Owyhee County values would go down, too,” he said.

Endicott said — unlike Ada and Canyon counties, where sales data is plentiful and reflects a dive in property values — Owyhee County hasn’t had many real estate transactions, giving the impression that land values have remained flat.

The assessor said he tries to explain to disgruntled property owners that his appraisers cannot base assessments on surrounding parcels that have not sold yet and have seen the asking price go down.

“What hurts rural counties such as us is that the volume of sales cease,” Endicott said. “We can’t make assumptions, so it’s very hard for us.

“When you don’t have enough sales, it’s hard to make some concrete adjustments because you don’t have the data.”

But Endicott indicated property values may begin to tick downward, according to data he is picking up as he records sales information for 2010 assessments. But, he said, those studies still have another two fiscal quarters of information yet to come in.

— JPB

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✓ Pot: Second multimillion-dollar discovery in Owyhees since September

said Monday.

The plants, which Goode estimated would have had an approximate street value of more than \$6 million when mature, were located in a remote, steep valley. No arrests have been made at this time, and the investigation continues, Goode said.

Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall was out of the office as part of the search for the vehicle in the Scorpion Creek incident, and no comment was available by county law enforcement.

A BLM contract helicopter was used to remove the plants, as law enforcement personnel raced the weather to complete the job.

“The weather was an extreme factor,” Goode said. “It went from a hot, humid 70 to rainy mid-40s, and close to hypothermia-type conditions. We saw a major temperature change.” With thunderstorms inbound, crews worked swiftly, “racing against the clock,” Goode said, to try and complete the operation before conditions became

too dangerous.

Removing grows, and discouraging them with cooperation from the public in the form of information leading to them, is important, Goode said.

“The public shouldn’t have to worry about stumbling into pot gardens like this and being at risk. In the past, we’ve discovered that (growers) are armed, and there are, occasionally, booby-traps.” The chemicals used on the sites are a danger as well — with fertilizers, herbicides and rat

poison being found at the areas, he added.

Goode asked that recreationalists keep an eye out and call their local law enforcement office should they see anything, or anyone, suspicious in the backcountry.

This is the second multimillion-dollar grow in the past two growing seasons to have been found in the Owyhee County backcountry, following September’s 7,300 mature plants being seized and destroyed near Silver City.

— MML

✓ Nuisance: Commissioners scheduled to take up issue again in August

tabled the issue until Aug. 4 so public input can be gathered.

“The ordinance would only address unincorporated areas of the county (i.e. outside city limits),” Emery wrote in an e-mail response to The Owyhee Avalanche. “Existing city ordinances may already address these problems within the limits of the city.”

Emery said the proposal would prohibit the creation of new or expansion of existing nuisances, adding that public safety also is at issue because of the possibility for pollution and vermin infestation.

The ordinance proposal has been on the agenda for consideration to adopt and sign for three weeks, and it again was placed on Monday’s agenda as a review item. Results from that meeting weren’t available at press time.

But the June 2 meeting was the first time that a commissioner spoke up about the lack of

information getting out to the public and voiced objections about the content. A public hearing was suggested at the end of the debate, but no date was set.

“Although a public hearing is not mandated by statute, I am not opposed to holding a public hearing(s) specific to the ordinance,” Emery wrote in his e-mail.

District 2 Commissioner George Hyer originally suggested the board table the item at last week’s meeting.

“A lot of it is necessary in a way, but a lot of it is against the historic culture in Owyhee County,” he said, drawing disagreement from District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund, who asserted that some of the nuisance problems weren’t created by activities ingrained in the county’s culture.

Hyer said he was concerned that the junk vehicle language would prevent farmers from keeping implements on their property for

salvage parts, or what rancher and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland called boneyards. The proposed ordinance would make it a violation only if a piece of property had 10 or more vehicles, buses or “motorized equipment not in working order on it for more than 30 days. Another condition of the proposed ordinance allows for storage of 10 or more such vehicles if a seven-foot fence has been built to obscure the view from outside the property.

“That could be quite a controversial issue because there’s a lot of room for interpretation, and that interpretation is what scares people,” Hoagland said.

Emery said after last week’s meeting that the ordinance was drafted to exclude specific language that could prevent the accumulation of tractors or harvesting equipment by farmers who need replacement parts.

“There’s just generalized language regarding motorized

vehicles, which are commonly considered to be automobiles,” Emery said.

Emery said the idea of the nuisance ordinance has its genesis in complaints he has heard and citations he has received. He said not much can be done legally about the nuisances at this time because a specific law doesn’t exist.

During the meeting Emery said it was his “impression” that many properties for which authorities have received complaints would be in violation had the ordinance been in place “two years ago, five years ago, 10 years ago.”

“My primary focus in proposing this ordinance be enacted ... is that it curtails individuals, members of the community, from deciding that they’re going to create their own private junk yard and do essentially what we’ve seen done in the county otherwise,” Emery said, adding that such an ordinance could help protect

property values.

Emery also addressed the animal nuisance language during the BOCC meeting.

“My heart goes out to those people who come home after a long day of work and try to rest only to have dogs barking,” he said. “I have at least two citations I can’t go forward on because there is no specific statute dealing with it.”

Emery said that state law allows for prosecution of a dog nuisance only if it can be proven that the animal’s owner has shown malice in allowing his dog to continue to bark.

The proposed ordinance would make disturbing the peace through a barking dog a misdemeanor. The nuisance violation would be an infraction.

Enforcement would fall to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office or a designated code enforcement officer.

— JPB

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Owyhee country books showcased at ION museum open house

Skinner family, Fretwell-Johnson will hold signings Monday

Two book signings regarding publications outlining Jordan Valley history during Monday’s open house at the ION Heritage Museum open house in Jordan Valley.

The open house will take place between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will feature book signings by Hazel Fretwell-Johnson (“The Best of Jordan Valley”) and John Sackett Skinner (“High Desert Promise: The Skinner Family Legacy”).

The open house will feature refreshments, coffee and lemonade. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday during

the summer. Off-hour tours are available by calling Fretwell-Johnson at (541) 586-3076 or the museum at (541) 586-2100.

The museum is located at 502 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Local resident Evelyn Loveland will tell old stories of the area during the open house, and the Malheur County Historical Society will present information on reprinting books.

Fretwell-Johnson’s 323-page book was released about three weeks ago, and is available at the museum for \$20. Mail orders cost \$23 (\$3 for shipping) and can be completed by sending a check to Hazel R. Johnson, P.O. Box 234, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

Members of the Skinner family will be on hand to sign the book about their clan, too. The book chronicles the history of the Skinner family from the mid-1800s as early pioneers who migrated from the Isle of Man.

Patriarch Silas Skinner arrived

in the western United States and built a legacy of family, business and ranching. He also built the Skinner Toll Road, which winds through Owyhee County. Mary O’Malley of the Owyhee County Historical Society recently lobbied the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Silas descendant Bob Skinner to ensure that all parts of the road are referred to as the Skinner Toll Road, including Trout Creek Road.

The “High Desert Promise: The Skinner Family Legacy” project was completed with oversight from the five brothers and sisters who are the children of Kirt and Johanna Skinner.

The family also will attend a booking signing at the Dick Jenkins’ Round Barn Visitor Center in Diamond, Ore., on Saturday.

The book sells for \$27, and is available through the mail for an additional \$3.50 postage.

Derby tickets on sale; drivers meeting set

The Homedale Lions Club is gearing up for the 28th annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

A mandatory drivers meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

Car numbers are available from Jeremy Townsend, 573-1350, or Owyhee Auto Supply at 337-4668. Car build information can be obtained from Jerry Breshears, 337-5992. Josh Love has information on the food booth, 880-8483, and advertising in the program is being handled by Mark Bauer, 337-4358.

General questions can be directed at Rob Townsend, 896-5000.

Rule books are available at NAPA Auto Parts stores in Homedale and Marsing or at www.homedalelionsclub.com.

Fireworks and a concert by Straight Away will cap the derby day on July 4.

Tickets are on sale now, but they sell out quickly. Not many tickets may be available on the day of the competition.

Johnson graduates Navy basic training

Katie L. Johnson of Homedale graduated from U.S. Navy basic training on May 21 and is now stationed in Pensacola, Fla., for training in aviation electronics.

Johnson is a 2004 graduate of Homedale High School, daughter of Jim and Glenda Johnson, and granddaughter of Vern and Bernice Drain, all of Homedale, as well as granddaughter to JoAn Breach of Caldwell.



Katie Johnson

P&Z energy survey starts

As part of the information-gathering for the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan review, the Planning and Zoning subcommittee on energy has developed an online survey for landowners and residents.

The 13-question survey is available at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229A9ZSJKMF>, and responses will be taken until 5 p.m. July 3.

A paper copy of the survey is available at the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning office, 17069 Basey St., Murphy, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (208) 495-2095.

School budget hearing set

The Bruneau-Grand View School District Board of Trustees will hold its fiscal year 2010 budget hearing on June 18 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. The hearing on the district’s proposed \$5.4 million budget begins at 7 p.m. at the school, 39678 Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

The budget shows a more than \$3.8 million (or 41.3 percent) decline from the current \$9.3 million budget. Of the steep decline, about \$3.6 million is shown in the capital outlay fund. Work is nearly complete on the work financed by a \$4.9 million bond passed by patrons in August 2007.

Another \$100,000 will come from a reduction in the district’s budget for salaries.

Bible school on horizon

Children age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade are invited to take part in the Homedale Friends Community Church’s Vacation Bible School.

The theme this year is “Crocodile Dock, Louisiana Bayou! The Southern Adventure” will run Monday through Friday, June 15-19. Times will be 9 a.m. to noon except for Monday morning when parents are asked to arrive at 8:30 for registration.

Cost is a suggested donation of \$5, but all are welcome to attend.

The VBS program will be held Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. Call the church at 337-3464 with questions or for help with transportation.

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School menu

Bruneau-Grand View

June 10: *Breakfast:* Cheese quesadilla, fruit, milk. *Lunch:* Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, fruit milk.

June 11: *Breakfast:* Hash brown, toast, milk. *Lunch:* Hamburger, tots, fruit, milk.

June 15: *Breakfast:* Cinnamon roll, fruit, milk. *Lunch:* Ham/cheese/bun, fries, fresh fruit, milk.

June 16: *Breakfast:* Cereal, fruit, milk. *Lunch:* Haystacks, corn, pears, milk.

June 17: *Breakfast:* Waffles, fruit, milk. *Lunch:* Fish, stir-fry veggie, oranges, milk.

June 18: *Breakfast:* Bagel, fruit, milk. *Lunch:* Corn dog, potato wedges, fruit, milk.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

June 10: Beef fajitas, potato, California blend vegetable, beverage.

June 11: Beef with noodles, broccoli, bread, beverage.

June 16: Stir fry oriental vegetables, fried rice, beverage.

June 17: Ham & beans, corn bread, beverage.

Marsing Senior Center

June 10: Taco pie, refried beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, pudding.

June 11: Sweet & sour pork, fruit salad, rice, roll, bread pudding.

June 15: Breakfast to order: biscuits & gravy, eggs.

June 16: Chicken & fried rice, macaroni salad, beets, carrot cake.

June 17: Sloppy Joes, potatoes, carrot salad, cookies.

Calendar

Today

- Line dancing lessons**
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale summer youth reading**
3:30 p.m., “Be Creative @ Your Library”, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- County comp plan review**
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 495-2095
- Grand View City Council meeting**
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday
- Marsing City Council**
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Thursday

- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474
- County comp plan review**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2095
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous book study**
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale
- Owyhee Conservation District board meeting**
8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday

- Grand View Lions Club meeting**
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

Monday

- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy
- Senior citizens card games**
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View fire station
- Senior citizens dinner**
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

- Line dancing lessons**
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

- Homedale summer youth reading**
3:30 p.m., “Be Creative @ Your Library”, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Government accountability group**
6:30 p.m., Owyhee County Citizens for Accountability in Government meeting, Desert High Real Estate, Marsing.

Thursday, June 18

- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- Grand View-Bruneau school board meeting**
7 p.m., budget hearing, Rimrock High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous book study**
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Monday, June 22

- Marsing Lions Club meeting**
8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday, June 23

- Foot clinic**
8 a.m., appointments necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens card games**
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens dinner**
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday, June 24

- Line dancing lessons**
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale summer youth reading**
3:30 p.m., “Be Creative @ Your Library”, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Demolition derby drivers meeting**
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. First St. N., Homedale. (208) 896-5000

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click of the iCalendar of Eventsi link on the left-hand side of the page.

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 jon@owyheeavalanche.com. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



Bet You Didn’t Know “Cold shoulder” phrase began with cold mutton

I like word origins. Here’s one for you to think about. Giving someone the “Cold Shoulder”. Where’d that come from? Well, it was used to try and discourage an uninvited dinner guest from intruding again. The host or hostess would serve the unwelcome person a cold piece of leftover meat such as the cold shoulder of lamb and then walk away ... according to some the hostess would expose a bare shoulder as well, along with a look of disdain.

Some people have more problems than I do ... for instance, there was a Greek general named Hajianestis. He was famous for leading the army in the 1921 war against Turkey. Well, seems like he often was afraid to get out of bed as he thought his legs were too brittle that they would collapse. Sometimes he imagined his legs were made of glass or sugar. Often he would pretend to be dead and not respond to anyone trying to awaken him. Wasn’t any big surprise that he was untimely relieved of his duties.

Next time you throw that piece of plastic out to the window ... consider this: It’s estimated that a plastic container may take as long as 50,000 years to decompose.

The Incas didn’t consider

themselves married until they exchanged sandals after the ceremony.

That oil the jewelers use to lubricate clocks and watches ... Costs about \$3,000 a gallon.

Largest city in North America at this time is ... Mexico City with a population of more than 19,000,000. Don’t want to be on the freeways at rush hour in this place, do we?

Bone China is called that simply because it is mixed with powdered animal bone to give it better strength and whiteness.

How about the origin of this custom? We all clink our glasses when drinking a toast. Why? I’ve heard several versions before, but this one says that it was usual in older days to share your wine or whatever with the person pouring. This was to insure that he or she wasn’t giving you the one with the poison. To show that you trusted the host or hostess you simply clinked your glass without sharing the liquid. What if you were wrong?

— For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com

Registrants sought for summer reading

Starting July 7, children will have the opportunity to read and enjoy other activities as part of the Lizard Butte Library’s summer reading program. The program is scheduled to meet every Tuesday at 3 p.m. until Aug. 11. If enough interest is shown, a second program time may be added.

The program will have “lots of fun books, fun activities and silly prizes” according to the library release, and the focus this year

is creativity. Children will read about creativity, and will hone their own creative skills with a variety of activities.

Parents are asked to register their youngsters as soon as possible, and registration can be done in person at the library at 111 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing, by phone at 896-4690, or by e-mail at lizard-buttelibrary@yahoo.com. All that is needed is the child’s name and grade next school year.

Library benefit quilt goes to a good home

The quilt made by Ruth Clapier for the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library went to Sharon McIlveen, lucky raffle ticket holder and Owyhee Gardeners president, on May 16 at a benefit breakfast at 10 a.m.

The event also saw the return of the storm-delayed Canyon County Sunrise Rotary Club’s mobile kitchen, which catered the breakfast. The rotary had been

scheduled to do so at an event last fall, but the day coincided with a terrible electrical storm, and the Rotarians gave the Friends of the LBL a raincheck, Dottie Christensen of the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library said.

She also extended thanks to the many people who bought tickets, which included individuals from as far away as Alaska and the East Coast.

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Rowdy Lair — Idaho Promise Scholarship

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Blanca Uriarte — Paul's Markets Scholarship, U of I Access Grant, U of I CAMP Scholarship, U of I CAMP Stipend, U of I Diversity Scholarship, Idaho Promise Scholarship, Hispanic Business Assn. Scholarship

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Daniel Zenor — Idaho Promise Scholarship



NOCWMA to hunt weeds

The North Owyhee County Weed Management Area (NOCWA) is looking for volunteers to spray the perennial pepperweed on June 25. Photo from University of Idaho

Pepperweed spray day set

There will be a perennial pepperweed spray day on June 25, the North Owyhee County Weed Management Area (NOCWMA) board decided at last Wednesday's regular meeting.

The spray day will start with a sprayer fill at 8 a.m. in Marsing at the USDA office at N. 250 Old Bruneau Highway.

A second distribution will be held at the Homedale Armory at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m.

Telar will be the herbicide distributed, and those taking advantage of the spray day need to bring their sprayer rather than a makeshift container.

People with tanks of 25 gallons or greater capacity should call Gina Millard at 896-4544, ext. 102, and special arrangements will be made.

OCD summer tour sets out Thursday

The Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) is having its summer tour Thursday, offering a chance to see what's new, and really in use, in conservation practices on a local farm.

This year's summer tour will visit the Rausch farm, which has put into use multiple practices such as pivots, a wildlife pond, quail condos, nutrient management and water structures, OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard said in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche. The project involved partnerships with local, state and federal agencies.

The day starts at 10 a.m. in Marsing at the USDA Service Center located at 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway. Attendees will carpool to the site at 10:15 a.m., and introductions, a tour to familiarize everyone with the conservation practices in use and a question-and-answer period will follow. At noon, the OCD will provide a deli tray luncheon and sodas. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert.

Those interested can call the OCD at 896-4544, ext. 102, for a reservation. Please leave a message.



*Patriotic Event
By
Linda Lanier*





What: Patriotic Event for Our Men And Women and Families in Military Service around the World.

Where: City Park Marsing, Idaho 83639 (Bring your own chairs or blanket)

When: June 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Who: Linda Lanier A National and International Nashville recording artist with songs charting around the World.

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Homedale Middle School

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Eighth grade
Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average) — Jake Allen, Elizabeth Farrell, Emilee Hann, Steven Maggard, Gabrielle Nash, Veronica Sanchez, Corbin Schamber and Derek Hellman
High honors (3.99 to 3.5) — Cole Twedt, 3.86; Mikel Mavey, 3.86; Jacob Murray, 3.86; Jordan Brady, 3.83; Elizabeth Albor, 3.83; Graviela Albor, 3.83; Mariza Fernandez, 3.83; Stephanie Villarreal, 3.83; Alexandra Abbott, 3.71; Mackenzie McMichael, 3.71; Rebecca Coffman, 3.67; Melissa Borja, 3.67; Nicole Keller, 3.67; Hayden Krzesnik, 3.67; Brenda

Uriarte, 3.67; Malina Geertson, 3.57; Whitney Uria, 3.57; Ana Juan, 3.5; Christian Hurtado, 3.5; Ramon Kelly, 3.5; Ariana Rice, 3.5; Heather Romriell, 3.5; and Miranda Miklancic, 3.5
Honors (3.49 to 3.0) — Robert Evans, 3.43; Shelby McRae, 3.43; Abdiel Camargo, 3.4; Perla Albor, 3.33; Kylie Schoonover, 3.29; Dayara Gaeta, 3.29; Antonio Sturgeon, 3.29; Mariah Mackie, 3.29; Cole Jeppe, 3.29; Caitlin Troxel, 3.17; Samantha Christoffersen, 3.17; Alfonso Barbosa, 3.14; Jacqueline Martinez, 3.14; Gregorio Monreal, 3.14; Erin Shenk, 3.14; Ana Vasquez, 3.14; Nadine

Wright, 3.0; Randy Aguilera, 3.0; Ruben Lomeli, 3.0; Roberto Martinez, 3.0; Mickayla Taggart, 3.0; Jessica Gonzalez, 3.0; and Colby Gerdes, 3.0
Seventh grade
Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Kynna Bertagnolli, Cameron Brandhagen, Quincy Hall, Tell Hyer, Shelby Lee, Esteban Lejardi, Destiny Long, Eric Sanchez, Kathryn Thatcher, Leslie Albor, Brenda Vega, Edmy Vega, Kaylee Rupp, Jedidiah Jones and Alisandro Garcia
High honors (3.99 to 3.5) — Noelle Muller, 3.86; Trey Lane,

3.86; Lydia Aman, 3.86; Mykal Hall, 3.83; Lauren Craft, 3.71; Angel Cardenas, 3.71; Cheyenne Steinmetz, 3.71; Benjamin Cardenas, 3.71; Abigail Rice, 3.67; Emylee Obregon, 3.57; Haley Kushlan, 3.5; and Maria Castro, 3.5
Honors (3.49 to 3.0) — Derek Vermeer, 3.43; Stephanie Kennedy, 3.43; Logan Moore, 3.43; Emileen Noblit, 3.4; Katie Deal, 3.33; Riley Maggard-Qualls, 3.33; Stephanie Aguilera, 3.33; Lizett Chavez, 3.33; Lizbeth Hurtado, 3.33; Erik Martinez, 3.29; Britt Eubanks, 3.29; Curtis Stansell, 3.29; McKenna Chadez, 3.17; Eduardo Cardenas, 3.17; Jace Turner, 3.17; Nathan Leslie, 3.17; Kayla Carson, 3.14; Talon Freelove, 3.14; Christian Vega, 3.0; Sarah Verwer, 3.0; Stephanie Hurtado, 3.0; Natasha Hernandez, 3.0; Justin Palmer, 3.0; Iesha Garcia, 3.0; and Juliana Hart, 3.0

3.14; Isabelle Fog, 3.14; Sierra Renteria, 3.0; Julissa Hurtado, 3.0; Roni Black, 3.0; Alejandra Almaraz, 3.0; Sarah Dixon, 3.0; and Adrian Lira, 3.0
Fifth grade
Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Madison Fisher, Brady Hansen, Michael Lejardi, Sydnee Shanley, Connor Carter, Nash Johnson, Gardenia Machuca, Lawsen Matteson, Raquel Palacios, Orion Cardenas-Ritzert, Victoria Lane, Matthew Thatcher, Hayden Brattin, Elizabeth Hernandez, Chase Martell, Kimberly Galvan, Megan Aman, Jennifer Robles, Bryce Hellman, Stephanie Moreno, Dylan Burks and Derek Pfost
High honors (3.99 to 3.5) — Jordan Stuart, 3.86; Maya Correa, 3.86; Makayla Aberasturi, 3.83; Jennifer Bautista, 3.83; Adrianna Salutregui, 3.83; Garrett Carter, 3.83; Benjamin Schamber, 3.83; Noe Sanchez, 3.83; Andres Montes, 3.83; Lauryn Robinson, 3.83; Caitlen Westergard, 3.83; Curtis Westergard, 3.83; Lance Eaton, 3.83; Devon Schoonover, 3.83; Sage Morgan, 3.83; Andrew Parker, 3.83; Kirsten Egurrola, 3.67; Beatrice Santiago-Martinez, 3.67; Josh Tolmie, 3.67; Baylee Webster, 3.67; Mariela Esparza, 3.67; Andrews Luna, 3.67; Dylan Phariss, 3.67; Makayla Steinmetz, 3.57; Madison Conant, 3.57; Elizabeth Vargas, 3.5; Diana Gonzalez, 3.5; Jacob Falls, 3.5; Alexis Vega, 3.5; Manuel Macias, 3.5; and Stephen Carr, 3.5

Sixth grade
Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Elise Shenk, Victoria Nash, Miguel Salazar, Morgan Nash, Sierra Bowman, Kellie Barraza, Bailey Adams, Delaney Phariss and Ismael Fernandez
High honors (3.99 to 3.5) — Justine Cornwall, 3.86; Charlie Purdom, 3.83; Kerigan Morris, 3.83; Amos Aguilera, 3.83; Alec Egurrola, 3.83; Daniel Silva, 3.83; Michelle Castro, 3.83; Rocio Juan, 3.8; Jennifer Hernandez, 3.71; Makenzie Anderson, 3.67; Vanessa Zenor, 3.67; Colton Grimm, 3.67; Brooke Armenta, 3.67; Andrea Marshall, 3.67; Katlin Carbone, 3.67; Brady Brown, 3.5; Samantha Woods, 3.5; and Kincade Kincheloe, 3.5
Honors (3.49 to 3.0) — McKenna Calzacorta, 3.43; Paige Pippen, 3.43; Garrett McRae, 3.33; Abraham Monreal, 3.33; Monique Daves, 3.33; Marco Padilla, 3.33; Orrin Gardner, 3.29; Erika Miklancic, 3.29; Kyler Landa, 3.17; Maria Mendoza, 3.17; Andrew Randall, 3.17; Elisia Hall, 3.17; McKenzie Sutterfield,

Tristan Corta, 3.43; Shyanne Kelly, 3.43; Paulo Vasquez, 3.33; Hallie Martell, 3.33; Brandon Miller, 3.33; Jacob Christensen, 3.33; Roger Alan Redding, 3.33; Alexander Levinski, 3.33; Jairo Barbosa, 3.33; Brock Shippy, 3.33; Eduardo Padilla-Velasquez, 3.29; Coty Ford, 3.29; Nancy Mendoza, 3.25; Adam Campos, 3.17; Taylor Kerbs, 3.17; Jason Buenrostro, 3.14; Hailey Glanzman, 3.0; and Tracie Cline, 3.0



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Miss Idaho pageant has local entries

Two women with Homedale ties will compete in the 60th Miss Idaho Scholarship Pageant on Friday and Saturday.

Lacey Vander Boegh and Alli Lance will be among 22 young women taking part in the event, which will be held at 7 each night inside the Morrison Center.

Vander Boegh qualified for the pageant by being crowned Miss Capitol City. She is the daughter of Homedale residents Barbie and Don Vander Boegh.

Lance won the Miss West River Valley title last year in Weiser. She is the daughter of Doug and Jose Lance (Isaguirre) of Fruitland and



Lance



Vander Boegh

the granddaughter of Homedale's Rufo and Margie Isaguirre.

Vander Boegh and Lance have been in Boise since Monday participating in several pageant-related events.



Weather can't halt Outpost Days

A horney toad named Nod got the nod Sunday during the Murphy Outpost Days Horned Toad Race.

Sherri Simmonds entered the champion toad.

Shoofly, owned by Michaela Evans, was runner-up, and Abe Riley's Hard Trigger Hank pulled in third.

Zack Bates received the Best Name award for Oreant Eater. Aristotle, a toad entered by Cheryl Simmonds, was named Biggest, and Amanda Worlund's Gully Washer was tabbed Littlest.

A man from Rio Rancho, N.M., made off with the Outpost Days quilt created by Charlene Nettleton. Thomas Mayberry held the winning ticket.

Boise residents won the guns

that were raffled, with Lee Flinn taking home the Ruger 10-22, and Rod Gallegos walking off with the Winchester 94.

If turnout for the Buckaroo Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday is any indication, attendance at this year's Outpost Days was impressive given the state of the weather.

Bill Shaw, who was an organizer for the breakfast, said the cooks ran out of ham on Saturday and also scrambled to keep up with egg orders during the weekend.

Members of the Treasure Valley GunSlingers of Caldwell demonstrated the art of Cowboy Fast Draw at a shooting range across from the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Several more vendors were in attendance this year, covering the green common area adjacent to McKeeth Hall community center as well as the lane heading to the back of the museum property.

Outpost Days also was a chance for the museum to show off improvements made with its Idaho Department of Commerce Community Block Grant. New vintage street lights and a cement pathway has been poured behind the Exhibit Hall, and a new parking lot has been poured in front of the library.



Old West visits Outpost Days

Above left: Meridian resident Jim Derderian inspects for evidence of gold after panning at the Lucky Frog Mine exhibit. *Above:* "Ghost Miner", a k a Eric Smart of Meridian, left, and "Caleb" (Larry Hendrick of Nampa) load their revolvers before a fast draw competition as part of the Treasure Valley GunSlingers attraction.

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Homedale FFA news

Submitted by Lori Harrison

The Homedale FFA chapter held its annual banquet on May 11. We would like to thank Jason Tindall for cooking the excellent tri-tip that everyone enjoyed. This was a night to honor outstanding chapter members and to announce the incoming officers.

The following members received their Discovery degree: Hailee Aberasturi, Kolbie Gerdes, Kenny Harper, Fletcher Kelly, Kristena Luna, Mike Mavey, Gabby Nash, Arriana Rice, Nick Ryska, Kylie Schoonover, Erin Shenk, and Mickayla Taggart.

The Greenhand degree: Casey Christoffersen, Trey Corta, Katie Eaton, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Carissa Gardener, Tucker Gerdes, Bodie Hyer, Clay Johnson, Raven Kelly, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey, Zach Mereness, Aubrey Nash, Katie Price, Kyle Purdom, Brett Ryska, Brett Shanley, Wes Taggart, and Mark Williams.

The Chapter degree: Sydney Cornwall, Konner Baham, Kaitlyn Hardin, Caitlyn Johnson, Ali McRae, Kali McRae, Kara McRae, and Summer Phelps.

The State FFA degree: Rachelle Christoffersen, Drew Farwell, Megan Harper, Laken Hiser, Kendall Rupp, and Steve Williams.

The following members received awards:

Star Greenhand award: Aubrey Nash and Mark Williams.

Star Chapter award: Ali McRae

Work Horse award: Drew Farwell and Megan Harper

Dekalb Award: Kendall Rupp.

The following scholarships were given to:

Ken Tamura Scholarship: Rachelle Christoffersen, Rye Hyer, and Laken Hiser

Steven Harrison Memorial Scholarship: Nestor Machuca

Roger and Gayle Batt Scholarship: Austin Emry and Ryan Garrett

The following members received their scholarship award: Kaitlyn Amos, Casey Christoffersen, Rachelle Christoffersen, Bri Cornwall, Sydney Cornwall, Katie Eaton, Austin Emry, Deena Emry, Drew Farwell, Kylie Farwell, Carissa Gardner, Ryan Garrett, Megan Harper, Laken Hiser, Bodie Hyer, Rye Hyer, Caitlyn Johnson, Clay Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Raven Kelly, Ashli Kesler, Mikal Mackenzie, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey, Ali McRae, Kali McRae, Kara McRae, Summer Megargee, Alex Mereness, Aubrey Nash, Summer Phelps, Katie Price, Kyle Purdom, Mitch Quintana, Kendall Rupp, Anna Maria Salas, and Greg Truesdell.

The Letter award was given to:

First-year recipients: Casey Christoffersen, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Tucker Gerdes,

Bodie Hyer, Raven Kelly, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey, Alex Mereness, Aubrey Nash, Katie Price, Ryan Ryska, Wes Taggart, and Mark Williams

Second-year recipients: Caitlyn Johnson, Mikal Mackenzie, Ali McRae, Kali McRae, and Kara McRae

Third-year recipients: Kaitlyn Amos, Megan Harper, Drew Farwell, Nestor Machuca, Summer Megargee, Mitch Quintana, and Anna Salas

Fourth-year recipients: Rachelle Christoffersen, Austin Emry, Laken Hiser, Rye Hyer, Hannah Johnson, Ashli Kesler, Kendall Rupp, Ulysses Vargas, and Steve Williams

For the Proficiency awards, Mark Williams received the Swine Entrepreneurship award and Drew Farwell received the Beef Entrepreneurship award.

The slave auction top buyers were Dwayne and Tracy Fisher and Rodger Nash.

Honorary degrees were also presented to: Salvador Gonzalez, Stuart and Lori Emry, Gary and Tynagh Rupp, Atina Kesler and Wayne Wallace, and Brody Kesler.

The new 2009-2010 FFA officers are: Drew Farwell, president; Alex Mereness, vice-president; Caitlyn Johnson, secretary; Megan Harper, treasurer; Ali McRae, reporter; Kaitlyn Hardin, sentinel; Kaitlyn Amos and Aubrey Nash, historians; and Lori Harrison, advisor.

4-H robotics day camp Thursday

Last-minute signups welcome for event at LBL

Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library will be the site of young robotics designers doing their best creative work on Thursday, and there is still a chance to sign up today.

The event, organized by the University of Idaho’s Owyhee County Extension Office and the library, will start at 10 a.m.

on Thursday and run until 2 p.m. Snacks will be provided for hungry roboticists.

The event will encourage children to learn ways to communicate with and program their robots, overcome challenges, solve problems, organize information, make decisions and work with others.

The camp is free, and those interested should contact 4-H coordinator Dre’ Castaneda or Judith McShane at the extension office at 896-4104, today.

Choir graces Marsing Church of the Nazarene

The Grace Notes Choir from the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa will sing up a gospel storm at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Grace Notes, 60 seniors from the College Church, plan to present a full morning of gospel music featuring both traditional and contemporary compositions, Marsing pastor Bill O’Connor said in a release Wednesday. The concert will be free and open to the public. The church is located at 12 2nd Ave. in Marsing.

The choir, with an average age of 76, “are retired missionaries, preachers, bus drivers, counselors, teachers, nurses, professors, clerks, secretaries, librarians and some other really cool folks,” O’Connor said.

He added that the choir had “taken seriously God’s command to go forth and multiply.” As a whole, the choir has 159 children, 356 grandchildren and 115 great-grandchildren.

The Grace Notes Choir performs year-round at churches, care centers and civic events.

Basque club schedules annual picnic June 28

The annual Txoko Ona Basque Picnic is set for Sunday, June 28, at the club’s community center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m., followed by entertainment from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., there will be music. The afternoon fun will include Basque dance by Herribatz Dantzariak and the Oinkari Dancers of Boise as well as Basque weightlifting and carrying contests, a sheepherder bread exhibition, ahizpak design and a tug of war.

Duncan Creek murders focus at Bruneau and Beyond

The Bruneau Valley Library will host one more program of Bruneau and Beyond before going in to recess for the summer, according to a release from library trustee Judy Erwin. The last one, slated for June 17, should be interesting, as it focuses on the Duncan Creek murders of 1889.

Jim Ware of Boise is a descendant of Fred Bachman, lone witness and survivor of the murders, and will speak on the incident.

Ware, who operates a management consulting firm, has done

considerable research into the murders of Everett Hill and William Davidson. His talk will focus on tales of historical incidents in and around Reynolds Creek, Wilson and Givens, where his ancestors settled.

The event will start at noon at the Bruneau Valley Library, and is open to the public; however, Library Director Clara Morris requests visitors make reservations by Monday.

She can be reached at 845-2131 or 845-2345.



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Rimrock FFA news

Submitted by Anna Cantrell

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, the Rimrock FFA Livestock Judging Team competed in the Boise Valley District Judging Competition. Judges included Gilbert Doan, Brittany Rahier, Tasha Belling, and Geramy King. The judging was held in Ontario, Oregon at the Malheur County Fairgrounds.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, the Rimrock FFA Meats Judging Team competed in the Boise Valley District Meats

Competition. The judging was held at Gem Pack in Boise. Five other schools competed including Kuna, Meridian, Nampa, Melba and Middleton.

Rimrock took home third place, judges included Gilbert Doan, Travis Jackson, Clay Cantrell, and Anna Cantrell.

Both teams competed at the State Career Development Experience competition, which was held June 1-6 in Moscow. Dairy and Ag Mech teams also competed.



Rimrock FFA team competes at State

The Rimrock FFA chapter's Meat team recently returned from the state Career Development Experience competition, which ended Saturday in Moscow. The team included, from left, Gilbert Doan, Clay Cantrell, Travis Jackson and Anna Cantrell. Submitted photo

Adrian man and lab win at all-terrain dog trials



Adrian school worker retires to dog training success

Mike Castro Jr. and his black lab, Lady Alexis, received championship honors at the Copple Lundy Dog Trials in Idaho. The pair won the derby portion of the water and land trials. Mike recently retired from the Adrian School District and states he gave up fishing on the Owyhee River for his new love of training canines. AHS Photography



HMS gets a crash course in chess

Members of Homedale High School's chess club gave Homedale Middle School students a starter course in the world of chess on May 19. Kelly Schamber's sixth grade class learned the basics of movement and strategy with help from HHS juniors Aaron Proferes, Aaron Serrano and Jeff Krasko.

In addition to being fun, and teaching logic, foresight and planning, Schamber said studies have show kids with chess skills do better in academic testing.

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HHS frosh are All-SRV in baseball

With three freshmen landing on the All-3A Snake River Valley conference baseball team, Homedale High School's best seasons could be immediately ahead.

Second-year coach Burke Deal announced last week that left-handed pitcher Zac Lowder, a ninth-grader, was placed on the first team after the Trojans' 6-19 season that ended one victory shy of the 3A state tournament.

Lowder pitched a no-hitter against McCall-Donnelly in the play-in game of the 3A District III Tournament. The performance capped a season in which he went 4-3 with a 2.33 earned-run average. At the plate, Lowder batted .269. He also played first base for Homedale.

Three underclassmen joined senior outfielder Rodrigo Villarreal on the all-conference second team. Villarreal batted .278 with 12 runs scored in 18 games. He was 16-for-17 to lead the team in stolen bases.

Freshmen Trey Corta (infield) and Isaac Lopez (pitcher) and sophomore catcher Jonny Stacey also were on the second team.

Corta, who played the majority of his games at shortstop, was one of the Trojans' leading offensive players. He hit a team-high .339, scored a team-leading 17 runs, collected a co-team-high 13 RBI. He also had a team-best .488 on-base percentage and swiped eight bases.

Stacey played in all 25 games for the Trojans, scoring 16 runs and hitting .269.

Outfielder Jose Gonzales earned an honorable mention nod. The junior hit Homedale's only two home runs, and was perfect in eight stolen base attempts.

— JPB

Eby moves into IFL interceptions lead

Homedale High School graduate Michael Eby moved to the top of the Indoor Football League's list for interceptions this season Saturday when he picked off two passes in a game for the second time in his brief professional career.

Eby's two INTs gave him a league-best nine as the playoff-bound Outlaws won their 10th game of the season. Eby passed Joey Longoria of Abilene (Texas) and Laroche Jackson of Bloomington (Ill.) into the top spot.

A free safety, Eby also recorded

a co-team-high six tackles for Billings, which has two games remaining on its regular-season schedule. He's second on the team in tackles behind Kelly Rouse.

A former Eastern Oregon University linebacker, Eby's first interception of Sioux Falls

quarterback Terrance Bryant came at the goal line in the second quarter, turning away a Storm scoring attempt and preserving the Outlaws' 28-7 edge. His second pick came in the fourth quarter and set up the Outlaws' ninth touchdown.

JV's Mackenzie wins rodeo all around

Two other
Owyhee cowboys
win District II
event titles

Jordan Valley High School rodeo team member Brandan Mackenzie surged past Vallivue's Ringo Robinson during the weekend's action in Caldwell to win the District II all around cowboy championship.

Mackenzie solidified his title with performances during the final district rodeos of the year Friday and Saturday at the Caldwell Night Rodeo. Rimrock's Sierra Ridley finished second in the girls' all around race.

Mackenzie and partner Bryan Reay of Adrian High, finished second to Robinson and partner Brianne Baty in the team roping championship race. Also moving on in team roping is the duo of Melba's Austin Clow and Jared Thompson.

Mackenzie and Reay — and a handful of other Owyhee prep rodeo competitors — will compete in the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello later this month.

The top six competitors in each event qualify for the state rodeo, which begins Saturday with queen competition and runs through June 20 with the final go-round of the rodeo and queen coronation.

Homedale brothers Rye and



Rye Hyer a Homedale grad, winning the District II High School Rodeo Steer Wrestling Year end Championship, and a trip to the state finals rodeo the 15-21 of June in Pocatello Photo by WT Bruce

Bodie Hyer will compete in boys' cow cutting Monday. Rye was second during the District II season. Melba's Austin Clow also qualified for the state rodeo.

Jordan Valley's Dusty Easterday wrapped up the district title in saddle bronc by winning both Friday and Saturday in Caldwell. He finished second only twice during the 10-rodeo season — both days of the Homedale stop in May. Mackenzie also will compete in Pocatello in saddle bronc after finishing a distant second to his Mustangs teammate.

Rye Hyer brought another championship to the Owyhee country, winning both days' competition at CNR to move past Todd Lindstrom and clinch the

crown by three points. Mackenzie and Clow also will head to Pocatello after finishing fourth and sixth, respectively, on the season. Reay, Easterday and Bodi Hyer finished in the top 10.

Melba's Kyler Dygert will join fellow Owyhee County resident Clow at the Bannock County Fairgrounds for tie down roping. Dygert was third, seven points out of the championship after a runner-up showing Saturday. Clow finished fifth. Mackenzie missed a trip to state by five points.

Homedale's Mikal Mackenzie will compete at State in her final year of prep rodeo. She finished third in goat tying despite not placing in either rodeo last

weekend.

Adrian rookie Maddy Pendergrass tied Sierra Bott for the breakaway roping district championship and will head to Pocatello.

Ridley will compete at the state finals rodeo in barrel racing. She finished tied for second with Emily Robertson. Ridley also qualified in pole bending after ending the regular season in fifth place.

The state rodeo begins at 9 a.m. Monday with cow cutting. Rodeo performances will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily between Tuesday and Friday, with the top 20 competitors in each event returning for the final at 10:15 a.m. on June 20.

Recent NASCAR truck winner Scott has Owyhee ties

While he's not exactly a local boy now, Brian Scott still has local roots, which makes his May 30 win at the AAA Insurance 200 in Dover, Del. special.

Scott, driving the No. 16 Albertsons Toyota Tundra, took his first career NASCAR Camping World Truck Series checkered flag in a race that saw a lot of competitors done in the last stages in a storm of tire failures.

Scott is son to Nyssa, Ore. millionaire JB Scott, grandson to Homedale High class of 1948 grad LaVonne Scott, and great grandson to Joe Albertson, founder of the

supermarket — the name of which rides on the hood of Scott's truck.

After the race, Scott admitted in an interview online that he thought for sure he'd be next to suffer a blowout, in a contest that saw the lead change hands repeatedly as tires failed. Scott, Dennis Setzer, Stacy Compton and Jason White stayed out on the track after leader Kyle Busch and Colin Braun each blew right front tires and hit the outside wall — both on lap 184, both in the same turn at the Dover International Speedway.

"First off, I didn't even think I'd won once I took the check-

ered," he commented. "I've seen so many times when the leaders have been leading getting to the white — especially with all of the tires problems that had happened. All I was thinking was, 'Oh great, I'm going to get to the white and then I'm going to blow a tire going into one.'" He kept worrying about that through turns two, three, and four, but the tires he and his crew had decided to risk the last 10 laps on held for Scott's first big win.

Scott began in auto sports as an open wheel dirt racer. At the age of 12 he raced mini-sprint cars on local tracks throughout Idaho and

Washington. The very first race he recalls watching was at Sandhollow Raceway Park in Caldwell, he said in his NASCAR bio.

He moved onto asphalt in 2006, as well as moving to North Carolina, but never saw the checkered flag behind the wheel of sprints or Super Late Models.

In early 2007, his father, JB Scott, bought the financially strapped Xpress Motorsports from Dave Fuge, who had taken it over just three years previously from original owner Steve Coulter. Brian, now driving for his dad, seemed to find his groove. JB was

no stranger to going fast, as a former jet-boat racer and 1992 world champion in the sport.

In 2007, Brian Scott had seven starts, and no finishes in the top 10. In 2008 he drove everything he could, racking up 25 starts, seven top-10 and two top-five finishes. This year he started seven times, but unlike his freshman no-show year of 2007, he has so far posted four top-10s, two top-fives and a win for finishes.

The tattoo on his shoulder reads "Hammer Down". Scott seems to be taking that to heart.

— MML

Sports

No license needed to fish for free this Saturday

From Idaho Fish and Game and Oregon Fish and Wildlife reports

Anglers of all ages can fish without a license throughout Owyhee County and Idaho on Saturday, which is the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Free Fishing Day.

Residents and non-residents both can fish for free, but they must still follow all other fishing rules and regulations.

"Free fishing day provides a great opportunity for novices to give fishing a try and perhaps develop it into a life-long pursuit," Fish and Game regional fish manager Jeff Dillon said. "Parents are encouraged to bring their children out for a day of fun fishing excitement."

Although nothing is planned in Owyhee County, there are local events in the F&G's Southwest Region geared toward taking a child fishing.

The nearest events to Owyhee County include a fishing day for children 13 and younger from 8 a.m. to noon at the Nampa Fish Hatchery Pond.

A similar kids event will be held at Legacy Park Pond in Mountain Home from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pizza lunch will be served at that fishing hole.

For more information regarding Free Fishing Day, contact the

Fish and Game Nampa office at (208) 465-8465.

The state Department of Fish and Game also has announced where it will plant catchable-sized rainbow trout during June.

A total of 92,000 fish will go into regional lakes and ponds, including 1,000 at the Marsing Pond at Island Park.

The Marsing Pond was the site of the 10th annual Leroy Breshears Free Fishing Day for children on Saturday morning.

Idaho fishing C.J. Strike Reservoir

Idaho Power has completed construction on all boat ramps.

Yellow Perch: Fishing for yellow perch is fair. Use small pieces of cut bait and fish from the dam near the turbine inlets. The perch have been running about 9-11 inches.

Smallmouth Bass: Fishing is unusually poor for this time of year. Most people who set out to fish for bass are frustrated and resort to fishing for crappie. Fish rocky shoreline areas or gradual sloping banks with small gravel. Use plastic baits (tubes, grubs, etc) or crankbaits in dark colors. The best fishing has been early morning and the last hour of sunlight to dark. Topwater plugs are catching the most, fish in the early morning and evening.



Any angler of any age can fish this Saturday for free, and with waters warming bass and crappie will be joining trout in creels throughout the state.

Try skipping bass fishing during the day.

Rainbows: Better than normal for this time of year. The hotspots seem to be below the dam near the turbine outlets and from the dam on the lake side near the turbine inlets - just upstream from the cable barrier. Most folks can catch a limit in a couple of hours. A few fish up to 20 inches have been caught recently. Worms fished on the bottom seem to be the ticket.

Bluegill: Quite a few really nice ones are showing up lately. Fish under trees hanging in the water. The same areas holding crappie are holding some nice bluegill. Use worms fished six to eight feet down.

Crappie: Without a doubt, the best thing going at CJ right now. Crappie are being caught all over the reservoir in huge numbers. Most of the fish are

between 9-10 inches, a few to 13 inches. Jig color and fishing depth seem to make little difference. Fish near shore in rocky areas with trees overhanging the water. Please take as many as you care to clean and eat in the near future: they won't last forever in the freezer.

Catfish: The Bruneau Arm is good on the eastern end. Fish the flats in six to 10 feet of water using cut bait or something stinky. The best fishing has been in the early morning and late evening or night.

Bruneau Sand Dunes

The bluegill fishing is very good.

Snake River

Snake River flows are dropping, so smallmouth and catfish should really take off in the next few weeks. Focus on the stretch

from Swan Falls to Payette for smallmouth, with good catfishing all the way to Brownlee Reservoir.

Oregon fishing OWYHEE RESERVOIR

— Featuring largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black crappie, yellow perch, catfish. Water level in the reservoir is decreasing slightly. The reservoir was 55 percent full on May 31. Water level is below the bottom of the ramp at McCormick State Park and even with the bottom of the ramp at Leslie Gulch. At Leslie Gulch, small boats may be launched and retrieved, but it may be difficult to launch larger boats. Other boat ramps are open for normal use. Angling for crappie and bass is good.

LOWER OWYHEE RIVER

— Fish for brown trout and hatchery rainbow trout. Flows below the dam averaged 230 cubic feet per second (cfs) on May 31. Angling for rainbow and brown trout remains good.

UPPER OWYHEE RIVER

— Fish for smallmouth bass and channel catfish. Discharge at the Rome gauge averaged 407 cfs on May 31. Angling for smallmouth and channel catfish should be improving.

Straight shooters set sail for New Mexico and Wrangler Finals

Representatives of the local area at the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo will be Homedale Middle School student Tell Hyer, on the left, and Adrian Middle School student Tyler Reay.

Reay and Hyer placed first and second, respectively, in the light rifle event qualifier held in Filer during the last weekend in May.



Local students reach Wrangler rodeo

Two Owyhee country middle-schoolers will represent the state at the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo later this month.

Homedale seventh-grader Tell Hyer, the son of George and Dolly Hyer, and Adrian sixth-grader Tyler Reay, the son of Mike and Brenda Reay, will compete in the Light Rifle Event at the June 28-July 4 rodeo in Gallup, N.M.

The two boys earned spots in the national rodeo after Reay won and Hyer finished second at the Wrangler state finals rodeo, which was held May 28-31 in Filer.

Neither boy had entered a competitive rifle shooting event before.

They will practice until leaving for New Mexico on June 27. The national rodeo has as much as

\$2,000 in scholarship money up for grabs.

Along with the shooting and rodeo competition, Reay and Hyer will have a chance to socialize with other competitors through nightly contestant dances, family-oriented activities, the WJHFR trade show as well as visits to historical attractions in New Mexico and nearby Arizona.

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Weekend events battle weather

Despite weather ranging from the unpredictable to the downright hostile, weekend events in both Marsing and Homedale saw attendees enjoy everything from carnivals to fishing to a cleaner car.

While turnouts were lower than organizers expected almost everywhere — most crediting the weather and the competition from other events for the sparse head-count —those that were there seemed to be having a great time.

Leroy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day

by Craig Mickelson,
Idaho Fish and Game

Young anglers arrived early to get the best fishing spot on Saturday for the 10th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day at Marsing Pond. At the sound of the siren at 9 a.m., monofilament fishing lines were seen flying to catch some of the lunker trout stocked just two days prior.

Just three minutes after the event began, Brody Gaertner, 7, of Marsing, caught the first fish by a boy and ran the fish over to claim his new fishing rod. At the same time, Cheyenne Davis, 8, of Jordan Valley, carried the first fish caught by a girl up to the weighing scale. Cheyenne's trout weighed 1 pound, 2 ounces and measured 13½ inches.

The fishing pressure increased on the pond as more children showed up for the event. A total of 134 youngsters signed up and fished at the event. At noon, a head-count at the pond showed 114 adults at the event.

Arnold Gonzalez, 12, of Marsing, caught the biggest fish by a boy at 2 pounds 3 ounces. It measured a whopping 17 inches. Just before the end of the event, Bailey Bowman, 9, of Marsing, caught the biggest fish by

a girl at 1 pound 4 ounces, measuring 14 ¼ inches. Both young anglers were awarded a new fishing rod for catching the largest fish of the day.

Riley Jerome, 7, of Marsing, caught the first limit of trout by a boy and was awarded a new fishing rod. A short time later, sister Kelsey Jerome, 4, caught the first limit of trout by a girl.

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped make the 10th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day a success for young anglers. Idaho Fish and Game officers, Idaho Fish and Game reservists, Owyhee County deputies, Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse members and Marsing Fire Department helped out at the event. Volunteers rigged up fishing rods and gave out loaner rods for the day to young anglers. Volunteers also helped anglers with the proper casting techniques and untangled many lines.

Barbecued hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream were enjoyed by all participants.

— Mickelson and Idaho Fish and Game also wanted to extend a thank-you to the 30 local sponsors who gave time, money and equipment to make the event a success.



Prize-winning anglers

Clockwise from above: Riley and Kelsey Jerome, Arnold Gonzalez, Bailey Bowman, Brody Gaertner and Cheyenne Davis.

Photos courtesy Craig Mickelson.



Callers confab

Left: Contestants competed over the weekend at the 2009 Snake River Calling Championship at the Hyer and Sons Ranch near Homedale. Callers from the area met to compete for cash prizes and enjoy a barbecue lunch. Michael Callian, pictured, won first prize in novice open duck calling. The event was organized by the Banded Brothers, an association of callers and waterfowlers in Twin Falls, Boise and Homedale.



Gray skies slow Homedale events

The second incarnation of the Homedale block party saw fitful foot traffic and fought sprinkles early on, **above**, though the Fun Time Carnival in Riverside Park, **below**, still managed to get in a few good rides before thunderstorms arrived in the late afternoon.



A dirty job...

Homedale cheerleaders rolled up their sleeves and washed cars to raise money for uniforms and equipment on Saturday. Backcountry Deputy Gary Olsen brought his rig in for a wash, and the squad got to remove some serious mud.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 13, 1984

City represented at Boys State by Shanley, Hyde

Delegates representing Homedale High School at the 1984 session of Idaho Boys State, June 3-8, were Randy Shanley and David Hyde.

The boys participated in the weeklong session held on BSU Campus and were sponsored by the Homedale American Legion Post. Some of the Leadership Action Program training involved classes in how our government works, the election of city, county and state officials, the writing of legislative bills and visitation to the State Capitol using the Senate and Representative Chambers.

Shanley, son of Rick and Millie Shanley, has lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. In track, he helped to set an impressive state record in the mile relay as well as a track record in the 400 relay at the Parma Invitational Track Meet. Other activities include H Club, Soph. class secretary and Junior class sergeant-at-arms. While at Boys State he was a member of Soda Springs City Council and Chief of Police. He was also a member of the House of Representatives.

Hyde, son of Rosel and Nina Hyde, has lettered in football, track and wrestling. He is a member of Jazz Band, German Club, H Club, Weight-Lifting Club, and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. He is also an Eagle Scout candidate and a member of BSA Order of the Arrow. He is an active member of the LDS church youth group where he has served in several leadership offices. At Boys State he was a citizen of Mt. Idaho City and served in the Department of Agriculture.

City council to meet tonight

The Homedale City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting tonight at 8pm and several items are on the agenda.

The Council will hear public testimony and vote on Ordinance No. 246 which will allot \$7,100 for the operation of the Homedale swimming pool for the summer season. All the money is expected to come from the sales of daily passes and season passes.

Other items under consideration include a discussion on whether the city will take over the billing for city residential irrigation from the South Board of Control.

An agreement between the city and the Ponderosa subdivision dealing with the process of maintenance and billing of the subdivision’s pump will be discussed.

The council will vote whether to sell the old dump property to the Homedale Rod and Gun Club. Mayor Paul Fink said this decision is being made because the city is finding it impossible to maintain the dump to State Law safety and health standards.

Marsing chamber adds salt to Homedale’s defeat

A story of woe and hardship was given by Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Mike Blankenship at the last meeting when he tried to explain the reasons for the Chamber’s loss to Marsing in the recent horny toad race at Outpost Day.

According to Blankenship, he spent 4 1/2 hours on Thursday before the event searching all over the Owyhees for a toad. The excursion was a complete fiasco despite repeated and energetic calls of “here horny toad,” he said.

Blankenship then drove to Boise and bought two potential contestants for the race from a pet store. He came back to Homedale with a heart full of hope, a bag of crickets to feed the animals, and a wallet that was \$20.00 lighter. The futility of this effort was exposed when Mick Hodges called and offered a toad to Blankenship, free.

Blankenship read a letter from Marsing Chamber of Commerce president, Robert Malmberg, that added salt to the wound by gloating over Marsing’s win. The letter remarked that the Homedale organization come over to Marsing very soon to find out what needed to be picked up in the parks. The Homedale club had made a wager with Marsing to clean up the city’s park who won the grudge match.

50 years ago

June 11, 1959

Lost boy spends night in Silver City mountains

Tommy Levanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Croshaw, walked into a fishing camp near Wagontown, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayless, Route 4, Caldwell, Friday after spending the night in the rugged mountains surrounding Silver City.

The boy was the object of an extensive search Friday when he became separated from his 4-H group Thursday while on a camping trip and hike.

Search parties included seven members of the sheriff’s posse, 11 horsemen, and members of the Homedale national guard, volunteers, and six planes, including the teams of Dale Jackson and Deputy Sheriff Tom Brunzell and John Cook and Mrs. Virginia Crain.

Sheriff Al Barberis said the boy told him that after becoming separated from the other, he wandered around Florida mountain, built a fire and stayed there all night.

Adrian baseball team wins

Adrian retained its Oregon class B high school baseball championship Saturday night by defeating Gaston, 5-4, in the opener of a tripleheader to decide three state titles.

Adrian downed Gaston 12-2 for the 1958 title.

Albert Eidemiller re-elected school board chairman

George Wolff and James Purdom were given the trustees oath of office by Albert Eidemiller, school board chairman, at the regular meeting June 8.

A total of \$807.48 in bills for May were approved.

Albert Eidemiller was unanimously re-elected chairman, Allen George, vice-chairman and Richard Eismann, attorney; Leonard Wilson, clerk – treasurer and Jim Duncan, assistant clerk and treasurer were retained.

Dora Upton is new legion aux. president

The American Legion auxiliary elected Dora Upton as president at the regular meeting Tuesday, June 9. About 13 members attended the dinner meeting.

Other officers elected were Blanche Johnson, vice president Irene Nazworthy, secretary, Margie Echevarria, treasurer, and Laudena Hetrick, historian.

Girls State sessions start

The 13th annual Syringa Girls State opened at the College of Idaho Sunday, June 7 and will run through June 13. It is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Gayle Anderson, Gretchen Nazworthy and Carol Mills, Wilder, are sponsored by the auxiliary of Homedale.

The girls are learning the operation of municipal and state government. Several outstanding guest speakers will talk to the girls on different phases of government.

The installation service for the officers of Girls State is open to the public and Homedale residents are urged to attend this beautiful and colorful ceremony, today at 7pm at the College.

New post office to be dedicated June 20

Postmaster Vic Uria announced today the new post office will be dedicated on June 20.

The new facility is located on Main Street in the Potter Bldg. It is a part of the post office department’s commercial leasing program, which uses private financing to obtain needed facilities.

Since these facilities remain under private ownership while leased to the federal government, they pay local taxes to this community, as well as eliminate the need for large outlays of money from the federal treasury for construction purposes, Mr. Uria explained.

The new facility has 2828 sq. ft. of interior space.

Temperatures

Sunny, bright skies have dominated the weather picture the past week with an occasional wind storm and threatening clouds appearing. Highs of 90 and 88 were set on June 4 and 5.

140 years ago

June 5, 1869

MILLING AND MINING. The Ida Ellmore mill is running fifteen, and sometimes twenty, stamps; and is in splendid condition. It is crushing quartz from the Ida Ellmore mine.

The New York and Owyhee mill is crushing quartz at present from the Golden Chariot mine. The quartz from both the Ida Ellmore and Golden Chariot mines is rich and paying well.

The Sinker mill, on Sinker creek, Mr. Johnson Superintendent, has been recently started, and is crushing quartz from the Baxter mine.

We hope before many days to hear the regular whistle of every mill in our camp. We do not profess to be much of a miner, but it has occurred to us at times, that now, as the milling season has fairly opened, and the principal mills are going, they might be kept going winter and summer — that is, if the rock can be taken out of the mines in sufficient quantities. By laying in quartz and wood ahead during the summer, even at a heavy outlay during the time, would keep the mills going all winter, and the mines could be worked all winter. Thus, there would be no suspension of either milling or mining during our long and tedious winters.

The reason why this plan has not been heretofore adopted, we presume, is because rock could not be taken out in quantities sufficient for this objective. We presume, however, that our mill and mine owners will have an eye to this present season. It would make a great deal difference to our camp during our long winters.

To a friend on War Eagle Mountain we are indebted for the following special items: Prospecting is now being carried on, over the whole length and breadth of War Eagle Mountain. Among these we notice Mr. Sommercamp on the south extension of the Red Jacket; also parties on the discovery of the same. This mine has already yielded considerable ore, of a character little differing in quality from that of our richest mines; after being so long idle, it has been taken in hand, by men of energy, who will soon make it give up its known wealth; all that is required to make this one of our many rich mines, is depth, as has been proven by all those of this camp.

In the Baxter ledge, at the two hundred foot level, very rich ore has been found, with a ledge of two and a half feet in width, where one hundred and fifty tons of ore was soon taken out, which is now being milled at the Sinker mill. This mine bids fair to become a good paying claim.

The rapid working of the Ida Ellmore mine for the last two months has been greatly retarded by the want of an air circulation, which we are pleased to state has now been made, connecting main shaft with the winze on the two hundred and fifty foot level, a distance of two hundred and fifty feet, and throughout carries a body of rich ore, averaging, if not exceeding, two feet and a half in width; the lower thirty feet of this vein has a width over five feet; of this, it is almost unnecessary to speak for its ore, which can be seen on the dump, glittering with metal, is more potent than any praise of ours; for no person can look at the ore now being taken from the Ida Ellmore shaft, with its alternations of gold and rich sulphurets of silver, without feeling that he beholds that which is being taken from the richest lode from this or any other camp.

OUR SCHOOL. We visited the school last Friday, at the hour of recitation, and the visit offered us great pleasure. The school house is very well arranged. The old “benches are replaced by new ones,” which makes it much more comfortable for the scholars. The recitation of the young folks was well done.

PLANT APPLE TREES. The Mining and Scientific Press says plant apple trees. That’s just what we are doing in Owyhee. We had fourteen trees, from the seed which we sowed last fall; but a squirrel nipped one of them, so that we have only thirteen left, which are valued at ten dollars a piece in green backs.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Beetless Tuesday

I felt a twinge of sadness when I heard that the SEAM (Social Engineers And Manipulators) had declared BEETLESS TUESDAY in Missoula. It cast a pall over folks in Montana. Little schoolchildren begging the cafeteria lady, “Please, please, we need our beets!”

It’s a three-purpose vegetable:

- 1) A Tuber of Play, ancient Viking children from Williston played “Kick the Beet”
- 2) It is a Tuber of Art, early Scottish settlers sculpted tall statues of Mr. Potato Head in beets and made the Polish pioneers carry them long distances, thus the origin of the name “Totem Poles”, and,
- 3) Last but not least, the beet is a Tuber Time Piece. When left on the north side of the tractor shed, a beet has a half-life of two years. As it disintegrates, you can measure its weight and circumference to determine how much longer your representative has to serve.

Why would the SEAM pick on beets? To reduce global warming? To improve gas mileage? To lose weight?

Have they thought of No Power Wednesdays? That would have a serious impact on our use of coal, uranium, and hydroelectric dams, not to mention having to cover our solar collectors. But would people turn off their heaters, air conditioners, refrigeration, Prius, CNN news, or factories? Even for an hour?

Better yet, let’s have Coffeeless Thursdays! All the Seattle’s Best, Starbucks and Columbian burros would be laid off for a day. In seven years, we would save enough coffee to make it free for a year!

It would help if we understood why social reconstructionists would be calling for Beetless Tuesday, Shoeless Saturday, Deodorantless Friday, Ben and Jerryless Sundaes or Meatless Mondays. Is it for the common good? If so, who’s common good? The beet growers? Where shall we start these social engineering experiments? The Refugee camps in Somalia? The unemployment lines in Detroit? The Terlingua Chili Festival?

If we want to do something serious as a country, instead of taking something away, how ’bout offering something BACK! How about Taxless Tuesday. Everything you earn on Tuesdays you get to keep! If you are making \$650 a week and paying 20 percent of your income to the government, your tax equals \$26 dollars a day. If just one day a week you could keep all you earned, you would have an extra \$1,362 at the end of the year.

Which makes more sense to you ... \$1,362 or not eating Beets on Tuesday? Maybe it’s just me.

— *Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his latest book, “The World According to ... Baxter Black Quips, Quirks & Quotes”.*

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Exercise bikes built for two

When I slipped on the ice in our driveway, breaking my ankle in three places, I thought getting the broken bones to mend would be the most difficult part of the healing process. I was wrong.

When I crashed and burned, the first thing I noticed (aside from the excruciating pain) was that my right foot was pointing off at what I had previously believed was an impossible angle. That was because all the ligaments, muscles and tendons were stretched waaay out of shape. Six months later all the bones are healed. The tissue, however, is much slower to recover.

One day, the ankle will feel pretty good. Then I forget about it and spend too much time on my feet. The next day, the ankle aches and is all puffed up. And it always aches at night.

I recently concluded that the flexing the ankle gets from a pedaling motion helps a great deal. We don’t have any bicycles, so I decided to keep an eye open at garage sales for an exercise bicycle.

It turns out the kind of bike I wanted pretty much has gone out of style. Nowadays, folks want exercise machines that do more than one thing. Nothing along the lines I wanted showed up at spring garage sales. I wasn’t about to go out and buy a brand new piece of gym gear. Exercise equipment depreciates in value faster than a General Motors car.

Last Saturday morning, I was driving into town when I spotted a sign pointing into a subdivision, advertising a garage sale. I decided to check it out.

The first thing I spotted at the yard sale was an exercise bike. It was a newer type where you can sit back in a semi-reclining position and pedal, rather than upright as

you would on a bicycle. One bolt was missing from the seat back, but I figured that would be easy to replace. The tag on the machine said \$15 — probably one-tenth of the original price.

The deal almost fell through when I got ready to load the exercise bike. It was light enough I could lift it into my pickup with no problem. But the 40-something woman running the sale didn’t seem to think I was up to the task. She said she didn’t want me to hurt myself. I interpreted that to mean “are you sure an old guy like you can handle that?” I thought about telling her she seemed in pretty good shape for someone in their mid-50s, but decided it was in the best interests of all concerned to let the matter drop.

Sara wasn’t home when I returned with my treasure. I fixed the broken seat back, then gave the bike a test run. A couple of minutes of pedaling made my ankle feel much better.

On Saturday mornings, Sara often drops by some garage sales. I considered calling her and letting her know about my find. I decided against it. After all, what were the odds of both of us finding exercise bikes the same day?

About two hours later, I was working on something in the garage when Sara returned. “Guess what I bought at a garage sale today?” she asked.

“I’m guessing you bought an exercise bike,” I said.

At this writing we have two exercise bikes in the living room. The good news is that we plan to have our own garage sale in a couple of weeks.

— *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.*

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington



Working to open markets

We in Idaho understand the importance of agriculture to the state, but many of us don’t understand the importance of trade to agriculture. Most of Idaho’s agricultural products are exported to other states, and approximately 20 percent are exported to other countries. According to statistics from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, if Idahoans had to consume all of Idaho’s agricultural produce, each day we would all have to consume 52 potatoes, 240 slices of bread, 38 glasses of milk or 1.9 pounds of cheese, two quarter-pound hamburgers, two onions, and more.

Clearly Idaho’s agricultural industry is extremely prolific. Idaho farmers and ranchers provide many jobs and abundant food for Idaho’s families. There is little doubt that the industry’s growth is beneficial to the state. As Idaho agriculture grows and the need increases around the world for quality agricultural produce, the importance of expanded foreign market opportunities becomes clearer. Congress is currently working on several trade-related issues to help expand these opportunities.

Last month, I joined Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and a large bipartisan group of co-sponsors in the Senate to introduce the Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act. This legislation would broaden market opportunities for Idaho potatoes, wheat, peas, beans, barley, lentils, dairy, beef, pork, wood, and other products. It would also remove travel bans to Cuba and ease restrictions complicating the sale of U.S. medicines and medical devices to Cuba.

Also, last week, the Senate Finance Committee held a

hearing on the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, which would provide duty-free entry for 88 percent of U.S. exports to Panama. U.S. exports can face high tariffs in foreign markets, while our tariffs on imports are much lower or do not exist. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) generally level these tariffs, thereby easing entry of U.S. goods into foreign markets, and often provide channels for addressing the environment, human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and other issues in partner nations. There are two other pending FTAs (with Colombia and South Korea) that also could provide more market access to Idaho’s agricultural producers.

Most Colombian products enter the U.S. duty-free, but the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would provide reciprocal access to Colombia’s market for U.S. products. The benefits to Idaho agriculture would include immediate duty-free access for peas, lentils, dry beans, apples, cherries, and potatoes; elimination of tariffs on wheat and barley; removal of Colombia’s 80 percent duty on prime and choice cut beef imports; and elimination of all dairy product duties. Similarly, the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement would provide duty-free access for nearly two-thirds of current U.S. agricultural exports to South Korea.

Additionally, in the cause of free and fair trade, last month Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and I led a bipartisan group of senators in sending a letter to the president urging him to work toward the timely removal of the tariffs

— *See **Markets**, page 19*

Commentary

Financial management

Be delicate when discussing parents with sibling

Dear Dave,

A couple of years ago my parents got into a big financial mess. They filed bankruptcy, and had to give up their house. Now, they live on a fixed income of \$2,220 a month, and my dad is not in good health. My wife and I help them out with a little money each month, but my sister and her husband don't do much for them. Do you think I should lean on her a little bit in an effort to make her pitch in and help?

— Randy

Dear Randy,

If there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's that you can't make another adult behave. The only person you can control is the one you look at in mirror every morning. Now, *should* a



son or daughter want to help their parents, especially if one is in poor health, and the money's tight? Absolutely! But family relationships are strange animals. Your sister and her husband may have some bruised feelings from something that happened years ago, or they may be having money problems of their own. At this point, all you can do is try to gauge their interest in this idea.

For starters, I'd suggest working up a monthly budget on your parents. I'm talking about

a simple, one-page document, and show it to your sister and her husband. Let them know that Mom and Dad need a little help, and ask if they'd be willing to join you guys by chipping in a little money each month to help out your parents. Present the idea as you guys partnering with each other to help out, and be sure you don't get into any finger-wagging, or lectures about responsibility. That kind of stuff is a real turn-off, and it can get thrown back in your face in a hurry!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

How much money should I have in my business emergency fund? My annual sales are about \$100,000, and I currently have a couple of months of general

and administrative expenses set aside.

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You're getting there! I like the idea of a small business having about six months of expenses set aside. Having that kind of cushion provides a ton of options, and lots of peace. It also eliminates the need for borrowing money, because with that kind of cash sitting around, you basically become your own line of credit!

Having a personal emergency fund set aside is a little different than having one in place for your business. When it comes to personal finance, I usually recommend setting aside three to six months of expenses. But the basic idea is the same, regardless

of whether you're talking about personal finance or the financial health of your small business. A fully-funded emergency fund can turn a disaster into nothing more than a minor inconvenience!

— 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

The Sotomayor pick Obama must re-think Supreme Court nominee

The Daily Editorialist

Barack Obama needs to go back to the drawing board and see if he can come up with a Supreme Court nominee who is something other than a self-declared racist termagant.

And while he is at it, maybe he can find one who respects the Constitution, honors the rule of law, and doesn't consider denigrating the Separation of Powers the height of sophisticated wit.

Sonia Sotomayor's rags-to-riches persona — as we have now been told *ad infinitum* by the mainstream media — is indeed inspiring. Born into relative poverty to Puerto Rican parents, she raised herself up to a preeminent position in mainstream American society. As have tens of millions of other impoverished children born to Italian parents, African parents, Polish parents, Japanese parents, and, in fact, Puerto Rican parents in this land of equal opportunity.

Unfortunately, Ms. Sotomayor seems to have forgotten that the emphasis there is on equal. Which is why it is entirely inappropriate for someone aspiring to be one

of just nine final adjudicators of the Constitution of the United States to unburden herself of such a racist, sexist obloquy as, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

Not to mention the blatant racist sexism in such an observation as, "I further accept that our experiences as women and people of color affect our decisions. The aspiration to impartiality is just that — it's an aspiration because it denies the fact that we are by our experiences making different choices than others ..."

Well, Ms. Sotomayor, in the first place, most Americans would likely prefer a Supreme Court justice who did a little better than pass off one of the basic tenets of "Blind Justice" — impartiality — as being little more than "just ... an aspiration."

It is also inappropriate for someone in such a lofty position to actually confuse the role of the court in *interpreting* the law as being that of "making policy" —

as in, "Because it is — Court of Appeals is where policy is made. And I know, and I know, that this is on tape, and I should never say that. Because we don't "make law," I know. [audience laughter] OK, I know. I know."

We get the point. But not the joke.

And our point is that Sonia Sotomayor — touchy, feely, warm, and fuzzy (and, of course, "empathetic") though she may be — is entirely unfit to be an Associate Justice on the nation's Highest Court. The columned edifice at One First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., is this nation's court of last resort, not Sesame Street. And as such, America needs another John Marshall or Oliver Wendell Holmes, not Bert and Ernie.

President Obama needs to go back to the drawing board and draw a nominee who actually believes in equal justice under constitutional law. Not a racist termagant who considers the Separation of Powers a throwaway joke and Blind Justice an undue burden.

— *The Daily Editorialist* is a feature of *Fairfax, Va.-based Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ Markets: Continued imports of state's food key to Idaho's future

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Mexico recently imposed on more than 80 U.S. products. Along with other devastating losses if these tariffs continue, U.S. potato producers will lose an estimated \$17.7 million in sales for the remainder of 2009 and \$40 million in 2010.

Trade among nations is a powerful form of diplomacy. Because of states like Idaho, America feeds much of the world. Subsequently, America has a good relationship with much of the world. Increased international trade is important to the future of Idaho agriculture and, thus, to Idaho's future. Each of the steps we have taken recently toward free and fair trade is another to help get us there.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member in the U.S. Senate. For more details on trade-related issues, go to <http://crapo.senate.gov>.*

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

The Owyhee Avalanche

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MAY 26, 2009

Approved letter of support for GrandView QRU.

Approved payment to Modus Architecture and Wright Brothers for Museum Complex.

Alcohol license approved for Rebecca’s, Del Rio, LaMichacana, Cowboy Up, and Jumbo’s.

Indigent & Charity, 09-18 denied, Assignments 08-12, 08-23, 08-29, and 08-38.

Executive Session 67-2345 (1)-(a), (b), (d), (f). No action taken.

Update on the Joint Land Use Study from Department of Commerce.

Update from Western Alliance on Owyhee County projects.

Adoption of Ordinance 09-03 Planning & Zoning Amendments.

Adoption of Ordinance 09-03 Summary for Publication.

Recess for Wings and Roots meeting.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office or online at owyheecounty.net.

6/10/09

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the office of Commissioner of the Homedale Highway District must be filed with the district clerk/secretary whose address is PO Box 713, Homedale, ID 83628, no later than 5pm on the day of June 26, 2009.

Such declarations are available at the district office at 102 East Colorado Ave., Homedale, ID or at the office of the County Clerk.

Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00pm on the 25th day prior to the election.

Election of one(1) commissioner to a four (4) year term in sub-district 2, will be held on August 4, 2009.

Terri Uria, Clerk/Secretary – Homedale Highway District

6/10,17/09

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE REGULATING TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USES, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, AND VENDORS ORDINANCE NO. 381

The City of Homedale, Idaho hereby gives notice of the adoption of Ordinance No. 381, Regulation of Temporary Commercial Uses of Commercial and Industrial Property, Transient Merchants, and Vendors, which regulates the temporary (6 month) commercial use of private property that has been zoned commercial or industrial by providing an application process and fee and requiring a license and fee. In addition, the ordinance regulates transient merchants (merchants selling for seven day period or less) selling on private property that has been zoned commercial or industrial by providing an application process and fee and requiring a license and fee. In addition, the ordinance regulates vendors selling food and non-food items on public property in commercial, industrial, and residential zones by providing a license application process and fee, and for non-food items, an investigation fee. In addition, the ordinance provides exceptions for certain types of activities and makes the violation of the

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the regular school board meeting of Joint School District No. 365, Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho a proposed 2009-2010 budget will be presented for approval. The budget is presently determined by the Board of Trustees and is available for review in the district office. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 33-801. Meeting notices have been posted throughout the district.

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL BUDGET									
ALL FUNDS									
BRUNEAU-GRANDVIEW SCHOOL DIST #365									
GENERAL M & O FUND					ALL OTHER FUNDS				
REVENUES	Prior Year Actual 2006-2007	Prior Year Actual 2007-2008	Current Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	Prior Year Actual 2006-2007	Prior Year Actual 2007-2008	Current Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	
Beginning Balances	321,924	408,121	337,896CR	348,492CR	192,383	485,296	4,251,881CR	379,888CR	
Local Revenue	551,272	153,895	85,000CR	84,000CR	300,188	323,862	602,850CR	465,128CR	
County Revenue	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State Revenue	2,563,518	3,140,815	3,209,400CR	3,222,373CR	87,384	95,302	99,731CR	77,342CR	
Federal Revenue	84,970	132,334	144,500CR	144,500CR	804,887	489,803	858,164CR	804,408CR	
Other Sources	0	0	0	0	0	183,840	0	0	
Transfers	0	0	0	0	18,438	18,461	50,776CR	50,776CR	
TOTALS ***	3,951,684	3,835,945	3,836,096CR	3,896,465CR	1,190,557	1,573,208	5,489,544CR	6,779,844CR	

GENERAL M & O FUND									
ALL OTHER FUNDS									
OBJ#	EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2006-2007	Prior Year Actual 2007-2008	Current Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	Prior Year Actual 2006-2007	Prior Year Actual 2007-2008	Current Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010
100	Salaries	1,752,726	1,820,081	1,808,391	1,769,553	352,339	385,889	414,706	487,184
200	Benefits	582,378	679,344	686,812	695,421	97,128	114,597	104,664	127,948
300	Purchased Services	887,214	887,517	919,542	899,187	86,818	208,282	272,900	248,772
400	Supplies & Materials	127,958	183,140	181,308	188,514	140,849	193,660	348,121	198,780
500	Capital Outlay	26,887	11,317	4,814	6,080	115,850	148,555	1,900,577	309,987
600	Debt Retirement	260	360	462	462	239,303	242,848	394,200	394,200
700	Insurance & Judgments	83,556	83,556	84,800	58,500	4,612	4,612	4,612	4,290
800	Transfers	18,438	18,728	30,778	30,778	0	241,888	0	0
	Contingency Reserve	160,000	168,400	160,000	160,000	83,798	37,839	48,855	38,787
	Unappropriated Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS ***	3,951,684	3,835,945	3,836,096	3,896,465	1,190,557	1,573,208	5,489,544	6,779,844

Copies of the school district budget and the annual report are available for public inspection in the administrative offices of the school district or in the office of the clerk of the district.

Catherine R. Sellman, Clerk
Joint School District No. 365
Grand View, Idaho 83624

Publish June 10, 2009

ordinance a misdemeanor. Finally, the ordinance repeals conflicting ordinances, provides for severability, and provides that the ordinance will be effective upon publication of this summary. The full text of the ordinance regulating Temporary Commercial Uses of Commercial and Industrial Property, Transient Merchants, and Vendors is available at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Street, Homedale, Idaho.

ORDINANCE NO. 381 SUMMARY CERTIFICATION

The undersigned City of Homedale legal advisor, having reviewed Ordinance No. 381 and the summary for Ordinance No. 381 believes the summary for Ordinance No. 381 is true and complete and that it provides adequate notice to the public of the identity and principal provisions of the ordinance.

Dated this 29 day of May, 2009.

/s/Michael E. Duggan,
Homedale City Attorney

6/10/09

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR AIRPORT HANGARS ORDINANCE NO. 382

The City of Homedale, Idaho hereby gives notice of the adoption of Ordinance No. 382, an Ordinance Amending Zoning Regulations to Allow for Airport Hangars which adds the land use of “Airport Hangar” to the Schedule for District Regulations and makes this a permitted used in an Industrial Zone and a use requiring a special use permit in a Commercial Zone. The ordinance further repeals conflicting ordinances, provides for severability, and provides that the ordinance will be effective upon publication of this summary. The full text of the Ordinance Amending Zoning Regulations to Allow for Airport Hangars is available at Homedale City

Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Street, Homedale, Idaho.

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The undersigned City of Homedale legal advisor, having reviewed Ordinance No. 382 and the summary for Ordinance No. 382 believes the summary for Ordinance No. 382 is true and complete and that it provides adequate notice to the public of the identity and principal provisions of the ordinance.

Dated this 29 day of May, 2009.

/s/Michael E. Duggan,
Homedale City Attorney

6/10/09

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the offices of Commissioner #1 and Commissioner #2 of the Gem Highway District #3 must be filed with district clerk/secretary whose address is 1016 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 26th day of June, 2009. Such declarations are available at the district office at 1016 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho or at the office of the County Clerk. Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 25th day prior to the election.

Stella J. Bush, Secretary/
Treasurer

6/10/09

ATTENTION: GRAND VIEW WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER:

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Well’s supplying water to the Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was

tested on **May 4, 2009 and has an Arsenic concentration of 0.17 ppb** of which is above the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what is happening, what you should do and what your water association is doing to continue to keep in compliance. The Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. is still required to provide quarterly public notice of this excess EPA standard Arsenic level. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the Association that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.

What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.

What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

What is being done? On the second Wednesday of each month there are regular Water & Sewer Board and the City Council meetings at City Hall – 425 Boise Ave. at 7:00 pm. Questions are encouraged concerning your drinking water and other issues.

Our application for the ICDBG grant in the amount of \$ 360,000 with the Idaho Department of Commerce has been awarded to the Grand View Water and Sewer association under the umbrella of the City of Grand View. With the awarding of this grant the designing of our Arsenic plant is under way.

What should I do? It will be each citizen’s choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink City of Grand View water the choice is the total

responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor.

For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to 1:30 – (208) 834-2700 - Closed all major holidays.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks, businesses and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thank you, Helana Race
Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. Secretary / Treasurer
June 1, 2009

6/10/09

NOTICE

Pioneer Mini Storage, LLC will sell at a Silent Bid Auction on June 15, 2009, the stored household belongings of the delinquent account listed below. Bids will be accepted at 4155 Pioneer Road, Homedale, ID at 11:30am. Minimum Bid is \$399.00. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code.

Sara Ault-Sanders, 2090 W. Overland Rd., Meridian, ID 83642 Unit #A-18

Goods to be sold may be cancelled without notice prior to auction.

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Buy it, sell it,
trade it, rent it...
in the
Classifieds!

Public notices

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

Charles Howarth of 833 N Palmer Lane, Eagle, ID 83616 filed Application No. 75443 to transfer one water right with a 1966 priority date from the Snake River totaling 1.090 cfs.

The transfer proposes to split the right, and move 14.56 acres of irrigation and 0.29 cfs approximately 4 miles to the east to property owned by Andrew Johnson. A point of diversion on the Snake River will be added near the new place of use. The unchanged portion of the right will remain on land about 14.5 miles south of Mountain Home.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided under “new water right applications.” Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before June 22, 2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 25, 2009, at the hour of eleven o’clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

In Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Section 21: N1/2 N1/2 NE1/4 NE1/4

By reason of the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 362, the original sale was discontinued, and pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 45-1506(A) this sale is rescheduled and will be conducted as allowed by the expiration or termination of the effect of the stay in the manner provided by that section.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 7303 TRAP SHOOT RD., MARSING, IDAHO, may sometimes be 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 EILEEN A. BEZY and PAUL V. BEZY, wife and husband, as Grantor,

and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS WESTERN FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company, “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “W” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on August 17, 2006 as Instrument No. 257742, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated August 17, 2006, in the amount of \$160.99 per month for February, 2008 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$13,742.42 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) per annum from January 30, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note in the amount of \$289.17 for the period of March 19, 2008, through August 18, 2008, with additional default interest accruing from April 29, 2009, at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 21 day of May, 2009.

By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O. Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575. (208) 331-1200
5/27;6/3,10/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. 09-0053932 Title Order No. 090305391IDGNO Parcel No. RP007500030040 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 10/05/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/20/2007 as Instrument Number 259872, and executed by TODD A COOPER & MARLA R COOPER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: LOT 4, BLOCK 3, EAGLE VIEW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 215482, RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.. 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, 12495 CINNABAR WAY, MURPHY,

ID 83650 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 01/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.750% 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 \$289,205.60, 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: 05/19/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Phone: (800) 281-8219 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 3117280
6/3,10,17,24/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On September 17, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock AM of said day, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lot 12 of Block 3 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593 in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **515 White Cloud Place, Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jose L. Garibay, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded June 12, 2006, as Instrument No. 256751, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-7 Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-7, recorded May 7, 2009, as Instrument No. 268120, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$641.83 for the months of January 2009 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$78,243.77 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.3750% from December 1, 2008, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 13th day of May, 2009.

Sumerli Lynch, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

5/20,27;6/3,10/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Tuesday, the 22nd day of September, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of Hwy. 78 and Hailey St., Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property

situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 10: A part of Government Lot 4, more particularly described, to-wit:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Government Lot 4, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, the INITIAL POINT OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence

South 89° 24’ 50” East, 281.00 feet, along the North line of said Government Lot 4; thence

South 0° 20’ 30” East, 155.00 feet, parallel to the West line of said Government Lot 4; thence

North 89° 24’ 50” West, 281.00 feet, parallel to the North line, to a point on the said West line; thence

North 0° 20’ 30” West, 155.00 feet, along the West line to the INITIAL POINT OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3661 Drum Rd., Homedale, Idaho, 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 KEVIN J. RUHLING, an Unmarried Man, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., recorded June 29, 2005, as Instrument No. 252440, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on June 29, 2005, as Instrument No. 252441, and re-recorded on October 24, 2005, as Instrument No. 253891, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated June 16, 2005, in the amount of \$952.00 each, for the months of January through April, 2009, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.15% per annum from December 1, 2008. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$120,900.80, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.15% per annum from December 1, 2008.

DATED This 19th day of May, 2009.

/s/CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
6/3,10,17,24/09

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**Knight Community Church
Grand View**
Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knight's Neighborhood:
(Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm

**Crossroads
Assembly of God
Wilder**
Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

**Assembly of God
Church
Homedale**
15 West Montana, 337-4458
Pastor George Greenwood
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm

**Friends Community
Church
Wilder - Homedale**
17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

**Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church**
1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell
459-3653
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm
Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
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212 S. 1st W.
Sunday School 10am & 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7pm
Pastor James Huls

**Wilder Church of God
Wilder**
205 A St. E, 482-7839
Pastor Ray Gerthung
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Service 11am
Sunday Eve. 6:00pm
Wed. Eve. 7:00pm

**Mountain View
Church of the Nazarene**
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337-3151
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
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**Marsing Church of Christ
Marsing**
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Minister Gib Nelson
Sunday Bible Study 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

**Christian Church
Homedale**
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Pastor Maurice Jones
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Church school 9:45

**Bible Missionary Church
Homedale**
West Idaho, 337-3425
Pastor Ron Franklin
Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30

**Assembly of God Church
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139 Kerry, 965-1650
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Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

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Marsing**
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Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

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Sunday School - 9:45am
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**Trinity Holiness Church
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Pastor Samuel Page
337-5021
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Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Thursday Evening 7:30pm

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Bishop Payne

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Marsing**
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**First
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Homedale**
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Pastor Marianne Paul
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday School 11am

**Calvary Holiness Church
Wilder**
Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave.
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
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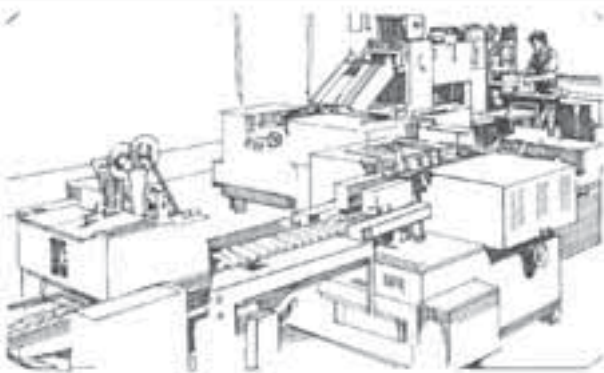
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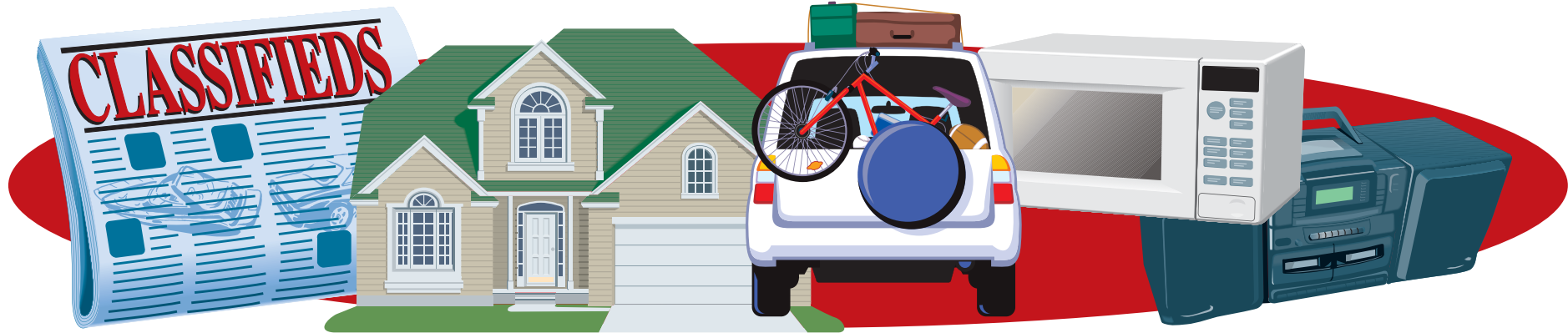
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