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## Championship rider



### Injury can't keep Homedale grad from CNFR glory

Bryan Martinat wrapped up his career at Western Texas College on Saturday by collecting top honors in the College National Finals Rodeo saddle bronc division in Casper, Wyo. Photo by Craig Kelley/ notsoseriousproductions.zenfolio.com. See story, Page 16

## Grand View Days ready for another fun-filled weekend

Carnival, Toilet Race added to agenda this year

Folks will be able to find bargains and belly laughs and many other entertaining events during Grand View Days this week.

The centerpiece is the annual parade and fire hose water fight Saturday, but there is much more to the celebration.

While the traditional event kicks off Friday night with the Firemen's Dinner at 6, fireworks at dusk and the first round of the softball tournament, new addition Paradise Amusement Carnival from Coeur d'Alene will get the fun started Thursday with a



Teen does more than his share around town  
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You don't have to be an EMT or a firefighter. We have people who  
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## County declares storm disaster

ITD asked to mitigate  
Scorpion Creek hazards

Owyhee County has issued two declarations of disaster in the wake of the recent severe weather that took a life and damaged roads and crops.

Anita Johnston, the executive director for the county's Farm Service Agency office in Marsing, also reported that some farmers have reported crop damage from June storms.

Larry McDaniel, road supervisor for Owyhee County district 1, said repairs on county roads damaged are progressing, but no definite completion date is in the offing. Rabbit Creek Road lost as much as 2/10ths of a mile of asphalt, he said, and Con Shea Road, while it has been rebased and leveled, is awaiting final surfacing with gravel.

"It's got us way behind," McDaniel said.

Storms on successive weekends caused flooding

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### Hardtrigger hammers Givens

Floodwaters from Hardtrigger Creek wash over the parking lot at Givens Hot Springs. Photo by Steve Givens

## Marsing man dead after car runs into cold Payette River

Uncle, nephew were on Idaho 55 heading to camp

A 50-year-old Marsing man died last week when the car in which he was riding ran off a highway and into the frigid Payette River.

John Hance's vehicle was removed from the river around 5 p.m. Friday, according to the Idaho State Police, less than 12 hours

after the crash on Idaho highway 55 between Horseshoe Bend and Banks. Hance's body was found inside the 1992 Acura.

According to news reports, Hance and his 17-year-old nephew, Michael Wheeler, were traveling from Marsing to Cascade on Thursday for a camping trip. Wheeler was driving the car, which was owned by his uncle.

An ISP press release stated that Wheeler overcorrected after he

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**Donations abound**

Children at the Friends Church donated a zoo-full of stuffed animals to Homedale Police on Friday. The children gathered the plush pets, and the police will be handing them out to children on emotionally stressful calls, such as domestic disturbances, Cpl. Mike McFetridge said.

The children did such a good job, the HPD cruiser's back seat couldn't hold the entire menagerie, and a volunteer took an additional three 40-gallon bags of plush animals to the station.

"I never expected this many," McFetridge said of the herd of stuffed critters.



# County takes steps to lessen prescription drug sticker shock

Clerk: New program means average savings of 20 percent off retail prices

Folks needing help with prescription drug costs will get a helping hand from Owyhee County beginning Thursday, with discount cards available at locations throughout the county.

The Board of County Commissioners recently enrolled in the program offered to National Association of Counties (NACo) members. The program provides an average savings of 20 percent on prescription drug purchases, according to a press release issued by the county Friday.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said that both Homedale Drug and Paul's Pharmacy will participate in the program because they are Caremark providers. CVS Caremark administers the NACo program.

The cards will be available at Terry Reilly Health Clinic locations in Homedale and Marsing, City Halls in Homedale and Marsing, the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, the Grand View Post Office, the Bruneau Valley Library and Valley Health Center in Grand View.

Owyhee County pharmacies will accept the NACo card, and a national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor it, a county press release stated.

"The NACo prescription discount card will offer significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan," County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said.

"Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

All county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance coverage may use the card.

According to the press release, the program is available at no cost to county taxpayers.

"Using the NACo Prescription discount card is easy," Sherburn said. "A cardholder will simply present it at a participating pharmacy."

"There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

Owyhee County becomes one of 26 counties in Idaho to take the step to help its residents with soaring prescription drug costs. County employees aren't eligible for the program.

"I feel this can be a very positive move, as all of the counties I have talked to have gotten positive feedback," Sherburn said. "This is a program that can benefit every resident of the county. I am excited about it."

The cards are honored by participating pharmacies in neighboring counties, too, including Ada, Canyon and Elmore, Sherburn said.

Elmore and Twin Falls counties in Idaho and Malheur County in Oregon aren't participating at this time, according to the Web site, but NACo official Andrew Goldschmidt said a county doesn't have to be enrolled in the program in order for a pharmacy in that county to participate.

— JPB

# Lots of new faces expected for derby

Drivers meeting slated for tonight at Owyhee Lanes

Organizers are expecting upwards of 40 entries for this year's 28<sup>th</sup> annual Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Lions representative Jeremy Townsend said last week that he has heard from a contingent of 10 Eastern Idaho drivers who would like to compete, and that there will be about 10 rookies in the field—including three women.

The mandatory drivers' meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. today in the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room.

Townsend said that tickets still are available for the Fourth of July derby.

All the covered grandstand tickets are gone, having sold out in about two weeks, he said. However, tickets for the B section on the same side of the arena as the covered seats and C section across the arena are still available.

— JPB

B section seats sell for \$12, while it costs \$11 to sit in the C section. Townsend said children young enough to sit on their parents' laps get in free.

Tickets are available at Owyhee Auto Supply in both Homedale and Marsing.

Raffle tickets still are being sold for the joint giveaway by the Lions and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. Top prize is an executive suite for an Idaho Steelheads game and a prize package including pucks, hats and drinking glasses.

Other prizes also will be added to the raffle, and the drawing will take place at the derby, Parker said.

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

# Doodlebugs back as Marsing Third celebration nears

Those river-racing doodlebugs that swarm down the stream through Marsing's City Park every third of July are once again up for sale.

The doodlebugs, proceeds from which go to help the Lions Club fund the celebration's evening fireworks display, are \$3 each, or five for \$10.

The 'bugs can be purchased at Marsing Hardware (896-4162), from Bob Malmberg (896-4204) or from Jerry Bowman (896-4161).

The racers will leave the gate after the Marsing Third Lions barbecue at about 8 p.m., and fireworks will follow after dusk and can be viewed on the Snake River.

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## ✓ Disaster: Water damages several roads; county can receive state help

in several areas: Scorpion Creek sent water over the roadway on Idaho highway 78 on June 6; Rabbit Creek raged through Murphy, damaging a street and a municipal water pump on the same day; and swollen Hardtrigger Creek flooded hangars and basements at Sunrise Skypark and Idaho 78 near Givens on June 14.

The Board of County Commissioners declared a disaster on June 9 after the first batch of flooding led to the death of former Owyhee County Sheriff's Backcountry Deputy George Reed. Last week, the commissioners ratified that declaration and added a second after the Givens flooding.



**Road crews have work to do in Murphy**  
*Floodwaters from Rabbit Creek washed out Pedracini Street in Murphy earlier this month. Photo by Todd Kern*

Givens Hot Springs co-owner Steve Givens said there was water in his parking lot and on about a 600-foot stretch of road.

"The thunder was continuous for 45 minutes to an hour, one continuous rumble," he said. "I'd never heard anything like it."

Commissioners authorized a letter to Idaho Transportation Department director Pamela Lowe calling attention to Scorpion Creek-area residents' concerns of many water-over-the-road events at the drainage point where Reed's Ford Mustang was swept a quarter-mile into the Snake River.

The letter asks ITD to consider replacing the three-culvert system that carries Scorpion Creek to the river with a bridge. But during the June 16 BOCC meeting in Murphy, county emergency coordinator Jim Desmond pointed out that state Bureau of Homeland Security Southwest Area Field Officer Pat Lucas said a bridge is too costly and that other problem areas have been mitigated by raising the road bed and installing a five-culvert system.

Damage continued this last

week, with flooding occurring over the weekend on Bruneau Hot Springs Road. Water as deep as a foot left silt across the roadway.

Desmond said the disaster declaration allows the county to request financial assistance from the state, if needed. He said that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has pledged the state would pay for 90 percent of the costs of cleanup, with counties kicking in the remaining 10 percent. Desmond added that any costs the county has incurred from the moment the disaster is

declared until it is decided the county needs assistance counts toward the 10 percent.

He also said that the county had yet to ask the state for any help.

Desmond and Johnston said that farmers and ranchers throughout the county had reported storm damage to their crops. Johnston said the number of ag folks who have contacted her office is minimal, but she is gathering information for storm reports so the federal government has the data needed if assistance is requested.

"What I need to help me do the storm report is any information on what people have lost," she said, adding that lost hay inventory seems to be the biggest issue at the moment.

Initial reports from local farmers and ranchers confirm that a large percentage of the first cut-

ting was ruined in the fields by rains. Expectations are that that prices may rise later, especially on the third cutting, but at the moment the market is grim.

"It's been a terrible thing for the hay growers in southern Idaho," Frank Bachman, owner of Bachman Land and Livestock near Bruneau said Monday. First cutting hay has plummeted from \$140 a ton to as little as \$60 as feeder hay. Whether late season premium hay can make up the difference is yet to be seen.

Farmers and ranchers who want to report losses can call Johnston at (208) 896-4384, ext. 2.

She said that damage has been reported in Bruneau, Grand View, Marsing and Homedale. Hail damage to meadow hay had been reported in Jordan Valley.

— JPB

## ✓ Drowns: Teenage driver survives with minor injuries

swerved to avoid an oncoming car while trying to pass in a no-passing zone. The car then went off the pavement, down an embankment and into the river. Wheeler was able to escape the vehicle and swim to the opposite riverbank.

He was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he was treated for chest and arm lacerations and released.

Wheeler and Hance were traveling northbound when the teenager tried to make a pass into the southbound lane.

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✓ **Grand View:** Horseshoes tournament, farmers' market set Saturday

pick up garbage and pull weeds and try to keep the town clean and nice. We have people who put out time for Little League baseball and umpires.”

The Adopt-a-Pole contest will be judged Friday.

Other events Friday:

- The carnival opens at 5 p.m.
- A community yard sale will be start at 5 p.m. Friday in the parking lot adjacent to Centennial Park. It's open to anyone who wants to bring his or her unwanted items to the park and set up a spot, Collett said.
- All emergency medical services and fire personnel can dine for free during the barbecue dinner in Lions Park. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and younger eat for free.
- Fireworks begin at dusk.

Saturday's action begins at 9:30 a.m. with the first Toilet Race, which is sponsored by the Idaho Rally.

Collett hopes to have up to seven teams of three people or more to compete in the Toilet Race with perpetual trophy up for grabs.

“We first talked about having an outhouse race, and we've had some bed races (in the past),” Collett said. “We were just kind of laughing about what would be funny.”

Collett said the seat must remain down in the race around a city block because one person must be seated on the toilet while the other two people wheel them around the race course.

“They may have to have some toilet paper and something to read as they're getting pushed around,” he said.

“I think it's going to be a good Kodak moment,” Collett concluded.

The annual downtown parade gets rolling at 10 a.m. after the Toilet Race.

Also:

- The carnival begins the first of two Saturday sessions at noon at Centennial Park.
- An arts and craft show will be held at Grand View Elementary, and there also will be a quilt show in town
- A Duck Race will be held in the canal. The entries, limited to 100, are available for \$5 each and can be purchased at the Y Bar and Cafe and Gus' Gas. Top prize in the plastic duck race is \$150, with \$75 going to second place and a Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center LifeFlight membership basket valued at about \$137 going to the owner of the third-place duck.
- Kids races and a Farmers' Market in Centennial Park
- A demonstration by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office canine unit.
- An adult horseshoe tournament and beer garden at Lions Park.



**Car rally sponsors Toilet Race**  
*The 2009 Idaho Rally, which is run in Mountain Home, has lent its name to the perpetual trophy that will be up for grabs during Saturday's Toilet Race. Submitted photo*

Proceeds from the horseshoe competition will benefit the OCSO canine.

- The second day of the softball tournament will be held.
- There will be karaoke at JC's Landing and the Jeff Palmer Band will perform at the Y Bar and Cafe, while the Swede Dawson Band will play outdoors at Centennial Park beginning at 7 p.m.

Sunday's wind-down day includes the annual Lions breakfast at Lions Park. Donations are requested. At Centennial Park, inspirational speaker Ron Palermo's appearance is sponsored by Valley Christian

### Full-tilt carnival set for Grand View Days

The Paradise Amusement Carnival will run in Grand View's Centennial Park from Thursday to Sunday.

There is one session each day on Thursday and Friday and two sessions each on Saturday and Sunday.

If bought in advance, session tickets cost \$18 each and are available at businesses in and around Grand View. Both sessions can be enjoyed on Saturday and Sunday for \$23 each day (\$18 for the first session, \$5 for the second).

Call (208) 834-2393 or (208) 834-2765 for advance tickets.

The day of the carnival, session tickets cost \$25 each.

The carnival will be open at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 3 p.m. on Friday. On the weekend, the first session will run from noon to 5 p.m. with the second session beginning at 5 p.m.

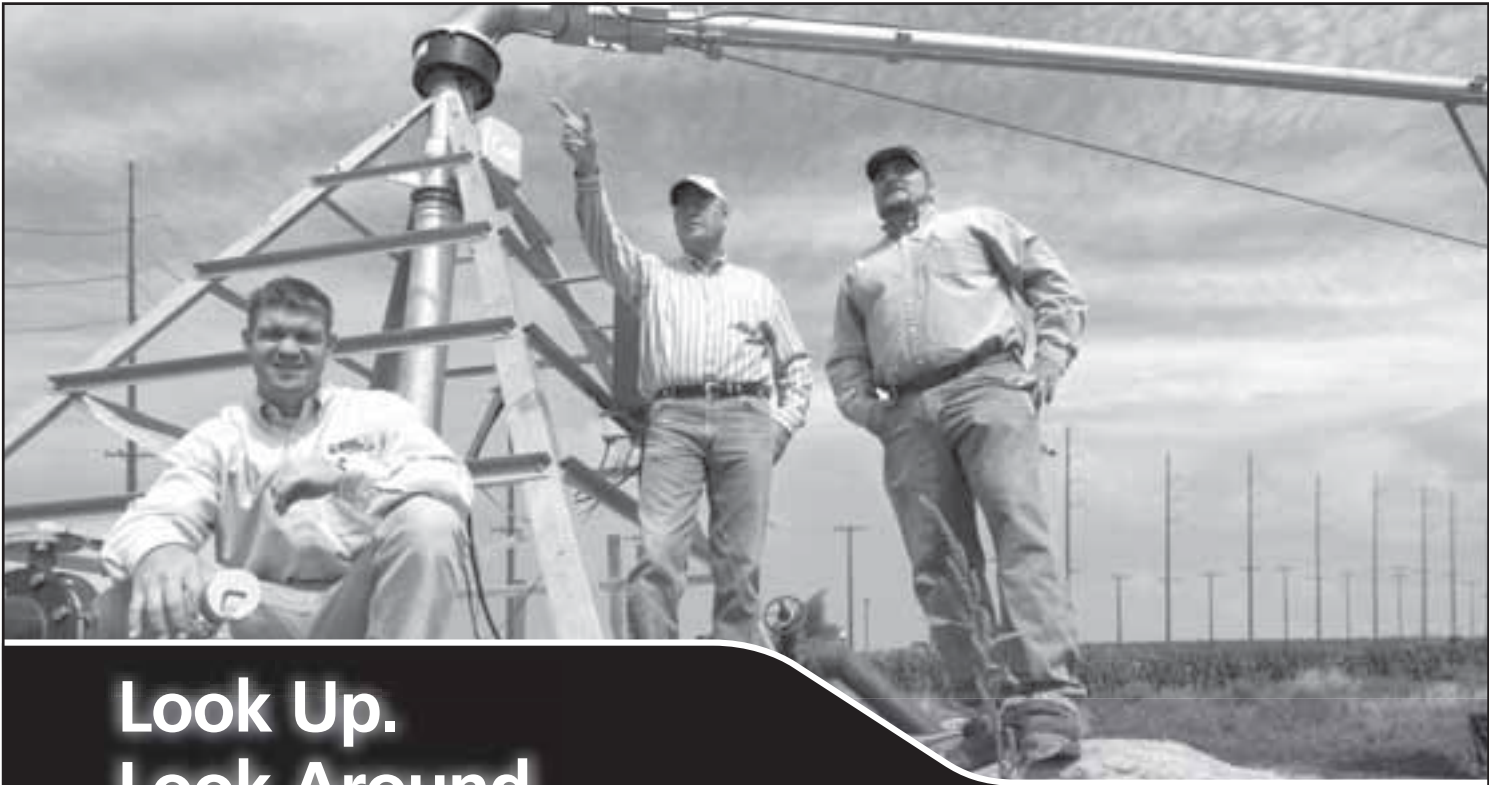
The carnival company based in Coeur d'Alene will bring a menu including corn dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, soda pop, caramel apples, caramel corn, popcorn and more.

The rides will include Sky Master, bumper cars, Ferris wheel, Berries, Dive Bombers, Twizzler, Quads, Hampton Combo, Merry-go-round, Gravitron, Tilt-o-Whirl and a slide.

Midway games will include Frogger, the mirror game, Long Range and a shooting game.

Church and will be accompanied by a program of gospel music. The carnival opens again at noon for the first of two sessions.

— JPB




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# Weddings

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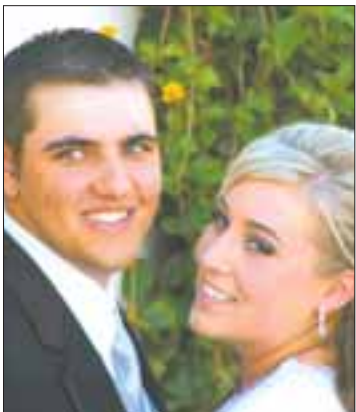
Russell and Lynaii Dygert were married in the Mesa, Ariz., Temple on May 30, 2009.

The parents of the groom are Shawn and Annette Dygert of Guffey. The bride is the daughter of Howard and Mary Hansen of Mesa, Ariz.

Russell is a 2005 graduate of Melba High School. He then served a two-year LDS mission in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Lynaii graduated from New Samaritan High School in 2007 and is currently employed by Hewlett Packard.

A reception will be held from 6



p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009, in the Owyhee County Museum located in Murphy. All are invited.

## Meyers, Moore to wed on July 18 in Grand View

Tom and Michelle Meyers of Grand View have announced the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Chantel Meyers, to Kyle Moore, son of Mark and Crystal Moore of Mountain Home, on Saturday, July 18, 2009 in Grand View.

A wedding reception will be held after the wedding at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grand View.

Chantel grew up in Grand View, and Kyle grew up in Mountain Home. They have dated since their freshman year of high school. Both are graduates of Mountain Home High School Class of 2007, and both just completed two years at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The couple has made their



home in Grand View. Kyle intends to pursue his law enforcement career, and Chantel intends to pursue her passion in the equine business.

For more information on the wedding, go to [www.meyers-moore.weddingannouncer.com](http://www.meyers-moore.weddingannouncer.com).



**Reverend Ray oversees western hitching**

*Above: The Rev. Ray Gerthung of the Wilder Church of God tied the knot for Eric Wardlaw and Lorraine Esquivel, both of Caldwell, on Friday, June 19, 2009, in Silver City. David and Linda Gerthung gave the bride away ... David armed with a muzzleloader.*

*It was an old-fashioned wedding, with the groom in cowboy boots, and the majority of the 60 or 70 attending armed and dressed for the setting, Rev. Gerthung said. The reverend himself officiated in the clothes fitting a circuit preacher in the old west, complete with a cross-draw six-shooter.*

*The ceremony was completed before the rainy weather returned, Gerthung said, though the picnic goers had to shelter from the unseasonal precipitation after the wedding.*

*It's the farthest Gerthung has been asked to travel to do a wedding to date, though he's been requested to travel to Hamilton, Mont., next week to marry a Homedale groom to his Montana bride.*

— submitted photo

# Cattlemen's meeting focuses on reducing stress in cows

The Malheur County Cattlemen's Association annual summer tour was hosted by Jeff and Edie Palmer of Ironside Associates on June 11. Thirty-five people were in attendance to hear from Malheur County Sheriff Andy Bentz about controlling cattle theft in the county. Dr. Richard Fredrickson from Western Stockmen's also spoke on proper nutrition and viable supplements.

To discuss the highlighted topic of Low Stress Handling, Dr. Reinaldo Cooke, a recent addition to Oregon State University and a new Beef Extension Specialist, shared with the group the effects of disposition and stress of handling on performance and reproduction in beef cattle. Increased levels of Cortisol, a naturally occurring hormone referred to as the "stress" hormone, causes break down of fat and muscle tissue, increases inflammatory responses and reduces feed intake, takes nutrients away from growth and reproduction and disrupts regular body functions. Ultimately, studies show that increased Cortisol levels in cattle can decrease average daily gains



*Ironside Associates representative Jeff Palmer was present at the event to lend a hand.*

and pregnancy rates in addition to increasing sickness. Cooke emphasized multiple times the necessity to select livestock for disposition and methods to reduce stress when handling livestock.

The second speaker on the featured topic was rancher Roy Anderson from Baker City. He combined his key points with multiple scenarios and real-life stories and even demonstrated concepts in the corral with dry cows. Further discussion was held in the pen on

proper truck loading and facility design.

A business meeting was also held to discuss pertinent issues and activities within the organization. Organizers deemed the meeting successful, saying everyone in attendance learned something new to take back to their ranch.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, which has some members from Malheur County, will hold its annual summer meeting July 25 in Silver City.

## Rimrock FFA news

*by Jackie Thurman*

On June 1-5, the Rimrock FFA chapter went up to Moscow to compete in the State Career Development Experience (CDE) Competitions.

The following FFA members competed at State: Cy Lootens, Gilbert Doan, Clay Cantrell,

Stetson Dick, Kody Schiermeier, Travis Jackson, Brittany Rahier, Tasha Belling and Jackie Thurman.

The Ag Mechanics team placed fourth overall. Team members included Cy Lootens, Stetson Dick, Kody Schiermeier and Travis Jackson.

The Foods team placed 11th overall. Team members included Clay Cantrell, Gilbert Doan, Brittany Rahier and Travis Jackson.

We are very proud of all the teams that went and competed. The next event for the Rimrock FFA chapter is the Owyhee County Fair in August.

## Tickets still available for wine tasting

Tickets are still available for Sunday's Cheers to Idaho! wine tasting event sponsored by the Owyhee Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick (D-Idaho) will serve as guest speaker at the event, which will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the The Sandbar Pavilion in Marsing.

Marsing's Essence of Life will have bread and chocolates available for sampling. Organizer Pam

Roylance said Nampa chocolatier Chocolate Bluebird has cancelled plans to participate.

Six Idaho wineries, including Owyhee County-based Miceli Vineyards and Davis Creek Cellars, which has a tasting room in Marsing, will be on hand.

The Bitterbrush Blues Band will provide music for the event, which is open to ages 21 and older.

Cost is \$15 person or \$25 per couple if tickets are purchased in advance at locations such as Moxie Java Bistro in Homedale and Snake River Mart in Marsing.

Tickets purchased Sunday will cost \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

For more information, call Pam Roylance at 337-4154 or visit [www.owyheedemocrats.org](http://www.owyheedemocrats.org).

## Death notices

**LOAVA C. DAVIS**, 69, of Homedale, died Monday, June 15, 2009, at a Caldwell hospital. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

**RUTH HUNTER**, 71, of Homedale, died Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at home. Graveside services were held Friday, June 19, 2009, at Cloverdale Memorial Gardens in Boise. Arrangements were under the direction of the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel.

## Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**

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 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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# 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.

**Demolition derby drivers meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. First St. N., Homedale. (208) 896-5000

## Thursday

**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

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

## Saturday

**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

**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

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

## Tuesday

**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.

## Wednesday

**Tappin’ Toes and free lunch**  
11 a.m., ages 1-4 plus adult or caregiver, free; free lunch for ages 1-18 follows at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

**TRIAD meeting**  
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

**Homedale American Legion meetings**  
7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

**N. Owyhee County Weed Management Area**  
7 p.m., U.S. Department of Agriculture office, N. 250 Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544 ext. 102.

## Thursday, July 2

**Senior citizens lunch**  
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

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

**Dinner and a Book**  
6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., free meal for ages 1-18, \$3 for adults, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Summer youth reading program**  
6:30 p.m., ‘Be Creative @ Your Library’, ages 5-12, free, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**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, July 3

**Children’s reading**  
10:15 a.m., “Fourth of July Mice”, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

**Third of July celebration**  
Marsing Lions Barbecue, Doodlebug Race, City Park, and fireworks, over Snake River

## Saturday, July 4

**Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby**  
Demolition derby, raffle and live music, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

## Monday, July 6

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

## Tuesday, July 7

**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

**Senior citizens card games**  
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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## Bet You Didn’t Know

# Oh say can you hear United States or America?

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Also, you might want to know that this song wasn’t adopted as the National Anthem until authorized by Congress in 1931 ... that’s some 117 years after it was written.

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Well, here’s one for you ... The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, right? So what was the name of our country at that time? The United

States of America? Wrong. It was the United Colonies of America. Didn’t get changed to the United States of America until September 9<sup>th</sup> of 1776.

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Besides Ronald Reagan, has any other White House occupants acted in a motion picture? Yep, Nancy Reagan played in several movies under the name of Nancy Davis and Pat Nixon had small parts in several movies. Her first full-length movie was called Becky Sharp, released in 1935.

— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit [www.pearyperry.com](http://www.pearyperry.com)*

## Bailey Kershner graduates CSI

Bailey Ann Kershner of Jordan Valley graduated from the College of Southern Idaho on May 19 with a degree in Animal Science and a grade-point average of 3.4.

Her family — Kenny, Teresa

and Bryce Kershner — made the announcement.

Kershner will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow in the fall, majoring in Animal Science Pre-Veterinarian wit an emphasis on Business.

## Shane Smith graduates U of I, heads to WSU

Shane David Smith graduated last month from the University of Idaho, after four consecutive years appearing on the Dean’s List, according to his parents Dave and Patti Smith of Pleasant Valley.

Smith, a 2005 Jordan Valley High School grad, graduated the college of agriculture and life sciences, and will go on to study at the Washington State University college of veterinary medicine in Pullman, Wash.

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### Marcus Eby graduates with honors from SPU

Marcus Eby graduated cum laude from Seattle Pacific University on June 14. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry.

Marcus, a 2005 Homedale High School graduate and former multi-sport Trojan athlete, is son to Vicki and Gary Eby of Homedale.

### Owyhee students make CSI Deans' List

A handful of students with Owyhee ties were placed on the College of Southern Idaho's Deans' List for the spring semester.

Students achieving grade-point averages of 3.2 to 3.9 with 12 or more credits qualified for the Deans' List at the Twin Falls school:

- **Bruneau** — Kyle Lahtinen and Cole Merrick
- **Grand View** — Jay Long
- **Jordan Valley** — Bailey Kershner and Megan Mackenzie

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# County 4-H oral presentation winners named

Submitted by  
Andrea Castaneda

4-H Horse and Ag, Family and Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous Oral Presentations were held on June 2 at Bruneau Elementary and June 5 at Marsing Elementary. Possible presentations could be in the form of an illustrated talk, demonstration, commercial or a dramatic reading. We could not thank our judges enough for the amount of time and effort they put in to make the presentation days a success. Our judges for Horse were Gina Showalter, Cat Thompson and Jody Moos. For Ag, FCS, and Miscellaneous the judges were Faye Yocorowic, Judith McShane and Dre' Castaneda.

In the Senior division for Horse, coming out on top with a first place ribbon, was Kate Blackstock from Wilson Butte. Right behind her with "Food for thought" was Dust Devil club member Kortney Bahem. Becky Carter from Pony Express came in third. The fourth place ribbon went to Caleb Cunningham from the South Mountain Cowboys. Shelby Ferdinand from Pony Express and Jordan Boman from Bruneau Sage Riders came in at fifth and sixth. Other participants in the senior division were Amanda England and Stephanie Hylton.

Morgan Monson from Wilson Butte came in first for the Junior II division with Shelby Dines from Owyhee Animal Friends close behind her for second place. The third place ribbon goes to Bryana Hampton from the Owyhee Silver Spurs with an informative "Western Saddles, All of its Pieces and Functions." Jesse Watson from the Owyhee Silver Spurs was close behind earning the fourth place ribbon. Placing fifth and sixth were McKenna Hall from Pony Express and Curtis Waddington from the South Mountain Cowboys. Other participants in the Junior II division were Saige Raine, Arlie Jo Stevensen, Carey Dines, Adrianna Salutregui, Abe Cunningham, Ria Kent and TJ Hopson.

The Junior I division was led by Lena Metcalf from the Owyhee Silver Spurs. Closely following and coming in second with "Re-

spect the Red" demo was Cheylah Volkers from Wilson Butte. Third and fourth place were also neck-and-neck earned by Abby Waddington from South Mountain Cowboys and Krista Mayer from the Jump Creek Wranglers. Sam Monson from Wilson Butte came earned a fifth-place ribbon. The sixth-place ribbon went to Cheyenne Hopson. Other participants in the Junior I division were: Lewis Rutan, Janey Clay, Hailie Hegerhorst, TJ Davis, Lyndsey Salutregui, Andrea Greeley, Cheyenne Davis, Montanna Wasson and Bailie Jewett.

"Follow Me" was the title of Wilson Butte's Lacey Usabel's Oral Presentation for which she earned first place in the Intermediate division. Trailing not far behind was Carlie Purdom from the Dust Devils with second place. The third-place ribbon goes to Evon Timmons from Wilson Butte. Bruneau Sage Riders' Bridget Black came in fourth. Morgan Hall and Nikita Lente from the 4-H Clubs Pony Express and Bruneau Sage Riders snatched fifth and sixth. Other participants in the Intermediate division were McKay Hall, Abby Clay, Alexis Lewis, Jackie Phillips, Tome Nelson, Kyla Jewett, Liz Gramps, Austin Lewis, Samantha Woods, Hailey Boman and Warren Dalley.

We also had some Cloverbuds do a presentation. Participating were Bruneau Sage Riders' Trinety Bachman, Patricia Lewis, Jami Jewett, Conor Christensen, Dally Rutan, Riatta Rutan, and Darion Bowman. From the South Mountain Cowboys, we had Natalie Waddington and Baylee Davis. And last but not least, Fallon Wasson from the Owyhee Silver Spurs.

The Ag, FCS and Miscellaneous winner for the Senior Division was Dust Devils' Kortney Bahem. Second, third and fourth place went to Kate Blackstock, Tyler Blackstock and Corey Maupin, all from the Wilson Butte 4-H club.

Michael Lejardi from Shoofly grabbed the first place ribbon in the Junior II division. Second place went to Nick Bennet from Snake River Livestock. Wyatt Grim and Martin Gramps, both from Wilson Butte, took third and

fourth place. Saige Raine from the South Mountain Cowboys was awarded fifth place for her presentation with Travis Erwin from Bruneau Canyon coming in sixth. Other participants in the Junior II division were Crystal Good, Analeise Mills, Sanjuana Zaragoza and Lance Eaton.

The Junior I division scores were all close, but Megan Smith caught the first place ribbon with her excellent presentation titled "Got Milk? Milk's Journey from Farm to Fridge."

Milk was a popular theme, as that was also the subject for second-place winner Krista Mayer

from the Jump Creek Wranglers. Annie Bass from Wilson Butte came in third, closely followed by Julianne Mori from Bruneau Canyon. Fifth and sixth place goes to Chayton Bollinger from Snake River Livestock and Katelyn Wilson From Wilson Butte. Other participants in the Junior I division were Cheylah Volkers, Joseph Ineck, Garret Prow, Jeffery Law and Kyla Mills

For the Intermediate division, Garret Briggs from Shoofly stole the first place ribbon with his presentation titled "A trip through Ewe" detailing the digestive system of a sheep. Snake Rivers Live-

stock's Keni Meyers was right on his tail and came in second. Wade Bass from Wilson Butte tied for third place with Johanna Mori from Bruneau Canyon. Esteban Lejardi from Shoofly along with Wes Grim finished in fifth and sixth place.

Other participants in the Intermediate division were Triston Hylton, Kaitlin Erwin, Zach Tindall, Shelby Lee, Jackie Prow, Heather Morrison Shelby Criffield and Brittany Roberts.

The Cloverbud division had four well-prepared 4-Hers, Justin Ineck, Logan Stansell, Laura Gasper and Martin Law.



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The proposed power plant will be built south of Interstate 84 at exit 9 in Payette County. Construction is set to begin in summer 2010 with completion targeted for December 2012. Langley Gulch will be clean and highly-efficient, using natural gas and steam to generate electricity, and will help integrate alternative resources such as wind and solar.

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### We're back



*The Mormon crickets are on the march despite the cold, wet early summer. Sightings earlier last week had them crossing U.S. Highway 95 near the Oregon Border. By Saturday they were at the top of the grade, just four miles from the ION station.*



# County gives group previously redacted expense records

The dispute between a think tank and the Owyhee County prosecuting attorney about public records continued last week.

County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery told The Owyhee Avalanche that he released to the Idaho Freedom Foundation previously redacted information on county expenditures.

“Upon considering the pertinent statutory provisions, it was felt that the material could be appropriately disclosed,” Emery told the Avalanche in an e-mail.

He said the information was mailed to IFF executive director Wayne Hoffman on June 11.

But Hoffman, who said his organization is a non-profit, non-partisan group that receives no public funding contrary to District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund’s assertion in last week’s Avalanche, isn’t satisfied after receiving the previously redacted information and a letter from Emery.

“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 full spirit of the public records statute,” Hoffman wrote in an e-mail.

Hoffman questions the \$66 fee he was charged for the redacted copies of county records “that it now appears really didn’t need to be redacted.” He also said the new documents contain a description field for which he had asked in his original requests. He also questioned whether the original redactions did, indeed, include confidential employee information such as deductions and benefits as asserted by Emery.

In his e-mail to the Avalanche last week, Emery reiterated exactly what was redacted and why in the 240-page document originally mailed to Hoffman.

“Some of the entries such as confidential county employee personal tax withholding information and information which appeared tantamount to income or withholdings were redacted,” he wrote.

— JPB

# S. Mtn. 4-H Horse Expo hits Jordan Valley

The South Mountain Cowboys 4-H Horse Club will present the first Jordan Valley Horse Expo beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds.

Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend, as well as take advantage of any of the services available at the Horse Expo. Prices will vary with the individual providers.

The Horse Expo schedule includes:

- **1 p.m.** — Horse chiropractor Rob Mclean
- **2 p.m.** — Local veterinarian, Julie Mackenzie, who will be giving horse vaccinations as well as demonstrating the proper method of paste worming horses
- **4 p.m.** — Oregon Brand Inspector Carolyn Baltzor will give an update on Oregon and Idaho Brand laws, to clarify transporting horses between the two states.

She also will be available to write “lifetime” brand inspections for those needing them.

- **5 p.m.** — Local farrier Mike Eiguren will give a horseshoeing demonstration, and will be available for any locals who would like to have their horses shod.
- **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** — Wade Black of Homedale will put on a free Horsemanship Clinic.

Also featured throughout the day will be demonstrations by local 4-H members on roping skills, braiding cowboy gear, tying rope halters, and “Taming the Record Book Beast”.

Reservations for services and the Horsemanship Clinic are not required, but would be appreciated for planning purposes. For more information or to sign up for services, call South Mountain Cowboys leader Ann Black Rutan at (208) 583-2482.



The South Mountain Cowboys 4-H Horse Club

# Jail drug smuggling investigated

Sheriff Daryl Crandall confirmed Friday that his office is investigating the possibility of drugs being smuggled into the Owyhee County Jail.

Crandall wouldn’t give details of the investigation, saying that it was an open case being handled by Sgt. Perry Grant, who was out of the state Friday.

In what Crandall calls a case of mistaken identity, University of Idaho honor student Melinda Lewis, whose family lives in Oreana, was approached by the sheriff and at least one other deputy in the course of the investigation. She was questioned briefly when she was visiting a friend who works at the Owyhee County Courthouse late last month.

“We talked to her. I don’t think it has anything to do with the case,” Crandall said. “Once we determined it wasn’t who we were looking for, we let them go.”

The 20-year-old Lewis said the deputies told her that the person they were looking for matched her description and drove a car similar to her Ford Taurus.

“They basically flat-out told me apparently this woman has been smuggling meth into the prison,” Lewis said. “I said to myself, ‘I don’t know if that’s private information and if they should be telling me that.’”

Lewis said from Washington, D.C., where she is serving a federal government internship, that the deputies who approached her near the treasurer’s office never asked for identification and never checked her license plate.

“No. We just asked her name,” Crandall said in confirming that no other steps to identify Lewis were taken. “And (county treasurer) Brenda Richards said, ‘That’s Melinda Lewis. That’s not who you were looking for’, so we let her go. Brenda Richards is fairly reputable as far as knowing people.”

But Lewis and her family take exception to how the deputies approached the Melba High School graduate.

“They handled the situation slightly inappropriately only because they didn’t go through the

proper verification of identifying me or my car,” Lewis said.

Lewis said she didn’t have any problem with the demeanor of the officers, and she said she couldn’t remember if anyone apologized to her for the mix-up. She doesn’t plan to pursue any further action.

“It really wasn’t that big of a deal to me at all,” she said. “I think it’s important that whoever I was dealing with knows that in the future that they should deal with it in a different way.”

Her mother, Teena Lewis, agreed with her daughter that it wasn’t an issue deserving much attention.

“I just feel like if it was one of many that would be a different story,” she said. “I don’t appreciate the way she was treated there, being the mother of a young girl.

“I feel all they would have to do is ask for her ID, run the plates on her car. Do that before you say, ‘Are you somebody else?’ The whole thing didn’t have to take place.”

— JPB



## Idaho Avenue breakdown

Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer, left, and Project Engineering Consultants Inc. civil engineer Andrew Kimmel measure and examine the sidewalk along East Idaho Avenue last week.

# City seeks numbers for LID

A City of Homedale and Chamber of Commerce delegation were going door-to-door, measuring and examining downtown sidewalks slated for replacement or repair under a proposed local improvement district (LID) on June 16. The LID would be pooled with the \$500,000 Idaho Community Block Grant recently awarded to the city, and would expand beyond the initial Idaho Avenue corridor repair to include the four blocks surrounding the intersection of Main and Idaho.

Public Works chief Larry Bauer, Mayor Harold Wilson and Chamber president Gavin Parker were among those present. The mayor spoke with property owners while others collected the data they would need to present real, concrete numbers for costs owners would face in the project, Bauer said. In addition to linear feet being measured, the group was determining what areas would need gutters, what stretches of sidewalk could be repaired, which would need removal, and which corners would need handicapped-accessible ramps.

The final cost for the sidewalks, streetlights and gutters will vary from property to property, depending upon how much work is required, city officials have

said since the beginning of the project.

Bauer said he expects the final figures for the project will be determined by late summer.

While not every response from the people the mayor spoke with was positive, Wilson said the majority had been.

The city council is hoping to get 60 percent of those affected property owners to support the idea of the LID. In the end, while a petition of 60 percent of landowners can force a city council to adopt an LID, a city council can, conversely, declare one without vote under Idaho Code.

— MML





Folks worth knowing in Owyhee County

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Eagle Scout candidate

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# Rimrock student works tirelessly for community

## School's incoming student body president expands GV helipad

The event that changed Connor Merrick's life may have also changed the fortunes of several folks in the Grand View-Bruneau area.

He was still finding his way through early teenage years when his father, Dean, died in a farming accident on the family ranch in December 2005. But his dad's influence in evident years later, even as Connor prepares for his senior year at Rimrock High School.

"It just kind of put me where I'm at now," Connor said of his father's death.

Where Connor is now is finding any way possible to help — his community, his school, his uncle, Allen, at his shop Allen Merrick Truck and Tractor Repair.

And Connor puts the genesis of his compassion back with his father.

"He kind of put that through me. He would help anyone where he could," Connor said.

Connor is awaiting his Eagle Scout rank after helping expand Grand View's Life Flight medical ambulance landing pad. The work was completed a year ago, and the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Life Flight program is scheduled to honor his work during Saturday's program of Grand View Days.

"Connor has stepped up. You have no idea," his mother, Karlette, said of her 17-year-old son's progress in the past 3½ years.

"This young man is more than a young man. Just because of losing my husband. He does things. He sees something that needs to be

done, and he just does it."

That was the case with the helipad. The Grand View Lions Club had planned to finance the project, but needed someone to lead the way. Connor was enlisted and in a three-day period (June 11-13, 2008) he joined nearly 30 people to expand a 20-foot-by-20-foot pad to about 28-by-36.

"This young man is a very independent, mechanically minded and hard working," Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said.

"He can solve about any problem that might come up in a project. He can run and work on about any piece of equipment around."

Thurman said that the Grand View Park Committee, fire department and ambulance service also played a role in the helipad project.

Connor estimates that it took 175 hours of labor to build the pad. Without material and equipment donations from businesses such as Simplot Livestock, material and transportation for the job would have cost more than \$1,500, he figures.

His reason for doing the job was simple.

"You and I could be the next one to use it, and you'd like to make things as convenient or as smooth as possible, especially with any kind of emergency," he said. "It might make a difference some day."

Connor's work isn't lost on those who watch him daily.

"It is great to see young people like Connor show a interest in



### Eagle Scout hopeful

Connor Merrick expanded the Grand View helipad, much to the delight of Life Flight pilots.



### Rimrock student good with his hands and a right foot

Above: Rimrock High School senior-to-be Connor Merrick poses with his pickup and the trophy he won during the Firebird Drags Hot Truck Nationals. Below: Metal benches built under the Merrick's supervision adorn the foyer at his high school in Bruneau. Submitted photos



helping to better their communities," Thurman said.

Earlier this year, Connor was tabbed as project manager to oversee the construction of metal benches inside the foyer of the high school where he will be student body president beginning in the fall.

"He's one of those students you wished you had a whole roomful of," 20-year Rimrock FFA advisor Alan Schoen said. "Everything he does he does 100 percent. And he researches everything."

When Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent Vickie Chandler looked for help to build the benches, Schoen pointed at Connor and didn't worry about the job again.

"If you need something done,

you just explain what you need done and he gets it done," Schoen said. "His work ethic and workmanship are the biggest thing."

And it's been that way for a while.

As a freshman, Connor and the rest of the FFA ag mechanical team qualified for the national convention, where he won the national individual championship in ag power systems.

"He's been mechanical forever," Schoen said. "I've seen him grow up along the way. His dad was really mechanical, too, so it's in his blood."

Schoen calls Connor is a workhorse who doesn't shy away from a job.

And he even applies his job to his latest passion — drag racing

his 1996 Dodge Cummins diesel pickup at Firebird Raceway between Eagle and Emmett.

He has raced only twice at Firebird Raceway, but he already has won a championship, winning his division during the Hot Truck Nationals. Running a bracket format in which a driver essentially tries to beat himself, Connor was clocked at 13.6 seconds at 99 mph on the quarter-mile.

The speed with which he has found success belies his seemingly laid-back explanation of how he got into the sport.

"I thought it would be something that's fun to do, so I started building a pickup that could take it," he said.

— JPB

*"I will report that the young lad did an extraordinary job on the helipad, and it is now very adequate for our operations flying in and out of there. The expansion not only better accommodates our helicopter 'footprint,' but also significantly improves our ingress/egress with a patient both on the helipad and on the sideway leading to the helipad."*

— Tom Horner  
Saint Alphonsus Life Flight pilot

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# Marsing car show shines Saturday

Despite worries over the unseasonably rainy weather, about 48 cars made it to the second annual Marsing Car Show on Saturday. Cruisers, rods and antiques glittered on the grass at Marsing's Island Park, and those attending got a taste of classic cars and barbecue on one of the few sunny days in the past week.

Marsing's Josh and Jessica Bauer organized the event.

"I think it went really well. We had a good response from everybody. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves," Josh said after the event.

The event didn't see plaques awarded, instead those attending got to take home one of numerous door prizes, enjoy the day and the food on hand. When asked if he had a favorite entry, Bauer laughed and refused to pick just one.

Cars came from throughout the area, Bauer said, with entries from Boise, Meridian, Nampa

and Caldwell as well as local fanciers.

The show also saw a few bikes and boats alongside the cars.

"We're pretty much open to anything," Bauer said. "We just want to hang out and enjoy the day."

Bauer initially came up with the idea for the show last year, as part of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce Father's Day events. This year, the chamber had no events planned, but the car show has gone ahead on its own, beginning an annual tradition. Keeping the show on Father's Day helps in a region with so many car shows, Bauer said, as it conflicts with fewer other venues.

Bauer confirmed they are planning another show at the same time next year.

"We want to make it bigger, and have more stuff," he said. "We'd like to keep doing it every year."

— MML



Lower left: Car Show organizers Josh and Jessica Bauer of Marsing. Above: A Shelby Cobra, with an immaculate 427 under the hood. Below: Visitors examine a 1935 Chevy Standard.



# 2009 OUTPOST DAYS HORNYTOAD CHAMPS



Clockwise, from left: Owyhee County Commissioners and hornytoad judges, Dick Freund, Jerry Hoagland and George Hyer; Zack Bates of Wasilla, Alaska, and Oreant Eater (winner of best name); Murphy's Sherri Simmonds and Nod, first place toad; Melba's Abe Riley and Hardtrigger Hank and the race ring with competitors in place.

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2001 Ford Focus S

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AC, Auto



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2004 Saturn Ion 4 Door

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4x4



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#9P1106A  
Automatic,  
LS



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2006 Ford Taurus SE

#9R281A  
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2003 Chevy S-10 Crew Cab

#REN787A,  
Auto, 4x4



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2002 Toyota Camry

#9T1195A,  
Auto,  
Moonroof,  
Lots of  
Extras



Was  
\$11,294

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\$9,594

1998 BMW 540i

#8T2439B  
Loaded,  
Lots of  
Extras



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\$11,753

**NOW**  
\$9,753

2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

#9T1236A,  
Auto, Moon  
Roof,  
Loaded



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2003 Subaru Outback AWD

#9T1164A,  
Manual,  
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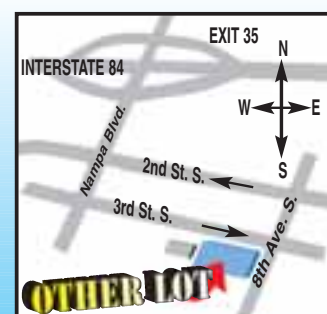
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# Gateway project to bore almost 1,000 test holes

Idaho Power is nearing test-drilling to determine the depth of anchors needed for the proposed Gateway West transmission line that will stretch from Wyoming to Murphy. Last week saw release of the draft Geotechnical Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, and the opening of a period of public comment.

The EA was designed to evaluate “the environmental and social effects” of the plan, the introduction to the EA states. As given on page 6 of the report, grazing and prime farmland would

see “negligible or no effect” from the drilling.

The plan itself calls for 1,149 miles of route, and 873 miles of alternate route, to be tested. Of the more than 900 bore holes, each 6 to 8 inches in diameter and 40 feet deep, at private land owners have refused access to approximately 50 sites at present. There may be more, as the EA states that responses have not been received from many of the landowners and agencies involved.

The drilling would be accomplished by licensed

Wyoming and Idaho drillers, according to the EA, with each team involving a drill rig, water truck, and one or two four-wheel-drive support vehicles, boring approximately two holes each day.

Under the proposed plan 188 boreholes are planned on farmland and 665 on grazing land. Bore sites were chosen that have proximity to existing roads, and the EA said no road-building will occur.

The Bureau of Land Management will accept comments on the

EA through July 22. The EA is available for public review on the BLM Gateway West Web site, [http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfdocs/gateway\\_west](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfdocs/gateway_west).

Maps of the project area at 1:100,000 scale and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are also available on the Web site.

The existence of the draft FONSI indicates that BLM has found no issues with the proposal that would stop the drilling.

The BLM is providing a 30-day period for comment on the

EA prior to signing a FONSI and Decision Record, according to a release issued Friday. “All valid comments submitted by July 22 will be considered and addressed prior to publication of the Decision Record,” it said.

Comments may be submitted through the project Web site, by e-mail to [Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov), or in writing to Randy Sorenson, BLM - Casper Field Office, Gateway West Transmission Line Project, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY, 82604-2968.

# PAT submits alternate Gateway powerline routes

Committee members’ primary suggestion stays north of river, backup west of Murphy

Community members have suggested that portions of the Gateway West transmission line originally plotted through Bruneau, Grand View and Murphy be moved out of ag-use and residential areas.

Following the revision of the scoping process for the 500-kilovolt transmission lines that are planned to meet at the proposed Hemingway substation north of Murphy, Project Advisory Teams (PAT)

were formed representing local interests in the siting process. Frank Bachman, Bruneau-area rancher and landowner, is on the PAT that focuses on the line sections in Owyhee County, and was at the Thursday meeting that saw the PAT’s initial recommendations given to Idaho Power and the Bureau of Land Management.

The PAT-proposed route crosses the Snake River just east of Bruneau Dunes State Park,

Bachman said. It would follow the river, staying on the northeast bank, until it crossed near Swan Falls to reach the Hemingway substation.

An alternate route to the south was also requested, and the PAT charted one that stays as much as possible on public land south and west of Murphy, Grand View and Bruneau.

At present, issues will certainly arise with both routes, but “the BLM told us to draw the lines where we thought they should go, with no initial limitations,” Bachman said. The BLM and project planners are now checking the plans against route limitations through a software interface,

Bachman explained.

“They (the BLM) acted very cooperative, and were more than willing to take another look at Birds of Prey,” he said.

That would indicate a shift in the BLM’s stance from earlier resistance to any lines crossing the wildlife refuge.

The line will also try to parallel existing ones more closely, Bachman said.

“They’ve pretty well conceded ... and agreed to move it out of Kuna and Melba, and follow the PacifiCorp line,” he said.

“What it boils down to is that we in Owyhee County will have part of that line on us ... it has to connect to Hemingway ... but

our goal is to put as much of it as possible on public land,” he said. “The original route was too disruptive of everything that’s going on in the county.”

Whether the lines end up exactly where they are suggested or not, the process of siting them has improved, Bachman said.

“Early on, it was absolutely terrible. Now, Idaho Power and the BLM have finally realized that the original scoping process was a disaster,” he said.

“They’re backing up ... restarted the wheel, really. Both Idaho Power and the BLM realized they have to have public input.”

— MML

# Funds available for water quality improvement


Local landowners on the Lower Succor Creek and Jump Creek watersheds can apply for funds to improve irrigation practices to lessen field runoff, reducing nitrate levels.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) approved funding for the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission’s Jump Creek/Succor Creek project earlier this month. Those with property in the drainages who wish to apply must qualify for the NRCS’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and must apply directly to the NRCS

through July 6.

The money is specifically earmarked to improve ground and surface water quality in the Marsing and Homedale nitrate priority areas. Marsing ranked sixth out of 32 tested areas in 2008, and showed a marked increase in nitrates in wellwater and surface water. Homedale ranked 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Owyhee Soil Conservation District and NRCS employees will work with landowners to evaluate their operations. For more information, contact the NRCS office in Marsing at 250 N.



Bruneau Highway, 896-4544.

The nitrate standard for drinking water is 10 milligrams per liter. Marsing had tested wells as high as 37 mg/l, and an average of 9.6. Homedale’s highest tested level was 10 mg/l, and had an average level of 4.7.

In healthy adults and older children, according to the Idaho

Department of Health (IDH), nitrate is excreted rapidly. Exposure to fairly large amounts of nitrate is not usually associated with short-term adverse effects. Infants younger than six months, however, are sensitive to nitrate poisoning, which may result in serious illness or death. The illness occurs when nitrate is converted to nitrite in a child’s body. Nitrite reduces oxygen in the child’s blood, causing shortness of breath and blueness of the skin, hence the name “blue baby syndrome” (methemoglobinemia). This illness can cause a child’s health

to deteriorate rapidly over a period of days.

Other health effects—including cancer and problems with reproduction and development—may occur with long-term high exposure to nitrate. At this time, no hard evidence links nitrate to these harmful health effects, but research is ongoing, according to the IDH.

Cattle and sheep are also affected by nitrate poisoning, especially when on nitrate-heavy feeds like corn or oat hay, combined with water that is already high in nitrate.

# Poisonous hemlock blooming now, possible fatal threat rises

While it looks nice, with vivid green leaves and sprays of small, dill-style flowers, poison hemlock is not something you’d want in a pasture or garden – the highly toxic weed is potentially deadly, and the Owyhee Conservation District confirms it is present and growing in Owyhee County.

Roger Batt of the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign, released information last week, encouraging landowners and others to keep an eye out for the plant — most famous for being used to kill Socrates.

“Poison hemlock, a dangerous noxious weed, is now in full growth around Idaho and that

has prompted state noxious weed officials to launch a public awareness campaign warning residents about this plant that has been documented as being fatal for humans and all classes of livestock,” the release warned. Late June is the peak growth season for the weed, which is so toxic that horses and cattle can die within hours of eating the plant.

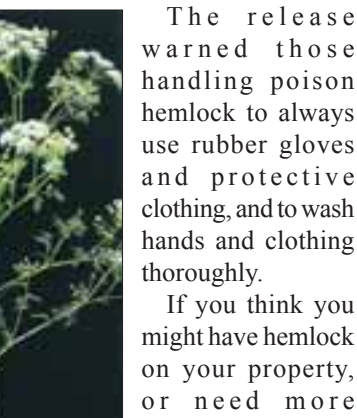
Spot checks by weed managers around the state show that poison hemlock is growing and is now starting to bloom. It is at this time that its tender and succulent leaves can be accidentally ingested by animals that graze in areas where the weed is growing.

Typically poison hemlock grows in riparian areas, stream banks, canal and ditch banks, borders of pastures, and cultivated fields. Horses, cattle, sheep and other livestock allowed to graze in pastures infested with the weed plant are at particularly high risk of being poisoned.

“There are documented cases where people have eaten poison hemlock because they mistook the weed for some type of wild parsley or dill,” Batt said. Poison hemlock roots are often mistaken for parsnips, its leaves for parsley or fennel and its roots and seeds for wild carrots or anise.

Poison hemlock grows 3-8 feet

tall with a smooth green stem, usually spotted or streaked with red or purple on the lower half of the stem. The leaves are finely divided and lacy, overall triangular in shape. The weed has flowers that are small, white in clusters that resemble the spokes of an umbrella. The poison hemlock root is fleshy and white. When crushed, hemlock leaves and roots emit a rank, unpleasant odor often compared to that of a mouse or parsnips.



The release warned those handling poison hemlock to always use rubber gloves and protective clothing, and to wash hands and clothing thoroughly.

If you think you might have hemlock on your property, or need more information, Batt recommended contacting a local weed management organization. In Owyhee County, contact the Owyhee Conservation District at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102.



# Ankeny awarded lifetime event pass by IHSAA

## Retiring veteran teacher’s career honored with IHSAA lifetime pass

Dennis Ankeny gave a lot of years to the Homedale School District, and to supporting athletics, both through 10 years of coaching and his attendance at games for his three children. In recognition of that investment of time, Ankeny will now get to watch any Idaho State Athletic Association activity for free.

Homedale High School principal Mike Williams requested the pass, and IHSAA executive director John Billetz approved the engraved metal card.

Williams requested the pass as a way to honor Ankeny’s 32 years in education, 29 of them with the Homedale School District.

“His service to IHSAA sponsored student activities in Homedale School District 370 during his tenure has been exemplary,” Williams said in his letter of recommendation.

As Williams also mentioned in the letter, Ankeny was still actively involved in sports, serving as a game supervisor and activities sponsor for 19 years.

“He is certainly a worthy recipient of this pass,” Billetz wrote in the letter informing Williams of the approval of the pass. “His years of service in Idaho are certainly an outstanding accomplishment.”

Ankeny received the card last Wednesday.



**Young “victim” treated at training**  
*Marsing resident Kylie Goostrey volunteered to have her legs splinted during the latest Owyhee County Community Emergency Response Teams training last month. Submitted photo*

## CERT program eyes mock disaster

Owyhee County Community Emergency Response Teams training continued last month.

During the disaster medical response training, CERT members learned how to set up medical treatment areas and practiced splinting techniques for open and closed fractures. This month, CERT trainees will practice light search and rescue techniques, including victim extrication and cribbing techniques.

The CERT team hopes to conduct a disaster simulation once training is completed, according to a press release. To volunteer as a victim for the exercise or to assist with moulage (makeup), contact Marlene Moore at 896-5630.

# Descendant details historic Duncan Creek Murders

## Grandson of Fred Bachman caps Bruneau and Beyond season

The Bruneau Valley Library hosted Jim Ware of Boise last Wednesday for the final Bruneau and Beyond program of the season.

Ware drew an audience of 41 for his talk. Jim is the grandson of Fred Bachman, the sole survivor of the Duncan Creek Murders of 1889, and has done considerable research into the murders of J. Everett Hill and William Davidson and the attempted murder of Fred Bachman.

Most of the information was gleaned from handwritten documents stored in the Owyhee County Archives.

*The incident occurred at Duncan Creek miles out from Bruneau in the area of Wickahoney. It appears that Mr. Davidson shot Hill at his camp on Duncan Creek where Hill and Bachman were “wrangling” horses. Hearing shots, Bachman headed toward camp and encountered Davidson. Shots were fired. Davidson put holes in Bachman’s hat, and his gun misfired a few times. Bachman then put several bullets in Davidson with his smaller gun, but they failed to penetrate his heavy clothing. Finally, Bachman took him down with shots to the throat and eye. Bachman then headed for Bruneau to turn himself in for killing Davidson. He was told at a camp on the way that the Justice of the Peace was not there and he would have to go to Silver. The long arm of the law was really long in those days. Being the only witness, he could have fled with no one ever knowing what actually happened in the canyon.*

*There were no witnesses outside of Bachman, but the sheriff held an investigation to determine if there was enough evidence for a trial. The sheriff had gone to the scene, buried the decomposing bodies, and collected what evidence he could.*

*The coroner’s jury met at Mary’s Creek, probably in someone’s home. Ultimately, Mr. Bachman was cleared of any charges because it was determined that by counting the number of spent and misfired shells, Bachman had fired at Davidson in self-defense. With primitive forensics, it was decided that Davidson, not Bachman, had killed Hill, because the wound in Hill matched the caliber of Davidson’s gun, not Bachman’s. All of this happened because Hill had killed Davidson’s dog for molesting Hill’s livestock.*

Ware gave a genealogy of Fred Bachman’s family and his journey from Switzerland to the Owyhees and went on to tell of his grandfather operating an opal mine at Opaline with partners. They sent three washtubs of opals to the world’s fair for an exhibit, but the opals never returned. The partners in the mine were so enraged, they blew up the mine with dynamite.

The Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon program will resume in the fall.

## Court briefs

Deborah Hopson and Zach Robinson appeared before Judge George A. Southworth last week in connection with the duo’s original animal cruelty case, this time for probation violation arising from reports that they had again begun collecting animals at their new residence in Melba in Canyon County.

The pair, which now face added court fees of \$300 each for their public defender, were told they had to abide by the original limitations set by their sentence and will have to do three days of sheriff inmate labor. They will, in addition, be watched like hawks, Southworth is reported to have said.

The sentencing limitations allow Hopson and Robinson to keep no more than three large animals — horses, cattle, sheep and the like — and four dogs or puppies on whatever property the pair reside on.

If they fail to abide by the conditions of their probation, they face 90 days in jail, court sources said.

The original case, which began in January 2008 and involved more than 30 horses and dogs, resulted in 24 months of probation for the pair.

Kaleb Hotchkiss, 24, of Homedale, was found guilty of

misdemeanor DUI stemming from a citation in February. Hotchkiss was originally charged with felony DUI, but the charge was amended to a misdemeanor. The court, with Judge Dan C. Grober presiding, issued fines and fees totaling \$700. Hotchkiss also had his license suspended for a year, will be on probation for two years, was ordered to attend a treatment program and will serve a total of 10 days in jail.

This was Hotchkiss’s third DUI charge in the past five years, and second conviction in the past two.

Another Homedale resident, Felipe Gutierrez-Alvarez, 26, was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI. Gutierrez-Alvarez was cited earlier this month, and faces fees and fines as \$400. His license was suspended for six months, and he will be on probation for 24 months. He will serve a total of 18 days in jail. Gutierrez-Alvarez was also found guilty on three other charges stemming from the stop: An open container violation, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of his driver’s license. His additional costs for those crimes bring his total owed to the court to \$1,075.

Robert David Root, 45, of Caldwell was also convicted of misdemeanor DUI following a citation in February. Root will lose his license for six months, be on probation for 24 months and perform 20 hours of community service in addition to attending a treatment program. He also faces fees and fines of \$520 following his appearance before Grober.

Loretta Jean Morris, 51, of Melba, was also found guilty of misdemeanor DUI before Judge Grober following a February citation. Morris will pay \$300 in fines and fees, has had her license suspended for six months and will be on probation for 18 months.

Auburn, Wash. resident Victor A. Castellon-Montes was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI following a stop earlier this month. Castellon-Montes had his driver’s license suspended for six months and was put on two years probation by Grober.

— MML



# Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

## Rye Hyer hauls home state rodeo gold from IHSRA

Homedale grad among three Owyhee boys heading to national finals

Consistency was the name of the game last week as Rye Hyer collected a championship at the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo.

The Homedale High School graduate posted top-four finishes in all three go-rounds for steer wrestling at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello, and walked away with the title Saturday night.

His 18.08-second cumulative time was more than two seconds better than runner-up Wyatt Holtman.

Hyer, the son of George and Dolly Hyer, has qualified for

the National High School Finals Rodeo, which takes place July 19-25 in Farmington, N.M. He finished tied for sixth in the boys' all around

Other Owyhee competitors who are eligible to make the trip to New Mexico are Melba's Austin Clow (fourth in steer wrestling; he also finished third in the all around) and Jordan Valley's Dusty Easterday (tied for third in saddle bronc). The top four finishers in each event earn a ticket to the National High School Finals.

Some Owyhee entries qualified for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Silver State International Rodeo in Fallon, Nev.

Those who finish fifth through 10<sup>th</sup> can enter the rodeo, which runs July 4-9.

Silver State qualifiers from Owyhee include Clow and team roping partner Jared Thompson, who were sixth at State; Clow in tie down roping after a sixth-place showing; Jordan Valley's Brandan Mackenzie, who was ninth in saddle bronc; and Rimrock's Sierra Ridley (seventh in barrel racing). Hyer, his brother Bodie and Clow all qualified in boys' cutting.

Hyer began his week in Pocatello with a runner-up finish in the first go, during which he took his animal down in 5.92 seconds. His 5.85-second effort in the second go-round netted fourth place, and he was third in the third go with a

6.31-second effort.

Clow solidified his overall finish in steer wrestling with sixth-place showing in the first go and a fifth-place finish in the third go. Jordan Valley's Brandan Mackenzie also competed in steer wrestling, but failed to pick up a time in either of the first two goes.

Easterday racked up 37.25 points for a piece of third place in saddle bronc. He scored a pair of 61-point rides to garner a couple of runner-up finishes in the first two rounds.

Mackenzie was ninth in the saddle bronc and also competed with Adrian's Bryan Reay in team roping.

Clow's seventh-place tie down roping showing was highlighted by second-place finish in the first

go and a sixth in the third round.

Clow won the short-go in boys' cutting and finished seventh overall, while Rye Hyer was eighth and Bodie Hyer was ninth. Bodie finished fourth in the short-go after grabbing fifth in the second go earlier in the week.

Ridley's top moment in barrel racing was her fourth-place showing in the second go at 17.519 seconds. She was tied for 20<sup>th</sup> in pole bending.

Melba High's Kyler Dygert, who lives in Guffey, was 17<sup>th</sup> in tie down roping with a high finish of 10<sup>th</sup> in the third go.

Homedale graduate Mikal Mackenzie competed in goat tying, while Adrian's Maddy Pendergrass made the trip to compete in breakaway roping.

## Martinat rides to top of CNFR despite injury

Bryan Martinat has emerged from a serious injury to stand atop the college rodeo world.

The 2007 Homedale High School graduate capped a season in which he played catch-up with the College National Finals Rodeo saddle bronc championship, outpacing two of his Western Texas College teammates in Casper, Wyo.

"I'm proud. It's good to be from a small town," he said. "Word travels fast, and it's kind of cool to get a lot of people looking up at you. It's a neat experience, and I'm just proud to be from the area."

The experience nearly didn't happen.

The son of Marsing's Tony and Kim Martinat was knocked out of action for several months after suffering a collapsed lung during a pro rodeo in Hamilton, Texas.

"I caved my chest in. I had to do some surgeries and chest tubes. It was no good," Martinat said.

He was supposed to be out four to five months, but returned in the fourth month and, pardon the pun, got on his horse to make sure he could make it back to the college rodeo postseason.

"I had to go out and place in every rodeo and win a couple, and I did and I qualified for the regional," he said.

The road back impressed his coach, Greg Rhodes, who is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year leading the rodeo team from Snyder, Texas, which is about 500 miles north of El Paso.



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"He was out the whole first semester. He basically went to half the rodeos for the region and the year," Rhodes said.

"And with that in mind, he still almost won our region. The

second semester he was just riding outstanding and just did a real good job of gathering points every time he nodded his head, basically."

Martinat did well enough in the Southwest Regional to reach the CNFR, where things only got better for the former Idaho prep state champion in saddle bronc.

"I drew some awesome horses," he said of the CNFR experience. "It was just a blessing to draw those horses."

The 21-year-old's performance

grew stronger as the week marched on. He had a 73.5-point ride in the first go, posted a 78-point ride to win the second round and then topped out with an 80-point ride to win the third round.

He entered Saturday's short go with a seven-point lead over teammate Jake Wright and solidified his title with a third-best 75.5-point ride.

Wright went on to win the all around championship as Western Texas brought home the men's team title.

"We went in there with the guns," Martinat said. "Our guys came to compete, and we did what we were supposed to do and everybody did well."

Martinat is back home now, with an Associate's Degree in welding in hand and an eye on the immediate future of a summer of rodeo. He has all his pro cards pocketed and plans to kick off the campaign at Washington state rodeos in Newport and Silverdale. He also plans to enter the Snake River Stampede next month in Nampa.

As for his schooling, Martinat is scoping out institutions where he can go after a degree in welding engineering. He has a hankering for Texas it would seem because one of the top schools on his list is Sam Houston State in Huntsville.

Rhodes is confident that Martinat has a solid pro rodeo career ahead of him, too.

"He can take it as far as he wants to go. I truly believe that," Rhodes said. "He has to stay away from some injury deals, but he does have the mentality and the drive to be an outstanding bronc rider at the very highest level."

— JPB



# Sports

## IFL Rookie of year talk swirls around Eby

### Homedale grad grabs 10th pick of season for Billings

Michael Eby snared another interception Saturday to keep his share of the Indoor Football League lead in that category and solidify his candidacy as IFL defensive rookie of the year.

Eby and the Billings Outlaws thumped the Colorado Ice, 83-30, in the second-to-last regular-season game.

The Outlaws (12-1 overall, 7-0 in the Pacific Division of the Intense Conference) wrapped up home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with the victory and Maryland Maniacs loss. Billings will take the league's best record into its final game of the regular season, which comes July 11 at

Omaha against the only team that has beaten the Outlaws this season.

Eby told commentators of a local sports show that he will visit home during part of the three-week layoff between the win over Colorado and the regular-season finale against Omaha.

Eby's 10th interception of the year came against Colorado's Ryan Clement, who played his college ball at the University of Miami. Eby lost the handle during a six-yard return for his first fumble as a pro. Ice player Eugene Reed scooped up the turnover.

Eby shares the league interceptions lead with Bloomington (Ill.)

Extreme player James Temple, who has played 12 games.

A Homedale High School and Eastern Oregon University graduate, Eby recorded three solo tackles Saturday and also carded an assist. The free safety is second on the Outlaws with 51.5 tackles, including 38 solo stops.

Eby also was interviewed by a locally produced sports show, The Sports Page, anchored by two guys named Jeff the Ref and Billy the Brit. The pair have dubbed the IFL defensive rookie of the year candidate Michael "The DB" Eby. The interview appeared on [www.billingsoutlaws.com](http://www.billingsoutlaws.com).

For the first five minutes of the piece before turning to Eby, the two men discussed the Outlaws defense's performance against Sioux Falls, including Eby's second interception of the year to be nullified by a penalty. The Outlaws handed Sioux Falls its first home-field loss in 35 games, dating to 2005.

Eby talked about coming back next season and trying to top his performance this season as well as the confidence the Outlaws took into the Sioux Falls game.

Eby talked about the symmetry of the defense with the defensive line's pressure on the quarterback

triggering interception opportunities and the defensive back's coverage helping make sacking the QB easier.

The two hosts also asked him if the defense is getting enough recognition in light of the fact that the Billings offense is one of the best in the league.

"Winning the championship would be enough recognition," he said.

Billy the Brit also gave his support to Eby for the rookie defensive player of the year. Fans can vote in the postseason awards balloting at [www.goifl.com/players/mvp](http://www.goifl.com/players/mvp).

— JPB

## HHS boys' hoops camp set

The Homedale High School boys' basketball program will hold a youth camp from Tuesday to July 2.

The summer camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day, and all campers will be taught basic fundamental skills and will

receive a camp T-shirt as part of their registration.

The cost is \$40 per camper.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be achieved by e-mailing camper's name, age and shirt size to varsity coach Kenny Thomas at [kdthomas13@yahoo.com](mailto:kdthomas13@yahoo.com).

## Fishing report

### Sturgeon, bass and catfish on

#### C.J. Strike Reservoir

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

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

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

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

**Crappie:** Without a doubt, the best thing going at CJ right now. Crappie are being caught all over the reservoir in huge numbers. Most of the fish are between 9-10 inches, a few to 13 inches. Jig color and fishing depth seem to make little difference. Fish near shore in rocky areas with trees overhanging the water. Please take as many as you care to clean and eat in the near future: they won't last forever in the freezer.

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

Idaho Power is done working on all the ramps, so have at it!

**Owyhee Reservoir:** Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black crappie, yellow perch, catfish

Due to heavy rains water level in the reservoir has remained relatively stable over the last week. The reservoir was 53 percent full on June 14. Water level is below the bottom of the ramp at McCormick State Park and one foot below the bottom of the ramp at Leslie Gulch. At Leslie Gulch, small boats may be launched and retrieved, but it may be difficult to retrieve larger boats once launched. Other boat ramps are open for normal use. Angling for crappie and bass is good.

— Courtesy Idaho Fish and Game and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense

### The dark side

Two of the richest animal rights groups in the country have recently made the news: PETA killed 95 percent of the dogs and cats left in their care in 2008 (Virginia Department of Agriculture), and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) contributed less than four percent of their \$91.5 million budget to hands-on dog and cat shelters in 2007 (Center for Consumer Freedom).

Both stories were presented to expose the hypocrisy of animal rights groups whose commercial fundraising depicts and depends on the image of the compassionate caring of kittens and puppies. But anybody who has worked for local humane societies, horse refuges, dog pounds or veterinary clinics understands the reason PETA is in the “euthanasia” business in a big way ... the country is overrun by unwanted dogs and cats and horses.

It is no easier for the director of a local Humane Society in Montana (not affiliated with the HSUS) to euthanize the majority of the pets she accumulates monthly, than it is for the local veterinarian to agree to euthanize (usually at no charge) a litter of kittens or an unwanted horse. Nor do I think the people working in the back of PETA are callous about it. Just like the abandoned horse issue, somebody has to take responsibility and do the right thing, and it ain’t always pretty.

Much ado is made about spaying and neutering our pets, about breeding too many horses. The fact remains, despite all our editorials, city laws, clinics and education, PETA put down 21,339 dogs and cats in the last 10 years. All of us veterinarians, livestock people, slaughter horse buyers, city dog catchers, rendering plant truck drivers, and PETA workers choose to bear the responsibility of this dark side of the cute and cuddly companion animals world.

The HSUS has smartly chosen to avoid the dark side. We down here in the trenches could use their help to fund more shelters, horse refuges, dog pounds, and carcass disposal. We’ll still do the dirty work, but their contribution would be a Godsend.

I can tell you personally, working on a kill floor, eradicating livestock for disease purposes, putting down abandoned horses, or helping euthanize hundreds of companion animals in the back room of a humane shelter takes a toll on a person. You who do it have my compassion, admiration and respect ... you are on the front line of humanity.

*“I loved ol’ Blue as much as a man could love a man’s best friend*

*And when his time came, I helped him along. I owed him that much in the end.”*

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

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



### Close encounter with a squirrel

When we moved to our neighborhood almost 18 years ago, there weren’t any squirrels here. Then one day, about a decade ago, we started noticing a few of the bushy-tailed rodents romping around. Today, we are up to our ears in squirrels.

Dogs don’t like squirrels, and they have good reason for feeling that way. ALL squirrels love to tease dogs, staying just out of reach while shouting squirrel obscenities at Fido.

Our dog, Asher, has been with us almost a year and is just reaching full size. Asher appears to be a mixture of black Lab with maybe some Heeler thrown into the mix. Asher always looks a little too skinny. That’s probably because of all the calories he burns chasing squirrels.

On Sunday morning, I heard Asher barking in the back yard. He was circling around the some big arbor vitae bushes, staring intently. I could see the foliage moving as the squirrel jumped back and forth between the bushes.

My main weapon in the squirrel war is a 30-year-old Daisy BB gun. I couldn’t kill a squirrel with the Daisy if I tried — it’s not powerful enough. But it’ll leave a mark. I picked up the Daisy and walked out to the bushes.

I fired several BBs into the bush where I saw movement, with no result. So with Asher still circling, I spread the branches of the evergreen, stuck my head inside and peered upward. My eyes were still trying to adjust to the dim interior of the bush when the squirrel came boiling past — heading for the ground.

“Chomp”!!!

I looked for the source of the strange noise. Asher was looking up at me, with squirrel hanging out of both sides of his mouth. I don’t know who was more surprised — me, Asher or the squirrel.

The squirrel let out a yell. That startled the dog causing him to open his mouth for an instant. The squirrel hit the

ground running. Asher regained his composure and took off in hot pursuit.

The squirrel headed for the six-foot back fence — then apparently remembered it was vinyl, which even a squirrel can’t climb. He altered his course toward the ash tree in the middle of our yard. He rocketed up the trunk.

Meanwhile, Asher had launched himself toward a point about five feet up the trunk where he estimated the squirrel would be when he arrived. When the squirrel zigged instead of zagging, Asher tried to alter his flight plan. That was probably a good thing because he otherwise would have crashed into the tree trunk head-on. As it was, he hit the tree a glancing blow, then landed in a heap.

Meanwhile, the squirrel was high up in the ash tree, running out to the end of a limb so he could leap to a maple tree in the neighbor’s back yard. I snapped the Daisy to my shoulder and pulled the trigger. No one was more surprised than me when the squirrel let out a yelp just as he made his jump. He barely made it. Once in the neighbor’s maple, he climbed to a limb out of Daisy range and sat there screaming insults.

It has been two days since the incident. To the best of my knowledge, the squirrel (or squirrels) have been giving our yard a wide berth. But it won’t last. They enjoy tormenting dogs too much.

And to those readers who are offended by our rude treatment of the “cute” furry little creatures, you are welcome to come get ours any time you like. Or if you want to come on over and participate in some touchy, feely conflict resolution, we can have a barbecue. Just give me a few days’ notice so I can make arrangements for the meat.

— *Go to [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeavalanche.com) to link to some of Wayne’s previous columns on his Internet blog. You’ll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.*

## President’s health care plan Welcome to post office health care

by Sheldon Richman

America’s health-care system has problems — all traceable to government intervention — but it could be worse. And if the so-called reform emerging in Congress is enacted, it *will* be worse.

The nub of the plan is that everyone must have health insurance and that all but the smallest employers should provide it. If someone doesn’t have coverage, he’ll be penalized. Low-income people would be subsidized. Government would determine what’s covered, which would set off a lobbying frenzy by providers of “indispensable” services and products. (This goes on in the states.) So people will have coverage they might not want. Insurers could not deny coverage or charge higher premiums to people already ill.

The mandate to insure everyone and charge the same price regardless of health means that some will be forced to subsidize others. People of whatever income level whose insurance premiums would have been lower without the mandate will have to spend more because risk-based premiums will be illegal. That is not insurance; it’s welfare.

Moreover, if government forces everyone to buy insurance while promising to keep health-care costs down, it will have an incentive to compel insurance companies to hold premiums artificially low. Since premiums will be set lower than the market would set them, insurance companies may choose not to write medical policies. What will the government do then? Order them to stay in business? Subsidize them?

Probably neither — because a key feature that President Obama and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) favor is a government insurance plan to compete with private companies. (There is opposition in Congress to this.) Obama says the “public option” would keep private companies “honest.”

People who distrust free markets love to imagine scenarios in which powerful companies engage in “predatory” competition to drive their rivals into bankruptcy. Yet such people have no objection to a government competitor in health insurance. Since any government program will be able to call on the taxpayers for financial support, it will be able to compete unfairly against private firms and perhaps drive them out of business.

President Obama insists that people will be free to keep their current insurance plans. But what if the companies leave the market after the subsidized government program predatorily cuts its premium to a below-market level?

The politicians’ promises about choice are worthless.

With the government in control and trying to contain costs through price controls, the likely outcome will be shortages and rationing — which means greater government power and less freedom for the rest of us. A growing list of services won’t be covered. Waiting lists will grow. Such things happen in single-payer countries and with Medicare.

Under the emerging plan, the government would also create insurance exchanges. The *New York Times* reports,

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# Commentary

## Financial management Planning early for children’s college can pay off big

**Dear Dave,**  
We have five kids under the age of five. We’d like for all of them to be able to go to college, but we’re not sure how much it will cost. Our household income is about \$90,000 a year, and we have no debt except for our home. What’s the best route to go with our college savings plan?  
— **Laura**

**Dear Laura,**  
Whew! Boy, you guys have got a house full *and* your hands full! You’ve also got a nice income, and that’s going to help a lot. Right now, the most you can put into an Educational Savings Account (ESA) is \$2,000 per year. If you did this annually for each kid, you have a little over \$100,000 per child when it comes time to send them off to college. Pretty sweet, isn’t it? That will buy a good education at just about any state school.  
For the first \$2,000, an ESA has



more flexibility than a 529 plan. They’re very similar in how they act, but with an ESA you’re in total control of the investment. You can move it around, and put it into almost any mutual fund. If you use the ESA or a 529 for anything other than college you’ll get hit with a 15 percent penalty, plus the tax rate, so start brainwashing the kids now; it’s for college only!  
— **Dave**

**Dear Dave,**  
I have an opportunity to buy a landscaping supply business. The current owner said he made \$250,000 last year, and he’s on track to make even more this

year. There are three employees, and he’s asking \$390,000 for everything. The building is included in the price, but the land would be either a lease or purchase. Do you have any advice for taking advantage of a situation like this without going into debt?  
— **John**

**Dear John,**  
I’m glad you’re looking at this venture with an eye on staying debt-free. There would be a lot more small business success stories if all entrepreneurs thought this way!  
One of the things you could do is work a deal where you take over management of the company and have an option to buy over time. You would pay the owner a percentage of the net profits, which would go toward your ownership. You’d take out enough to live on, but everything else would go toward your purchase

of the company.  
You said the guy is asking \$390,000, but how do you know it’s really worth that much? He told you he “made” \$250,000 last year. Was that how much he carried home? Or was that what he grossed? How much is he paying those three employees? Do they have contracts, or could you let them go? I mean, he could be grossing \$250,000 and literally taking *nothing* home, or the expenses could be \$350,000 and the business wouldn’t be worth anything. There’s just a whole lot more you need to know before you do this deal.  
As far as the building is concerned, I’d say no to the idea of owning a structure on someone else’s land. I’m not paying him for his building unless the ground comes with it. You can rent the building and land from him after you become the business owner. I’d put the land and building in a separate deal, and lease them

with an option to buy later – after I purchase the business. By doing this, you just lowered the purchase price of the business considerably because you took the building out of the equation.  
Is the business paying him rent for the building and land now? If this guy isn’t charging any rent against his calculation of net profit, then the figures aren’t realistic. It’s also not realistic if he’s not paying himself anything to manage and run the business.  
The bottom line is this: Be smart, and do your research before you make a move on this one!  
— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is the host of The Dave Ramsey Show that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel and a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE.*

### ✓ Health care: Americans could see high costs with reform

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“The new entities would also act as financial intermediaries, receiving subsidy payments from the government and sending the money to insurance companies. The insurance exchanges would also redistribute money among health insurance plans, from those with a large share of healthy subscribers to those with large numbers of sick people.”  
If that isn’t a recipe for favoritism, corruption, and special-interest jockeying, there’s no such thing.  
Obama promises that the new system, which he estimates will cost \$1.5 trillion over a decade, won’t increase the already-large deficit because he is going to save money by mandating database technology and \$200 billion to \$300 billion in Medicare and Medicaid cuts. Fat chance. The potential savings from electronic records are grossly exaggerated, studies have shown, and the promises to cut billions from medical programs for the elderly and low-income people are hard to take seriously. Wait until the lobbies get ahold of those proposals.  
The upshot is that the likely reform will impose high real costs on most Americans, while ushering in rationing and regimentation. The plan does nothing to address what really keeps health care expensive: government domination of medicine. Tax policy encourages third-party payment for most Americans while government pays for much of the rest through Medicare and Medicaid, giving us an absurd system in which people use insurance for routine services and medical care appears virtually free. Thus government inflates demand, while licensing and other interventions suppress supply. That must end.  
Either we free the people and the market, or say hello to Post Office health care.  
-- *Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) and editor of The Freeman magazine.*

## Letters to the editor

### Absence of flags on Flag Day upsets Army mom

I just want to say how disappointed I am in my community. On Flag Day, I saw no flags flying.  
My son, who is in the Army, is leaving for Afghanistan July 1. He was visiting over the weekend for the last time before he deploys. I was embarrassed and ashamed that he saw no support from the community he grew up in.  
We need to show our support to our local soldiers. Something needs to be done about this.  
Frances Stercks  
Homedale  
Mom of Spc. David Stercks, Jr.

### Former resident learns lesson of closing accounts

Some of you know me; some of you don’t. I grew up in Homedale, was student body president (1992-93) and coached some of your children and grandchildren in 2003 and 2004. My parents and grandparents still live in the area; my children enjoy events in my small hometown.  
I grew up walking down to the swimming pool without supervision, playing in the front yard with minimal adult accompaniment and walking to the store to buy nickel candies without fear of strangers.  
I am proud of Homedale’s trusting way, but this week I was a bit disgruntled to learn that in 2007 a local business allowed someone to use my name and charge a bill.  
The owner/operator informed me there are many families that use one account and that it wasn’t his “problem” when I told him I haven’t patronized his establishment for over a decade. My problem was that I was a bit too trusting, and thought that if an account stood dormant long enough — say five years — that a business owner would take upon himself to close the account.  
That wasn’t the case. Instead, a stranger was able to use my account and charge a bill with no regard that my name and information went to a collection agency. It’s sad that the small-town feel is now gone from my little hometown and that people aren’t honest anymore. What is more disappointing is this business owner was unwilling to look

at evidence that I haven’t resided in Homedale for years and that I would never charge up a bill and not pay it.  
Instead, I forked over \$45, asked the account be closed and chalked it up to experience.  
For all you with dormant accounts, close your account so that this doesn’t happen to you.  
Toni Belknap-Brinegar  
Nampa

### Store should handle suspected delinquencies in timely manner

Beware, your credit may be in jeopardy if you have rented movies at the Family Video Center in Homedale, even dating back four years.  
I was surprised to get a call at 9:45 p.m. a few weeks ago informing me that I was being turned over to collections for past due movie rentals from March 7, 2005. I thought it was a scam at first. The person calling refused to give me his full name. I thought this impossible because I’ve frequented and rented movies at said movie rental place since then and not once was I ever informed of this late fee from four years ago.  
I went to the establishment the next day to inquire if this was a legitimate call I had received the prior night. And to my surprise it was. I figured I’d settle the debt and close my account(s).  
At first glance the owner was not able to locate the delinquent account. She informed me that I must have opened a new account under a different phone number. We proceeded to go through all past and present phone numbers that could’ve been associated with me. Nothing prevailed. However, a search of the last name revealed the account they were turning me over to collections for belonged to my sister. (My sister thought it had to be a computer glitch). We’re not the type of people not to pay our bills.  
It was just something about the length in time they allowed to go by before attempting to collect. Needless to say, I paid the \$17.49 owed on my sister’s account from four years ago, had it closed and made sure mine was closed as well.  
Jennifer Stutheit  
Homedale



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

June 27, 1984

### Sixteen drivers sign up for July 4<sup>th</sup> race

Sixteen brave and slightly crazed drivers have signed up to run their jalopies in the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby according to Alan Johnstone, one of the organizes of the day’s events.

Johnstone said this was more than has signed up to run at this time last year. Over 3,000 people are expected to watch the bash-em-up contest which is the main attraction of a very full day of events for the entire family.

### Dancers entertain

Young Spanish dance troupe, directed by Emma Pantoja, with Pauline Martinez as co-director, presented a program following the Senior Citizen Nutrition Dinner at the Homedale Center last Tuesday. The group is sponsored by St. Hubert’s Catholic Church, Homedale.

Marie Elena Pantoja and Armando Paloma presented El Triste, the dance of the sad one; Pauline Martinez and Rosa Pantoja, Las Peritas; Cumbia, Amador and Veronica Celedon; Pauline Martinez, Las Chapparreras and El Cabilltio; Angelica Blanco and Marcelo Fernandez, La Botella, bottle dance.

Girls of the troupe performed Las Alazamas, whip dance, and Las Chappanecas. Younger members of the troupe performed El Cerro De La Stilla, Pollca dance.

### HHS girls hold “State” offices

General elections were held last Wednesday for state and county offices at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Idaho Syringa Girls’ State session held at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa.

Christie Bautista was elected as treasurer from Democracy County and Shannon Nash won as assessor.

Both girls are students at Homedale High school.

Some of the activities were working on bills in the House and Senate.

The girls spent Friday evening with Idaho Governor John Evans.

### 4-H news...

Barnyard Friends 4-H members entered cattle in the Meridian Dairy Show, June 2. They placed as follows: Tami Nettleton, Holstein calf, gold in quality, gold in showmanship; goats, silver in quality, gold in showmanship. Branden Nettleton, Holstein calf, gold in quality, silver in showmanship. Margie Middleton, goats, silver in quality, gold in showmanship. Adam Edmiston, Ayrshire cow and heifer, two gold in quality, silver in showmanship, Grand Champion Ayrshire. Jeff Edmiston, Ayrshire bull and heifer, two gold in quality, silver in showmanship. Roger Edmiston, Ayrshire cow, gold in quality, silver in showmanship, Reserve Champion Ayrshire.

### Jobies entertained

Lorrain and Dora Upton, Associate Guardian and Guardian of Bethel 31, Job’s Daughters, Homedale, entertained all present and future council members and the Jobies at an appreciation dinner preceding the bethel meeting on June 20.

Sharon Huter, new Honored Queen, presided over the meting with Lori Itano, third messenger, Melanie Cornell, fifth messenger; and Paula Betts, treasurer, being installed into their offices.

Reports were given on visitations to Bethel 8, 38 and 49 installations. A report was also given on the slumber party held on June 15 with eleven members going to a movie, out for pizza and climaxing with a slumber party at the bethel.

### Rupe family reunites

Phyllis Wharton, Homedale, her sons, Palmer, Portland, Ore., and Richard, Boise, with his wife Cindy; and her daughter, Jo and husband, David Ford, all attended a Rupe family reunion last Memorial Day weekend in Las Vegas, Nev.

## 50 years ago

June 25, 1959

### Margie Shenk is queen candidate of Stampede

Thirty-seven girls, chosen by their riding groups for their personality, horsemanship, and attractiveness, will ride into the Snake River Stampede arena June 25. One will come out as queen of the 1959 Stampede.

They include one of the 1958 finalists and three of its semi-finalists as well as several others who have competed in previous contests. Also entered in the 1959 queen contest are girls who have gone to the top of judging in other queen contests.

The entries in the Stampede Queen contest include:

Margie Quick Shenk, 20, Owyhee Wranglers. The Homedale girl was a Miss Rodeo Idaho contestant in 1958 and was secretary for an amateur rodeo in Minnesota. She graduated from Adrian, Ore., high school and works at the Homedale bank.

Deva Hoagland, 20, Sagebrush Saddlers, Melba. She’s a newcomer to the Stampede Queen contest but has been riding ever since she can remember and is another quarter horse owner.

Merna Muller, 19, Owyhee county Sheriff’s posse. She has been on the California Polytechnic college rodeo team for the past two years and was judged among the top in the 1956 Stampede Queen contest.

Sharel Sanders, 20, Wilder, Blue Sage Riders. She will be in her first Stampede Queen contest but has been riding for about four years. She attended Parma high and Boise Junior College.

Kathy Symms, 17, Marsing Saddle club. She owns a quarter horse but will be riding Maggards ranch’s Yellow Ribbonette in her first time as a Stampede Queen contestant. Last year she did her riding around Europe on bicycle.

### Insurance Association formed at Homedale

Upon the recommendation of the school board, four Homedale insurance agencies united and formed the Homedale Insurance association to furnish the school’s insurance plans.

The association has had several meetings and voted to continue the same student insurance plan as last year.

Vern Underdahl was elected president; Clarence Cook, vice-president; Denzel Waite, treasurer; and Reed Frye, secretary.

### Dedication of new Bruneau bridge held Tuesday

The new quarter million dollar Bruneau Snake River bridge, located a few miles north of Bruneau, in Owyhee and Elmore counties, on state highway 51 is now opened to traffic and is getting its finishing touches.

More than 125 residents of Elmore and Owyhee counties participated in the formal dedication of the new bridge Tuesday. Acting Gov. W. E. Drevlow, who cut the ribbons and opened the new span said the route is important in the interchange of business between Nevada and Idaho, particularly to cattlemen. He noted that cattlemen of Northern Nevada move their herds to feeding grounds near Grand View, Bruneau and Glenss Ferry.

Construction of the bridge required 875 cubic yards of concrete, 207,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, 12,100 pounds of structural steel and 4,270 feet of steel rail piling. Lonnie E. Smith Construction company is the contractor for this bridge structure, and also the .6 mile adjoining approaches with steel-beam guard rails.

### Churches hold joint school

The Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches of Homedale started their joint vacation church school Wednesday, June 24.

It will run thru July 1 at the Presbyterian manse and the Les Carter home from 9:15-11:15 each day.

Ann Devall, Baton Rouge, La., and Laurel Bitteker, Central New York state, will be teaching the children as field work towards their graduation from graduate religious schools.

## 140 years ago

June 19, 1869

EDDIE BORMAN found a ladies’ bosom pin, of very nice workmanship, in the street the other day, and has left it with us to give to the owner upon description of property and payment for publishing this notice. –*Tidal Wave*

Why didn’t you bring that shawl or neck pin to the Avalanche office, Eddie? The publication of it wouldn’t have cost the lady a cent. If the Tidal Wave was in earnest, he is not much of a lady’s man; but we guess he was only joking.

WE HAD the pleasure a few days since to make the acquaintance of John M’Gonigle, Esq., Editor of the Owyhee Avalanche, Silver City, Idaho Territory, who is now at home on a flying visit. He is enjoying excellent health – looks remarkably well. His numerous friends and acquaintances were rejoiced to welcome him again to their circle. –*Edina (Mo.) Sentinel*.

We received a letter from Mr. M’Gonigle, in which he states that he will start for Owyhee on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. He will probably arrive here on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Hurry along, old fellow, for this thing of playing editor isn’t so funny after all. We get abused “very muchly,” sometimes.

FOURTH OF JULY AT WAGONTOWN. Our old friend Tom Wall, says that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July shall not pass by without notice. He proposes to put up three purses, to be run for and won by the fastest horse in the country. Each purse will contain \$50, and will be run for as follows:

One purse of \$50, with \$10 entrance and five entries, for common saddle horses.

One purse of \$50, for second-class horses, \$20 entrance, five entries.

One purse of \$50, for first-class horses, \$25 entrance, and four entries.

All entrance money to go to the winner of each purse.

The distance for ordinary saddle-horses will be four hundred and forty yards. For first-class horses, six hundred yards. For second-class horses, five hundred yards.

There will also be swings and various other methods of amusement for the ladies. And Tom says that he will spread a dinner that will be inferior to no person’s dinner. Many of us in Silver City very well know that he can do that.

VANDALISM. The Masonic and Odd Fellows’ Lodge was burglariously entered a few days since, and though there was no serious damage done, yet there is no doubt but that if the thief had had a master key the jewels of both orders would have been stolen. He who would do that, would not hesitate to rob a church. See advertisement of \$100 reward.

ANOTHER WHISTLE. We were much pleased to hear another whistle blow a few days ago for the first time, although its toot was so loud, and shrill and sudden that it nearly raised us out of our chair. It was that of Messrs Bishop & Bonnie’s carpenters and cabinet shop, which runs by machinery, and which is now completed. We witnessed the working of a few fir boards through the planing machine, and we must confess that we never saw so much fir fly before in so short a time.

STOPPED A TRAIN. Myriads of grasshoppers are feasting on the railroad track near Green river. The ticket agent here informs us that on Monday they stopped the train of cars in that vicinity, and the passengers were compelled to dismount and throw sand on the track before they could proceed. Our western exchanges chronicle similar stoppages of trains by the grasshoppers.

OURASSESSOR. We do not intend to puff our Assessor for he is such a modest man it might make him blush. We wish, however, to compare his monthly settlement for the first Monday of June, 1869, with that of his predecessor for the same month in 1868. Paid in by Assessor at June settlement, 1869, on personal property tax, \$4,203.29. For same month in 1868 \$000.00.



# Public notices

## SYNOPSIS OF JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Awarded gravel crushing bid to Thueson Construction for \$157,000.

Granted tax cancellations on Parcel's PP5900719 and MH 02N04W200700A.

Sent letters to Idaho Power and Idaho Delegation on Gateway West Project.

Amended Final Plat on Brandau Subdivision approved.

Lien approved on Indigent and Charity 09-22, 09-05 denied.

Executive Session 67-2345 (1) (a),(b),(9c),(d),(f). No action taken.

The complete minutes can be viewed at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerks's office.

6/24/09

## 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 north 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.

6/24/09

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St. Marsing, ID

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on a special use permit regarding a non-allowed use in a residential area. Ron Lamkey is requesting to build a garage on his property at 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

**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 NWNW 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

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6/17,24/09

## 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

## 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

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# Scoot on out and get the paper



Available at:

- Dan's Ferry Service, Walter's Ferry
- Homedale Drug
- Jackson's, Homedale
- Paul's Market, Homedale
- Matteson's Phillips 66, Homedale
- Homedale Discouts, Homedale
- Idaho Pizza, Homedale
- Murphy General Store
- Fishin' Hole, Grand View
- Snake River Mart, Marsing
- ION Truck Plaza, Marsing



# Public notices



### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No. 41295601 T.S. No. ID-09-280313-TD On 10/2/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee on behalf of SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2007 AHL1 Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2007 AHL1 will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 7, BLOCK 2 AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT KNOWN AS “PLAT SHOWING SILVER SAGE SUBDIVISION NO. 1”, FILED MAY 29, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225021, OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDS The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 203 Silver Sage Way , Homedale, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DONALD B. YOUNG , AN UNMARRIED MAN as Grantor/ Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY as Trustee and recorded 5/31/2007 as Instrument No. 261173 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/24/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,092.85, due per month for the months of 2/1/2009 through 5/22/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$138,043.93 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 9.5000 per cent (%) per annum from 1/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust

property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney. Date: 6/2/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vive President \*\*\*For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3137788  
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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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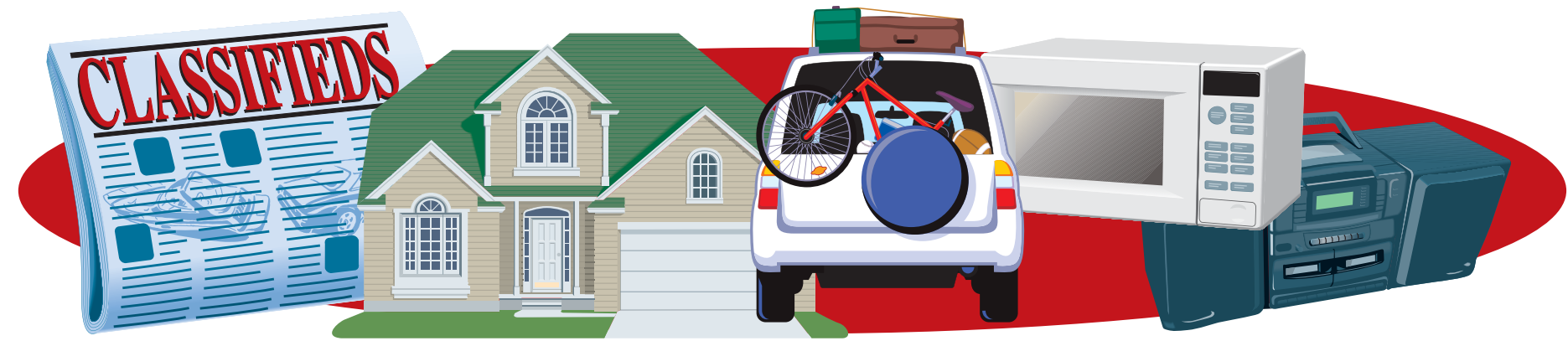
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