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Group: County hiding spending details

Director of watchdog
foundation expresses
frustration in public re-
cords process

The executive director of a government watchdog group has expressed frustration in his inability to get straight answers from Owyhee County on government spending.

Wayne Hoffman, a former newspaper reporter and political aide for one-time

U.S. Rep. Bill Sali (R-Idaho), now heads up the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which is described as a non-partisan, non-profit think tank.

Hoffman recently wrote an op-ed piece detailing his difficulty in obtaining information on Owyhee County financial

activity from the past 18 months. It appears on Pages 22-23 of today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

"This county has been the most difficult government agency in the entire state with which to work," Hoffman told the

— See *Spending*, page 5

Few attend comp plan meetings

Last week's batch of public meetings on the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan review drew "good input and conversations", but few participants, according to a Planning and Zoning official.

"It was stated over and over by the subcommittees and the Planning and Zoning Commission and those in attendance that they were disappointed in the poor turnout and the apathy and difficulty to get people involved," county P&Z administrator Mary Huff said.

Huff said that less than 20 people unaffiliated to the subcommittees or P&Z commission showed up for the three meetings

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Summer fun at library



Getting big sis' help

Two-year-old Todd Thatcher gets a helping hand on his aquarium from sister Kelsey Thatcher during Wednesday's "Be Creative @ the Library" session at the Homedale Public Library. Todd and Kelsey are the children of Homedale's Mark and DeAnn Thatcher.

Schools to seek tech center levy

The school boards from Homedale and Marsing last week authorized running supplemental levy elections later this year.

The goal is to raise money to pay for the two school districts' share of a \$5 million Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) technical center and alternative school complex that is proposed for an area between Wilder and Greenleaf on Idaho highway 19.

Details of the recently discussed levy should be forthcoming in the near future, Marsing district superintendent Harold Shockley said Friday.

Just how much of a slice of

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Love spans seven decades for Wade, Marie Nichols



Wade and Marie, 1939

Some people find their mate at a school dance, some find them after many years. Marie Nichols found husband Wade on a scavenger hunt in Nyssa.

It turns out it was a good find, too. They've been married 70 years, and celebrated their anniversary Saturday at the Homedale Senior Center in the company of friends and family; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The guides say to find something



Marie Nichols have shared in their married life.

The Nichols, married in 1939, are residents of Homedale and met,

as mentioned, at a scavenger hunt put on by a friend. Marie graduated Nyssa High School in 1939, as did Wade in 1934.

"I thought he was very polite and very nice," Marie remembered. "I liked him. He was a gentleman and we got along fine."

After 70 years, they're still getting along fine.

Once married, the pair spent seven

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Wade and Marie, 1999

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Toilet race, carnival comes to Grand View Days

Annual celebration slated for June 25-28

There are a few firsts on tap for the Grand View Days celebration, which is slated for next week.

“We’re trying to do new stuff. Trying to get a little bit more (involvement),” event spokesman Ed Collett said of the changes. “The last few years we weren’t getting enough people and enough kids down there.”

The most visible change is the arrival of Paradise Amusement Carnival for a four-day stay between June 25 and June 28.

The Coeur d’Alene-based carnival is expected to open by 3 p.m. during the week and on noon during the weekend. Collett said passes for the carnival are on sale at Grand View businesses for \$18 per day for Thursday and Friday. There are two sessions each day on the weekend, with passes costing

\$18. For \$5 more per day, folks can get an all-day wristband, Collett said.

According to its Web site, Paradise carnival offers rides for all ages, food and game concessions.

Other new Grand View Days elements this year include a yard sale in the parking lot across from the Eastern Owyhee County Library from 5 p.m. to dusk on Friday, June 26. Collett said community members are welcome to stake out space and sell their treasures.

Friday is the first official day of the celebration, with the traditional Firemen’s Dinner from 6 p.m. to dusk, fireworks at dark and the first round of the annual softball tournament, which ends Saturday.

Softball tournament information is available by calling Dale Gray at (208) 834-2452.

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce’s annual adopt-a-utility pole contest judging will take place Friday, with the three best demonstrations of the 2009 theme “Community Pride” win-



Safety is No. 1
Competitors will take all precautions for the fast-paced toilet race set for the Saturday of the Grand View Days weekend. Submitted photo

ning prizes. Contest decorations must be completed by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. For more information, call Vicki Deming at (208) 834-2126.

On Saturday, June 27, the annual parade winds through town beginning at 10 a.m. As always, spectators must be prepared to get wet as the annual water fight commences. Missi Williams is handling parade duties and can be

reached at 936-2646.

Other events scheduled for Saturday include the festival’s inaugural Toilet Race at 9:30 a.m., a drug dog demonstration and the softball tournament in the afternoon.

Collett said organizers already have a couple entries for the quirky Toilet Race, which calls for a person to sit on the toilet — lid down, of course — while other members of the team wheel the contraption around a city block downtown. The winning team gets to take possession of a perpetual trophy.

“I think it’s going to be a Kodak moment,” Collett said of the wacky race.

Saturday also will be filled with a farmers’ market, quilt show, a canal duck race, an arts and crafts exhibit at Grand View Elementary School, kids races and games.

Call Patty Waltz at (208) 834-2765 for information on the kids races. Pat Beaman has more information on the craft show at (208) 834-2724.

Entries for the canal duck race are available for \$5 each. First prize is \$150, second prize is \$75, and third prize is a one-year membership and goodie basket from the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center LifeFlight air ambulance service. Call Ria Collett at (208) 834-2393 for more information.

There will be karaoke Saturday night at JC’s Landing, and the Swede Dawson Band will perform in Centennial Park at 7 p.m.

For adults, a horseshoe tournament and beer garden is planned. Proceeds from the horseshoe tournament will benefit the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office’s canine unit, Collett said. Dick Waltz is the man to call for more information on this aspect of the weekend at (208) 834-2765.

The Grand View Days celebration wraps up Sunday with breakfast at Lions Park, and a gospel show featuring inspirational speaker Ron Palermo. Palermo’s appearance is being sponsored by Valley Christian Church.

— JPB

Proposed solar power plant scrutinized at hearing

P&Z board to consider CUP approval next month

Officials and residents want to ensure a proposed solar power plant won’t affect property values or road safety in Grand View.

Concerns included glare from the panels affecting drivers’ vision and an assurance that the project would be dismantled in the event that Renewable Energy Corp., (REC) went bankrupt.

A handful of people attended Thursday’s conditional use permit hearing in Bruneau, Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff said.

The P&Z commissioners instructed Huff to draft approval findings, which will be reviewed at a July 8 meeting. The com-

missioners will make a decision sometime after that review.

Boise-based REC has submitted a CUP application to build a 10-megawatt solar power plant on 158 acres owned by the Ridley Family Limited Partnership.

The project planned for River Road in Grand View calls for construction in phases of two megawatts each and also a 7,500-square-foot building. Huff said application papers reflect that the first phase would take four months to construct, and each subsequent phase would take two months. The project would be completed sometime next year.

REC chief executive J. Brent

Hessing appeared at the meeting and heard concerns from the public, including Mike Field, who spoke on behalf of his mother, Grand View resident and former state rep Frances Field. Though not opposed to the development, Field’s concerns are:

- Glare from panels affecting drivers’ vision on nearby roads.
- The effect dust from ag operations would have on the panels’ ability to generate power.
- The creation of a buffer zone to combat possible negative effects on area property values.
- An assurance that the solar panels and other development would be removed and the site restored in the case of bankruptcy.

The P&Z board also has established a few conditions, including firebreaks and the development of

an emergency plan by coordinating with affected agencies.

Huff said the county’s existing zoning ordinance requires development to be set back 40 feet from county roads, and that the P&Z commissioners feel that landscaping in the setback would be enough for a buffer zone.

— JPB

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June 25 - 28

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Saturday, June 27
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Commissioners help out emergency agencies

Bruneau QRU,
GV Ambulance
seek vehicle
grants

Two emergency services agencies in eastern Owyhee County have received grant endorsements from the Board of County Commissioners. Grand View Ambulance was the

latest outfit to receive a letter of support from the commissioners in its quest to secure state money for a new vehicle. Board chair Jerry Hoagland, who is from District 1, and District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund voted to sign the letter of support. District 2 Commissioner George Hyer was absent from the meeting at which the grants were discussed. The vote came without a presentation from Grand View

Ambulance's Donna Bennett, who arrived after the commissioners had taken action because she was told the issue would be taken up at 10:30 a.m. It turned out to be the first item on the agenda for the business meeting that started at 10 a.m. Bennett said the service wants to replace their 1991 Ford ambulance, which has 70,000 miles on it. If the grant comes through, the money — which Bennett expected to be \$20,000

even though the maximum request allowed is \$95,000 — would be used to help pay for a new rig that would be used as a backup to Grand View's 2000 model, which has been driven 60,000 miles. She said bids on a new vehicle have been solicited because of the long trips that the ambulance sometimes is required to take — as far as Riddle and the Duck Valley Reservation. "That's a long transport," Bennett said. "We have to have something that's good."

The state grant fund for emergency vehicles totaled \$1.2 million for fiscal year 2009. There were 164 requests totaling about \$2.5 million, but only 63 of those applications were approved.

Bennett said the total price for a new ambulance has been quoted at \$119,600. She said the balance of the money necessary to buy the ambulance would come from the county's Haz-Mat Fund, as was the case with the 2000 model.

A week earlier, Mary Tindall of the Bruneau Quick Response Unit successfully lobbied to have the commissioners endorse that emergency response outfit's grant application to buy a used emergency vehicle.

The commissioners voted 3-0 to sign a letter supporting the Bruneau QRU's efforts to get approximately \$55,000 in state funding for the vehicle. Tindall said that Boise-based Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles has quoted a

price of \$61,500 for a used vehicle to replace the aging 1991 Ford F-350 now in use. She told the commissioners that this is the first time that an organization has requested a grant to purchase a used vehicle. Bruneau QRU will keep the 25-year-old ambulance module and mount it on the newer chassis when it is purchased. "We're non-transport," Tindall said. "That's why we feel we don't need a new vehicle."

Tindall said that the current vehicle has to be hooked to a battery charger round-the-clock to ensure that it will start when a call comes in.

Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery asked what would happen if the ambulance ever stalled while responding to a call.

"We probably wouldn't be able to start the vehicle if it stalled," Tindall said.

When asked about the availability of the used Homedale Ambulance unit by District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund, Tindall said that Bruneau QRU passed on buying the retired ambulance. She cited the fact that a number of emergency calls require an uphill climb out of Bruneau and that the Homedale rig doesn't have a turbo engine.

"We feel we need something with a little more power," she said.

— JPB

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✓ **Spending:** County provides un-redacted records weeks after request

Avalanche on Friday. “And that’s not hyperbole; that is reality.”

After a lengthy e-mail correspondence with county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery regarding public records request protocol, Hoffman said he received a 240-page packet of spending information with several items blacked out. He also received a bill for \$66, reportedly to cover county labor and material costs for processing the request.

“Certain references to the Owyhee County employees personal payroll withholdings were redacted,” Emery said. “The vendor payment detail and invoice data is available for release following the submission of a completed Owyhee County Public Records Request form.”

Hoffman confirmed that he received an un-redacted version of the records during the weekend.

“I am now in receipt of a letter from Emery with the information that was previously redacted,” Hoffman wrote in an e-mail to the Avalanche. “Rather than relieve the county of its burdens under the law, the letter makes me more than ever convinced that Owyhee County chose to disregard (the) full spirit of the public records statute.”

Hoffman still takes umbrage with what he said were records for about \$162,000 in government spending that were redacted in the first packet of information he received from the county.

“The county should make every effort to openly explain how

it’s spending taxpayer dollars,” Hoffman said. “Even if there is something that’s truly exempt from public record, they should be willing to explain why they redacted information, and it should be clear and intelligible and defensible.

“They’ve not done that. They’ve basically said, ‘It’s none of your business. Now go find something else to do.’”

Hoffman learned that part of the redacted spending involved Emery’s compensation when he was deputy prosecutor under former PA Matthew Faulks.

“Emery previously told me that his entries were redacted because they would reveal things like deductions and benefits,” Hoffman said during the weekend. “However, it appears that’s not the case, according to these new documents.”

Hoffman said that, during his e-mail correspondence with the prosecuting attorney, Emery refused to clarify whether he was a contractor or a county employee during his time as deputy prosecuting attorney.

“I think the reason he didn’t want to answer is he knows that if he was an employee then he is good standing, and if he was a contractor then he had no business crossing out his name nor the dollar amounts that were associated with his name,” Hoffman said.

BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said that Emery was a contractor being paid out of a line in Faulks’ budget. Emery soon stepped down

from the position when he filed a bid to succeed Faulks before last year’s primary election. The current deputy prosecutor, Chuck Saari, was hired by Emery as a county payroll employee earlier this year.

Emery said that he gave Hoffman the opportunity to re-submit his “formal public record request(s) for clarification and follow up.”

“He elected to write the article instead,” Emery said.

In his op-ed, Hoffman said Emery cited Idaho Code regarding the confidentiality of information from Idaho Housing and Finance Association records, medical records and other records that are personal in nature as justification for the redactions.

In a mailed response to an Avalanche inquiry, Emery said that information originally withheld through redaction now has been provided to Hoffman. Hoffman said he received it during the weekend.

“Owyhee County is officially the only government entity in the state that has declared certain portions of its spending to be not a matter of public record,” Hoffman said.

District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said it was Emery’s decision “to redact or not to redact as the law allowed/required.”

Both Freund and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland were taken aback by Hoffman’s editorial.

“It really bitterly attacked our prosecutor, which reflects on our

commissioners and the county,” Hoagland, who is also the BOCC chair, said. “I’m a little bit disappointed in the way (Hoffman) handled that.”

Hoffman met with the Board of County Commissioners in March, outlining his group’s plan to use government check registers to build an online database of how taxpayers’ money is spent.

“They listened,” Hoffman said. “I don’t think they made a commitment one way or another, but I wanted them to know it was worthwhile and worth their support.”

Freund expressed skepticism about Hoffman’s venture.

“My opinion is he is just another guy who needed a job, so he got a federal grant/handout to create a position for himself and presents it as a necessary and a good thing for everyone,” Freund said.

“I believe in transparency in government. County records are open for everyone to see in as much as the law allows. When IFF didn’t get what he requested, a copy of the county checkbook register, he cried foul.”

According to Hoffman, in the days after the meeting he followed up with County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn to devise a way to get the information to the IFF.

“At one point, she said the commissioners were interested in putting the data online,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that several weeks after he began discussions with Sherburn, she said he would have to submit a public records

request. He did so by e-mail, only to be told that departments couldn’t accept such documents and that an official county public records request form would have to be used.

Hoffman said he submitted a request on April 30, but didn’t hear back until “May 29 or May 30”, when Emery also enclosed a letter, dated May 14, outlining the 180-day appeal period.

“That gives me, under Mr. Emery’s reading of the law, 180 days from May 14 to file a complaint in the district court, which makes no sense because that means basically he wrote me a letter, stuck it on his desk and let the clock run and then two or three weeks later he sends me my records request and the 180-day clock is already running,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman spent several years as a reporter for The Idaho Statesman, which was one of the publications that ran his op-ed last week.

He said he has been filling out public records requests since 1987.

“I’ve never had an agency be as frustrating or obstinate as Owyhee County,” he said. “I hate to blanketly say Owyhee County because really it rests with the person who answered the records request, and that’s Doug Emery.

“Maybe the other folks would have responded differently, but he wants to represent the county in this matter, so I guess I have to state it so.”

— JPB

✓ **Comp plan:** Written comments still accepted

last week. Meetings were held in Bruneau on June 9, Marsing on Wednesday and Murphy on Thursday.

“We had really good input and conversations from the folks that were there,” Huff said.

She said that the prevailing concern was the possible private property rights conflict of folks who want to develop their land and the neighbors who could be affected by it.

The subcommittees, each of which has been examining a different facet of the county’s comp plan, will meet with the P&Z com-

missioners on July 8 to talk about the data gleaned from last week’s meetings and examine areas where the comp plan may need to be retooled. The meeting is open to the public, but no comp plan testimony will be taken at that time.

Huff said written public comment is welcome throughout the comp plan review process. Written comments can be mailed to the P&Z office at P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.

Another round of public meetings have been scheduled tentatively for September, Huff said.

— JPB

JV sees new business start

It’s been a long time since Jordan Valley had its own barber or beauty shop — bits of the previous one are now in the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum, in fact.

That changed on Saturday, when Lacey’s Cutting Corral opened for business.

The shop, located at 1119 Hwy

95 West, is owned and operated by Lacey Kershner, a 2007 Jordan Valley graduate and a 2008 graduate of Boise Barber College.

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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 17: Ham & beans, corn bread, beverage.

June 18: Salisbury steak w/onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, beverage.

June 23: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, roll, beverage.

June 24: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, beverage.

June 25: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, string beans, roll, beverage.

June 30: Chicken cacciatore, salad, bread, beverage.

Marsing Senior Center

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

June 18: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, gravy, beet salad, brown bread, combo delight.

June 22: Breakfast to order: bacon & eggs, hash browns.

June 23: Cheese soup & roast beef sandwiches, green salad, cookies.


June 24: Ham loaf, potatoes w/gravy, Brussels sprouts, baked beans, cabbage slaw, fruit, corn bread, pumpkin bars.

June 25: Beef pot roast, potatoes, tossed salad, carrots, bran muffin, banana pudding.

June 29: Breakfast to order: ham & egg casserole, biscuits.

June 30: Ham & beans, vegetable sticks, green salad, French bread, apple cake.

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Obituaries

George P. Reed

George P. Reed of Jordan Valley, Oregon left this world on June 6, 2009, to be with his Savior Jesus Christ.

He was born March 26, 1947 in Boise, Idaho. After graduating from Boise High in 1966 he was soon drafted into the U.S. Army where he served two years, part of this time spent in Germany.

In 1968 George and Crystal Conklin were married. This union brought the birth of their two daughters, Martha and Patricia.

Later in life George met and married Ellen Seidel of Eagle Creek, Oregon. Son David was born to this union. Along with Ellen's three daughters Laura, Sarah, and Heidi there was now a family that included six children.

George's early adult life was spent in the backcountry working with his father Pat who was an outfitter and guide. This was what he truly loved doing and he had endless stories of those years.

His law enforcement career began in the mid-seventies starting in Idaho City. He spent the next 30+ years with different agencies and was last known as Owyhee County's Back Country Deputy. This was a dream job for George, where he served the people and worked for a man he loved like a brother. He worked with and for the very best of the best.

George's passing leaves a hole in the hearts of his family and his vast network of friends.

He is survived by his wife Ellen, his mother Zoe, his son David (Eileen), his daughters Marty (Kirk), Patty (Brian), Laura (Wayne), Sarah, Heidi (Jed), his sister Coral (Roger), brothers Daryl (Coleen), David (Gail) and Don, 12 grandchildren, many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father David "Pat" Reed.

Funeral services were held



at the Jordan Valley Methodist Church at 2 p.m., June 13, 2009, Graveside followed at the Jordan Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to ION Heritage Museum in Jordan Valley or to the Idaho Veteran's Home in Boise, Idaho. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel Caldwell.

Naomi Lee (Murray) Brumfield-Schumacher



Cameron & Bertha Hawes Murray on October 5, 1923 at Lamar, Colorado. As an infant she moved with her family to Oklahoma where her seven siblings were born. Naomi was fond of farm life and was proud to be her dad's helper. She was the consummate tomboy. She loved riding her horse, Diamond, and always alongside the two of them was her faithful dog, Pal. She and her family moved to Idaho at the age of 13, where she would meet the love of her life, Levi Hazen Brumfield. Naomi and Levi were married on June 1, 1939, in Wilder. Together they farmed in the Greenleaf area and became parents to Wanda Lee (Paul) Jesenko of Nampa, Jack Owen (Eva) Brumfield of Dunnellon, Florida and Gary Levi (Jan) Brumfield of Eugene, Oregon.

After leaving farming due to Levi's health, Naomi proudly obtained her GED, which enabled her to become a Chief Supervisor of Purchasing and Distribution at the Veteran's Hospital in Reno, Nevada. She received numerous awards for her superior performance. Naomi was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

Levi passed away on June 5, 1982. Naomi eventually moved back to Idaho to be closer to her family. She married Ernie Schumacher of Homedale on March 7, 1986. They made their home in Nampa and vacationed at their summer home in Sumpter, Oregon as often as possible. Ernie passed away on February 5, 2000.

Naomi was preceded in death by her husbands, Levi and Ernie; her brothers, Tom and Jim Murray, her sister, Betty Metzger, and great grandson, Kole Keeney.

She is survived by her children: Wanda, Jack and Gary, her sisters Ruby Elliott of Caldwell, Idaho, Mary Turner of Pinole, California, Billie Dill of Nampa, Pat Nelson of Ogden, Utah, along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Randall Hutchings, Nampa Care Center staff, Mercy Hospice, Don and Carol Davies and Alsip Funeral Chapel for all the love and tender care they provided to our beautiful Naomi.

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MES gardeners mentioned in U of I mag

Marsing Elementary School's after-school program has been recognized in the University of Idaho's Extension Trends 2009 publication. A full-page photo of a 10-year-old student named Teresa is featured on Page 12 of the magazine, and the Marsing Junior Master Gardener program, led by Homedale's Jan Aman, gets a mention on Page 13.

A framed copy of the spread was given to Teresa, according to U of I Owyhee County Extension 4-H Youth Development coordinator Judith McShane. Elementary teacher Ken Price coordinates Marsing's after-school program. According to the writeup in Extension Trends 2009, Aman walked students — who were pre-

dominantly Hispanic — through the dissection of beans, leaf cuttings from begonias and creating "soil samples" from crushed hard candy, M&Ms and peanut butter. "The satisfaction is seeing the kids realize that there is no end to what they can do with plant science," the publication quotes Aman. Young Teresa also is quoted in the magazine.



Bet You Didn't Know Dime's spending power was limited before 1933

I find this strange. ... In this country you couldn't use a dime for any transaction over \$10 before 1933. Congress had to pass a law that year making the dime legal for any and all monetary transactions. What was their reason in the first place?

Here's looking at you. ... Go to Panama, and you'll find that the Indian women in the San Blas region think that large noses are very attractive and things of great beauty. To make them appear longer they paint black lines down the center of their noses. Their leaders must have huge noses, as this is mark of greatness.

President Woodrow Wilson made Mothers Day a national holiday in 1914. It came about due to the efforts of a Mrs. Anna Jarvis from West Virginia. She started pushing for the holiday to celebrate motherhood in 1907. Ended up speaking to churches, social groups of every sort. Finally the idea caught on, and you know the rest.

Might be of interest to you to know that in 1610 a bridge was built in Lima, Peru. "So what?", you might ask. Well, instead of water for the mortar, they used the whites of 10,000 eggs. Still standing after all these years. Called the Bridge of Eggs. For good reason.

I don't have any suggestions on what you should do if you see a tidal wave headed toward you. On open seas their speeds can sometimes hit 500 or more miles per hour. I can't swim or run that fast and doubt if you can either.

The word ... "curfew" ... comes from the French word ... *couvrir feu* ... which means ... "put out the fire" ... So, that's what you did ... you put out the fire and went to bed ...

What made the 1886 World Series so unusual was the fact that they had 63 errors.

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Free/low-cost mammograms available in Homedale July 2

The St. Luke's Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Homedale on July 2 offering free or low-cost mammograms at its mobile lab in the Moxie Java parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a release. Those planning to take advantage of the service can

schedule an appointment by calling (208) 706-2055. The unit provides screening in cooperation with hospitals and clinics in outlying communities across southwest Idaho. Funds are available to help assist women with the cost of their mammograms if needed.

MHS grad finishes basic training

Army Pvt. Juan S. Marcial has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Marcial is a 2008 Marsing High School graduate. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction

and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

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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.
- Government accountability group**
6:30 p.m., Owyhee County Citizens for Accountability in Government meeting, Desert High Real Estate, Marsing.

Thursday

- 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

- 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 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

- Foot clinic**
8 a.m., appointments necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Murphy Ladies' Bible study**
12:30 p.m., non-denominational, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy
- 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

- 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

Thursday, June 25

- Grand View Days**
3 p.m., carnival, 5 p.m. Adopt-a-Pole contest entries due, Grand View. (208) 834-2126
- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- 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

Friday, June 26

- Grand View Days**
Noon, carnival; 5 p.m., yard sale; 6 p.m., firemen's dinner; fireworks at dark, Grand View. (208) 834-2393

Saturday, June 27

- Grand View Days**
9:30 a.m., Toilet Race; 10 a.m., parade; noon, carnival; 7 p.m., live music; multiple other attractions, Grand View. (208) 834-2393

Sunday, June 28

- Txoko Ona Basque picnic**
Noon to 9 p.m., lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m.; entertainment, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., music and dancing, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale
- Grand View Days**
Breakfast and gospel in the park; carnival, noon, Grand View. (208) 834-2393

Monday, June 29

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

Tuesday, June 30

- Murphy Ladies' Bible study**
12:30 p.m., non-denominational, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy
- Senior citizens card games**
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Mental health support groups**
6 p.m., Marsing Nazarene Church, 112 W. 2nd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-5630
- 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.

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 (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

District highway commission candidates sought

Candidates are being sought for two highway districts' board of commissioners elections, with three seats in the offing.

The Homedale Highway District's Sub-district 2 seat is up for election. The four-year term will be on the ballot Aug. 4, if more than one person declares their candidacy by 5 p.m. on June 26 or files write-in candidacy papers by 5 p.m. on July 10.

District clerk/secretary Terri Uria said that incumbent Fred Demshar thus far is the only person to declare for the election.

Declaration forms are available for potential candidates at the highway district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., or at the county clerk's office at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Two commissioner seats — No. 1 and No. 2 — will be on the ballot in Gem Highway District No. 3, which serves Marsing. Both positions carry four-year terms.

Both incumbents — No. 1 Morris Giedd and Jeff Percifield for No. 2 — have picked up petition to seek re-election, according to district cler/secretary Stella Bush.

Both men have served more than one term previously, she said.

Paperwork must be filed with the district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing, or with the county clerk by 5 p.m. on June 26.

The write-in deadline is July 10.

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Birthday

Phyllis Bauer, family to celebrate her 80th birthday with open house

The children of Phyllis Bauer will host an 80th birthday party/open house for her on Sunday, June 28, 2009.

The open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. The family welcomes cards but requests no gifts be presented.

Phyllis' children are Larry and Becky Bauer, Mark and Beverly Bauer and Sharon and David VanWassenhove.



Phyllis Bauer

Chamber looks for ways to boost participation

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce is taking another run at creating an Ambassadors program.

Speaking before one of the most sparsely attended monthly luncheons in the past couple of years, Western Alliance for Economic Development coordinator Mike Pollard outlined ways to boost participation of and recognition for member businessmen.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said the renewed attempt to get an Ambassadors program off the ground was triggered by members' complaints that there wasn't enough networking during the monthly luncheon.

Pollard has volunteered to spearhead the formation of an Ambassadors committee.

Pollard said the Ambassadors program would create Business After Hours events during which a business would host a small mixer and tour to show off its services and welcome fellow businessmen for networking. Pollard suggested the event could be a fundraiser for the Chamber, which could sell wine to go with any refreshments provided by the host business.

Chamber treasurer Maleta Henry noted that the after hours program would help include businessmen and businesswomen who are unable to attend the luncheons. Pollard also said he is trying to track a pair of ceremonial scissors to start ribbon cuttings.

"It's a great way to recognize both new businesses and existing businesses that have expanded," Pollard said.

Pollard said the Ambassadors would be the "marketing and (public relations) arm of the Chamber."

The Ambassadors also would coordinate feature businesses for each monthly luncheon.

Parker also mentioned the possibility of relaunching the effort to create a marketing booklet to try to attract new businesses to

town. The booklet boasting of Homedale's attractive business atmosphere would be available to any firm looking to relocate as well as economic development agencies.

Pollard announced that next month's luncheon, scheduled for July 9, will include a presentation on small business loan programs.

Block party could move

Parker reported that the Chamber netted \$825 from its Block Party on June 6. The proceeds included \$825 from the carnival.

Weather played havoc with the carnival, forcing early closures and knocking revenue down about 75 percent over last year's inaugural event. But Parker said the Payette-based carnival agreed to honor its agreement to give the agreed amount of proceeds to the Chamber.

The Chamber picked up \$250 with vendor booth fees and membership dues, but had to pay \$200 for portable toilets for the carnival and another \$50 for an awning.

Parker pointed out that Pollard served as DJ, spinning music through a sound system provided by the Homedale School District.

A discussion was held on the possibility of moving the Block Party to September in 2010 to get away from the unstable spring weather. The carnival might be moved back to the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s sugar beet dump next year to heighten its visibility.

Other ideas brought up were a farmers' market-type of festival next year and perhaps the addition of a classic car show.

— JPB

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Steelheads luxury suite top prize in annual demolition derby raffle

Chamber, Lions to split proceeds; drivers meeting next Wednesday

Homedale's Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce are teaming up on a demolition derby fundraiser.

The Chamber of Commerce began selling tickets for a raffle, which will be drawn during the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby next month.

The top prize in the raffle is the opportunity to watch an Idaho Steelheads game from an executive suite at Qwest Arena. The grand prize package also includes pucks, hats and pint glasses. The suite holds up to 20

people.

Tickets sell for a \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available at Bowen Parker Day CPAs on East Wyoming Avenue in Homedale as well as the NAPA Auto Parts locations in Homedale (East Idaho Avenue) and Marsing (Main Street). Tickets also will be sold at the derby.

Chamber president Gavin Parker encouraged local businesses to donate secondary prizes for the raffle, citing the exposure they could get.

Proceeds from the joint venture

will be split evenly between the Chamber and the Lions, Parker said at Thursday's Chamber luncheon at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Parker also announced that two new Chamber businesses have donated prizes. A lavender gift basket from Faithful Farms will be awarded, while Message Makers has provided a gift certificate good for the creation of 10 screenprint T-shirts.

Raffle tickets went on sale during the June 6 Block Party.

Meanwhile, the Lions will hold the mandatory derby drivers meeting next Wednesday at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.



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Wedding

Gomezas prepare to celebrate recent nuptials

Megan Lee Price and Javier Anthony Gomez were married April 11, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nev. Megan, the daughter of Joel and Vikki Price of Adrian, is an Adrian High School and Oregon

State University graduate. Megan is currently employed with Lifeways Behavioral Health in Ontario, Ore., in children's mental health. Jay, the son of Javier and Dolores Gomez of Nyssa, Ore., is a Nyssa High School and DeVry Institute of Technology graduate. Jay is currently employed at Heinz Frozen Foods in Ontario and also coaches wrestling at Nyssa High School. The Gomezas will reside in Adrian. Megan, Jay and their families will celebrate at a barbeque and dance at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Cow Hollow Park, 1030 Janeta Drive in Nyssa. Community members, friends, teammates, former students and athletes are invited to attend.



Javier Anthony Gomez and Megan Lee Price

Marsing teacher receives fellowship

Marsing High School teacher Ed Pfeifer is one of 30 Idaho instructors who will attend a workshop entitled "Storm Center: The History of the Supreme Court." He's the only teacher from Owyhee County to be accepted into the program. The Idaho Humanities Council summer institute will take place July 12 through July 17 at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. Pfeifer and the other teachers will be IHC summer institute fellows. According to an IHC press release, the group will examine the U.S. Supreme court, including a historical overview of the development of the Court, its inner-workings, its relations with Congress and the presidency and the landmark decisions through the nation's history. Participants can receive college credit for the weeklong course.



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GV library presents summer programs

Eastern Owyhee also holds half-price sale

The Eastern Owyhee County Library summer schedule is chock full of activities. The library, located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View, will kick off its summer youth reading program, “Be Creative @ Your Library”, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The program is open to ages 5-12, but family members are encouraged to attend, according to library director Kathy Chick. It runs each Thursday until Aug. 6. The schedule will change to a 6:30 p.m. start beginning

June 25 for the “Dinner and a Book” program. A free dinner for ages 1-18 will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Parents will be able to eat for \$3. The dinner is made possible through the federally funded Summer Foods program, which is facilitated through Grand View Elementary School. The library also has taken steps to bolster its teen participation, with expansion of the teen reading section as well as a Teen Night Activity. Teen Night, themed Beach Blanket Bingo and Water Balloon-Palooza Night, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Because the activity calls for wet fun, swimsuits are encouraged, but must be covered, organizers

say. The event is open to ages 13-18, and is funded through a Wal-Mart Youth Service Grant. Another Teen Night will be held July 28. A free dinner for ages 1-18 will be served at 6:30 p.m. The library’s Tappin’ Toes Little Kids Time kicks off at 11 a.m. next Wednesday. The activity is open to ages 1-4 and their parent or caregiver. At 11:30 a.m., a lunch will be provided through the Summer Foods program. A half-price book fair will continue at the library through June 30. For more information or to register for the programs, call Chick at the library, (208) 834-2785. A calendar of activities and meals is available at the library.



Craft day at the library
Kary Takashige, the 2-year-old daughter of Homedale’s Ian and Laryssa Takashige, puts decals on the outside of her aquarium during Wednesday’s “Be Creative @ the Library” session at the Homedale Public Library.

Healthy turnout for Homedale library event

The “Be Creative @ the Library” summer children’s reading program is proving to be a big hit in Homedale. The second session of the weekly activity, which will be held through June, attracted 36 children Wednesday. That’s a 28.6

percent increase over the Week 1 gathering on June 3. The children gathered on the patio Wednesday to hear the story of “The Three Pigs and Big, Bad Shark” from library employee Diane Williams. Adults on hand later coordinated some craft time, which children devoted to creating their own aquariums from translucent plastic cups, straws, paper cut into the shape of a shark and stickers in the shape of fish and seahorses. The reading and craft activity was held on the library’s rear patio. Library director Margaret Fujishin said that the first reading day brought 28 children and eight adults to the library.

Owyhee Dems plan wine fest

U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick (D-Idaho) is slated as the featured guest speaker on Sunday, June 28 at the The Sandbar Pavilion in Marsing during the Cheers to Idaho! wine tasting event sponsored by the Owyhee Democrats. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., six Idaho wineries and Nampa chocolatier Chocolate Bluebird will offer samples of their products. The wineries include Givens-based Miceli Vineyards and Davis Creek Cellars, which has a tasting room in Marsing. Also on the list: Bitner Vineyards, Indian Creek Winery, Sawtooth Winery and Wood River Cellars. The Bitterbrush Blues Band will provide music for the event. The event is open to ages 21 and older. Cost is \$15 person or \$25 per couple if tickets are purchased in advance a locations such as Moxie Java Bistro in Homedale and Snake River Mart in Marsing. Tickets purchased on June 28 will cost \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. For information, reservations, tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call 337-4154 or visit www.owyheedemocrats.org.

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Bridge wreck halts traffic in both directions

A mid-morning wreck tied up traffic in both directions for less than an hour on the Homedale bridge Wednesday.

According to witnesses, the accident occurred when 61-year-old Homedale resident Christine Fleming, driving a 2003 Dodge pickup southbound, stopped to let a tractor with an oversized implement complete its northbound trek across the bridge. The truck was rear-ended by a 2001 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Vanessa Guzman, 25, of Caldwell. As is customary, a pilot truck was escorting the tractor down U.S. Highway 95, authorities said.

Guzman received an injury to her right leg. Homedale Ambulance was dispatched after law enforcement officials arrived. The woman was checked out at the scene, but wasn't taken to the hospital, according to Canyon County Sheriff's Capt. Dana Maxfield.

Maxfield said Guzman was cited for a basic rules infraction of speed too fast for conditions. He said Guzman told Canyon County Deputy Len Abbott that her car skidded when she braked because her tires lost traction on loose gravel. Maxfield said three small children — an infant and ages 4 and 7 — who were riding in Guzman's car were uninjured. All three were in proper safety restraints, he said.

Because the tractor's implement took up a lane and a half of the newly refurbished bridge, traffic was stalled in both directions. The backup affected traffic on East Idaho Avenue, too, at its intersection with the highway.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Lynn Bowman was dispatched to the scene at the request of Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, according to radio trans-



No one injured in crash

Above: Motorist stand in the southbound lane of U.S. Highway 95 to get an idea of what has caused the backup. **Right:** Vanessa Guzman, right, talks on the phone while Christine Fleming examines her leg. Guzman and Fleming were the drivers involved.

missions. Abbott also responded because the accident occurred on the other side of the county line.

Members of a construction crew working on repaving approaches to the bridge helped free the Malibu's front end from beneath the Dodge's rear bumper and then pushed the passenger car off the road so the northbound lane could open again.

— JPB



Survey respondents support ag preservation

Comp plan questionnaire reveals water is a big concern

The impact of development on the availability and quality of water as well as diminishing productive agricultural acres and the shape county roads are in were some of the top concerns revealed during Owyhee County's recent comprehensive plan survey.

"The survey results are great," county Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff said. "They're on the Web site. They're very telling."

The comp plan survey helped county officials develop 16 subcommittees of residents and landowners to study different aspects of the comp plan and how growth can affect those elements. In a telling statistic, more than half of the respondents said they wouldn't be interested in serving on a subcommittee to further the review process.

Citizens were able to learn more about the comp plan process last week during a series of three 90-minute public meetings

held on successive days in Bruneau, Marsing and Murphy.

Nearly 120 people responded to the survey, according to results posted on the county's Web site, www.owyheecounty.net. The majority of respondents owned property in the county (98 percent) and were county residents (95 percent).

Across the board, either in general for the county or specifically for areas in and around the county's population centers and towns, the top worries were related to water and losing the Owyhee agricultural way of life.

An wide majority (94 percent, 110 people) supported the development of ag operations other than confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), while 68 percent opposed CAFOs. Seventy-nine percent of respondents were in favor of recreational sites, but 78 percent actually opposed the development of a recreational zones in their area.

Nearly half of the respondents lived in the Homedale-Marsing area, with another 28 percent of the respondents hailing from either Melba or Oreana.

Overwhelmingly (74 percent), respondents wanted to see development

located closer to established cities and towns where services already exist. Meanwhile, nearly seven out of every 10 participants said that the current services in their area were insufficient to handle more growth.

Respondents had a dim view of how growth and development had affected the county's quality of life when analyzing the impact on schools and education, water availability and quality, crime, trespassing and the condition of county roads.

Nearly 80 percent of those surveyed strongly agreed that developers should pay for infrastructure expansion when building new projects. Along those lines, 71 percent strongly disagreed with the notion that any costs not covered by development fees should be passed on to the taxpayers.

Sixty-nine percent strongly agreed that developers should be held to high standards.

City-by-city surveys revealed that some residents thought there were too many restrictions on development, yet overall 63 percent strongly agreed that land use zones are essential to keep a buffer between incompatible land uses, such as large confined animal feeding operations

(CAFOs) next to residential areas.

The concentrated surveys of population areas also revealed that there is a perception of a lack of housing availability in Grand View and Bruneau. But overall 69 percent of respondents were opposed to apartment building development, while 81 percent favored single-family development.

Marsing and Homedale residents were concerned with water quality and availability as well as poor county roads. About a quarter of the respondents from the two towns also said there were too many restrictions on development.

Homedale respondents (33 percent) were worried about the loss of productive ag ground, as were 27 percent of the survey-takers who said they were from Murphy.

Givens and Murphy respondents voiced concerns over the damage domestic wells were doing to the aquifer. Grand View residents also were concerned with water availability and quality and the effect of wells on the aquifer.

Half of the Grand View respondents also worry about having enough commercial development to support the community.

— JPB

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Folks worth knowing in Owyhee County

WADE AND MARIE NICHOLS, HOMEDALE

Know someone worth knowing? Contact the Avalanche with feature ideas at jon@owyheeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681.

✓ Nichols: Longtime Homedale residents relish time in town, together



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years in Nevada while Wade worked at the Cordero Mine in the Opalite district. That mine, discovered in 1929 but largely ignored until the outbreak of World War II, became the largest producer of mercury in Nevada and a crucial supplier for wartime manufacturing after 1941, according to Castor and Ferdock’s *Minerals of Nevada*. Following their years in Nevada, the pair moved to Homedale and have been here ever since.

Wade worked as a building contractor for many of those years, and Marie remembers that period as among the brightest ones of their married life. Partnered with Elmer Frank, the business was so successful, and there were so many contracts, that, at Frannk’s suggestion, the partners split and each formed their own companies. Wade took on his sons Glenn and Ken to help, and business boomed, Marie said.

Glenn is a New York Life agent now, and built the Boise building his office is located in, she said. Ken is the manager of the Golden Glow Towers in Nampa.

The roughest time occurred in the middle of their married life, she said, when Wade had to have hip surgery on both hips. “That was tough,” she said. “That was probably one of the most trying ordeals.”

“If we ever have some sad moments, it’s the ones that are gone,”



Love through the years

Above, top: Wade and Marie stand out in front of their first home in 1939. Above, middle: Marie and Wade on their 10th anniversary. Above, bottom: Marie and Wade on their 25th anniversary. Right: Wade and Marie, first row on left, gather with most of the folks who comprised their wedding party on their 40th anniversary. Submitted photos



Marie and Wade Nichols, 50th anniversary portrait.

Marie said, thinking of the friends and relatives they have lost over the years. All of Wade’s siblings, but for his younger sister, have passed away; Marie’s siblings are still around, except for a brother, she said.

Wade and Marie hit the open road for recreation for years, whether by RV or motorbike, or waterskiing on the Snake River, but age has an impact on hobbies, she said. “Those kinds of things

are harder.” Age forced compromises, and RV explorations across the country had to be curtailed. “We tend to be at home,” she said. “Though we have our ‘good friends club’. We meet once a month and that’s a joy.”

Wade celebrates his 93rd birthday in July, and Marie is 88.

The pair raised their boys here, and looking back, Marie said the town had been a good place to do so.

“It was OK to raise kids here,” she said, even if the schools at the time “might not have had so many nice things as other schools have.

“We love Homedale,” she said simply. Her sons have asked Wade and Marie repeatedly not to sell their Homedale home, as they might want to move back into it, she said with a laugh.

“I think, when they both retire, they’ll end up back in Homedale,” she said.

In a world where all too often people seem unable to hold a marriage together, Wade and Marie stand out. The Owyhee Avalanche asked what their secret was.

“Love,” Marie said. “Can I give you one word? Love. I’d have married him sooner if I could. There’s nobody like him, and I’m truly and madly in love with him.”

The Avalanche wondered if Marie had any advice for newlyweds, or just for those looking for the long haul.

“Tell them that there’s going to be bumps in the road, and what we did. We kicked them to one side, picked up the pieces and ran,” she said. “You learn how to live with them. Everything isn’t absolutely perfect. You get through together. Try to be loving and kind and see the other person’s problem, and work it out together.

“Try to do everything together.”

Good advice.

— MML



Marie Nichols on ...

What keeps a marriage going

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How to make a marriage last

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Homedale RC raceway revs up

Bros Speedway and Hobbies is up and running, with an opening day that went off despite the rains this weekend. On Sunday, drivers gunned their radio controlled cars around the landscaped dirt track beside Brothers Automotive at 120 N. Main in Homedale.

The track, and the hobby-shop-to-be, are both projects of Guy Davison. Davison, who recently bought out the stock of Joe’s Hobby Barn in Nampa, said the track is open now, and the hobby shop can be expected by mid-July.

The track is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at present, later some days. Davison is returning to a hobby he was involved in better than 30 years ago.

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HFD extinguishes Royal Vista blaze before homes hit

Homedale volunteer firefighters were called out to a brush fire that consumed about 10 acres early last week.

The June 9 fire burned on the east boundary of the Royal Vista subdivision west of the city limits. Most of the hillside visible from River Road was blackened, but crews were able to knock down the fire quickly.

Assistant fire chief Tom Pegram said firemen had the grass fire under control in about 15 minutes.

The only point of access was at the end of Royal Vista Drive. A pole fence surrounding a house at the end of the lane was scorched, but the fire was safely away from

other structures.

A second page was called to bring out two HFD tankers to protect a power line after most of the fire had been knocked down.

The cause of the fire was undetermined, Pegram said. He speculated it could have been a controlled burn that was left unattended. Several other burn marks were seen in the subdivision, suggesting other weed patches had been burned.

Pegram said the department welcomes calls from property owners who plan to do controlled burns, so the volunteers can be aware and ready for possible flare-ups.

— JPB



Flames dance around the base of a tree just a stone's throw from one of two homes threatened by the Royal Vista fire.

Sheriff's briefs

Last week's incident logs for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office were fairly quiet, and didn't include the June 6 flash flooding incident that took the life of former Deputy George Reed.

The Homedale Police Department had to call in a county investigator to avoid any conflict of interest following the breaking of the front passenger window of a parked patrol car on June 3. The vandalism occurred sometime before 8:36 a.m., and police confirmed it was the first instance of vandalism of city police property recently. Earlier in the year, there was a keying of a car following the February incident at the Last Chance Saloon in Homedale, in which a man was doused with pepper spray after

grappling with a Homedale police officer.

The broken window was replaced, at a cost of approximately \$240.

Elmer B. Prindle of Kuna was involved in an injury accident on the same date on Idaho Highway 51 near Bruneau just after 4 p.m. Bruneau QRU and Grand View Ambulance responded. No details were available on the accident or injuries involved.

Another Idaho 51 accident, this one involving Daniel J. McCracken, 38, of Nampa, was logged at milepost 27 on June 5 at 1:57 p.m. Again, no details were available as to the nature of the accident.

On June 7, Sidney Denton of Bruneau was involved in a non-

injury accident reported at 6:32 a.m. on Hot Springs Road in Bruneau. By 8 a.m. Denton had been arrested on an unrelated failure to appear warrant issued by Nez Perce County. Denton was one of three arrested during the week for warrants issued after they had failed to appear in court on other charges in Idaho counties.

Victor Montes-Castellon of Auburn, Wash., was arrested for DUI, just after 9 p.m. on June 9, on Idaho highway 78 near Marsing.

Previous week's logs

Several misdemeanor arrests were made by Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel in the period from May 29 through June 3, according to the incident logs released by OCSO. Although requested by The Owyhee

Avalanche on June 3, the logs weren't released by the sheriff's office until June 9.

Lucas William Britton, age 19, town of residence redacted on logs provided by the sheriff's office, and Joseph Gordon Britton, 22, were arrested for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia on May 30 after a stop on Idaho Highway 78 in Murphy. Both were cited and released.

Randy Lawrence Aulbach, 51, town of residence redacted, was cited and released following a DUI arrest on highway 78 near Melba on the same date. Aulbach was charged with excessive DUI, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence, all misdemeanors.

Kenneth DeWitt Samford, 43, town of residence redacted,

was charged with misdemeanor assault under domestic battery law on May 31 in an incident on 1st Street North in Marsing. He was charged and released.

Eduardo Antonio Ramirez, 18, town of residence redacted, was charged with malicious injury to property and defacing natural scenic objects in an incident of vandalism on Jump Creek Road. Ramirez was booked and released on May 31.

A 14-year-old juvenile was charged with shoplifting on June 1 at Snake River Mart in Marsing. The minor was cited and released.

Alek Aden Quintero, 18, town of residence redacted, was charged as a minor in possession of alcohol on June 2 following a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 near the Oregon state line. Quintero was cited and released.

OCSO: Pot farmers may have fled to Oregon

No arrests have been made in the Bureau of Land Management-spearheaded investigation of the 12,000-plant marijuana growing operation broken up last week near Juniper Mountain — and in any case those workers who were on the site were likely small fish, a law enforcement official said.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief

Deputy Bill Detweiler said that it was possible the crew that had overseen the grow had crossed into Oregon, just three miles from the site of the operation, understanding that crossing multiple jurisdictions would make following them more difficult.

The unidentified men who tended the fields would probably

not be the movers or shakers behind such a large operation, Detweiler said.

"The guys (involved in the physical operation of the grow) are the same as the guys down here changing sprinkler pipe for farmers," he said. "It's just like prohibition. It's one way that guys with no education and language

skills can make money. A lot of money."

Fighting such operations requires help from the eyes and ears of residents and recreationalists, he said.

"People need to be trained and observant ... we're starting to catch on ... people need to be aware (that) if it doesn't fit,

let us know," he said. "If things don't look like they belong, they probably don't."

No specific cartel has been discussed as being behind either this, or September's growing operation, and both cases remain under investigation, according to Detweiler.

— MML

OCHS plans its June excursion

The Owyhee County Historical Society's June field trip will take participants to Leslie Gulch under the leadership of Bill Bawtenheimer. The trip is slated for Saturday, June 27.

The trip will begin with a 10 a.m. rendezvous at the ION Truck Stop at the intersection of U.S.

Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55 west of Marsing.

Passenger vehicles are OK for this trip. Organizers ask that you bring a dish, tables and chairs and a table service for the potluck lunch.

Call (208) 495-2537 for more information.

Overdose caused Schullery death

Jeff Schullery, 44, whose body was discovered in a drain ditch near the Helena Chemical building on Industrial Road in Homedale on April 26, died of an overdose, according to information released by the Owyhee County Coroner's office Monday. Schullery's body had

been in the ditch for some weeks, perhaps as long as a month, according to officials.

The information followed the results of a toxin screen, and specifics as to the particular substance involved were not released.

While cause of death was listed

as overdose, the manner of death was undetermined, and the case is listed as closed.

Schullery had been reported as returning to the Homedale area at the end of February, and law enforcement had been informed to be on the lookout for him for several outstanding warrants.

Homedale schools bid farewell to trio of retirees

A week after the retirement of 20-year Homedale Elementary second-grade veteran Mabel Itano, the Homedale school district bid farewell to three more familiar faces: Jim McMillan and Susan and Dennis Ankeny.

The three, with about seven decades of experience between them, were treated to cake, speeches of thanks and memories shared by co-workers at the end of May at the Homedale High School library, and were presented with plaques before the entirety of the school district’s personnel at the district year-end luncheon on May 28.

Jim McMillan

Having already made a name for himself as a quarterback at Boise State University, McMillan began his career in Homedale in 1982 when he was hired as a teacher and to take over the Trojans’ football program. He also coached softball and track and field and served as Homedale’s athletic director during 27 years here.

McMillan taught physical education to both high school and junior high school students as well as Health, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Weight Training.

He taught Earth Science during his two years at Vallivue in Caldwell before he made the move to Homedale.

McMillan compiled a 125-21-0 record as football coach, leading Homedale to five state championships, nine state title games and 10 conference titles.

He also guided the Trojans’ softball squad to three consecutive state crowns between 1996 and 1998. He spent 15 years at the helm of the football program and 13 years as softball coach.

“The Homedale Neighborhood Inc. after-school program has taken most of my time outside the regular school day after I retired from coaching,” McMillan said, “And I have enjoyed the relationships we’ve developed through that program the last six years. We even took a trip to South Central LA (Los Angeles) to work with some of the homeless community over the spring break.”



District veterans feted

From left: Susan Ankeny, Dave Ankeny and Jim McMillan received both kudos and some good-natured ribbing as their histories in the Homedale School District were shared with co-workers gathered at the Homedale High School Library on May 27.

Susan and Dennis Ankeny

Susan Ankeny has been librarian for the Homedale Middles School for 22 years, and wife of Dennis for 38. The couple have three children — Andy, Luke and Tami — all of whom they watched pass though the Homedale school system.

Dennis spent the majority of his three-decade teaching career in Homedale, starting in 1976, with a two-year break from 1982 through ’84.

Susan worked as a substitute teacher for a year at Homedale Elementary before joining the district, taught Home Economics at the high school, and worked as librarian at the elementary school for a year. She has been the Homedale Middle School librarian since 1999. At HMS she worked with Luci Asumendi-Mereness, helping her hold family reading nights for the accelerated reading program.

While Susan sought to provide students with every subject they had an interest in, Dennis focused

more on teaching the tools students would use daily after graduation, teaching a wide variety of business, math and computer courses, including some taught through the Canyon Owyhee School Services Agency.

In addition to being chapter adviser for the Business Professionals of America for more than two decades, Ankeny also spent many hours over 17 years on the gridiron as a seventh- and eighth-grade football coach. He also coached both junior high and high school basketball.

“We have enjoyed our years working and living in Homedale,” he said. “I have worked with some great people and witnessed many students who have grown up to be productive and caring citizens in our community and country.

“I never thought I’d get to this point,” he said of retirement. “It just sneaks up on you.”

Their son, Andy, credited their years in a way many teachers value the most.

“I believe my parents have

had an impact on hundreds of students,” he said.

Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick summed up the grateful feelings on the staff and community:

“Susan, Dennis and Jim, thanks for the many, many years you served our kids. Your legacy is in the minds and memories of your students.”

— JPB and MML

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Tough economy favors business synergy, diversity

Local businesses look for local ways to profit, diversify, support each other

With an economy only slowly crawling toward improvement, and a nation that will likely spend the next two years fighting back out of a recession of historic severity, business everywhere is trying to find ways to survive the lean times. While megacorporations like Wal-Mart do it by buying from the cheapest foreign suppliers and lobbying producers for deeper discounts in bulk buys — or as Micron did by slashing positions and shifting production overseas — small business seems to be finding more community- and people-friendly ways to weather the storm.

Local businesses are seeking out and forming supportive ways to help each other, and bring the best local products to people in ways that keep money within the local economy, whether its local produce used at The Orchard House on Sunnyslope, meats or produce at Paul’s Market, or Givens-based Miceli wines at the Snake River Mart in Marsing.

Susan Watson: The Spot Pizza, Watson Farm

“In a good economy, they say you should find your niche,” Susan Watson, owner of The Spot Pizza in Marsing said Tuesday. “You kind of have to do everything in this economy.”

As an example of doing everything, Watson has dovetailed the restaurant’s business and the Watson Farm produce together in a way that helps both. Fresh vegetables from The Spot suppliers and the Watson Farm are for sale at the restaurant, and are used in making pizza, as well.

The move is one of both inspiration and necessity.

“For us — we had our retail sales at the produce stand at the

farm — I can’t be twins,” Watson said. By moving the produce to her business she can keep an eye on both activities at once.

While it’s still early in the year, Watson already has a variety of vegetables in, some of them from her supplies, but a majority will be locally produced as the growing season gets underway. In addition to the carrots, peas, melons, corn and much more grown at Watson Farm on Sunnyslope, she said she will have flats of berries soon. Watson has Oregon growers that supply her with strawberries, blueberries, marion berries and huckleberries as they come into season. She keeps a wish list for customers, which lets her call as each new crop or shipment comes in. The first strawberries should be in soon, she said. Much of her fruit comes from local growers like Symms and Williamson’s. She’s also going to be featuring table grapes from local growers as the crop readies.

Any small local growers “with good, quality stuff” are people she would like to hear from, with an eye toward adding new things.

The combination of businesses that can directly profit each other is, Watson thinks, part of the branching out that is important in tough economic times. She hasn’t stopped there, either, and The Spot also does catering, and has just purchased supplies to begin hosting birthday parties. She’s also trying to perfect a sheet cake recipe that a pizza oven will handle, which would let her add a baking angle to the mix.

“We’re trying to survive in a tough market,” she said.

That attention to detail, and a willingness to experiment, has to go hand in hand with a quality product for business to succeed,



Susan Watson’s restaurant has a new angle, with the addition of fresh produce with a local twist.

Watson explained. She’s proud of the changes she’s made in the pizza menu — things like including authentic Italian meats and cheeses, as well as fresh vegetables from local growers.

“We’re trying to do things just a little bit better,” she said.

Donna Marose, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant

Donna Marose, who is currently exploring buying fresh produce through Watson, is co-owner of Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant in Homedale with husband Michael. She feels passionately about local businesses buying locally.

“I feel the way local businesses survive is for all of us, in this community and everywhere else in ‘small town’ America, to buy local,” she responded to an e-mail inquiry from The Owyhee Avalanche. “How can Homedale grow and stay in business if we buy everything at Home Depot and Albertsons? As a business owner I buy as much as I can here in Homedale.”

Big box stores don’t offer the service or immediacy or the investment in a local economy,

for Marose.

“No one can compete with Tolmies Hardware,” she said. “There isn’t a time that I go in there that I don’t have someone asking to help me find what I am looking for. Not only that, they know what I’m talking about, where it is — and I don’t have to walk across 85,000 square feet to get it, either — and how to use it. (That person is) also the one that rings me up. How can Home Depot compete with that, and why do we even take our business away from local people when we can buy those same things here in our town?”

Shopping locally isn’t a matter of inventing reasons to do so, she said. It’s simply a conscious decision to buy those needed items in the community rather than automatically driving to the malls outside Nampa.

“When the Homedale Discount Store opened, we tried to stop in there often to buy a few things every other week. It was a new business, and I wanted to see it stay open,” she explained. “I didn’t ‘make up’ things to buy, but stopped and bought some items

that I knew I would be buying soon. Maybe it was a box of cereal or Chap-Stick. The idea is, if we aren’t stopping there, soon that business will be gone.”

As Marose pointed out, anyone thinking back over the past year can easily think of a business — or two, or three — that didn’t make it.

“I challenged my employees to do the same, and they are glad that they stopped there, too,” Marose said. “They liked the prices and found things that they needed.”

She argues that there are plenty of people in Homedale to keep a variety of businesses open and retain money in the local economy, where it will flow between those living here, rather than winding up in a bank account on the east coast. Encouraging people to spend that money in a community depends on service, product and professionalism, she explained.

“As a business owner, I have to have a diversity in what we are marketing, and a fair price. I know what Nampa and Boise are doing,” she said. “I have to offer residents here ‘quality and affordable’ and, if I don’t, I would expect them to drive right past my business, right in to Nampa or somewhere else that deserves to have their business. We have so many loyal customers and I am thankful each one of them. I know they have a lot of choices, and when they walk through our doors we appreciate them and want them to enjoy their choice of staying here in Homedale for dining or bowling.”

Supporting each other in business locally, on any level, is something that Marose said she feels very strongly about, and something she will continue to actively pursue.

— MML

Transmission project sees first local input

PATs begin siting Boardman to Hemingway power line

The contentious Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line project has entered a new, more cooperative phase of planning, according to Idaho Power spokesperson Lynette Berriochoa.

Last month, the first meeting was held for the southern Project Advisory Team that Idaho Power has put together, with advice from “community/civic leaders as well as individuals who expressed an interest in this collaborative process,” she said.

Attending the initial meeting were 48 community members, landowners, elected officials, and organizational representatives, who gathered at the Four Rivers

Cultural Center in Ontario. Local representatives on the south team include Marsing Mayor Keith Green, Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff, Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Adrian grower Larry Price, Dick Symms of the Symms Fruit Ranch and Adrian Mayor Clay Webb.

Adam Bless and Sue Oliver of the Oregon Department of Energy, Regional Bureau of Land Management coordinator Lucas Lucero, Idaho Power senior vice president Dan Minor, consultant Rosemary Curtin and project engineer Eric Hackett were among those attending.

Huff attended the meeting, and believes the process is being proposed in good faith by Idaho Power.

“I thought they picked representatives from everyone who was their opposition,” Huff said. “They didn’t stack the

deck.”

She said that Idaho Power officials stressed they were willing to listen to input and suggestions on the routing of the line — that the PATs were a potentially valid routing method, rather than just a public relations move.

The PATs are Idaho Power’s response to resistance generated by its original provisional route for the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt transmission lines — a route that followed private land for more than 80 percent of its 300-miles-plus length. There are three PATs, each specific to a geographic section of the line, and each team will send members to a project coordinating team that will try to smooth transitions between geographic areas, according to Idaho Power.

With the PATs, Idaho Power hopes that a route more acceptable to everyone can be determined. The initial meeting was a success from Idaho Power’s standpoint,

Berriochoa said in response to an inquiry by The Owyhee Avalanche.

“We had 100 percent attendance from those who committed to the team and it was a productive evening,” she wrote in an e-mail. “Team members learned about the project overall, the purpose and need, work done to date, and how the community advisory process would work. They later went into three working groups, facilitated by our consultant team RBCI of Boise, and began to identify issues and concerns about the project.” RBCI refers to Boise-based professional consultant-facilitator Rosemary Curtin of Rosemary Brennan Curtin Inc.

Comments reported by Stop Idaho Power after the meeting stressed a united front on the part of PAT members to keep the line off exclusive farm use land in Malheur County. If that carries through, odds are that Adrian might not see the line in

the cultivated bottomland along the Snake River. Shifts in the central portion of the line may affect where the line crosses into Owyhee County, but until routing plans begin in subsequent meetings, no specifics will be known.

Following the first orientation meeting, the PAT members will learn the finer points of electric infrastructure, siting and permitting processes, and the goals and criteria used in designing the line route, Berriochoa said.

Team members were chosen who “share an interest in reaching consensus and mapping a route that works from a permitting, environmental and engineering perspective,” she said.

The other PATs have met in Boardman, and in Baker City. Based on the southern PAT meeting in Ontario, Berriochoa is “optimistic about the progress we will make together.”

— MML

BSU doctor speaks on the history of the Baserria

One of the unique centers of Basque life, historically, has been the farmhouse, the baserria, which is a historical, cultural and familial center for Basque life.

Dr. Alberto Santana, director of Basque studies at Boise State University, spoke at the Txoko Ona Basque Center on June 7, and delved into the history of the baserria for several dozen attendees.

If you missed the presentation, you'll get a second chance at the upcoming June 28 Txoko Ona Basque Picnic. Terri Uria confirmed that she has made request of the museum for the display of the photographs used at the presentation during the third incarnation of the annual festival.

Assisted by Patty Miller — vice president for outreach for the Basque Museum — during the evening program, Santana explained points connected with the baserria, things like naming conventions; baserria were generally named for the original families who built them. The layout of a classic baserria and its farms were unique. The farmhouse itself was usually situated in the center of the property the family farmed, he said. That farmed area was usually in the neighborhood of 20 acres, often a circular area — a korta.

Dr. Santana said that 45,000 baserrias exist in the Basque country, and that he has personally visited thousands of them. Often, baserria are multi-story houses with the ground floor occupied by the kitchen in the center-front portion of the baserria and the bedrooms to the sides, he explained. The stable was located behind the kitchen and housed the family's stock, and included an area for storing hay. The upper floors were sometimes used to dry corn or store apples for making cider, he said.

He added that many homes had large cider presses.



Visitors to the June 28 Txoko Ona Annual Basque picnic will have a chance to view the pictures shown at the presentation.

Feds pay Owyhee \$1.2M for public lands tax loss

Owyhee County received its 2009 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money from the federal government Friday, and the numbers worked just as expected, according a commissioner.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said she got a “nice surprise” on Friday when a payment of nearly \$1.2 million arrived. The county has received more than \$7.7 million in PILT funds since 1999.

“We did receive \$1,181,049 in PILT money today,” Sherburn wrote in an e-mail. “In fact, we had not gotten notification it would be here today, so it was a nice surprise.”

The amount is about \$40,000 more than what the county received last year.

The federal money compensates counties that lose revenue because of large tracts of public lands that are exempt from property tax. According to Department of Interior figures, Owyhee County has more than 3.6 million acres of public land.

“(Officials) talked about it at the Idaho Association of Counties in Post Falls last week,” Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland. “I was hoping it was going to be that much.”

The PILT money will come in handy as the county struggles with a seven percent reduction in revenue from state sources, such as sales tax and revenue sharing, that are used to supplement property taxes and local fees to build the county budget.

The county also put in the fiscal year 2009 budget the first \$716,627 of PILT money received in 2008, Hoagland said. An additional payment of \$434,853 received in the fall has been held in reserve to combat further fiscal erosion.

“The additional amount: We’ve been kind of holding that to see in case the revenues are short,” Hoagland said. “We’ll probably have to dip into that before this fiscal year is out.”

Prior to 2008, the federal payments were placed in the PILT Trust, which the county has earmarked for capital improvements and expansion such as the purchase of the Marsing annex building. Sherburn said the PILT Trust balance stands at a little more than \$1.3 million.

— JPB

Fiscal year	Payment
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243

	2003		2003
	\$682,283		\$682,283
	\$594,479		\$594,479
	\$566,318		\$566,318
	\$368,447		\$368,447
	\$349,064		\$349,064
	\$7,766,133		\$7,766,133

— Source: Department of the Interior

County to compensate ex-deputy for assault rifle kit

Prolonged debate finally ends; sheriff's budget remains untouched

After a sometimes contentious discussion, Owyhee County will honor an agreement from the previous Owyhee County Sheriff's Office administration and pay a bill that Sheriff Daryl Crandall had resisted paying.

Former special deputy Mark Jarratt had submitted a claim seeking reimbursement for a gun component after he had returned a weapon to the county per an agreement with then-Sheriff Gary Aman.

The claim, which will be paid at \$400, was for an upper receiver device that made a weapon fully automatic. Crandall had resisted paying the claim, asserting in earlier discussions with the Board of County Commissioners that the agreement had been made with the previous administration and funds for the claim shouldn't come out of his budget.

At the June 2 BOCC meeting, District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said Jarratt should be compensated out of the sheriff's fiscal year 2009 budget because the claim was dated Jan. 5, seven days before Crandall took office.

In previous meetings, the commissioners learned that Jarratt had purchased the weapon with the understanding that it would be bought back if he ever left the service of Owyhee County. A similar agreement was forged between Aman and then-Deputy Aaron Streibel, who was compensated when he returned his weapon upon leaving OCSO earlier this year for a job with the Caldwell Police Department.

After examining Jarratt's claim, county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery pointed out that Aman hadn't signed the claim and, therefore, there was no proof that he had authorized it during his time in office.

Emery suggested that the claim be paid out of the county's general fund, and had drafted a resolution that also would possibly prevent such confusion over transactions in the future.

“We’ve spent a sizable amount of time to ferret all the issues and the ‘he said, she said,’ ” Emery said. “We really need to make this clear and learn from this experience.”

Freund seconded District 2 Commissioner George Hyer's motion to pay the bill out of the county general fund and then voted nay. The motion passed, 2-1.

The component was declared surplus property and will be sold to an authorized dealer or law enforcement agency. Crandall had said that the component is used to covert a gun into a fully automatic weapon, and that only law enforcement personnel, people carrying Class 3 federal gun licenses and properly licensed gun dealers could buy it.

Jarratt will be compensated out of the miscellaneous expense line item in the county's tort budget.

Posse member hired

Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse member Kenny Tindall has been hired inspect boats at CJ Strike Reservoir.

The commissioners approved Sheriff Daryl Crandall's pay request to compensate Tindall \$10 per hour for no more than 19½ hours each week.

Tindall will be paid with funds coming from an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation boat safety grant that the sheriff's office secured earlier this year.

— JPB

Smaller renovations planned for historic church

The summer Mass schedule at Silver City's Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City has begun.

The first Mass was held on May 31. The next Mass is scheduled for noon on July 19 and will be officiated by Fr. Joseph Muha.

Bishop Michael Driscoll will oversee Mass at noon on Aug. 9, and the final Mass of the summer will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6.

The Friends of the Our Lady of Tears organization announced the Mass schedule in their May newsletter.

The association plans improvements to the church's vestibule area as well as other “minor jobs”, in light of the fact that resources have been depleted after a project involving the major renovation of the church's roof, which was completed last year.

The group is always looking for new members, and preparations for the annual community fundraiser “Silver Dollars for Silver City” raffle are in the works. Those interested can contact the friends by writing to PO Box 6110, Boise, 83707-6110.



Avalanche Sports

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HHS coach wants boys' hoops camp

Homedale dives into summer sports calendar

Homedale High School boys' basketball coach Kenny Thomas is testing the waters for a youth camp to be held next week.

The basketball camp would be open to boys who will enter sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth grade in the fall.

The cost would be \$40 for the camp.

Anyone interested in participating in the camp can call Thomas for more information at 989-7124.

Thomas and his staff held a tournament Friday and Saturday at the high school gymnasium.

Other HHS teams plan summer activities, too, including:

- The girls' basketball team is taking part in a weeklong camp in Pine Eagle, Ore., this week.

- The boys' basketball team is entered in the New Plymouth tournament Friday and Saturday.
- Coach David Correa and his athletes will stage the annual youth soccer camp at the Homedale Elementary School from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 13-16.
- New football coach Matt Holtry will present a varsity football camp from July 15 to July 18. The first three days will start at 3:45 p.m., with the Saturday session beginning at 1 p.m. The weight room is open most days through July 30.
- There will be open gym sessions for volleyball weekdays between July 1 and July 24.
- Sports physicals for area high school and middle school athletes will be performed at Rehab Authority from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 21. Proceeds from the physicals will benefit each athlete's school athletic programs.

Marsing softball places third at 14U tourney

The Marsing 14U softball team took third place at the GALS League invitational at Caldwell's Quad Complex last weekend.

In marching to third place, Marsing registered a couple upsets, including knocking off the Diamond Bandits, a year-round traveling squad. Marsing won its first three games (against

the Emmett Huskies, Treasure Valley Vipers and Diamond Bandits, respectively) before losing to Adrian and the Caldwell Chargers.

Coached by Jeff Kinney and Sean Hardy, Marsing is seeded fourth for the GALS League season-ending tournament that starts today in Caldwell.



Whoomp there it is
Marsing incoming freshman Jason Galligan elevates for a backboard-hammering slam dunk on Friday in a camp match against young Homedale High School players.

HHS drops X-country

Golf, soccer will continue at the high school

The Homedale School District trustees eliminated the cross country program during last week's budget hearing.

Superintendent Tim Rosandick said while the cross country program for the high school and the middle school was dropped, other threatened athletic programs — soccer and golf — were retained.

The board followed recommendations presented by Homedale High School athletic director David Hart.

"The board feels that some commitments and some action has been taken on the soccer issue by the parents and coaching staff that will assure greater vitality and competitiveness in that sport over the next couple years," Rosandick said.

As for golf: "There is real interest on the board that participation numbers continue to justify the existence and support of that program," Rosandick said.

The elimination of cross country will save the district only a few thousand dollars, but Rosandick said that a survey of prospective student-athletes hastened the end of the program anyway. There were only two boys and two girls interested in competing in the fall, Rosandick said.

The expenses saved amount to the coaching stipend and transportation costs.

Other cuts in the athletic budget included limiting district-supported event transportation to a distance of 100 miles one way. Any longer trips will have to be funded by team fundraising. Baseball and softball seasons have been reduced from 24 games to 20 games.

— JPB

Owyhee seniors picked for 1A-3A all-star football game

Marsing High School linebacker Mike Moore and Melba kicker/punter Austin Clow will represent Owyhee County during the wannplaycollegesports.com Idaho 1A-3A All-State Football Game.

Moore was a first-team 2A Western Idaho Conference selection at linebacker. Clow

was a first-team 2A WIC last fall as a kicker and a punter.

Kickoff for the 1A-3A game is 2 p.m. in Pocatello.

The game is one of three slated for Saturday at Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus.

For the first year, an eighth-grade all-star game will be played, and the day will be capped with a

4A-5A high school game.

No Homedale or Rimrock players were selected to join Moore and Clow on the Treasure Valley squad that will take on graduated seniors from the rest of the state.

Likewise, no Owyhee County athletes were tabbed to play in the eighth-grade game.

Eby has fast start in Outlaws' win

HHS grad tied for IFL picks lead

Homedale High School graduate Michael Eby racked up three more tackles Saturday in the Billings Outlaws' Indoor Football League victory.

Playing free safety, Eby had tackles on the second and third plays from scrimmage in the Outlaws' 34-22 win over the host Sioux Falls Storm in Sioux Falls Arena. All three of his tackles

came in the first quarter.

Eby now shares the IFL interceptions lead with Bloomington, Ill.'s Laroche Jackson and Abilene, Texas player Joe Longoria.

Jackson and Longoria both picked up their ninth interceptions during the week to tie Eby at the top.

A former Eastern Oregon University linebacker, Eby is second on the Billings squad with 48 tackles, including 35 solo stops.

Billings (11-1) closes the regular season Saturday with a home game against the Colorado Ice.

The Outlaws, who clinched the Pacific Division title in the Intense Conference, has the best record in the IFL and has clinched one of 12 playoff spots.



Michael Eby



Marsing wins first three tourney games
The Marsing 14U softball team includes, back row, from left: Coach Jeff Kinney, scorekeeper Peyton Kinney, Katie Deal, Kimber Bowman, Kelsey Avermann, Christy Hardy, Destiny Liddell, Mykaela Dines, Britney Posey and coach Sean Hardy. Front row, from left: Mariah Kinney, Audra Kendall, Kala Hardy, Missy Hardy, Lacey Usabel and Asia Shippy. Submitted photo

Marsing, Rimrock athletes named all-conference

Mo Clausen capped her high school career recently with a spot on the All-2A Western Idaho Conference softball first team.

The Marsing senior was one of five players from coach Bryan Marquardt's Huskies squad to land on the All-2A WIC list.

Kacie Salove and Peyton Kinney made the second team, and Mari Villa and Cat Rost were given honorable mention nods on the roster.

In baseball, Sean Finley represented the Huskies on the all-conference second team, while

Joey Burril and Ethan Salove landed on the honorable mention list.

Rimrock's Jackie Thurman, Shoni Gannett and Becca Barrett earned second-team nominations for the All-WIC 1A softball team.

Owyhee students part of U of I Dean’s List

Several students with Owyhee ties earned spots on the University of Idaho’s Dean’s List for the spring semester:

- **Bruneau** — Shelby Lea Chandler, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
- **Grand View** — Travis Mitchell Dawson, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences
- **Homedale** — Zach Thomas Tolmie and Zachary Tyler Lootens, College of Engineering; Joshua Daniel Klug, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences; Will Black, College of Natural Resources; and Mark Loren Vance, College of Science
- **Jordan Valley** — Lauren Paige Cuvelier, College of Arts and Architecture; Frank Nathan Beckwith, College of Engineering; and Elisa Anne Eiguren, College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences
- **Melba** — Leah Louise Schwisow and Hannah Nizam-Aldine, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences
- **Murphy** — Emily Louise Romero, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences
- **Oreana** — Melinda Jean Lewis, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences
- **Wilder** — Francie Jeanette Comstock, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences; Kevin Alan Griffiths, College of Law; and Lorena Vega Tamayo, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

To be named to the list, undergraduate students earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits. Law students earned at least a 3.0 GPA on a minimum of 10 graded credits.

JV women earn Farm Bureau scholarships

Two Jordan Valley students have received Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year.

Recent Jordan Valley High School graduate Catie Kershner, who will be a freshman studying Rangeland Management at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., received the largest scholarship (\$1,500). She’s the daughter of Jim and Mindy Kershner.

Rena Berrett of Jordan Valley, who is a sophomore studying Ag Business Management at Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College, received a \$750 scholarship. She’s the daughter of Dale and Sharon Berrett.

Only 14 people received the scholarships, which are funded each year through the offices of the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation.

Homedale High School honor roll

Second semester Seniors		
4.0 grade-point average — Christoffersen, Rachelle D., Cornwall, Briana M., Freelove, Haylie C., Garibay, Angelica, Hyer, Rye C., Johnson, Hannah L., Mackenzie, Mikal L., McCuthen, Aubrey A., McRae, Kali, McRae, Kara, Salas, AnnaMaria M., Stone, Amanda M., Thatcher, Kelsey, Thomson, Asjley C., Vega, Andrea	Daniel I., 3.333; Aberasturi, Sierra L., 3.333; Fink, Amanda E., 3.286; Lair, Rowdy J., 3.286; Lira, Bianca M., 3.250; Lindbloom, Katie L., 3.2; Martinat, Kelsey, 3.2; Ramos, Patricia, 3.2; Abels, Kevin E., 3.167; Johns, Chanrda R., 3.167; Padilla, Lizette, 3.167; Sotelo, Jessica, 3.167; Uriarte, Blanca, 3.167; Aguilera, Joel, 3.0; Aguilera, Joel, 3.0; Gaeta, Mario, 3.0; Gomez, Stephanie D., 3.0; Sweet, Grant W., 3.0; Vargas, Ulysses, 3.0	M., 3.429; Stevenson, Preston T., 3.429; Zatica, Carmen M., 3.429; Amos, Kaitlyn M., 3.4; Doyle, Neil R., 3.333; Dycus, Kurtis A., 3.333; Harper, Megan A., 3.333; Bertagnolli, Karly R., 3.286; McAbee, Jacob, 3.286; Villa, Albert L., 3.286; Pippen, Stefan W., 3.167; Clampitt, Bethany A., 3.143; Gay, Jeffery K., 3.143; Hancock, Kimberly D., 3.143; Hayes, Zachery L., 3.143; Holloway, Katie M., 3.143; Lyon, Richard W., 3.143; Mereness, Alex, 3.143; Bayes, Keith T., 3.0; Borja, Mariela, 3.0; Gonzalez, Jose A., 3.0; Grimm, Jacy L., 3.0; Johnson, Cody B., 3.0; Lopez, Patricia, 3.0; Ryska, Ryan R., 3.0; Sandy, Brittany A., 3.0; Wheeler, Aaron R., 3.0
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Over-prepared

When we talk about someone being “over-prepared”, we think of a person who is very thorough and able to handle all possible contingencies. It is a good habit to have, especially if you are someone who regularly messes up and, therefore, must be ready to respond when you over-mess up! A case in point: my friend Robin qualifies, as this particular trip illustrates.

He left the Coachella Valley headed west on California Hwy 91 in his newly acquired 20-year-old pickup. It was pulling a slightly older 16-foot C&W stock trailer missing two rails with one new tire and two horses on board.

Traffic was heavy. A motorist passed him on the left and pointed behind. Robin looked in the side mirror to see black smoke boiling from beneath his trailer’s left wheel well! As he watched, the tire exploded! Pieces of tread and sidewall filled the air as if he had hit a land mine!

“No sweat!” he thought, taking full control. “I’ve been here before. I’ve got a spare!”

It took him another hundred yards to maneuver the limping rig onto the narrow shoulder and stop. Walking sideways against the whizzing traffic he examined the naked rim. Out of his emergency supply box he extracted a Jiffy Jack and pulled the trailer up on it. “So far, so good!” he thought, smiling. Next he popped off the hubcap and proceeded to unscrew the lug nuts with his star wrench, which wasn’t so easy since the rim now spun freely.

Placing the lug nuts in the hubcap behind him, he removed the rim and attempted to put on the spare tire. It was 1½ inches too tall to fit! NO PROBLEMA! He had another jack!

Once the bottle jack was in position on the frame he raised the trailer high enough to allow the spare. Holding it in place, he reached behind him, accidentally kicked the hubcap and scattered lug nuts into oncoming traffic! But Murphy’s Law was no match for our cowboy! Risking the fate of possum and jack rabbit, he ducked and skittered into and out of passing vehicles, recovering five of the eight lug nuts, which he attached to the spare. In relief, he lowered the jack only to discover the spare was flat! OH NO!, you say, but ... never fear! He had a pressurized can of Flat Fixer!

It aired up the tire to a pitiful 15 psi.

As Robin told me this string of pitfalls and mishaps, I realized I was truly in the presence of a World Class Mess-Up, who had learned to compensate.

“So,” I asked, “Did the 15 psi spare cause any problems, ’specially with that load?”

“No,” he explained, “It pulled really good. You see,” he said tapping his head with his finger indicating the wisdom of one who has learned to over-prepare, “It was just right. It matched the other three!”

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Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



On being a historical footnote

The caller on the phone identified himself as the publisher of the weekly newspaper in the town where I grew up. He said the house on Locust Street where Sara and I lived after we got married had been named a county “historical treasure.” He wanted to get some memories from me for a story he was writing.

The house on Locust Street keeps popping back into our lives. A couple of years ago, we were driving past and stopped to talk to the woman who now owns it. She gave us a tour. We were surprised how little it had changed. Yes, it has an additional 40 years of wear and tear, but don’t we all?

I bought the house on Locust Street for \$7,200 in early 1967. It already was 52 years old. In August of that year, Sara and I got married and she moved in — pretty much backwards to how a lot of couples do it today.

I told the caller the price of the house might seem like a bargain now, but some historical perspective is needed. At the time we lived there, I was making about \$360 a month — before taxes — for working about 60 hours a week. Sara was going to college full time and working full time. The house had an oil furnace. In those days fuel oil was less than 20 cents a gallon. The tank held about 200 gallons. I don’t think we ever were able to afford to put in more than 50 gallons at one time.

Opening a door at one end of the dining room revealed a finished staircase. But if you went up the stairs to the second floor, the only thing there was bare rafters and electrical wiring. It was a stairway to nowhere. When we lived there, we always dreamed of finishing the second floor. But with me making \$360 a month — before taxes — that was never more than a dream.

We drove past the house on Memorial Day. Sara noticed the garage is still standing, although the doors are missing. The garage was built as a shelter for a car the size of a Model T Ford. So, from about 1946 until recently, most cars were too big to fit in it. Or, if you got the car in the garage the driver had to crawl in and back the car out before someone could get in on the passenger side. Now we’ve come full circle. Some of today’s economy cars would fit nicely in the garage with room to spare.

The newspaper guy said the house apparently was built about 1915. That makes it one of the oldest surviving structures in the town. When I was a kid, there were still a lot of buildings from that period around town. But most of them weren’t as well cared for and have disappeared.

When we lived in the house, it was on sort of an island, separating the high school building from the school athletic field. The site of the old high school is now a vacant lot — only the gymnasium remains. The community library and parking lot now occupy a good share of the old football field.

A house built in 1915 may not be “historic” if you live in, say, Paris, France, or Florence, Italy, or even San Francisco. But when the house built in 1915 was completed the same year the town was incorporated, it’s pretty historic for that community.

The fact that Sara and I lived in the house for about three years didn’t have anything to do with it being named a Historic Treasure. Still, it’s nice someone remembered that we are part of its story.

— *Go to www.theowyheeeavalanche.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.*

Public records Owyhee keeps spending a secret

by Wayne Hoffman

Owyhee County has spent more than \$162,000 on something so obviously wonderful, it just has to be kept secret from taxpayers. So the county took a black marker and diligently crossed out 56 entries on a 240-page check register provided to the Idaho Freedom Foundation. County Prosecutor Douglas Emery decided the recipients of the taxpayer dollars — of which he’s one — should remain anonymous.

The Idaho Freedom Foundation has spent months making a simple request of government agencies throughout Idaho: Send us an electronic record of your last 18 months of operating expenditures, line by line, check by check. The request to Owyhee County shouldn’t have come as a surprise; I met with the county commissioners and the county prosecutor in March to explain to them how the Idaho Freedom Foundation was working to boost the transparency of local and state government agencies, and how their spending records would be made part of a free online database.

But Owyhee soon proved it wouldn’t do what was easily accomplished by many other governmental agencies across the state that had no problem responding to our request quickly and thoroughly.

Owyhee initially dismissed my public records request, sent by e-mail on April 30.

“The Owyhee County departments are not to accept e-mail records requests,” Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery told me in an e-mail denying my e-mail request.

“Owyhee County is within its right to require uniformity in the request process and that our form be used and signed.” So I took my same request, word for word, pasted it onto Owyhee County’s form, and e-mailed it back. Success.

“I will route the (request) to the necessary departments for an estimation of the total pages of copies which will need to be generated. If there is a cost anticipated, I will advise,” Emery told me.

Twenty days later, on May 30, Owyhee County’s 240-page response came in the mail, complete with a letter dated May 14 and a bill for \$66.

The pages contained blacked-out entries for more than \$162,000 of non-payroll expenses. For some of the entries, both the recipient of the money and the dollar amount were redacted. To justify his actions, Emery cited portions of the public records law that allows records to be withheld if they are of a personal nature, are medical records or are records belonging to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. Oddly, Emery declined to elaborate on his legal selections.

Fortunately, not everyone is excited about government secrets, and I was able to find out that the bulk of the secretive payments went to a consultant, likely working on the Owyhee Initiative. More than \$6,000 went to Emery, when he was under contract with the county as a deputy prosecutor in 2007-2008.

What’s not clear to me are the reasons Owyhee County declared these entries secret. Emery offers few answers.

“There is no secret that I worked for the Owyhee County as a deputy prosecutor under Matt Faulks, the former (county prosecutor), at \$50 per hour approximately one day per week and performed such work for a number of months,” Emery wrote in an e-mail. “My prior position

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Commentary

Financial management

There are far better things to do with \$10 than play Lotto

Dear Dave,
Do you think it would be a good idea to budget a little money each month for playing the lottery? I spent \$10 on scratch tickets the other day and won \$100. I think it might be a pretty good idea to save \$90 and put the other \$10 toward more tickets.

— Edward

Dear Edward,
Here's a thought. Just stuff ten bucks down your garbage disposal each month and save the cost of driving to the nearest convenience store.
Really, now, you can't be serious! The lottery is a tax on the poor, and on people who can't do math. I'm not riding a moral high horse. Research shows that people from lower income brackets, folks who can't afford to be throwing their money away on some ridiculous game, spend four times as much on lottery tickets as anyone else. Rich people don't



mess with this garbage, because they know the lottery isn't a wealth-building tool. When was the last time you saw a line of BMWs and Mercedes' pulled up to your local convenience store to buy lottery tickets?
The only winners in the lottery game are the students who get scholarships, but in reality they are riding to school on the backs of the poor masses that gamble away their grocery money.
Lots of people think winning the lottery will mean life on easy street. The truth, however, is that it rarely works out that way. Did you know that 65 percent of Lotto winners go bankrupt in less than 15 years? Your chances of winning big are

about 125,000,000 to 1. You're more likely to be bitten by a snake, or die in a car accident on the way to buy the stupid lottery tickets!
If you've got money to throw around, do something smart with it, like get out of debt! Do you have an emergency fund? Are you investing for your retirement, or your kid's education? If you've done all of this, give it to someone who's hurting, or invest it in your community. Don't waste it on something as dumb as the lottery!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
Our daughter has one year left in college. She's going to a state school here in Texas, and we've already taken out two loans to help her out. She's living in nice apartment off-campus. She doesn't work so she can concentrate on her studies. Should we get another loan for her last year?

— David

Dear David,
I've got a better idea. Keep in mind I said a *better* idea, not an *easier* idea.
She needs to be working full-time and then some, all summer long. If she does this and also works part-time during the school year, and you guys chip in a little, you may not need to think about another loan.
I really don't give a hoot about her lifestyle while she's in college. No college kid, especially one that's not working to help make things happen, deserves to be put up in a fancy apartment while her parents go into debt or break their backs working to support her. I worked all the way through college, and so did thousands of other people.
Statistics show that the average, in-state cost of tuition for college in this country is about \$6,000 a year. It costs about \$5,000 to live in a dorm, plus you've got books and food and a few incidentals. So,

the average total will be between \$12,000 and \$15,000 year. That means you guys have to come up with about \$1,000 to \$1,200 a month. I really believe that if you'll all work together, and involve *everyone* in the process, you can make this happen without taking another loan!
In the long run, you'll *all* be happier if you do it that way.

— Dave

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Letter to the editor

Sheriff salutes volunteers, personnel who helped in search

On the night of June 6, 2009, Owyhee County experienced a rain storm unlike anything that had been seen here in the past 30 years. People's lives and property were in serious jeopardy. In the midst of all this chaos, we lost one of our own. Retired Deputy George Reed was taken from us in a flash flood that swept his car into the river. My deepest condolences go to the Reed family.
Being first on the scene, I was able to start the search on both sides of the wash and put people on the bridge to look for any signs of the wreck.
In a very short response time, there were emergency personnel who waded the river from the bridge to the creek, volunteers who went out in their boats in the middle of the night, people there to give moral and spiritual support, people willing to fly over the river searching, others who manned the phones and troopers who covered calls so OCSO could keep looking.
Flood lights were put up by volunteers, deputies drove equipment to those who needed it, volunteer dive and boat teams searched the water for two days. Others provided needed traffic control and many risked their lives so that a family could have closure.
I don't know how to say thank you to so many people that gave so much but I will never forget your service and effort. You are heroes, one and all.

Daryl Crandall
Owyhee County sheriff

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with the county and rate of pay is a matter of public record and likewise published in the Owyhee Avalanche. Details of personal withholdings and personal payroll information, however, is not."
But payments to Emery weren't reported in the county's accounting as payroll, which means either Emery was hired as a contractor, not an employee, or the county's accounting system is flawed. And what of the payments to the consultant? Emery won't answer.
"If you desire further records or additional followup, please complete and sign the proper written public records form and submit payment for the expenses incurred to

date," Emery wrote in his final e-mail.
I suspect Owyhee's decision to hold these expenses secret violates Idaho's public records law. In fairness, I can't be entirely sure of anything because of Emery's steadfast refusal to openly discuss the matter.
Regardless, the county's froward response to the public's right to know is maddening, and illustrates how little these county officials respect the taxpayers who ultimately pay the bills and expect to know — with only extraordinary exceptions — who is getting their money and why.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

June 20, 1984

City discovers it owns property school is on

The Homedale City Council learned at its last meeting that it apparently owns a portion of land that the Homedale High School and Junior High School are currently located on. According to City Clerk Edna Grimes, she was checking out something with the County Assessors office in Murphy when it was discovered that the City held title to Block 87 where the school is located. City Attorney Gary Morgan said that a State law regulating similar cases allows the parties who use and pay all the taxes that are due to take possession of the land through “adverse usage.” Edna Grimes said she would look into it and see what the situation with taxes and title are and what the City’s rights are with the property.

In other Council action City Ordinance No. 247 was passed and will allocate City money to operate the City swimming pool this summer. This completes the change-over for the pool from being a Chamber of Commerce operation to a City funded and operated business. The ordinance allocates the amount of money that is expected to be raised from ticket sales, season passes and swimming lessons over the season.

The Council voted to take over the billing for irrigation water used by City residents. The billing is now being handled by the South Board of Control which doesn’t have the capacity to do the billing efficiently. The City can add the irrigation charges onto its monthly statements for garbage, sewer, and city water services according to city clerk, Edna Grimes. A contract will be drawn up and become effective in January 1985.

Lions Club announces July 4th plans

The Homedale Lions Club Independence Day celebration on the Forth of July will feature several events along with its famous Demolition Derby.

A parade with all the entries in the Derby, plus antique and classic cars, and kids’ bicycle show will feature judging and prize ribbons. Youngsters are being encouraged to decorate their bicycles with ribbons and colorful items to enter the parade.

A bicycle motocross race will be held at the fairgrounds following the parade. There are nine classes: eight and under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and older. There will be first, second and third place trophies for each class.

The Lions Club is trying a new game this year by sponsoring a cage-ball game. Cage ball is played using a six-foot-high canvas ball and the object is to move the ball across the other team’s goal line. Referees will enforce the unnecessary roughness rule, but there are no other rules in the game. Teams will form at the arena.

Ladies mud wrestling is back by popular demand this year. There are three divisions: light, medium, and heavy-weight and there will be \$150 in prize money. There will be first, second and third place trophies given.

Pair selected for exchange program

Two Homedale high school students have been selected by the Youth for Understanding foreign exchange program to be foreign exchange students in the country of their choice. Briana Rogers, daughter of Wayne and Vera Rogers, will soon depart for Skelleftea, Sweden, while Pam Kubosumi, daughter of Roy and Janet Kubosumi, will travel to Yokohama, Japan. The YFU program is a highly structured program which enables exchange students to see how another culture lives and to develop a keen understanding of their society, customs, etc.

Briana and Pam were among 21 other students in Idaho selected for the YFU program. Briana will be away from home approximately 11 months and will stay with her host family, Berit Johansson and her 17 year old daughter in Northern Sweden, near the Arctic Circle. Briana will still qualify to graduate from HHS next spring because she took her required senior classes during her junior year and is currently taking a home correspondence course from BYU.

50 years ago

June 18, 1959

Softball teams in 3-way tie for top of league

The Utoco softball team beat the Slatter and sons team Sunday night 9 to 5. This ties the Owyhee Motors and Meat Packers and Slatter and Sons for top honors.

Friday night games showed Owyhee Motor and Meat Packers, 17, Utoco 4. Slatter and sons, 7, Bicandi’s 5. The Marsing Larsen team won over the Marsing Keister team 18 to 8 at their game played at Marsing Friday night.

Tuesday, June 16 games: Utoco won a close game over the Marsing Keister team, 12 to 11. The Owyhee Motors and Meat Packers, 11, Bicandi’s 4. Marsing Larsen team, 4, Slatter and sons, 1.

Games scheduled for Friday, June 19 are, Slatter and sons, against the Owyhee Motors and Meat Packers at Homedale, Utoco against Marsing Larsen team at Marsing and the Marsing Keister team against Bicandi’s at Homedale.

Tuesday, June 23 games, Owyhee Motors and Meat packers against the Marsing Larsen team at Marsing, Utoco against Bicandi’s at Homedale and the Marsing Keister team against Slatter and sons at Homedale.

Bernard Haines serves in Alaska

Army PFC Bernard C. Haines, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Haines, Marsing, is serving in Alaska with the 2nd missile battalion, 562d artillery, which recently was converted to Nike – Hercules missiles.

Haines, an assistant radar specialist in the battalion’s battery D, entered the Army in March, 1958, completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and arrived at Eielson air force base in Alaska last February. He is a 1957 graduate of Marsing high school.

Wranglers take trail ride

The 31 members and friends of the Owyhee Wranglers saddle club enjoyed a trail ride to Succor creek falls last Sunday.

There were 21 riders. Ten members rode in the jeep chuck wagon and met the horsemen at Blackstone’s cow camp. The Wranglers met at the Homedale park early Sunday morning and trailered their animals to McBride creek.

A picnic lunch was furnished and served by the members of the club upon reaching the falls.

Citizen of the week

Deward Bell, principal of Homedale high school, is citizen of the week. Mr. Bell was born at Albion, October 5, 1923.

After graduating from the Albion high school he joined the armed forces. Upon returning home he entered Albion’s Southern Idaho College of Education and after graduating coached for five years at Paul, prior to moving to Homedale.

Mr. Bell has been principal at the school the past year and coach four years, helping the boys with sports activities both during hours and afterwards.

He married Leah Owens at Burley, June 6, 1947. They have four daughters, Sheryl Sue, 10; Joan, 8; Patti, 6, and Pamela, 21 months.

Volunteer firemen fight blaze in potato cellar

The volunteer fire department was called to the Elmer Barlow farm southeast of Homedale Saturday at 12:15 p.m. The east end of a spud cellar was on fire and the straw and dirt used as insulation gave the firemen a hard battle.

Bruce Smith, rural fire chief, said 15,000 gallons of water were used on the building. It took the volunteers until 4 o’clock in the afternoon to drown the smoldering fire.

About 35 feet of the cellar roof and the outside doors will have to be replaced. The inside doors and some rafters were charred but still usable. Mr. Barlow estimated the damage at \$1,000 but said the insurance company had not yet made an estimate.

Tuesday afternoon the department tried out a new alarm system and had quite a few calls from people wondering where the fire was.

140 years ago

June 12, 1869

OUR COURTS. One of the most unsatisfactory conditions attending the relations of dependence which the Territories bear to the Federal Government is the uncertain tenure of office of the Territorial Judges and their irresponsibility to the people. In fact, the whole theory of our form of government, which is based upon the cardinal principle, that the collected will of the people as expressed at the ballot box, shall determine the selection of officers and control the enactment and administration of the laws, is stricken down in its application to the Territories.

Under the practice of our Government, the Territories are treated as mere satrapies of the President and Congress, to be governed by edicts “fulminated” at Washington, and the enterprising pioneers who have carried the banners of civilization and Christianity into the heart of the wilderness, and whose tireless energies have been devoted to the subjugation of the savagery of man and nature, and inlaying the broad foundations of future prosperous States, are treated as having no political rights which the Government is bound to respect. It is true, that Congress has permitted the people of the Territories to exercise some local political acts, as, for instance, to elect members of the Legislature and local officers, &c.; but they have taken care to let the people know that this limited exercise of the powers of government is not a matter of right but is a mere privilege; it not guaranteed by the Constitution or our Theory of Government, but springs from the generosity of Congress; and this privilege not being based upon any legal right may be taken from the citizens of the Territories at any moment at the mere caprice of Congress, and thus they may be reduced, in fact, to what they now are in theory, to mere satrapies of Congress.

The political condition, according to the theory, is assimilated to that of “conquered provinces,” populated with enemies who absolutely have no political rights and must be content with such privileges as the conqueror may grant.

We would most respectfully suggest to the political speculators who are now running the Government machine, and are struggling to amend the fundamental law of the land so as to confer the rights and privileges of suffrage upon hordes of ignorant negroes, that if they consider white men the equals of the negro they would do well to propose an amendment to the constitution granting political rights to the white people of the Territories.

But, as the ideas of statesmanship which now govern the dominant political party, as expressed in the proposed amendments to our Federal Constitution, and the State Constitutions, and local legislation which are now being forced upon the South, is to disfranchise the whites and enfranchise the negroes, we suppose that it will be vain for us to expect relief.

From the current theory of the utter dependence of the Territories upon the will of Congress springs the evil of which we complained at the commencement of this article, to wit: Uncertain tenure of office of our Territorial Judges, and their irresponsibility to the people. Being generally appointed by the influence of mere politicians who do not reside in the Territories, and care nothing for their true interests, the Judges are frequently mere Pot House politicians and worn out political hacks, and grossly disqualified in mind, character, temper and legal knowledge for the proper performance of the great trusts committed into their hands, and sensible of no responsibility to their judicial functions they are liable to feel as did the avaricious Pro-Consuls of Rome when sent into the provinces, that the Territories are legitimate subjects for spoilage and plunder ... besides, as the Judges are generally appointed from abroad they are compelled to commence the exercise of their judicial duties in utter ignorance of the local practice of the Territories, and by the time they have acquired sufficient knowledge of the laws to enable them to discharge their difficult duties with credit they are frequently superceded by another set of strangers whose duty in turn will be to administer laws that they know nothing about.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JUNE 2, 2009

Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$27,507, Road & Bridge \$12,562, District Court \$825, Probation \$1,052, Pest 1,096, Revaluation \$189, Solid Waste \$359, Weed \$355, 911 \$296.

Bid Opening for Gravel Crushing, matter taken under advisement.

Approved draw down request for Museum Grant.

Approved pay request for Sheriffis employee at \$10.00 per hour.

Indigent and Charity: 09-20 approved with lien placed. 09-21 liens placed, 09-18 withdrawal of application, 09-19 denied, 06-20 assignment.

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

Department of Juvenile Corrections informational meeting. No action taken.

Alcohol license approved for Murphy General Store, and Owyhee Lanes.

Catering permit approved for Murphy Outpost Days.

Approved purchase of weapon from Posse member.

Tabled Nuisance Ordinance until next week.

Letter to Environmental Forestry on Juniper Mastication project.

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

Approved letter to Weed Department requesting 2009 records.

Recess until June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. for an Owyhee Initiative meeting.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the clerkis office.

6/17/09

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On July 8th, 2009 beginning at 3:00 PM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters.

3:00 PM The Commission will hear file 06-22 Owyhee Legends Subdivision final plat application filed by Joe Weatherby/Absolute Properties. Owyhee Legends is a 53.03 acre parcel subdivided into 49 lots. Subject property is located in both a multi-use and a residential zone south of Marsing on Old Bruneau Highway in the NENE and the SENE of Section 33 and the SWNW of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

For additional information on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

6/17/09

303 Patton Street. The property’s legal from the warranty deed is Lots 1 and 2 of Block 4 of Patton’s Subdivision.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until July 2, 2009.

Services for persons with disabilities may be made available by calling City Hall three days in advance of the hearings.

Christy Martinat, P & Z Secretary

6/17,24/09

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

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 55-13884

THUNDER MOUNTAIN RESOURCES INC, 1239 PARKVIEW DR, ELKO NV 89801

Point(s) of Diversion NWNW S10 T08S R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Point(s) of Diversion SESE S4 T08S R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.03 CFS

Use: INDUSTRIAL 01/01 To 12/31 0.4 CFS

Use: MINING 01/01 To 12/31 0.4 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.4 CFS

Date Filed: 09/05/2008

Place Of Use: INDUSTRIAL T08S R05W S10 NENE NWNE SWNE SENE NENW NWNW SWNW SENW T08S R05W S3 NENW NWNW SWNW SENW NESW NWSW SWSW SESW T08S R05W S4 NENE NWNE SWNE SENE NESE NWSE SWSE SESE T08S R05W S9 NENE NWNE SWNE SENE

Place Of Use: STOCKWATER SAME AS INDUSTRIAL

Place Of Use: MINING SAME AS INDUSTRIAL

Remark: Ground water source is from mine tunnels

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 07/06/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director

6/17,24/09

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THUNDER MOUNTAIN RESOURCES INC, 1239 PARKVIEW DR, ELKO NV 89801

Point(s) of Diversion SWSWSW S3 T08S R05W OWYHEE County Source SPRING

Tributary To JORDAN CREEK

Point(s) of Diversion NENENE S9 T08S R05W OWYHEE County Source SPRING

Tributary To JORDAN CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS

Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.02 CFS

Date Filed: 09/05/2008

Place Of Use: DOMESTIC T08S R05W S3 SWSW T08S R05W S4 SESE

Place Of Use: STOCKWATER SAME AS DOMESTIC

Remark: Domestic use is for a mining camp

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 07/06/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

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6/17,24/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. 09-0053932 Title Order No. 0903053911IDGNO 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 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Friday, **September 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** the Successor Trustee Charles Johnson, a member of the Idaho State Bar Association, will, sell at public auction to be conducted on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 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, including attached manufactured home, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described in the document attached as Exhibit A.

The Trustee has no knowledge or a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for the purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-11.3, the Trustee has been informed that a street address of **18663 State Highway 78, Melba, Idaho** may sometimes be associated with said real property. Further information may be obtained by calling Pioneer Title Company in Nampa at (208) 466-6100.

This 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 by a Deed of Trust executed by Joseph Alan and Doria K. Stoneman, husband and. wife, as Grantors to Pioneer Title Company as Trustee, and American General Financial Services (DE) , Inc., as

Beneficiary, dated the 15th day of February 2007 and recorded on February 16, 2007, as Instrument No. 259859 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho, given to secure the principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$123,428.00)

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, responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made are presently the breach and failure to make the monthly payments in the amount of \$1,317.96, per month, for over three months (through April 25, 2009), plus the accrued interest and late charges, in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND NINETY NINE AND 77/100 DOLLARS (\$4,099.77), plus all future accruing payments for all succeeding months, and accruing interest and other charges after April 25, 2009.

Further, the Note secured by said Deed of Trust so providing, the Beneficiary of said Deed of Trust, declared all sums secured by said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, and that the balance due and owing upon said Deed of Trust is ONE HUNDRED TWENTYEIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$128,375.31) as of April 25, 2009, plus interest at the contract rate of **12.27%** percent for each and every day after April 25, 2009

accumulating on said principal amount at the rate of \$43.16, per day, for each and every day until paid in full; plus accruing late fees, costs, and attorney’s fees until paid.

DATED this 4th day of May 2009.

American General Financial Service, Inc. By: /s/Charles Johnson, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee
EXHIBIT A

This parcel is a portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 2 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 89° 40’16” East along the North boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 610.29 feet (of record 610.00 feet) to a point on the westerly right-of-way of Idaho State Highway 78; thence

South 18° 45’58” East along said westerly right-of-way a distance of 401.74 feet; thence

South 89° 39’16” West a distance of 748.30 feet (of record 760.00 feet) to a point on the westerly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 01° 19’00” East along said westerly boundary a distance of 381.50 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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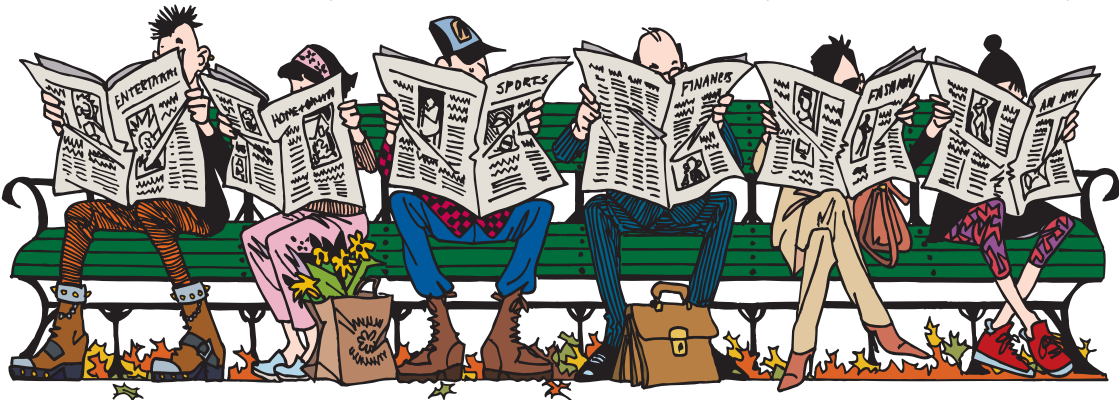
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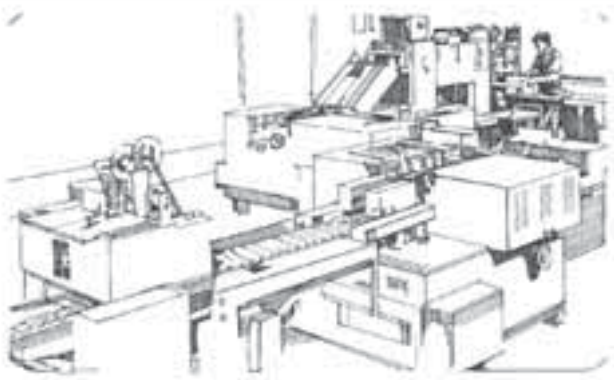
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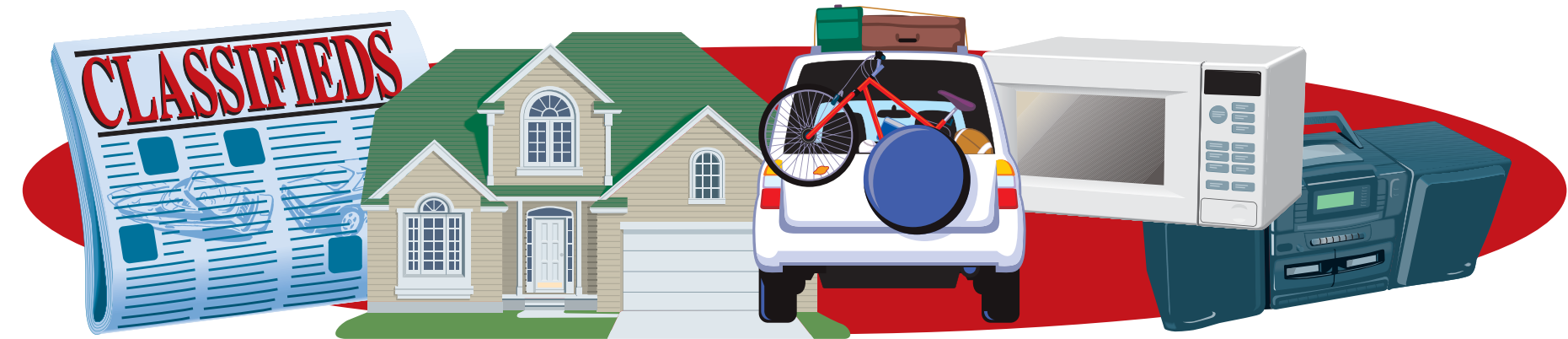
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