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Eventual Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby co-champion Austin Ferguson, center, smashes Jeremy Ensley's white vehicle toward the boundary during Saturday's action at the fairgrounds. **Derby roundup, Page 3**

The finale of Marsing's Third of July fireworks display explodes over the Snake River on Friday.

Two Ford Model Ts on the centennial commemoration of the Ocean to Ocean Endurance Contest cruise along Idaho highway 78 near Opaline on Monday.

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County No. 31 in latest state crime report

2008 study shows crime at five-year low; Homedale data not published

Owyhee County had a lower crime rate than most Idaho counties in 2008, ranking 31st out of 44 counties, according to a recently released report that didn't include Homedale statistics.

The Idaho State Police's 2008 uniform crime report, released Thursday, showed that 365 offenses were reported in the county during the last calendar year, including Group A crimes such as 109 larceny cases, 72 vandalisms and 64 simple assaults.

While the report didn't include Homedale Police

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Fair parade entries sought

Grand marshal nominations also taken; fair Aug. 3-8

The Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo is less than a month away, and organizers are starting to put the finishing touches on events.

Parade coordinator Donna Marose is looking for entries tailored to the theme of "Where Owyhee County Gets Together". The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Nominations for grand marshal and reserve grand marshal will be taken until Saturday, July 25.

The fair will run from Aug. 3-8 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on Nevada Avenue in Homedale. The annual rodeo will be held Aug. 5-7 with a championship round on Aug. 8. New this year, though, is a slack round for the Idaho Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo, which will be held on the morning of Aug. 2. Jackpot team roping will follow. Admission is free for the slack events.

For information on the rodeo and registration for the

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Memorial tourney put together quickly

Landa/Miller softball starts three-day
Sundance Park run Friday

Officials from an established and wildly popular softball tournament have lent their experience to the inaugural Conner Landa/Daniel Miller Memorial Softball Tournament with explosive results.

In fact, with 29 teams signed up

through Friday for this weekend's new tournament at Sundance Park, organizers already have decided to make the event an annual thing on the second weekend in July.

"Originally we were just hoping for 16 teams," organizer Chris Hoshaw

said last week. "And then we moved it to 24 and we're cutting it off at 32 teams."

The USSSA-sanctioned tournament will feature three divisions (A, B and C) and will run Friday through Sunday on four fields.

Friday's action starts at 5 p.m. and play begins both Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.

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No fireworks-related blazes reported during Fourth

County volunteer firefighters reported only one blaze triggered by fireworks during the Fourth of July weekend.

And that small shrub fire was out before Marsing firefighters could respond Friday in the Sunnyslope area of the district.

But Marsing firefighters had their hands full Saturday with a 200-ton hay fire on South Edison Road at Pershall Road. Crews were on the scene a total of five or six hours and responded twice to the fire, which was sparked by spontaneous combustion.

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said the Fourth of July was pretty quiet, but crews needed about 45 minutes to contain a vehicle fire Wednesday night.

Salutregui said a truck used by a South Board of Control ditch rider caught fire around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

No fireworks-caused blazes were reported in the Grand View district, either. Assistant fire chief Ed Collett said that crews extinguished a power pole fire Saturday that was triggered by high winds.

Dick Strickland with the Brueneau Fire District and Wes Anderson from the Murphy-Reynolds Fire District reported no Fourth of July fires.

Anderson said two MRW brush trucks and personnel provided mutual aid in Canyon County for a Thursday fire on top of Walter’s Butte in Melba’s fire district.

— JPB

Alcohol suspected in rollover

OSP car nearly sideswiped

A Kuna man remained hospitalized in Boise at press time with injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident last week south of Jordan Valley.

Enrique Casas Valdez, 41, was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after rolling his car several times on U.S. Highway 95 after narrowly missing an Oregon State Police patrol vehicle, according to an OSP press release.

A spokesperson at St. Al’s on Monday morning said Valdez still hospitalized in the Boise facility’s neurology floor. Air St. Luke’s had transported him after the wreck, which occurred after

According to the OSP release, Valdez was driving southbound at a high rate of speed at about 11:33 p.m. Wednesday when he approached Trooper Kurt Marvin, who was patrolling northbound on the highway near milepost 46.

As Marvin slowed to turn and attempt a stop on Valdez’s vehicle, the speeding car swerved into the northbound lane and nearly sideswiped the trooper’s patrol car. The car, which Marvin had clocked at 82 mph in the 55 mph zone, then left the roadway and rolled several times.

Valdez was ejected from the vehicle, and Marvin found him unconscious. He was the only passenger.

Valdez was transported from the scene about an hour later.

— JPB



Enrique Casas Valdez of Kuna was hurt when he rolled this car on U.S. 95 near Jordan Valley.

11:30 p.m. Wednesday. No condition update was given Monday, but he was reported as in critical condition in an OSP press release last week.

Lt. Richard Pileggi of the OSP’s Ontario Area Command told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday morning that the crash still is under investigation but that alcohol may have been a factor.



Marsing mussel station open through September

Searching for shellfish

Upper left: John and Raquel Aberasturi watch the inspectors go over their ski boat at the IISF stop near the ION station on U.S. Highway 95. Upper right: Jeff Reddoch uses a flashlight to check recesses for hitchhiking mussels. Bottom left: Kimberly Price logs the Aberasturi’s boat as inspected.

Marsing mussel site screens boats

Boaters entering Owyhee County via U.S. Highway 95 will have to pull over briefly at the old Port of Entry site across state highway 55 from the ION station for an inspection for zebra and quagga mussels. The station, which opened the last week of June, is part of a \$5 million plan launched by the state of Idaho to try to stop the introduction of the severely damaging water-pest into Idaho rivers and lakes.

The station is one of the first eight opened in Idaho. Future plans include wash stations at major put-in locations. The mussels themselves, usually no more than one or two inches in length when mature, can block pipes, jam pumps, all portions of irrigation systems, clog motors, foul boat hulls and are costing infested states millions yearly.

So far, inspectors have had a cross-section of responses from those with boats. More than a few simply drive, making eye contact and offering “the Idaho salute” — the special, one-fingered kind — as station inspector Kimberly Price described it. Other boat-owners have stopped, as have many just asking questions as to what the program and the station were about. Those that stopped have been generally friendly and interested, she said.

The most abrasive individual that Price and co-worker Jeff Reddoch have dealt with was a ranking member of the Idaho State Patrol, who reportedly stopped at the station and informed the inspectors that he would not be stopping with his boat, and that the inspectors were transgressing on the grounds of law enforcement, taking down license plates and private information, and, in general, being unfriendly to the pair.

Rick Ohnsman, media contact for the Idaho State Police, said that the officer acted in an “unprofessional” manner in offering what a personal opinion

as a law enforcement officer.

In any case, many in the county have been both positive and helpful, Price said.

“You do have citizens in this county that care about this, think it’s important, and are interested in what we do,” Price said. Former Marsing mayor Roy Herman, who lives just up the road from the station, has offered to bring down anything the inspectors might need, in fact.

Even those with the state-issued Idaho Invasive Species Fund (IISF) sticker on their boat — a mandatory sticker as of the passage of IISF legislation, need to stop, Price said. The stickers are annual, and cost \$10 for motor or sailboats registered in Idaho, \$20 for other motorized vessels, and \$5 for non-motorized vessels. Only inflatables less than 10 feet in length are exempted.

The stickers can be purchased online from www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov, or by mail addressed to IDPR registration unit, P.O. box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0065. The fees from the stickers help pay for the vessel inspections, washing stations and informational materials associated with the IISF program. The sticker and fee are in addition to any boat registration fees already being paid.

The inspectors waved down John and Raquel Aberasturi of Winnemucca, Nev., during the interview on Thursday. Initially the Aberasturis were curious as to what was expected, but by the end of a five-minute check, and thumbing through a pamphlet issued by the IISF, they were supportive, especially after learning how damaging the mussels can be to boats.

“It’s a great idea,” Raquel said of the inspection points. “It’s a way to save our boat, and it will save a lot of hassle in the long run.”

— MML

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Derby crowns two champs for the first time ever

In a derby that saw highs and lows, from great hits and cheers to an injury that sent last year's winner Chester Conklin out on a backboard in the final, two noteworthy firsts were logged: This, the 28th annual Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby, saw three women compete, and saw the first tie for the crown. Thirty-two cars vied for position in four heats of eight at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

Following a brutal final round that featured Homedale's Austin Ferguson and Caldwell's Jacob Greeling, and two cars that simply would not die, the prize money for first and second was combined and split, when judges called the derby a tie after the pair had locked up twice, but wouldn't quit.

Ferguson, driving the No. 35 car, a 1966 Chrysler Imperial dedicated to the memory of Conner Landa, shared the prize with Greeling, whose own rig wasn't expected to last for a heat, much less a championship.

Greeling, up against the last

of the Imperials, brought a 1983 Pontiac station wagon to the fight. He endured early ribbing — continuous, he said, from when his buddies first gave him a hand with the car until it showed what it could do — and took the title with a smile.

"It was like that old commercial," he said after the final. "Everyone was asking how many hits it took to get to the center of a wagon." The drivers laughingly figured two. It turned out to be a lot more.

The wagon was a yard car, too, chosen by Greeling because it was free and big. Its previous owner complained the car never ran right and wanted it gone. Greeling replaced the carburetor and tweaked it, and the rest is history. As to what he'll be driving next year — "anything that's free," he said with a grin.

Ferguson's car, emblazoned with Conner Landa's name, got a huge cheer in both its heats and the final, and Ferguson drove it hard, hitting continuously and aggressively, and at one point

boosting Jeremy Ensley's 1973 Plymouth Fury nearly out of the arena and into C section of the stands.

Last year's champion, Parma's Chester Conklin, was extricated from his car in the final, after a two-car hit that left him unconscious in the driver's seat. He was reported to be conscious and joking "and feeling fine" on Sunday, though he was scheduled for a CAT scan. While being loaded in the ambulance, a groggy but competitive Conklin asked what had happened and was told he got caught in a big hit. He, of course, then wanted to know if they had hit him, or he had hit them.

The ladies put on a good show in their appearance in 2009. Derby veteran Jessica Egurrola-DeGeus, in a pink New Yorker, was the last car moving in the consolation round, snagging a trophy and the prize money. Nicole Maupin, in her first derby appearance in the Old No. 7 Jack Daniels 1966 Mercury Monterey, took the Lions Club award for best looking car. Sierra Aberasturi didn't nab an

2009 Homedale Lions Annual Demolition Derby results

First place (tie): Jake Greeling and Austin Ferguson (split \$2,250, \$1,125 each)

Third: Travis Purnell; \$600
Road rage: Austin Ferguson; \$500

Twisted Metal: Jake Volk; \$500

Consolation winner: Jessica Egurrola-DeGeus

Crowd favorite: Bret Hall
Lions Club pick: Nicole Maupin

Final heat \$200 winners: Antone Badiola, Bryan Badiola, Jake Ferguson, Chester Conklin, Chris Folgers

Raffle grand prize — Mike Marose

Fury. Hall's spotless rigs are becoming a standard by which all cars are judged, according to the yells of the crowd.

Ben Badiola and SSI Foods got together and sweetened the deal at the beginning of the fourth heat, adding \$2,000 to the pot. In another unexpected moment, some early fireworks started a grass fire behind the fairgrounds, quickly extinguished by Homedale Fire personnel — which is just as well, as the fire was not that far from where the fireworks were set up for the after-derby show.

Mike Marose won the Homedale Chamber of Commerce/Lions Club raffle grand prize, taking home free tickets and refreshments in a 20-person private suite at a Steelheads hockey game this year.

The fundraiser derby was a sold-out show again this year, with 4,000 attending. Money will go to a variety of projects, with the lion's share targeting sight-related projects, as has always been the Lions main focus.

— MML

Derby highs and lows

Below: Leonard Hurd of Emmett gets a helping hand, and extinguisher, after a hit by Antone Badiola led to an engine fire in his No. 61 car. **Right:** Mike Marose of Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant is all smiles after winning the raffle grand prize — a suite for 20 at a Steelheads hockey game. **Far right:** 2008 champ Chester Conklin of Parma is attended to by Homedale EMTs after losing consciousness in a three-car hit. As of Monday, Conklin was reportedly doing well, though diagnosed with a concussion.



Bees buzzing for library Story Time

Dancing and buzzing bees are the subject of this week's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

"Busy, Buzzy Bee" by Karen Wallace is the story for the activity at 10:15 a.m. Friday at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Children can learn through the

fun story about how bees make honey and how important each bee's job is to a smooth-running hive.

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Homedale City Council members battle over board

Homedale City Councilmen Dave Downum and Tim Downing had a heated exchange over a broken diving board — and the replacement(s) thereof — at a recent Homedale City Council meeting.

The board, reportedly broken under the eyes of lifeguards at the city swimming pool, became a point of contention and some warmth after Downum contacted Mayor Harold Wilson and ordered a \$2,000 replacement board.

Mayor Wilson had no comment on why he had not brought the subject up with the council before a purchase was made, nor did he comment upon where he expected the money to come from.

The replacement of the board isn't an issue with city public works supervisor Larry Bauer — how it was done is.

“The mayor was pressured to hurry up and get a new diving board,” he said. That pressure led to Wilson ordering the purchase

of a board before a warranty review was made, or the matter was brought before the council, Bauer said.

That Bauer was uncomfortable with signing off on something he did not have budgeted was “100-percent correct,” he said.

“Myself, (city clerk) Alice (Pegram), we’ve been given a privilege and a right to run the budget.” That privilege is dependent on making sure money is spent properly, and through

well with him.

“If I’d had the \$2,000 in the budget I’d probably have spent it without the council’s approval — I’ve been known to spend a few thousand on projects — but then I would have reported on it. It’s just politeness,” Bauer said.

As the situation occurred, it left public works in a questionable spot.

“It puts me in a bad situation, it makes it real difficult. I have money under my budget

takes it from another account,” he said.

“Those budgets are all pretty tight, and we have to be careful how we spend it.

After the meeting, Downum cut the issue to the chase:

“I called Harold,” he said. “Harold called Larry, who said he couldn’t buy it. Harold said buy it.”

New diving board delivered, but wrong, must be returned

The broken diving board was covered by the warranty, Bauer confirmed Wednesday.

“It had a crack in it, and we’re assuming it was a flawed board. The factory agreed ... they’re sending another,” he said. The replacement board arrived June 29, but was the wrong model. The \$2,000 replacement board that was ordered from a supplier is the right model, but will probably be returned, he said. At this point, Mayor Wilson is proposing to drive the incorrect board to

the Portland manufacturer and possibly exchange it, Bauer said. An installation date for the board is not yet known.

Denying reports that children had been riding a bicycle on the board at the time of the accident, Bauer said the bicycle incident had occurred at the opening of the pool in May, while the breakage occurred in the middle of last month, under normal usage.

After the board broke, Bauer explained that children had finished it off, breaking it completely while staff did not intercede, something that was taken up with the pool lifeguards.

The pool’s opening week was, he said, a rough one, with more complaints logged than in the entirety of the previous year. This year’s staff included some lifeguards who were new in the position, he said. Since that first week, there have been no complaints, he said.

“Knock on wood.”

— MML

“It puts me in a bad situation, it makes it real difficult. I have money under my budget that has been approved, and I’m authorized to spend it within the budget..”

— **Larry Bauer**
Homedale Public Works Superintendent

the proper channels, he said. Spending money he didn’t have budgeted in pools and parks without an approval process didn’t sit

that has been approved, and I’m authorized to spend it within the budget. We can’t spend \$2,000 we don’t have, until the council

Vendors must wait; Bowen Parker Day get contract

Following a miscommunication, the Homedale vendor licensing ordinance will have to be brought to the table yet again for adoption. City Attorney Michael Duggan had written the ordinance to reflect a one-time-only fee for vendors purchasing a license,

much to the surprise of the council and mayor, who had expected a yearly renewal.

Reference to the original ordinance the week after the June 25 meeting, however, shows that the language did originally specify a one-time lifetime fee for food

vendors. Transient vendors and non-food vendors, on the other hand, were to face a renewable license fee schedule.

Fees were discussed, possibly \$50 for the initial application and \$25 for renewal, but were not adopted, given the council’s

request for a rewrite of the ordinance.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said last Wednesday that the issue will be on the agenda for tonight’s meeting, which starts at 6 at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The city also opted to have

Bowen Parker Day CPAs of Homedale do the city audit for the next two years. While going local would cost several hundred dollars more, Council President Dave Downum commented on the positive aspects of having a local accounting firm, including ease of access for questions that arise.

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✓ Crime: Late Homedale stats will be used to build comparison in 2010

Department data, those numbers eventually were sent to the state, Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. The stats, prepared by the ISP's Bureau of Criminal Identification's Uniform Crime Reporting Unit early last month, showed that HPD cleared 52 of 107 Group A offenses (48.6 percent clearance rate), resulting in 31 arrests. Officers made 64 arrests on Group B offenses such as DUI and disorderly conduct. Eidemiller provided The Owyhee Avalanche with a copy of the stats Saturday.

The uniform crime rate per 100,000 population, which is the formula the state uses to rank agencies evenly in the report, would have ranked HPD in the

lower one-third for the crime, at No. 45 among 63 departments in the state.

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) numbers used in the ISP report released last week were gleaned exclusively from Owyhee County Sheriff's Office reporting between January and December of 2008. State crime analysts didn't receive HPD statistics in time because of previously documented difficulties in the electronic transmission of crime logs to ISP. State law requires law enforcement agencies to report their data to ISP, and Eidemiller has said that the bugs have been worked out of the system in time to make reports of

2009 stats.

It's not known if the annual report — available online at www.isp.state.id.us — will be updated with late-arriving data. State crime analyst Penny Blamires said the report won't be updated with the late Homedale data, but the numbers will be used for year-to-year comparison in the 2010 report.

According to the ISP report, the lack of Homedale data means that only 77 percent of the county's population is accounted for in the annual report. Only Lincoln County had a smaller ratio of its population accounted for in the study (65.1 percent), and the only other area that had less than a 100

percent accountability ratio was Boise County (93.7).

Group B offenses logged by OCSO last year included 26 DUIs and 10 liquor law violations. Sixty percent of the liquor law violators were minors. Both DUIs and liquor law violations dropped compared to 2007 (DUIs were down 18.8 percent; liquor law violations, 52.6).

The state report didn't include Group B offenses in the total offenses for the county.

The ISP report shows that OCSO cleared 27.1 percent of its cases, which was a slight improvement over 2007's 26.8 percent clearance rate. The number of offenses was up 6.4 percent from

2007, and arrests also declined 6.3 percent from the previous year.

Reports of vandalism declined slightly in 2008, and stolen property reports tailed off more than 84 percent over 2007.

Fraud cases, however, rose 171 percent from seven in 2007 to 19 in 2008. Simple assault was up 42 percent, but deputies cleared 59 percent more of the cases compared to 2007.

Reports of rape nearly doubled in 2008 to 13. Two cases were cleared and one arrest was made.

The sheriff's office cleared 15 vandalism cases in 2008 and also solved 14 of 109 reported larcenies, netting 10 arrests.

✓ Memorial: Marsing tourney official big help to Homedale organizers

Proceeds from the tournament, organized by Hoshaw, Larry Corta and Joe Cline, will benefit the Conner Landa Foundation and Homedale Youth Sports Inc.

Although as a longtime Homedale resident Hoshaw understands the large amount of support from volunteers and vendors, the response from teams in just a matter of weeks was a bit of a surprise.

"I think that says quite a bit about the community," Percifield Memorial Tournament organizer JW Chadez said. "I think with these smaller communities ... There is more of an ownership that everyone takes in the community and not only in the community but in other people's kids."

Chadez said that the quick success of the tournament also can be attributed to the fact that the passing of Landa and Miller

hit close to home for community members who felt like they had lost children of their own when the two young men died days apart in the spring.

Hoshaw echoed Chadez's praise of his town, and said that the support from the Percifield Tournament folks was a great help in building a quick tournament. And he said that assistance will only sustain the Landa/Miller in the years to come.

"It will, it will. I've supported the Percifield for years," Hoshaw said. "Any questions that Larry or I or Joe had, we just called J-Dub. They really helped us."

At first, the tournament committee thought about waiting until next year to start the tradition. But Cline would have none of that.

"Joe Cline really pushed for doing it this year, and we said,

'Let's really do it',' Hoshaw said.

Neither, it seemed, were any of the dozens of people from the Homedale community who banded together to field teams. Chadez said about half of the teams in this year's Landa/Miller tournament are from the Homedale-Marsing area. That's how the Percifield began back in 1983. Now that tournament, which will be held over three days July 24-26, attracts teams early and often and is a three-division success each year.

Hoshaw expects the tournament to clear more than \$10,000 for the Landa Foundation and HYS. In addition, HYS is staffing the concession stand to raise more funds. It was the wishes of Daniel Miller's family to have half of the proceeds benefit HYS to fund scholarships and buy equipment.

There are dozens of volunteers, the Homedale Fire Department will keep the infields moistened and the Txoko Ona Basque Club will sell chorizos, hamburgers, Gatorade and water and donate the proceeds to the tournament.

Hoshaw outlined some of the teams that will compete this weekend:

C Division — Homedale Fire Department and teams formed by Dave Taylor from SSI, Ben Badiola, young Homedale High School athletes such as Trey Corta, Ryan Ryska and Zach Lowder; Jackson Jet Center; the Larzelier/Miller team featuring members of Daniel Miller's family; Idaho Pizza/Kenny Hall Team; and Lurre Construction

B Division — Coed teams from Boise and Caldwell leagues; athletes with ties to the community such as Cline, Taryn Corta, Bryan

Badiola, the new HHS football coaching staff led by head coach Matt Holtry; and others

A Division — More teams from Boise and Caldwell leagues; teams including Larry Corta and Chadez; a team of The College of Idaho softball players and coach led by Coyotes head coach Al Mendiola; and a team of C of I baseball players led by current Coyotes player Diego Robles. Both C of I teams are sponsored by Jacksons.

Tournament awards will include two overall MVPs — the Conner Landa MVP award voted on by the Landa family and the Daniel Miller MVP award chosen by the Miller family — division MVPs for men and women and fielding and hitting awards in each division.

— JPB

✓ Parade: Typical events planned as well as rodeo slack for the first time on Aug. 2

event, call (208) 459-2055.

Marose said the colors of this year's parade are "rainbow", and that parade entry forms are available in the fair book. Copies of the fair book are available at The Owyhee Avalanche office. Co-owner of Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, Marose also is taking entries by e-mail at m224md@yahoo.com.

The second-year coordinator is hoping to get more parade entries from the county outside the Marsing-Homedale area.

"What I would really like to see this year is more participation outside of this immediate area. Since it is a "county" fair, rodeo and parade it would be great to see what some of the other towns have to offer," she said.

"I am hoping for some participation from Grand View and Bruneau and other communities.

There are many businesses and school clubs, etc. It would be nice to see more representation."

Grand marshal nominations can be sent by e-mail or mailed to P.O. Box 566, Homedale, ID 83628.

Marose said nomination forms must include complete names and phone number of the person making the nomination as well as a detailed explanation of their grand marshal nomination.

Marose said she had fun receiving nominations from county citizens last year, and looks forward to more community help this year.

"The more people involved, the more it draws the community together," she said.

All the typical fair events are back this year, including contests, 4-H and FFA animal judging, nightly entertainment and the Homedale Senior Citizens' Center's Buckaroo Breakfast

each morning from Aug. 5 to Aug. 8. Local Top 40 band Straight Away will perform two consecutive nights (Aug. 7-8) at the Tumbleweed Theatre.

Tickets for the rodeo are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors for the first three performances. Children 12 and younger get in free for the first show on Aug. 5, and will be admitted for \$7 on Aug. 6-7.

Admission for the Saturday, Aug. 8 finals is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and younger.

Advance tickets are available at Matteson's on the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

Entries for the rodeo queen contest will be taken through July 19 by queen coordinator Debbie Shearn at 16308 Farmway Road, Caldwell, ID 83607. For more information, call Shearn at (208) 455-7917.

— JPB

Boy, 10, injured in GV farm accident

A 10-year-old boy landed in a Boise hospital last week after a farming accident in Grand View.

Grand View Fire assistant chief Ed Collett said the unidentified male received "severe injuries" when he was run over by farm equipment while helping plant beans Thursday.

Collett said the boy was transported from the field by his father via four-wheeler to the Grand View fire station, at which time Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch was contacted at about 4:30 p.m.

An air ambulance was dispatched, but couldn't respond because of lightning storms in the Grand View area, Collett said. Grand View Ambulance then transported the boy to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home.

After evaluation, he was

airlifted to Boise, Collett said.

Collett was unsure if the boy still was hospitalized Monday morning.

Collett also said that Grand View Fire, Grand View Ambulance and sheriff's office personnel responded to a report of a fractured leg during the weekend at CJ Strike Reservoir. More details were unavailable.

— JPB

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July 1	95	53	.00
July 2	no reading taken		
July 3	no reading taken		
July 4	95	63	.00
July 5	97	58	.00
July 6	97	57	.00

Obituary

John B. “Jack” Hotchkiss

John B. “Jack” Hotchkiss, 83, of Wilder, passed away July 1, at home, with many family members by his side. A Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 6th at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, with a visitation from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the chapel. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, July 7, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell. Interment followed at Fargo Cemetery.

Jack was born August 24, 1925, at Hudson, WY, to Edmund and Mary Hotchkiss, the first of four children. He was raised in Wyoming until the age of 17, when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his country for three years in WWII, which included campaigns at Bougainville, Guam, Iwo Jima and others.

Jack met the love of his life, Eileen Cunningham, in 1947. They married June 30, 1948, at Denton, Montana. Twelve children blessed that union — Jacquie (Charlie) Rowen, Parma; Derry Hotchkiss, St. Regis, MT; Dale (Maureen) Hotchkiss, Superior, MT; Bryce Hotchkiss (Deceased); Shane (Darlene) Hotchkiss, Parma; Glen Hotchkiss (Deceased); John Jr. (Terry) Hotchkiss, Wilder; Bret Hotchkiss, Green River, UT; Bradley (Kris) Hotchkiss, Homedale; Eileen (Rodney) Gochenour, Wilder; Lance (Heidi) Hotchkiss, St. Regis, MT; Heather Robinson, Caldwell; followed by thirty-two grandsons and twelve granddaughters; then 38 great-grandchildren. Jack and Eileen also claim the Kane family as a permanent part of their offspring. They include Cathy Gardner, Ann Marie Kane (deceased), Gerard Kane, Claire Maldenado, Jennifer Spadafora, Rita Vetere, and Laura Kane. He is also



John B. Hotchkiss

survived by a sister, Fern Teissere, Lakewood, CA; brother Tom (Irene) Hotchkiss, Temecula, CA; sister-in-law, Margaret Edwards, Lewistown, MT; brother-in-law, Dale (Evelyn) Cunningham, Denton, MT; and many nieces and nephews. Family preceding him in death were two sons, Bryce and Glen; his parents; one sister, Jeanne Kubat; and a daughter-in-law, Jennifer Hotchkiss.

Jack was a man of many occupations and skills. After his Marine Corps time, he was a clerk with Safeway stores for many years; then a farmer, followed by a long career of truck driving and as truck driving instructor, from which he retired only 6 months ago.

He was a devout Catholic all of his life. His example of honesty and integrity was an inspiration to his many grandkids and numerous others. He was a raconteur extraordinaire, and his stories will be passed on for many generations.

Jack’s strengths and courage were evident during his long fight with four different types of cancer, never showing concern for himself, but always for those around him. His family and friends were his greatest joy, and he’ll be immensely missed by all of us.

Condolences may be submitted online at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Homedale FFA news

The Homedale FFA Chapter held a retreat for the officers and advisor. The retreat was held at the cabin of Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, June 29th thru July 1st in Cascade, ID. The purpose was to unite the new officers and to plan the upcoming year.

This year’s officers are Drew Farwell, Alex Mereness, Caitlyn Johnson, Megan Harper, Kaitlyn Hardin, Kaitlyn Amos, Ali McRae & Aubrey Nash. The retreat was also attended by

Jared Mumm, Idaho State FFA Sentinel. He provided leadership games for strengthening officer communication and trust.

The week was marked by activities and good food. This year, Advisor Lori Harrison, assigned meals to the officers. Two officers would work together to plan and prepare a meal. This assignment was successful as each meal was done well. The time spent in meetings was well rewarded with an afternoon spent

tubing and swimming. At the end of the day officers were sunburned, tired, and ready for the next meeting.

The officers now feel prepared for the new school year. They worked hard to schedule all of our activities next year includin the Harvest Auction Sept. 26th, planned a budget, rewrote the bylaws & discussed multiple items for the upcoming year.

A special thanks would like to be given to the Fishers and Dianne Amos for their time and generosity.



Making the grade

Heavy equipment joins the rolls of straw guarding irrigation systems from construction contamination along U.S. Highway 95 between Marsing and Homedale as work begins on widening the decaying shoulders of the road. No firm date for a completion of the project has yet been announced. The grader pictured is being driven by Ed Prickett of the Idaho Transportation Department just outside the Homedale city limits.

Senior menus

Marsing Senior Center

July 8: Spaghetti, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad, fruit, French bread, cobbler.

July 9: BBQ beef ribs, new potatoes w/peas, apple salad, cookie.

July 13: Breakfast to order.

July 14: Clam chowder, poor boy sandwich, salad bar, sweet roll.

July 15: Patio chicken, rice, gravy, spinach, green salad, fruit, pudding.

Homedale Senior Center

July 8: Chili con carne, chicken patty w/bun, lettuce, tomato, beverage.

July 9: Lasagna w/meat sauce, tossed salad, roll, beverage.

July 14: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beet, roll, beverage.

July 15: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll, beverage.

Birthday

Homedale native Walker marks 90th in Tennessee

Homedale native Norma Parvin Walker will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 10, 2009.

Walker, who lived in Homedale from 1919 to 2009, has written two books on her hometown and is considered an expert on the history of Homedale. She graduated from Homedale High School in 1937.

She now lives in Bristol, Tenn., where she will observe her birthday with family.



Norma Parvin Walker

Senior center swaps dance date

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center has rescheduled its July dance for Saturday.

The center originally reported that the monthly dance would be cancelled because it fell on the Fourth of July.

But coordinator Shirley McAbee announced last week that a July dance would be held at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The dance to live music will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$4 and participants are asked to bring finger food.

The center normally holds a dance on the first Saturday of each month.

For more information on the dance and other center activities, call 337-3020



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Today

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

Senior center board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Thursday

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

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474

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

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting
8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Landa/Miller Memorial softball tournament
5 p.m., Sundance Park, Homedale

Saturday

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Lavender festival
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Monday

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

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
6 p.m., the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

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

Tuesday

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

Senior citizens dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby Street, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Marsing Legion and Auxiliary meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

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

Thursday, July 16

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Friday, July 17

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Saturday, July 18

Homedale High School reunion
1 p.m., Class of 1967, friends and past teachers invited, potluck, Homedale City Park. (208) 896-4245 or (208) 649-5210

Monday, July 20

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

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Courts briefs

Danny Ray Watson, Jr., formerly of Homedale, was acquitted of all charges in the kidnapping and battery case that arose after what was reported as an attempted car-jacking in Meridian in January, during which he was accused of

demanding a woman’s toddler. Watson, who faced counts of kidnap and two charges of battery, was cleared of all three counts in a jury trial held June 29 before Michael McLaughlin. Watson, originally held on a

\$250,000 bond, was cleared after a one-day trial in Ada County Fourth District court. No details on the verdict were released by press time. Zachariah Robinson and Deborah Hopson, convicted on June 16 of animal cruelty, were both found guilty of misdemeanor probation

violations. An Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office source said the violation arose when one or both of the pair had been reported as owning animals past the limits set by their court case. Robinson will perform 24 hours of community service work and pay \$300 in costs. Hopson faces \$300 in court costs.

Juan Garcia, 34, of Wilder, was found guilty of misdemeanor excessive DUI following a citation issued May 17 in Owyhee County. Garcia, who appeared before Judge Dan C. Grober, faces fees and fines of \$600, lost his license for six months and will be on probation for two years.

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Owyhee streams feature hardy redband trout

by Kevin Meyer,
Idaho Department of Fish and
Game – Southwest Region

The state fish of Idaho is the cutthroat trout, which is well-deserved recognition for a colorful native fish that lives throughout our state and is considered by many to be the crown jewel for fishing in the western U.S. However, no less deserving of anglers' admiration is the redband trout, a subspecies of rainbow trout, which is also native to much of the state of Idaho.

All rainbow trout that are native to streams east of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington are called redband trout. In Idaho, that means most of the rainbow, or redband, trout in rivers and streams below Shoshone Falls. Archaeological evidence suggests that the first trout to arrive or evolve in Idaho were cutthroat trout. Redband trout did not invade Idaho until after Shoshone Falls had formed on the Snake River, somewhere between 15,000 and 60,000 years ago. Because redbands had no way of invading the upper Snake River, cutthroat trout remain the only native trout in eastern Idaho.

Many anglers might be surprised to learn that redband trout and steelhead are really the same species. When they swim to the

ocean, we call them steelhead, and when they live in streams their whole life, we call them redband trout. Surprisingly, steelhead can produce offspring that never leave their natal stream, and redband trout can produce offspring that migrate to the ocean to become steelhead. Biologists don't really understand what affects which strategy an individual fish chooses.

Redband trout live in a variety of stream habitats in Idaho, from some of the warmest streams in the Owyhee desert to the smallest mountain streams in remote alpine settings of central and northern Idaho. Like most trout, they tend to be small, grow slow, and reach sexual maturity at five to six inches in small streams, and may only live to be three or four years old. In larger rivers with better growing conditions, they might reach 16 inches by age four, or live to be 10 years old or more.

Biologists have long suspected that redband trout living in desert streams have special adaptations to withstand high water temperatures. They have been documented to live in temperatures up to 86°F — temperatures usually considered lethal for coldwater fish such as trout. However, recent studies indicate that redband trout from

mountain streams have the same ability to live in warm stream environments as their desert cousins, though they rarely use those capabilities since mountain streams are usually much cooler.

Redband, or rainbow, trout are revered by anglers for their fighting and jumping abilities once they are hooked. They are also one of the easiest trout to raise in a hatchery. Because of these characteristics, they have been more widely stocked outside their native range than any other species of trout. Most sources of hatchery rainbow trout originated from waters along the Pacific Coast. These coastal rainbows are genetically different from our native redband stocks. Fortunately, despite de-

grades of hatchery fish stocking, hybridization between hatchery trout and native redband trout is not widespread in many areas of Idaho. Idaho Fish and Game now stocks only sterile rainbow trout so that further hybridization doesn't occur, and our biologists have shown that sterile hatchery trout survive as well as nonsterile fish, so anglers never know the difference.

Go to just about any stream in southern or central Idaho and you are likely to find redband trout. They love worms, lures and flies, thus providing a wide variety of

tackle choices. When you go, remember that you might be catching native fish in their natal streams; to many anglers, that has a reward above and beyond how big the fish are or how many of them end up in your creel. They are as important to our outdoor heritage as our state fish, the cutthroat trout, and that should get any angler excited.



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Crews contain lightning-ignited fire near Murphy

A 150-acre lightning-caused wildfire eight miles northwest of Murphy was expected to be controlled by Monday afternoon, according to a Bureau of Land Management spokesman.

Brandon Hampton said the Wilson Creek Fire was sparked at about 9:30 a.m. Sunday in grass and sagebrush about four miles past the Wilson Creek off-road vehicle parking area. Hampton said there was no impact on recreational usage in the area because the fire was located steep and rugged terrain.

Reported at 20 acres later Sunday, the fire grew to 150 acres and attracted 115 firefighters from three agencies overnight.

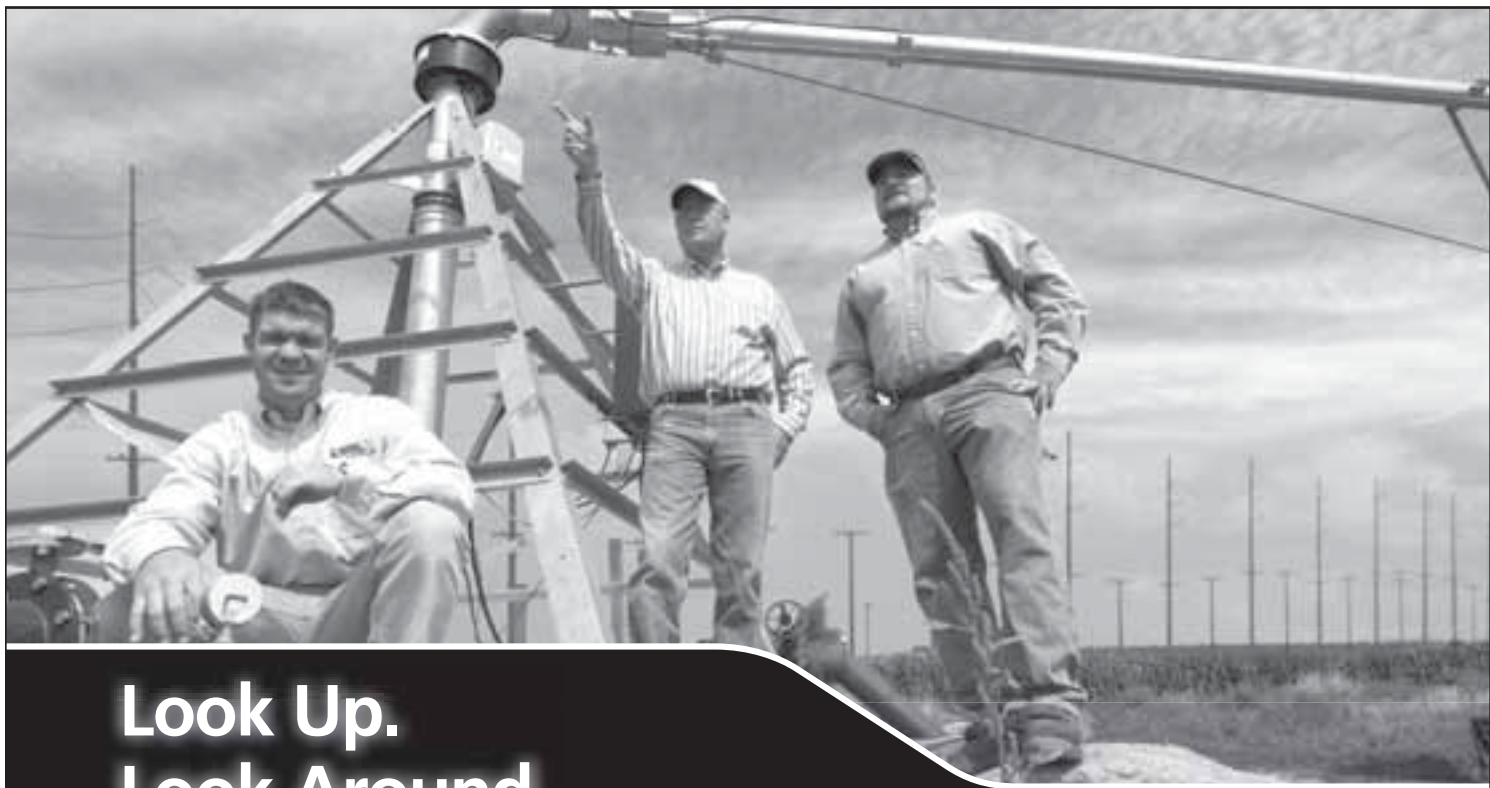
Hampton said the fire was contained at 10 a.m. Monday morning and he expected crews to have the fire under control by 2 p.m.

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service as well as volunteers from the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District battled the fire in high temperatures and high winds, Hampton said.

Equipment used included an air attack, two helicopters, three air tankers, two dozes and seven fire engines.

MRW Fire chief Wes Anderson said 10 volunteers as well as three pieces of equipment from the locay agency were involved in the effort.

— JPB



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Marsing 3rd celebration



Above, left: Marsing Fire Commissioner Bob Malmberg gets a holiday hug at the barbecue. The annual Marsing Third of July barbecue saw the expected delicious beef served up with beans, potato salad, coleslaw and homemade desserts. The \$1,000 of beef was donated by the Snake River Mart, and Jim Briggs returned in his role of master chef at the Lions fundraiser. This year’s crowd was as numerous as last year’s, despite early worries as a threatening thunderstorm rumbled along the edge of the Owyhees. The weather held, staying cool and breezy, and making for a great evening out. **Left:** Some added hazards made sure the Doodlebug Derby was random, as several children “helped” by snagging early-arriving doodlebugs. Doodlebug Derby winners this year were Jerry Floyd (\$250), Showalter Construction (\$125) and Sue Floyd (\$50). **Above, right:** Both sides of the Snake River were packed for the fireworks show as darkness descended. While waiting, spectators launched their own fireworks, fished and visited. Marsing’s Island Park was packed with hundreds of vehicles, and extricating cars at the end of the show took nearly an hour, even with the aid of Owyhee County deputies directing traffic.



Homedale Lions Demo Derby



Spoils of war

From left, standing: Nicole Maupin (Lions choice award), Jake Ferguson (finalist), Jacob Greeling (Champion), Jake Volk (Twisted Metal), Chris Folgers (finalist). **From left, kneeling:** Travis Parrill (Third place), Austin Ferguson (Champion and Road Rage), Jessica Egurrola-DeGeus (Consolation round winner). **Not pictured:** Bret Hall (Crowd choice award), Antone Badiola (finalist), Bryan Badiola (finalist), Chester Conklin (finalist).



Above left: Post-derby, fans got to relax and watch a spectacular fireworks show in the air above the arena. **Above right:** Two Air National Guard A10 Warthogs from Gowen Field provided a fly-over to kick off the Derby. **Right:** Beau Bonds, pictured, and Straightaway rocked derby-goers until after 1 a.m. The band will be back for this year’s Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

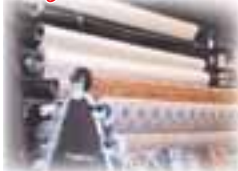
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Mother hopes daughter may be freed after eight years

Sarah Pearce case re-examined

In the eight years after Sarah Pearce's conviction for the 2000 assault, stabbing and attempted murder of Linda Lebrane of Port Townsend, Wash., in Canyon County, Homedale's Anita Brown has fought to have the case re-examined.

Pearce is Brown's daughter, who was sentenced to 15 years in prison at age 19.

Now, after eight years, as people come forward following the expiration of the statute of limitations, the Idaho Innocence Project and Brown have asked Canyon County Prosecutor John Bujak to again open the case, and Bujak is doing so.

Bujak issued a release last week, saying the investigation was reopened because the Innocence Project "believes they have a lead on new DNA evidence that would prove the defendant's innocence."

The process to date has not been an easy one for Anita Brown. It began after the conviction of her child, and has been continuous since. Only now, and after discussion with the Idaho Innocence Project (IIP), has Brown been allowed to bring her story to the public, for fear of jeopardizing her daughter's appeals process. If the ability to finally speak on the subject is cathartic — and she said she had been thrilled to finally be able to march in the recent IIP freedom rally in Boise — it's still a bandage on an old, deep wound.

Brown has always contended Pearce's innocence, and it appears that the Idaho Innocence Project has joined her in that

belief, with the organization's recent request to Bujak to re-open the case in light of new evidence.

"You know, when it all began, I was just in shock," Brown said. "I just took it for granted it was all a mistake. Emotionally, it's been very destructive. Hard is an understatement. My family, each and every one, has suffered in their own way.

"I have yet to find the words to express the pain and devastation," Brown said. "When you have a child die — as terrible as that is — you have a plot at the cemetery, a headstone and a place to take your grief. You have a place to grieve." Sarah's imprisonment, on the other, is something that can't be gotten over by the march of time and the grieving process, she said.

"I feel guilty for enjoying (things) she can't. There's no healing in something like this."

The Idaho Innocence Project contacted her earlier this year, after Pearce's appeal was denial.

"This has been different," she said. "Canyon County has (prior to this) had such a closed mind," she said. "John Bujak has been cooperative and interested, and showed a true desire to get at the truth. He (Bujak) and the IIP are working closely together."

"For him to come out and say what he did was phenomenal," Brown said. "He's the first in eight years to show a real interest in the case."

The battle to free her daughter has opened Brown's eyes to truths that most people simply ignore, she said.

"The average time for a wrongful incarceration is 12 years. There are 2 million people in prison, and it's estimated that 10 percent are innocent. That's

a tragedy in our country," she said. Knowing what she knows now, she intends to go on to work with organizations addressing that number, and with groups seeking prison reform. Her own experiences, have convinced her that much of the "reformatory" aspect of prisons is simply public relations, she said.

What happens now

For Sarah Pearce, more witnesses need to come forward, Brown said. She quoted Pearce's defense attorney Greg Silvey that, at this point, there was no reward but a clear conscience.

"We would encourage anyone to come forward. There are a lot of people who know she wasn't the female who did this. They've been in fear of getting in trouble, but let's get her out of there," she said. "Someday one of those very same people might need someone to step in for them."

She isn't pushing, though, and wants to let Bujak do what he needs.

"We would like to be able to stand back and let Mr. Bujak do the things that are right and need to be done," she said. "The ball is in his court. He'll be setting how fast we move on things.

"I basically feel like ... in my heart ... I feel like I can trust him, and that's more than I've been able to say in many years."

Throughout the re-examination of the case, Brown wanted to stress that she had no intention of belittling what happened to Lebrane.

"There's absolutely no way we want to take away from what happened to Mrs. Lebrane. She suffered a terrible tragedy," she said. She wanted to send a message to Lebrane, in fact.

"When someone is attacked,



Family works for release

Anita Brown, left, daughter Sarah Pearce, and son Tommy Pearce, are waiting to see if the Idaho Innocence Project and Canyon County prosecutor John Bujak's investigation will free Sarah Pearce, who has spent eight years of a 15-year sentence in prison for a crime she continues to say she is innocent of. Submitted photo

it is a tragedy. When we put the wrong person in prison, we have three tragedies. The original victim gets no justice, the guilty party remains on the loose, and an innocent is jailed."

Idaho Innocence Project's stance

There are questions that need answering in the conviction of Sarah Pearce in 2003, according to a criminal expert.

The Idaho Innocence Project's (IIP) director, DNA expert Dr. Greg Hampikian, Professor of Biology and Criminal Justice at Boise State University, said as much in a response to The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday.

"We actually started investigating this case because of some

issues with the ID process in general," Hampikian wrote, "but then started working on it in earnest when I asked a local attorney if there was any case in his long career that particularly bothered him. As we talked with more people about the Linda Lebrane attack, there was consistent concern about Sarah Pearce's conviction. For almost three years we have been focusing on the evidence and witnesses in her case. I cannot talk about the details of new leads as they are part of an active investigation, but we would be very happy to speak with anyone who has credible information about the case."

— MML

Law enforcement briefs

Homedale Police Department

The weekend of the Fourth went by relatively peacefully in both Homedale and the county at large.

Alex Post, 21, of Nampa was cited at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday after being pulled over for failing to stop at a stop sign. Post's car was found to contain narcotics (in this case marijuana) and paraphernalia, and he admitted to the items being his, according to the incident log. Post was cited and released.

On the Fourth, Adrian Cornejo Alonzo, 32, of Homedale, was cited for DUI after a traffic stop at 9:27 p.m.

Homedale Police officers responded to four calls in Marsing

over the period of June 29-30. The June 29 call was for an agency assist, while two calls on the June 30 were shoplifting incidents at the Snake River Mart, over a period of about one hour, from 1:36 p.m. through 2:25 p.m. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller was the officer present, and issued two citations.

Eidemiller also responded to a battery call on Buntrock Road in Marsing at 3:20 p.m. on June 30.

Homedale officers cited two for shoplifting on June 30 at Paul's Market in Homedale.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office

July 5: Ann Black, 46, of Merced, Calif., was involved in an injury accident on U.S. Highway

95 in Marsing, reported at 2:52 p.m.

July 4: Efren Cardenas of Homedale, 23, was arrested for an open container violation at just after 10 p.m., on U.S. 95 in Marsing.

July 3: Mark Todes, 33, of Manteca, Calif., was arrested for a narcotics violation in a traffic stop at mile marker 23 on U.S. 95 near Marsing.

July 2: Grand View resident Kenneth Conner, 57, was cited for DUI at 11:33 p.m. on Main Street in Grand View.

Neither Sheriff Crandall nor Chief Deputy Detweiler were available for additional details on Monday evening.

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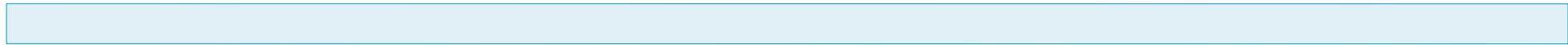


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Avalanche Sports

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Local youth wrestlers bring home national awards

Two Marsing athletes among those who excel in Utah

Five local youth wrestlers representing three area clubs, including the Marsing Lions team, collected top-seven placements during the ASICS Kids national championship meet last week in Utah.

• Matthew Renz of the Marsing Lions entered the Greco-Roman tournament June 30 at the McKay Events Center as the Intermountain champion. He finished third in the Novice (11- to 12-year-olds) 120-pound division at the national tournament after losing both his matches to Joe Marcano of Florida (13-3) and Gabriel Nolasco of California (by pinfall). Renz grabbed third place in the

July 1 freestyle championships, losing again to Marcano and Nolasco (both second-round pins) before winning the third-place match with a 12-3 decision over Garrett Whitehead of Wisconsin.

Renz also placed fourth in freestyle and fifth in Greco-Roman at the Western Regional tournament earlier this year.

• Matthew Park, 75-pounder in the Novice class, is from Marsing but wrestlers for the Nampa Dawgs club. He was sixth in the freestyle nationals after being pinned by Utah's Benjamin Anderson in the fifth-place match.

Park was 3-3 in the freestyle tournament with wins by pinfall

over Nebraska's Trevar Bigelow and Alaska's Andrew Concepcion. He started the tournament with a win by injury default against Darren Harris of Washington state.

Park went 1-2 in the Greco-Roman tournament, pinning Andrew Martin of Arizona in a second-round match.

• Jonathan Fisher, one of three Wilder wrestlers competing for the Meridian-based Bullcatcher team, walked away with the runner-up trophy in the 152-pound class of the Schoolboy division (152 pounds) in the freestyle tournament. He lost the championship match to Wisconsin's Dominic Flock by pinfall. He had pinfalls against Colton Grossaint (Utah) and Eric Thrift (Montana) before a 10-7 decision over Jordan

Lara of New Mexico in the first round robin match. Fisher also was runner-up in the Western Regional Kids/Cadet freestyle championship last month.

Fisher lost to Lara in the Greco-Roman tournament then rebounded to pin California's Noah Collins for third place. Fisher beat Collins in June for the Western Regional Greco championship.

Also at the Western Regional, Fisher was runner-up in Folkstyle.

• James Fisher, another Bullcatcher from Wilder, was seventh in both the Greco-Roman and freestyle tournaments. He wrestled in the Novice class at 80 pounds.

He was 3-2 in the Greco-Roman tournament, rattling off

the final six points of the seventh-place match to beat Florida's Ryan Violette, 10-4.

In the freestyle tournament, he pinned fellow Idahoan Max Miller 23 seconds into the second period for the seventh-place medal. Fisher was leading 7-0 at the time. Fisher went 4-1 in the tournament, losing only to eventual runner-up Trae Workman of Nevada in the first round.

• Elijah Fisher, a third Bullcatcher from Wilder wrestling Intermediate (9-10) at 70 pounds, was seventh in the freestyle tournament. He went 3-2, pinning William Atnip of Wyoming in 34 seconds for seventh place.

He also participated in the Greco-Roman tournament, but was eliminated after two matches.

Emry qualifies for Jr. Olympics

Homedale grad punches ticket with regional title

Austin Emry, Homedale's four-time high school state champion, has one piece of unfinished business before he heads off to the University of Montana.

The recent Homedale High School graduate won the Region 11 championship in the long jump during the last week of June to qualify for the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics.

Emry captured the long jump

with an effort of 21 feet, 4¼ inches at the regional meet held June 25-27 in Nampa.

The Junior Olympic championship meet will be held July 28 through Aug. 2 in Greensboro, N.C. The 43rd annual national meet will take place at Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T.

Emry cleared 6-4¾ to finish second in the regional high jump competition against athletes from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. He was fourth in the 3A high school



Austin Emry

finals in the spring.

After winning the 3A state title in the high jump in 2007 and 2008, Emry signed a national letter of intent to compete at Montana. He also won the 3A long jump title in 2008 and 2009.

Emry qualified for the regional meet during the June 18-20 USATF Snake River Association Junior Olympic Championships in Boise. During that met, he was second in the high jump at 6-4¾ and third in the long jump (18-9).



Kid's got the moves
Youngsters turned out last week to polish their football skills at a youth camp organized by the incoming Homedale High School football staff, headed up by head coach Matt Holtry.

HHS sports summer camps on tap

Three summer camps associated with Homedale High School run next week:

• **Youth soccer** — Open to ages 5-15, the camp runs from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Homedale Elementary School from Monday through July 16

• **Marching band** — The second such camp of the year will be held in two daily segments Monday through July 17. The first segment open to seventh- and eighth-graders begins at 8 a.m. each day, while the high school camp begins at 10 a.m. each day.

Both are being held at the high school.

• **Varsity football** — New Trojans coach Matt Holtry holds daily 3:45 p.m. practices beginning next Wednesday and concluding with a 1 p.m. practice on July 18.

Mtn. Home team unseats Chandlers in GV softball

Mountain Home-based Tooth Dome rallied from an opening-round loss to the perennial champs to win the Grand View Days Coed Softball Tournament on June 27.

After losing to Chandlers, who won the title a year ago, Tooth Dome won the rest of its games in the double-elimination tournament. The club knocked off previous unbeaten Ballz Deep twice in the championship round, 15-5 and 16-6.

Ballz Deep, a Glenss Ferry team, was runner-up, while Chandlers brought home third place.

The event helps fund Grand View Little League. For those interested in being involved contact Dale Gray at (208) 834-3061.

The five-team tournament also featured Angels and Outlaws, another Glenss Ferry squad, and a team sponsored by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

Ballz Deep and Chandlers opened with first-round victories on June 26.

Tooth Dome eliminated Angels and Outlaws in the first game on June 27. It was the first of five victories in the final day for the eventual champions. They also beat the Owyhee Sheriff's and Chandlers before sweeping past Ballz Deep.

Former Trojans football coach heads back to Oregon

Former Homedale High School football coach Rob Kassebaum is heading back to Oregon to continue his coaching career.

Kassebaum, who resigned in the fall after two seasons at the Trojans helm, will be an assistant coach for football, wrestling and track and field at South High School in Albany, Ore., the Albany Democrat-Herald reported last week.

Kassebaum coached at Sweet Home and Nyssa in Oregon then moved on to Homedale after winning back-to-back state championships in Nyssa. He led the Trojans to their first 3A state playoffs appearance in 2007.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

A cinch in time

Cowboys can be quite creative when hard times cut into the daily operating expenses. Take Roy’s cousin BB. One of BB’s heifers had come off his badlands and crossed onto Roy’s pasture.

On that fateful day, BB had driven his pickup and gooseneck trailer to Roy’s place to pick him up. Roy wasn’t quite ready. His cinch had worn down to two flimsy cords. “Did you happen to bring an extra cinch?” he asked.

“No,” said BB, “But I can make one out of a gunny sack.” He dumped the tire chains out of a greasy tow sack. Roy thought he had been around, but this ingenious thinking was a new wrinkle to him. Roy watched his cousin slip-knot one end through the offside cinch ring, then fold the other end over the tongue and through the ring on the left side and stitch it.

“This baling wire makes good thread,” he explained.

Half an hour later they were pushing the heifer back toward BB’s piece of the Pine Ridge Rez.

“Keep her to the badland side,” instructed Roy. “Don’t let her get over on the prairie dog side or we’ll lose her!”

Of course, the heifer took off in the direction of the prairie dog town!

“Rope her!” yelled Roy.

BB missed, but Roy was right behind and caught her. He was tied hard and fast!

“See if you can catch the heels,” said Roy.

BB missed several times, but in his defense the heifer was windmilling like a carnival ride!

“Hold up,” yelled Roy. “Swap horses with me and hold the head. I’ll take your rope and heel her. We’ll tie her down and go get the trailer.” A great plan.

BB eased over and they traded horses. Just about the time Roy started building a loop, the heifer, tired of the harassment, started up BB’s rope! “Pick up yer slack!” yelled Roy, “Pick up yer slack!”

Too late! The heifer rammed into BB, still on Roy’s horse, more importantly still in Roy’s saddle, bounced off and headed straight away from the scene of the crime!

The gunny sack cinch had slackened considerably. BB reflected later that they do stretch for a couple days. When the heifer hit the end of the line, the saddle slicked off right over the horse’s head with BB still in the stirrups! He hit the ground, made a couple bounces, grabbed the horn, lost his stirrups and started spinning like a broken lure in a bass pond as he sailed along behind the galloping heifer! He made one gallant effort to pull himself back in the saddle but stuck his boot toe in a prairie dog hole and was peeled off like a booster rocket from Apollo 13!

Back at the ranch later that evening, BB decided he would discard his patent application for the gunny sack cinch repair kit.

“Probably wise,” said Roy, “but it did make a handy sling for your dislocated shoulder.”

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee

There they go again



Few residents show up for Homedale City Council meetings. They’re missing a heck of a show.

Recent meetings have deteriorated into oftentimes incoherent shouting matches. It’s like WWE meets a reality show based on a dysfunctional family.

In the latest episode, the star of the show, as always, was Mayor Harold Wilson — even if he had few lines in the script.

It was Wilson’s unilateral decision to buy a replacement diving board for the city swimming pool that sparked the heated exchange between Councilmen Dave Downum and Tim Downing during the June 25 meeting.

After receiving word from Downum that the diving board had broken, Wilson ordered a new board without bringing the issue before the council for a vote. Council approval was needed because, as public works supervisor Larry Bauer told The Owyhee Avalanche, there isn’t enough money in the Parks and Recreation budget line to pay for the \$2,000 replacement.

Wilson refused to answer when the Avalanche asked why he didn’t bring the issue before the council and from whence he thought he would get the money for the purchase.

This isn’t the first time that Wilson has decided to do what he wants to do without knowing the citizens’ true desires. Unless city council members rein him in — as they are mandated to do — it won’t be the last.

But Wilson’s behavior may be more attributable to the city government’s lack of oversight than the man’s inability to understand that he serves the people of Homedale.

The diving board incident arose, in part, from a lack of supervision at the swimming pool. In May, children were riding a bicycle off the board into the pool. Last month, when the board broke because of what Bauer said the manufacturer classified as a material flaw, pool staff continued to allow children to batter the board until it was severed completely from its stanchion.

In both cases, the pool employees were lectured. One since has been fired, but it’s unknown if the termination was linked to the diving board fiasco.

Once the fractured board was reported, Wilson didn’t think to bring the issue before the council to make sure there was money in the proper fund, continuing a pattern from the city’s chief executive that began when he ordered Bauer to tear down the defunct well house next to City Hall in the early days of his administration after merely consulting with each council member individually by phone rather than calling for a council meeting vote.

The only voice of reason at the June 25 meeting turned out to be that of Downing’s, who tried to figure out why the purchase of the pool accessory wasn’t brought before the council. But even Downing’s red-faced tirade during the meeting flies in the face of parliamentary procedure and public decorum.

Adding to the circus that no one sees, the council had to table — again — a decision linked to the recently adopted vending license ordinance.

And it appears the delay grows out of the fact that no one had the presence of mind to bring a copy of the newly minted ordinance to the meeting in case questions arose.

City Attorney Michael Duggan drafted a fee schedule resolution based on the ordinance language, which calls for

— See *Again*, page 15

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest



I’m getting farther behind

I should have seen it coming — or maybe I should have seen it going. I probably missed it because it’s difficult for people to see what’s happening behind them. Let’s see. How can I diplomatically phrase this?

I didn’t miss my butt until it was gone.

It sort of snuck up on me. It seems like only yesterday that when I put on a pair of pants and fastened my belt, I could be sure those pants would stay in that position until I decided to take ’em off. That was because my waist was narrower than my hips. I don’t think I ever had a big derriere. But it was big enough to hold up my pants.

Then one day, some time during my 50s, I was working on a home project and suddenly realized I was spending a good deal of time adjusting my pants. I couldn’t figure out why until I got a look at my profile in a mirror and discovered the reason my pants were trying to fall off was there wasn’t as much behind me to hold them up as there once was.

If I had been younger, discovering that my rear end was getting smaller wouldn’t have necessarily been a bad thing. When you are a guy in your 20s and 30s and your butt shrinks it’s usually a sign that you have been working out and are in great physical shape. But when you are in your 60s and the same thing happens it brings back memories of gray-haired grandfathers tottering around the house — literally floating inside a pair of pants held up by suspenders. When I was a kid, most grandpas wore suspenders because they no longer had anything behind them to hold up their pants. And now I’m becoming my grandfather.

The disappearance of my rear came as a surprise because I thought I was my father’s son. Unlike Grandpa Cornell, my dad was able to keep his pants up using only a belt until the day he died. I naturally concluded that since, like my father at the same age, I still have a full head of hair, I also would inherit his butt genes. But like red hair, that physical attribute must sometimes skip a generation.

Granted, I do have more of a stomach above my waist than my father ever had. But a person’s stomach isn’t really a factor in holding up his pants unless the tummy and waist has become one. At any age, what’s below the waist is more important than what’s above it. Let’s see ... maybe I should rephrase that. Naw — you know what I mean.

Having less to hold your pants up isn’t the only problem. When one’s rear disappears it’s almost impossible to get comfortable sitting for long periods of time if the seats aren’t padded.

After studying the situation carefully, I considered trying to jump up and down hard enough and long enough that the 20 pounds added to my belly when I quit smoking might migrate down and to my rear, renewing the lost padding in that area. Unfortunately I don’t think the laws of physics work that way. If they did, 40 percent the people in the country would be jumping up and down. Another 40 percent would be standing on their heads trying to get fat cells to migrate in the opposite direction.

There must be some benefits to getting older and if I ever discover what they are, I will let you know.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Hubby needs to know financial selfishness won't cut it

Dear Dave,

My husband makes significantly more money in his job than I do in mine. Because he makes more, he feels he should be able to spend more. He wants to set up an account where we both put 20 percent of our income for discretionary spending. Of course, his 20 percent would be more than my 20 percent, and I feel like we should both put in the same



amount. What do you think?

— Lisa

Dear Lisa,

I'm sure your husband is

basically a decent guy, but he's really being selfish and immature about this situation. It's a very bad plan. My wife is pretty gentle and forgiving, but if I tried that mess at home she'd get very un-gentle in a hurry!

Think about it this way. There are lots of families out there where only one person works outside the home and generates income. Would it be fair to say

that whoever brings home a paycheck is the only one who can have fun spending a little money once in a while? Of course not! When you two were married, the preacher pronounced you "as one." That means you have one income, and that's *our* income; just like it's *our* house, *our* kids or *our* dogs. Marriage is not a "me" proposition, it's always a "we" thing. And it sounds like your

husband needs to be reminded of this!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show. Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Summary Judgment

America's first Hispanic justice: It's not who you think

by William Pendley Perry

President Obama's nomination of Sonia Sotomayor — a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit — for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States, if confirmed would yield, brag interest groups and the mainstream media, America's first Hispanic justice. Not so; that honor belongs to one of the nation's greatest jurists.



Benjamin Nathan Cardozo was born in New York City to Albert and Rebecca Cardozo on May 24, 1870, a descendant of Sephardic Jews of Spain and Portugal who came to the Colonies before the American Revolution. Many of his relatives were active New Yorkers: a cousin, for example, wrote the Statue of Liberty's famous verse. His father was elected to the New York Supreme Court; however, a Tammany Hall scandal forced his resignation and return to private practice. Young Cardozo and his twin Emily were "home-schooled" by Horatio Alger, a popular author of tales of impoverished children who, through hard work, courage, and concern for others, led productive lives.

After Cardozo graduated with top honors from Columbia College in 1889, he entered Columbia Law School where he studied for both a master's and a law degree. He received

his master's degree in 1890; meanwhile, Columbia Law School had increased the course of study for a law degree from two years to three. Cardozo, thinking two years was enough, prepared for the bar examination, which he passed in June 1891. Cardozo joined his brother and late father's law firm and soon gained the respect of New York's appellate court justices. Charles Evan Hughes, Jr., who became Chief Justice of the United States, called Cardozo "a walking encyclopedia of the law." Columbia later presented Cardozo an honorary law degree.

In 1913, Cardozo, a Democrat, was elected to the New York Supreme Court, which was a trial not an appellate court; nonetheless, after only a month, he was assigned to help clear the docket of the New York Court of Appeals. In 1917, he was elected to a full term on the Court of Appeals and, in 1926, became its chief justice. With Cardozo at the helm, the New York Court of Appeals became the nation's leading state court and Cardozo became renowned for his expertise in the common law and for "his elegant and persuasive writing." At the same time, Cardozo gained acclaim as a legal philosopher and lecturer.

Little wonder that when, during the 1920s, vacancies opened up on the U.S. Supreme Court, Cardozo's name was always at the top of the list of potential nominees. In 1932, after Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., retired and in response to unprecedented national support for Cardozo's appointment, President Hoover nominated him. Cardozo

was confirmed by the Senate, without debate, in February 1932. Although he served less than six years, he wrote more than 100 opinions for the Court.

Cardozo made contributions in many areas of the law — he was the nation's premier torts law theorist and his decisions paved the way for the Uniform Commercial Code, which governs most business activities today. His greatest contribution, however, was his approach to judging. As his biographer, Andrew L. Kaufman, points out, "Cardozo remains in the public memory as a standard of judicial excellence." For Cardozo, the facts and established legal precedents governed most cases. In others, he often deferred to democratically elected legislatures because they reflected, in Cardozo's words, the views of "right-minded men and women," but not always, such as when personal liberty and property rights were at stake. Most importantly, Cardozo eschewed subjectivity (not to mention "empathy") and embraced instead impartiality. In fact, he took pains to avoid injecting his personal views into his opinions; although he opposed the death penalty, he enforced it because it was the law.

As the Senate considers Sotomayor's nomination, the question is not was Cardozo a Hispanic, but whether a Justice Sotomayor will be "a Cardozo" or "a wise Latina woman"?

— William Perry Pendley is president and chief legal officer of the Lakewood, Colo.-based Mountain States League Foundation.

√ Again: Lack of foresight delays vending fee decision

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a one-time registration fee for food vendors. But when hot dog vendor Tom Murray asserted that the fee was supposed to be annual, council members sided with the merchant without consulting the ordinance.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram confirmed Wednesday that Duggan's fee schedule was written to the letter of the new law, which means the delay — at least the third in the process — could have been avoided if someone — anyone — had brought a copy of the ordinance to the meeting.

It also means that this hang-up — unlike the first two — wasn't Duggan's fault.

In the end, though, the latest obstacle only magnifies the general disarray that accompanies Homedale City Council meetings.

And that disarray easily can gum up the wheels of progress in a small town.

Letter to the editor

Reed family grateful for effort in search for former deputy

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have been so kind and supportive to me and my family. Our loss of George has left such an empty space in our lives, but you good people have lifted us up with your prayers, your cards and letters, phone calls, food, donations and your overwhelming care.

Thank you to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office for the exhausting man-hours put in on this case. My deepest appreciation to the sheriff's Posse for the selfless giving of your time and your resources and also for your generous gift to our family. I know that many of you worked hours without sleep during the search for George.

Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith and some of his deputies were on the river early searching for George, and I so appreciate you being there.

Thank you to the Eagle Fire and Dive Rescue Team and to Country Repair; to all who assisted in locating and retrieving the car. The fact that you put your lives on the line in these situations does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Gary Aman, Joe Aman, Bruce Cameron, Jim Bish, Chris Smith, Lynn Bowman, Chris Even, Aron Streibel, Tony Malmberg, Jason Ineck, Ken White, John Howard — these men spent countless hours not only on the river,

but with me and my family doing everything to support and console us.

Peter DePauw, Rick Esplin, Reese Schoorl and Nick Morse who are longtime partners and friends of George; these men dropped everything, put their lives on hold to come help in any way they could.

Thank you to Roger and David Warrick who put their own boat in the river that Tuesday morning. It was God's special blessing that George was found by family members who loved and respected him.

I hesitate to mention names for fear of omitting someone, so if I have, please forgive me. So many people have been involved with this and it is hard to keep track of everyone.

I do want to extend a very special thank you to Gary Aman. He has been with me and my family from the beginning. At every turn, he knew exactly what to do. He was in constant communication with us, updating us hour by hour. Throughout this, he has been a constant source of wisdom and strength and his help to us has been invaluable. Gary, you are truly a Godly man.

With gratitude to all,
Ellen Reed, David Reed and Eileen Reed, Jed and Heidi Thomas

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 11, 1984

Jenkins to head Chamber

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has selected a new president, it was announced at last Tuesday’s meeting.

Perry Jenkins will become the new executive officer and a member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Bill Cegnar was also selected to be a member of the board following the resignation of Randall Howell.

Jenkins takes the place of Mike Blankenship who resigned two weeks ago when plans for his transfer to the Bakersfield, California office of Contel were finalized.

Jenkins, Caldwell, is a Homedale insurance agent

In other chamber news, it was announced that general membership meetings would only be held once a month rather than once a week as now. Instead, the chamber’s board will meet twice a month during the Tuesday noon hour and leave the general membership meeting open for “special guest speakers and programs”, according to Jim Clarke, board member. The change was made due to the small numbers in attendance at the regular meetings, according to Jenkins.

Construction begins on Owyhee Dam project

With an explosion that nearly shook everyone to their feet, construction began on the Owyhee Dam Hydroelectric project at a ground breaking ceremony attended by about 60 people who gathered below Owyhee Dam, last Monday afternoon.

Rather than the usual ceremony where officials pose with shovels, a dynamite charge was set off to commence construction. Members of the joint North and South Boards of Control all pushed down on the plunger of a detonator simultaneously using a commemorative iron sign-post.

Harry Hosey, a Portland engineer who drafted plans for the project and provided continuous expertise throughout the planning stages, spoke of the unique contract with Idaho Power.

Hosey said Idaho Power’s rates will not increase over the life of the project and electrical consumers will not be stuck with a bill for construction as they often are in other projects.

John Ross, director of the North Board of Control, said that over \$5 million in Oregon State Energy bonds have been sold to finance the project.

Lions Club takes in \$9,500 at 4th celebration

Homedale Lions Club President Larry Bahem has indicated that gross proceeds from the Lions’ sponsored 4th of July celebration will tally close to their last year’s intake. Bahem gave the approximate gross figures at \$9,500, but added that the true picture of the success of the annual fund raiser can only be determined after all bills have been paid. He stated that decisions of which civic causes the proceeds will be applied will be concluded by the Lions organization in future months.

According to Bahem, events went smoothly and the Lions Club was pleased with the outcome though a tremendous amount of volunteer work goes into the activities.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shenk (Alyce Connell), Adrian, are parents of an 8-lb. son, Quinten Paul, born on Thursday, June 28, at Mercy Medical Center, Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Florence) Shenk, Ridgeview, are paternal grandparents. Mrs. Ada Connell, Homedale, is maternal grandmother. Mrs. Alice Connell, Homedale, is maternal great-grandmother.

John and Gloria Lejardi of Homedale are parents of a new baby girl, Miren Aintzane, born June 26. Miren weighted 8 pounds, 9 ounces and is their first baby. Maternal grandparents are Margarita and Henry Garatea of Boise. Maternal great-grandmothers are Lucy Garatea of Boise and Margarita Osa of Burns, Oregon. Paternal grandparents are John and Francisca Lejardi of Homedale.

50 years ago

July 9, 1959

Kenny’s Service plans grand opening Saturday

Grand opening of Kenny’s Service, the Homedale Sinclair station, under management of Kenny Painter, will be Saturday when everyone is invited for free coffee and doughnuts and to visit with Mr. Painter and his father, Cleo Painter, who will assist him at the station. Also featured for the opening will be balloons for the children and the awarding of a number of door prizes.

“We specialize in service, maintenance, tune ups, and minor repairs. We hope to enlarge our facilities to include larger jobs later on,” Mr. Painter said.

Russ Immisch continues as Sinclair bulk and fuel oil agent at Homedale with headquarters at Kenny’s Service.

Fire department answers call

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called away from holiday leisure Sunday when a fire broke out at the lower Archabal sheep camp.

John Matteson, local fire chief, said two wind break fences, a coffee shack, two lamb sheds, feed bunks, and panels were burned.

It took the volunteers nearly three hours to subdue the blaze. The fences were difficult to put out because the burning debris scattered, and fire broke out again unexpectedly.

City council buys police car

A bid was awarded to the Burns Chevrolet company in Caldwell for a 1959 Chevrolet car at the regular monthly meeting of the city council, Monday night. The car will replace the police car now in use.

Other business included paying a total of \$3,728.90 in bills for June.

Local National Guard unit converted to recon outfit

The Homedale unit of the Idaho National Guard has been converted from a truck transportation company to a reconnaissance unit of the 116th armored cavalry, according to Lt. Frank J. Matteson, the Homedale unit commander.

“This conversion is a part of a nation-wide reorganization in the national guard,” Matteson said. “The 615th transportation company formerly assigned to Homedale has been eliminated from the troop allotment to the Idaho National Guard. The official designation of the new Homedale unit is Troop B, 116th Armored Cavalry.”

The cavalry unit will be equipped with M-41 light tanks, he said. These tanks have a 76mm cannon and two machine guns. The unit also will have armored personnel carriers, 81 mm mortars and radio jeeps.

Citizen of the week

R. George Wolff, M.D., L.M.C.C., was born at Irvine, Alberta, Canada, December 7, 1915. Dr. Wolff was raised at Cardston, Alberta, and graduated from Cardston high school. He studied medicine at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Immediately after graduating from the University in September, 1943, he went into the Canadian army and served until 1946 in the medical corp.

After army service, he practiced medicine for four years at Bellevue, Alberta and then moved to Homedale where he has been for the past eight years.

He married Lenora McMillan, better known to her friends as “Trix,” June 24, 1939, at Cardston. They have two children, Tony, 15 and Penny, 11.

Dr. Wolff is a member of the American Medical association, a member of the Idaho State Medical association and Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, which accounts for the initials behind his name.

He is past president and member of the staff of the Caldwell Memorial hospital and is also on the staff of the Nampa Mercy hospital. He is county coroner, county physician, medical health officer, a member of the school board, past president of the Kiwanis, member of the Elk’s lodge in Caldwell, and member of the Masonic Silver City lodge AF & AM.

140 years ago

July 3, 1869

CHARLES DICKENS IN IDAHO SHORTLY. This world-famed gentlemen will make his first appearance in this Territory, and present his claims for public recognition through the medium of his talented interpreter, Mr. George Pauncefort, and offer to the public of Boise City one of those happy and pleasing entertainments which have become both popular and fashionable throughout the country. Mr. Pauncefort’s claims for public recognition are well known, and have been thoroughly tested in the best schools and before the most critical audiences. He comes to us well recommended, and as his subject matter offers an excellent moral lesson combined with plenty of fun and variety, we hope to see a full assemblage to greet his first appearance in the Territory of Idaho and give him a warm and cordial welcome. Full details will appear in due course. *Boise Statesman*.

We believe that the people of Owyhee will welcome, most heartily, the above named gentleman if he thinks proper to visit us. If he is a fair and correct delineator of one of the most graphic writers of the age, in his particular line, it will prove a great treat to all his Owyhee listeners. We hope that Mr. Pauncefort will visit us. A dash of intellectual amusement occasionally is good for the mind, as well as for the physical health.

STEALING QUARTZ. Mr. G. W. Grayson had a sack of valuable specimens of quartz stolen from him by Chinamen as he supposed. He instituted a process of investigation for its recovery, assisted by J. C. VanSlyke and Moses Lyon, which, after several days of perseverance and vigilance proved a complete success, and resulted in the capture of the thief. It turned out to be a negro, however, instead of a Chinaman. Two negroes were arrested, James Freeman and Mills Moore. On a hearing before Justice Lynam, Freeman was held to bail in the sum of \$2,000 and Mills Moore was honorably discharged. Freeman is at present in jail.

AMUSEMENTS FOR THE 5TH. We would call the attention of everybody to Tom Wall’s programme for the 5th (Monday next). Horse racing, dancing, swinging and dining; but no post prandial speeches by the ladies, like the Sorosis, if you please. When Tom makes a contract, whether specific or implied, he is sure to comply with the conditions therein expressed, and those who love amusement will be sure to find it at Wagontown. We intend to “bet on the Grey.”

DISTRICT COURT. Judge Lewis passed sentence upon Ah Choy, on Wednesday, July 1st, who is, according to that sentence, to be hung on the 30th of this month. The court term expires on tomorrow. From what we have heard from the Bar, and from what we have seen and heard for our self, we are pleased to be able to say that Judge Lewis, from his manifest disposition to deal fairly and justly with all parties, has given entire satisfaction to the Bar and to every one.

FATHER POULIN has returned from Boise City. He will hold Mass on Sunday July 4th at Oro Fino, at 10 o’clock am, and at Silver City at St. Andrew’s Church at 11 ½ o’clock am.

POST AND GRAHAM. The Avalanche office acknowledges the receipt of a bottle labeled “Strychnine,” from Jno. A. Post, and one labeled “Blue Lightning,” from Ed. Graham, with appropriate directions. Ferd took an overdose of the strychnine — which came near knocking him off his pins — so much for not following directions — but we happened to be present at the time and prescribed a dose of Blue Lightning and his equilibrium was immediately restored. The above gentlemen have each a large assortment of the very best quality of liquors.

THE FIFTH OF JULY BALL. The Order of Good Templars give a ball on the evening of the 5th of July — Monday next. We predict a large attendance and a gay time.

Public notices

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, Idaho is requesting proposals for the following:
WEED SPRAYING CONTRACTING SERVICES
Proposals must be delivered to the Clerk, Board of Owyhee County Commissioners' Office, Owyhee County Courthouse, no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009. Proposals shall be publicly opened by the Board of County Commissioners at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Courtroom 1, Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009.
Information, specifications and other documents may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, via U.S. Mail, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, by FAX to (208) 495-1173 or by email, csherbum@co.owyhee.id.us.
All proposals must be sealed with a concise statement marked on the outside thereof generally identifying the project to which said proposal pertains.
A Proposers' conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho. Proposers wishing to participate in the pre-proposal conference via telephone please follow these directions. To participate via telephone, dial (866) 482-6958. The participant pass code is 1373237. Proposers are encouraged to attend in person or via telephone.
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and portions thereof and to waive informalities or irregularities of proposals received if this is to the advantage of the County.
Dated this 23rd day of June, 2009
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
/s/Richard Freund
/s/George Hyer
ATTEST: /s/Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk
7/1,8/09

NOTICE
The Owyhee County Transportation Plan is being prepared under the collaborative effort of 4 local entities; Owyhee County, Gem Highway District, Homedale Highway District and the City of Grand View. These entities all share a common desire to improve the transportation facilities within Owyhee County. Together, they agree that the overall purpose of the planning process is to effectively understand, plan for and implement improvements to the transportation facilities within their respective jurisdictions to meet the system and user needs over the next 20 years.
To fund the planning process, Owyhee County and Gem Highway District successfully applied for and received a transportation planning grant from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). With these funds, they have contracted with PARAGON Consulting, Inc., to complete the transportation study. When completed, the transportation plan will provide both guidance and justification

for future funding requests to support implementation of the Plan's recommendations.
In order to ensure the final Plan meets the needs of Owyhee County residents we are requesting that you take a moment and share with us your thoughts on the existing condition of the roads and the service they provide as well as your thoughts on what you believe the roads and transportation system for Owyhee County should provide in the future.
On behalf of the local highway jurisdictions in Owyhee County, we appreciate your comments and interest in planning for continued improvements throughout the County.
To provide input on the Owyhee County Transportation Plan, please go to the following web address:
<http://owyheecounty.net>
Hard copies of the survey are available by contacting the Owyhee County at the following:
Owyhee County, Attn: Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 (208) 495-2421
7/1,8,15,22,29/09

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
CASE NO. CV08-0819
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff,
Vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES of ARCHIE H. SNYDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES of FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB; DONALD LAMB, a single person; STATE OF IDAHO; CITY OF HOMEDALE, a municipal corporation; and RONI M. ATKINS, as Personal Representative of the estates of ARCHIE H. SNYDER and FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB, Defendants.
Under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale issued out of the District court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, on the 27th day of March, 2009, in the above entitled action, wherein the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree against the defendants, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Archie H. Snyder, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Flora Dolphine Lamb, Donald Lamb, State of Idaho, City of Homedale, and Roni M. Atkins, as personal representative of the estates of Archie H. Snyder and Flora Dolphine Lamb, I am commanded to sell that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
REAL PROPERTY: The North 115 feet of Lot 4, Lot(s) 5 and 6 of Block 7 of the Amended Townsite Plat of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on the 22nd day of July, 2009, at 1:00 o'clock, p.m., of said day at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Murphy, County of

Owyhee, State of Idaho, I will, in obedience to said Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, sell the above described real property, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment of the plaintiff, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America.
Dated this 27th day of May, 2009.
/s/Daryl Crandall, Sheriff
Susan E. Wiebe, Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-454-9075. ISB No. 3919, Attorney for Plaintiff.
7/1,8,15/09


TO: CITY OF MARSING RESIDENTS
FROM: CITY OF MARSING
RE: WATER QUALITY IN THE CITY
JULY 1, 2009
Dear City of Marsing Resident,
Effective January 26, 2006, the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. One well that had been supplying water to the City of Marsing, Well #3, has an arsenic concentration, which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level set forth by the EPA. Well #3 is not currently being used by the system as a water source, however, the City of Marsing is required to provide quarterly public notice of this exceedence. You will continue to receive this notice every quarter until such time as the City is notified by IDEQ the notice is no longer required.
Arsenic is a naturally occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations. Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.
The City of Marsing is taking action to permanently remove the well as a source of water for the water system. As you may be aware, the City is in the process of upgrading the municipal water system, and a new well to serve the system, and replace Well #3, will be first item completed for water system upgrade project.
7/8/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
ATF4990905376-BO Title No. 4990905376-BO Customer Ref No. 1251582
On **Monday, November 2, 2009** at the hour of **10:30 o'clock A.M.**, of said day, on the steps of **The Owyhee County Courthouse** located at **20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.**
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
A parcel of land located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Being further described as follows:

Basis of Bearings:
The North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, derived from found monuments and taken as
North 89°26'21" East with the distance between monuments found to be 2648.04 feet.
Beginning at a point on the Westerly Right-of-Way of Highway 78 from which the Northwest Section Corner of said Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian bears
North 89°43'29" West a distance of 2353.69 feet; thence along said Right-of-Way South 36°13'42" East a distance of 372.00 feet; thence leaving said Right-of-Way South 29°59'00" West a distance of 380.00 feet; thence South 81°57'23" West a distance of 425.00 feet; thence North 14°17'51" West a distance of 705.00 feet; thence North 89°26'21" East a distance of 565.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **10723 State Highway 78, Melba, ID 83641**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.
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 Roger Fannin, a married man, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Pioneer Federal Credit Union as Successor Beneficiary, recorded May 31, 2007 as Instrument No. 261167, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:
1. pay, when due and before delinquency, the entire balance of principal and interest as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$427,000.00 together with interest thereon at the variable rate of 6.25% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated May 30, 2007. The loan matured on November 29, 2008 and is now in default.
2. pay, when due, and before delinquency the real property taxes for the first half of 2008 together with penalty and interest. The principal balance as of March 19, 2009 is \$440,962.24 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at a variable rate which is currently 6.25% per annum. The per diem is \$75.51. In addition to the above, there is also due any other real property taxes which may become delinquent during this foreclosure; and late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$440,962.24, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: June 29, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone: 208-947-1553
7/8,15,22,29/09

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On October 22, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, at the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lot22,Block1,WHISPERING HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION No. 2, Owyhee County, Idaho, filed for record November 8, 2000 as Instrument No. 234317 and Affidavit to correct recorded November 22, 2000 as Instrument No. 234425, Owyhee County records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **5964 Whispering Hills Dr., Marsing, ID aka 5964 Whispering Hills Pl., Marsing, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Barry D. Kendall and Heidi A. Kendall, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded June 1, 2005, as Instrument No. 252054, re-recorded June 3, 2005, Instrument No. 252080 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THATTHEYARE,ORARENOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,609.06 for the months of October 2008 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$154,920.10 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.00% from September 1, 2008, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 19th day of June,

2009.

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

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.
7/1,8,15,22/09

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 of 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 t o 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 t o 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.

6/17,24;7/1,8/09

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 AHLI Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2007 AHLI 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
6/24;7/1,8,15/09

ANOTHER SUMMONS CASE NO. CV09-01104 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff, Vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF EDD RIPPEE and CHARLOTTE I. RIPPEE; TOM RIPPEE, a single person; KATHY HOLLANDWORTH, a single person; STATE OF IDAHO; and RONI M. ATKINS, a personal representative of the estate of EDD RIPPEE and CHARLOTTE I. RIPPEE, Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF EDD RIPPEE and CHARLOTTE I. RIPPEE; TOM RIPPEE; KATHY HOLLANDWORTH

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED That in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff’s attorney, as designated below.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

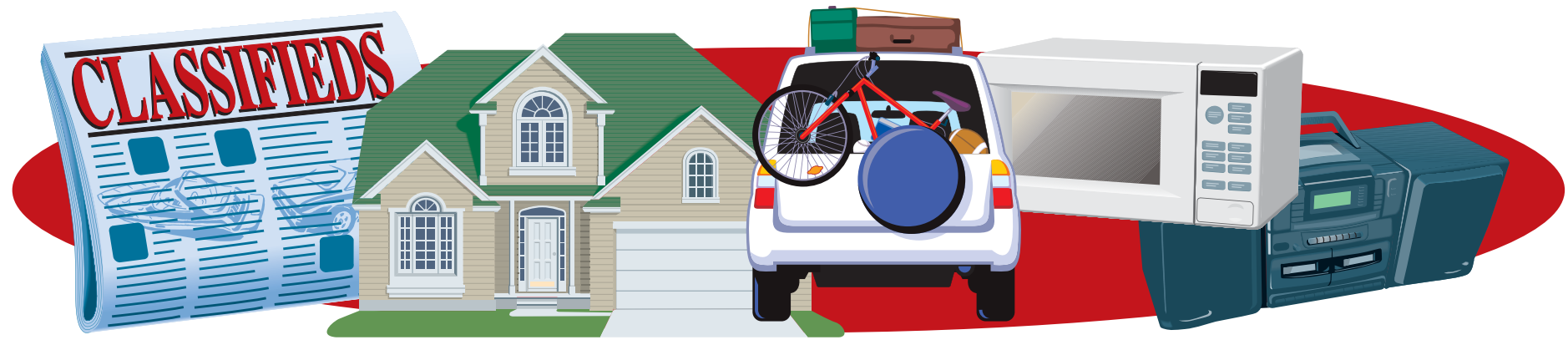
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CHARLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk

By: Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk

Susan E. Wiebe, Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-454-9075. ISB No. 3919, Attorney for Plaintiff
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<p>Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing 16 oz.</p> <p>\$3.29 ea.</p>	<p>Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese Dinner 14 oz.</p> <p>\$2.59 ea.</p>	<p>M&M's 9.9-12.6 oz.</p> <p>\$2.99 ea.</p>	<p>Western Family Southern Style Hashbrowns 32 oz.</p> <p>\$1.89 ea.</p>
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<p>Tostitos, Ruffles & Sunchips 9-11.5 oz.</p> <p>\$3.49 ea.</p>	<p>Western Family Pudding Snack 4 ct.</p> <p>\$1.19 ea.</p>	<p>Bounce Outdoor Fresh Sheets 120 ct.</p> <p>\$6.49 ea.</p>	<p>Jolly Time Blast O Butter Popcorn 6ct.</p> <p>\$3.89 ea.</p>
<p>Cheetos & Fritos Chips & Dips 7.75-11.12 oz.</p> <p>\$2.39 ea.</p>	<p>Western Family Mayonnaise 32 oz.</p> <p>\$2.89 ea.</p>	<p>Solo Plates & Cups 20-50 ct.</p> <p>\$2.89 ea.</p>	<p>Geisha Mandarin Oranges 11 oz.</p> <p>69¢ ea.</p>

HOURS: MON. - SAT. 6:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. - SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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