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Dispatcher still on job after reported jail theft

Suspension, but no charges after May 2010 incident

An Owyhee County Sheriff's Office dispatcher was disciplined but kept her job

after the disappearance of a jail inmate's property last year.

A county official confirmed for The Owyhee Avalanche that Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery conducted a criminal investigation "to a certain extent" after county jailers reported the theft of a coat owned by a woman who was incarcerated

in Murphy.

The official confirmed that the dispatcher returned the coat three months after it disappeared and only after Emery got involved in the matter. She was suspended but retained employment with the county,

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Eyes on Owyhee

Brown: Prosecutor-driven confidentiality agreement necessitates use of unnamed source.

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Marsing market relocates



Swollen river prompts move to higher ground

The Marsing Farmers Market continued its run in the sunshine Sunday in the parking lot of The Spot restaurant across the street from Island Park, a portion of which has been closed because of high water in the Snake River.

Marsing drops contract with OCSO

Law enforcement pact to end Sept. 30

After months of negotiation, the Marsing City Council has decided its time to cut ties with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

The decision came during Wednesday's monthly meeting.

During the May meeting, the council presented its request to Sheriff Daryl Crandall and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi to figure out a budget

for one full-time deputy for the city.

Mayor Keith Green said this never happened.

"I put calls in and had (city clerk Janice Bicandi) put calls in last week to try and get a copy of what it will cost for the one officer," Green said. "I got nothing back from them. We are getting blown off. I checked with sources, and there was no talk of the contract at the commissioners meeting.

"If we want to write a letter, pardon the terms '(expletive deleted) or get

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Driver's license bureaus closing to make changes

Owyhee County's three driver's license offices will close soon as part of statewide preparation for a new design and issue system for licenses and identification cards.

The county's three offices will have half-day closures later this month for staff training, equipment upgrades and installation.

The county's Grand View office will be closed all day Tuesday, June 28. The bureau is normally open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (208) 834-3333 for more

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What's closed when?

Grand View — All day Tuesday, June 28. Normal hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. (208) 834-3333

Murphy — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 29. Open remainder of day. (208) 495-1154

Marsing — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 30. Open remainder of day. (208) 896-4210

Fair and Rodeo prep in high gear with release of fairbook

Manual available in this week's Avalanche

The handbook for the 2011 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo appears in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The fair, themed "Treasures Beyond Measure", is scheduled to run Aug. 8-13 in Homedale, but action at the fairgrounds actu-

ally gets started with a free Idaho Cowboys Association slack session for the rodeo and a jackpot roping on Sunday, Aug. 7.

The fair is under new management this year as secretary/manager Karen Edwards takes over from Kelly Haun.

This year's fair book includes a detailed schedule, information on auxiliary events

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Memorial to former backcountry deputy to be dedicated this week

George Reed's widow, son to attend Friday ceremony in Murphy

A memorial for a former backcountry deputy finally gets a home Friday in Murphy.

Family and friends will gather for a public dedication of an engraved stone created in memory of former Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy George Reed.

The ceremony is set for 11 a.m. near the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. Family spokesman Gary Aman said Reed's wife, Ellen, and son, David, will attend the ceremony.

"It's been long-awaited," Aman said. "It's a real honor for them."

David Reed also used to work for OCSO.

Caldwell resident Jerry Stuart, one of the driving forces behind the plan to honor Reed, said the stone will be housed with the museum's display on Owyhee County sheriff's history. Stuart recently completed a case made of weathered wood to hold the rock, which was found on Vern Kershner's property and engraved by Boise Valley Monument Co., in Caldwell. The sheriff's Posse paid for the engraving, which denotes Reed's birthdate, his years of service with OCSO and the date of his death.

The dedication comes 11 days

after the second anniversary of Reed's passing.

Reed died on June 6, 2009, when floodwaters swept his vehicle off Idaho highway 78 and into the Snake River. He had retired less than six months earlier. He had been the county's backcountry deputy for the better part of a decade. He was 62 years old.

Aman called Reed's impact as backcountry deputy "invaluable".

"George moved our ranchers' depiction of law enforcement to a professional level," Aman said. "He cared for them. He honestly believed in protecting them."

"It wasn't just a job to him; he was living it. He really cared about the ranchers."

The engraved stone has been ready for placement for some time, but Stuart has had difficulty nailing down a location. In the meantime, the stone had been stored at the museum.

Now it will have a permanent home in the museum's exhibit chronicling the history of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

"It's the right place for it," Aman said. "Even though I got the funding and all that (for the backcountry position), he created and ran the position and did it



George Reed

very well, so it's part of history and hopefully something that will continue for years to come in that position."

The original plan was to place the stone near the horseshoe pits in Silver City, where Reed's work had helped reduce noise from motorcycles and make the historic mining town a peaceful place for its summertime residents. While the Bureau of Land Management approved of the placement, the idea was abandoned because at least one resident of the historic mining town disapproved, Stuart said.

Stuart then approached the county about placing the memorial on the courthouse grounds near the sheriff's office. The plan was discussed briefly in the administrative portion of a county commissioners meeting, but Stuart said he changed the plan again when neither the commissioners nor Sheriff Daryl Crandall communicated with him about moving forward.

— JPB

Preparations under way for annual Grand View Days

Parade, softball, adopt-a-pole entries now open

Entries are now being sought for several aspects of Grand View Days, which returns to town June 24-26.

The showcase event is the annual parade, which will be held in downtown Grand View on Saturday, June 25.

In addition to several parade entries making their way from Grand View American Legion Post 134 through town on an 18-block trek, there also will be the annual water fight pitting the fire department against parade-goers.

Parade organizer Kathy Munro said this year children will be able to purchase inexpensive water guns to defend themselves.

The parade is open to anyone who wants to enter, Munro said. Last year's event attracted 40 entries, including public safety vehicles from neighboring communities and a few floats.

"There are some floats," Munro said. "We would love to see more floats if we can get them."

The parade begins at 10 a.m. on June 25. Parade entrants are asked to begin lining up at the Legion Hall by 9 a.m.

For more information on the parade, call Munro at (208) 834-2254 or Missi Williams at (208) 834-2954.

Williams also is looking for entries for the annual coed softball tournament, which benefits Grand View Little League. The tournament will be held June 24 and June 25.

The tournament, which will be

played under Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) rules, is open to players who turn 16 by June 24.

Five men and five women must be on the field at all times for each team, and rosters are limited to 15 players. The rosters must be submitted before games begin.

The entry fee is \$225 per team, and if any players are added after roster submission, there will be a \$20-per-player charge.

For more information, email GVLLBaseball@gmail.com or call Williams at (208) 834-2954 or Dale Gray at (208) 834-3061.

The Adopt-a-Pole contest returns, and the Grand View Chamber of Commerce is looking for people and groups interested in decorating a power pole for the chance to win cash prizes.

The top three decorators will earn cash prizes for their depiction of the theme "The Grand View Days".

Displays must be up by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 23, and taken down by Tuesday, June 28.

For more information, call Vicki Deming at (208) 834-2231.

Entries also are being accepted for the canal duck race on June 25. Call Ria Collett at (208) 834-2393 for more information.

Other events and attractions for Grand View Days include:

- A carnival beginning at noon all three days
- A Firemen's barbecue beginning at 6 p.m. and fireworks at dusk on June 24
- A toilet seat race, arts and crafts exhibit, market place, horseshoe tournament, live music and children's races and games June 25
- A breakfast on June 26

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Noxious weed spray still available

Herbicide to fight blooming noxious weeds is available from the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area.

NOCWMA has spray for White-top, Russian knapweed and Perennial pepperweed.

Call the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Mars-

ing at (208) 896-4544 ext. 102 or ext. 110 for spray information as a list of the state's noxious weeds.

The NOCWMA board will set the date of its next spray day during its meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6 at the service center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing.

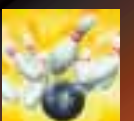
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Property owners begin paying LID assessments in full

Homedale council puts off ratifying prosecuting attorney pact again

A handful of property owners, including the City of Homedale, have submitted payment in full for their Local Improvement District assessments.

Assessments arrived in the mail early last week, and Mayor Harold Wilson reported at Wednesday's City Council meeting that some payments already had begun rolling in.

"I imagine by Monday we'll have quite a few," Wilson said.

By Monday afternoon, the number had crept to 10 property owners spanning 11 parcels, including two owned by the City of Homedale. The total money paid thus far is \$83,721.96.

The City Council put off until its June 23 meeting a decision on how to pay the \$2,800 portion of the South Board of Control's assessment that that governmental entity will not pay.

Wilson suggested the council appropriate Economic Development money to cover the cost, but Council President Dave Downum questioned whether the city had enough money in the fund. The discrepancy between the mayor and councilman on how much was exactly in the account (Wilson first said there was \$10,000 then later said the figure was "\$48,327.77" while Downum said the fund was in a \$115 deficit) forced the issue to be tabled until

the next meeting.

Property owners who don't pay their entire assessment by July 1 are subject to fees and interest that can be spread out over 10 years.

Prosecutor deal not final

Wilson appointed Homedale attorney Russell G. Metcalf as city prosecutor Wednesday, saying that city civil counsel Stephanie J. Bonney had said such a position is hired by the town's chief executive.

Wilson said it was his intention to appoint Metcalf with a "\$300 increase", meaning the attorney would earn \$1,500 per month plus expenses after being paid \$1,200 monthly plus expenses since his hiring in mid-December.

The council didn't vote on a contract. Councilman Tim Downing said he wanted to wait before voting.

Councilman Aaron Tines has contacted Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery to find out how much he would charge to prosecute Homedale's misdemeanor cases.

Wilson closed the discussion by asking acting police chief Sgt. Mike McFetridge his opinion of the job Metcalf has done.

"We're seeing our cases go through," McFetridge said. "The cases that are good are being fought for.



Vehicles navigate the intersection of Main Street and Owyhee Avenue where some of the city's new stop signs have been installed.

"In my opinion, since I've been here, he's the best we've had."

McFetridge said he's impressed with Metcalf as a prosecutor, adding that the man is accessible for questions and concerns.

The contract on the table awaiting council ratification includes the \$1,500 monthly salary and expenses as well as a clause granting Metcalf \$120 per hour for trial preparation, travel and attendance.

City to use grant to upgrade signage

City maintenance crews will replace about 30 stop signs around

town with material purchased through a \$9,900 Local Highway Technical Assistance Council grant.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer announced receipt of the grant check, saying that about \$5,000 of it already was earmarked to replenish the city funds spent last year to install two solar-powered flashing crosswalk signs near Homedale High School.

The balance from the grant gives Bauer a chance to do something that has been cost-prohibitive in past years.

"The sign budget has never quite been big enough to keep

replacements current," he said.

The signs cost about \$50 each, and Bauer said the money from the no-match grant will pay for about 70 signs and 60 metal signposts to replace aging wooden ones.

The new signs have a higher-grade reflective quality than the signs now in use, Bauer said. He added that the replacement signs will probably hold up better than the current ones.

Budget workshop slated

The council will meet at 5 p.m. on Friday for a fiscal year 2012 budget workshop. The meeting is open to the public. — JPB

"Take Me Fishing" trailer makes a stop at Island Park on Saturday

Breshears event rescheduled for July 9

On Saturday, youth can learn about fishing and use equipment for free during the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's stop at Island Park in Marsing.

The "Take Me Fishing" trailer, wrapped

in fish illustrations and stocked with fishing poles and a breadth of information will make its appearance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park. The event is free for all youth.

IDFG representatives will be on hand to provide instruction to youth anglers and equipment will be checked out on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservations are not accepted.

Participants will be granted a permit to fish even if they don't have a license. In Idaho, youth younger than 13 can fish for free.

Breshears event rescheduled

The LeRoy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day for children has been moved to Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. until early

afternoon at Island Park.

High-water fears at Island Park prompted organizers to postpone the derby, which was scheduled for June 4.

Each year the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and IDFG personnel volunteer to help children learn the enjoyment of fishing through the derby, which is named for a popular hunting education instructor.

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✓ Fair: Buckin' Country to play two Tumbleweed Theatre dances

such as the Homedale Senior Center's Buckaroo Breakfast, and instructions on how to enter the different contests and open class competitions that come to the fair each year.

Fairbooks are available free of charge at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing,

at the fair office on West Nevada Avenue at the fairgrounds or at the front counter of The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale.

The book also includes information on the Aug. 10-13 rodeo, which will again be televised on tape delay by KTRV Fox 12 on Sunday, Aug. 21.

Information on the parade, set

for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, also is available in the book. Donna Marose is the coordinator again this year. Entry forms are in the fairbook and, although pre-registration isn't necessary, Marose asked that people return the forms by Aug. 5 as a way to organize parade entries. Contact Marose at (208) 337-3757 or m224md@

yahoo.com for details.

Fairgrounds camping information and 4-H exhibitor details also are include in the book.

Entertainment at the Tumbleweed Theatre this year will include, among other acts, the 25th Army Band on Thursday, Aug. 11 and dances featuring live music from Buckin' Country on Friday,

Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13.

The fair office can be reached at (208) 337-3888 or (208) 546-1514.

Rodeo information and registration is available by calling (208) 459-2055. Call Debbie Shearn at (208) 455-7917 for Fair and Rodeo Queen contest information.

✓ License: Licenses, ID cards will be issued from central location now

information.

The office at the sheriff's office in Murphy will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29. Call (208) 495-1154 for more information.

The office in the county annex in Marsing will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 30. Call (208) 896-4210 for more information.

Schedules are subject to change, according to an Idaho Transportation Department press release. The offices in Murphy and Marsing will open after 1 p.m. for the remainder of the day.

The new licenses and ID cards will have a new look and feature state-of-the-art security elements. There also will be a new way that

the cards are issued. The changes begin this summer.

Schedules are subject to change. Customers are advised to check with individual county offices to confirm daily schedules.

The updated system will help protect drivers and ID card holders from identity theft and fraud by incorporating security features that are nearly impossible to counterfeit. The switch also means cards will be issued from a central secure location instead of over-the-counter.

With this new central issuance process, applicants leave the county office with a temporary paper document valid for 30 days. The new plastic license or ID card is produced at the central produc-

tion facility and mailed to the customer within about 10 business days. Because it is mailed, it will be critical for applicants to provide a correct address.

The temporary card is issued for driving and identity purposes until the new plastic card arrives in the mail. It includes a photo, the same information that appears on the plastic card (name, address, date of birth, height, weight, etc.), and a machine-readable bar code containing that information.

Current Idaho licenses or ID cards remain valid through their expiration date; however, individuals can opt to renew a license or ID card within one year of the expiration date.

There's no additional cost to

the consumer. License and ID card fees remain the same: \$30 for a four-year license and \$55 for an eight-year license (if it's within a year of expiration); \$15 for duplicate licenses; \$10 or \$20 for ID cards. Individuals with valid licenses or ID cards that are not within the one-year renewal window have the option of surrendering the card and applying for a duplicate card.

All other license and ID card application processes will remain basically unchanged. Fees for all driver's licenses and ID cards will also remain the same.

"The central issuance system is an established process that has proven successful and secure," says Alan Frew, DMV Division

Administrator. "This is proven technology shown to improve the security of the license, the data behind it, and the security of local DMV offices."

The new cards incorporate numerous security features, including micro-printing, ghost images and a laser-perforated pattern that reveals the shape of Idaho when held to the light. Not all security features are evident, and the enhanced security features make it obvious when a card has been tampered with.

More information is available at <http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/centralissuance.htm>. Or, contact ITD's Driver Services at (208) 334-8000 or driverlicense@itd.idaho.gov.

✓ OCSO: Sheriff puts responsibility on BOCC, prosecutor

off the pot', saying we want a response. If we send them a letter saying the contract isn't going to be renewed, we might hear something."

Deputy David Green, who was introduced as the new officer for Marsing, told the council that OCSO had given the information to Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery for review.

"The sheriff's office wanted me to relay that the information was in the prosecutor's hands," Deputy Green said. "They wanted me to pass that information to you."

Councilperson Aron Streibel asked if there was an explanation for Crandall not attending the meeting. Streibel also asked Deputy Green where the sheriff was.

"I do not have that information," Deputy Green stated.

Councilperson James Ferdinand suggested the council send a letter terminating the agreement within the 30 days allowed by the contract terms.

"We are in another quarter and now another payment is due," Ferdinand said. "They have had 30 days to get with us, and we have been clear on how timely this information is. I'm inclined we send them a letter stating they didn't comply with our request and we are terminating the contract within 30 days."

Councilperson Stella Bush agreed with Ferdinand, stating:

"We have gone through this for

four years. It just hasn't been the last three months."

City attorney Paul Fitzer explained to the council that OCSO is required by law to provide response for misdemeanor and felony calls.

"As far as community policing, no," Fitzer said. "They are also not required to prosecute our ordinances."

Keith Green told the council he had no intention of leaving the city unprotected. He added it wouldn't bother him to leave the contract in place until the end of the fiscal year, terminating it on Sept. 30.

"I think we are paying for not much response," Green said. "If we send them a letter saying the contract isn't going to be renewed, I feel we are obligated to pay through the end of the quarter."

Continuing the agreement through the end of the fiscal year would result in the city paying \$19,096.25 to close out the \$76,385 contract.

"One of the many things that frustrates me with the contract is the perceived lack of interest in the city of Marsing," Streibel said. "I move that we send a notice of cancellation to sheriff's office stating our cancellation date is September 30, 2011."

Of the four-person council, Marie Herman was the only one who voted against terminating the contract.

"I feel we shouldn't leave our citizens unprotected," she said,

after the vote.

During the motion to send the letter, Green interjected the letter needs to say, "Patrol your Owyhee County citizens"

"(OCSO) still has to patrol our misdemeanor and felonies along with 911 calls," Green said. "If someone has a problem they should call 911. We haven't had anything for three years, and we are still going to get the bare minimum with or without the contract."

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Monday, Crandall informed the commissioners the contract with Marsing had been canceled.

District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland told Crandall the reason the contract was canceled was "they didn't get a response back," to which Crandall replied, "I gave them a response".

Hoagland asked who Crandall had talked to. Crandall said he had spoken with Marsing clerk Janice Bicandi previously about the status of the contract.

"I informed them that it was over here and that I had delivered it to you guys," Crandall said. "I can't enter into a contract, it has to be you guys. My thought is it has to go to the prosecuting attorney to be looked at prior to. And so, once I sent it over here, I haven't heard from it since."

Crandall told the commissioners he had a phone recording with Bicandi "advising" her the contract had been delivered to

the BOCC.

On the recording, which Crandall gave to The Owyhee Avalanche, a phone call was made by dispatch supervisor Bev White to Bicandi on Friday, two days after the council had made its decision.

White: "The sheriff is telling me about a phone conversation that he had had with you but he doesn't know when it was. I have searched and searched and was wondering if you could tell me when it might have been. Do you know when the last time you talked to him?"

Bicandi: "It was either last week or the week before like on a Friday. I'm not sure. I just called to see if any decision was made on the contract. All he said was 'I have given it to the commissioners', and that was it."

During the two-minute and 24-second phone call, Bicandi explained, after White asked what number she called, she was speaking with Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn and Sherburn had transferred the call to the sheriff's office.

"I guess we just wait until September to see if they want to renew it or not," Crandall said.

Crandall told commissioners that the council was "fairly rude" to Deputy David Green during the Wednesday meeting when he gave his report but added "I haven't checked into that."

—JLZ

✓ Theft: Coat returned three months after missing

the source said.

No criminal charges were filed.

The theft allegation came to light after two jailers reviewed video footage from May 11, 2010, that showed the dispatcher leaving the secure facility with the coat. The jailers reported their findings to the jail supervisor, and a video of the incident was presented to Sheriff Daryl Crandall and Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler on July 28, 2010.

The county source confirmed that the dispatcher returned the coat in August 2010.

County logs show that the dispatcher was still on duty with the sheriff's office as of June 4, 2011.

Since the incident, the sheriff has instituted a new protocol limiting video access to only himself and the jail supervisor, the source confirmed.

—JPB

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Obituary

Kay C. Kelly-Breach

Kay C. Kelly-Breach, passed away in the early morning on June 2, 2011. Just previous hours before, she enjoyed a perfect day gathering cows, trailing pairs and roping and branding calves with her friends and neighbors. Dismounting her horse, she said “Well Lucy, we’ve had a good day!”

Kay was born October 7, 1947 in Boise, Idaho to Robert B. & Lena M. Kelly (Owyhee County). Kay’s first memories were living on a ranch in Reynolds Creek, Idaho. The family moved to Grangeville, Idaho in 1952 and Kay graduated from high school in 1965. She was voted into the senior class Hall of Fame for being the “Wittiest girl”. She attended the University of Idaho and graduated with Honors from San Jose State University in California. Kay earned a Masters Degree in English Literature and minored in United States History.

For a time Kay was a legal secretary and also owned a cattle ranch in Hollister, California before returning in 1983 to her dearly loved Owyhee County, Idaho. Kay married her long time best friend, Floyd Breach on February 2, 1984 and lived in Homedale, Idaho until purchasing property near Givens Hot Springs where they settled in.

For several years Kay was the administrator for the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning and



a member on the Natural Resource Committee. She was a published writer, amateur photographer and loved fly fishing. Kay was coached by her dad Bob and family friend Luis Ortega to become one of the finest rawhide braiders in this area and she mastered some beautiful rawhide pieces. Kay enjoyed riding her favorite mare Lucy while doing day work and moving cows for neighbors. As Kay would say, specialized in bovine manipulation.

Kay was preceded in death by her mother Lena Kelly of Homedale, Idaho. She is survived by her father, Bob Kelly of

Homedale, Idaho; husband Floyd Breach of Givens Springs, Idaho; son Frank Hendry of Caldwell, Idaho; step-son, Dan Breach of Boise, Idaho; brothers, Tom Kelly (Julee) of Wilson, Idaho; Milt Kelly (Martha) of Hollister, California, and Bill Kelly (Kathy) of Caldwell, Idaho; grandson Wyatt Hendry of Caldwell, Idaho; step-granddaughter, Courtney Kilton (James) of Burley, Idaho; nephews Cory Kelly (Sheri) and Robert Kelly (Danylle) of Hollister, California; and many wonderful friends and neighbors. It was Kay’s wishes that no funeral services be held.

Death notices

ALAN M. CANFIELD, 60, of Marsing, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at home. Visitation was held Sunday, June 12, 2011, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. A graveside service was held Monday, June 13, 2011, at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

LEOL. SCHWAB, 96, of Homedale, died Sunday,

June 12, 2011, at a Boise hospital. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

MARJORIE SCOTT, 86, of Homedale, died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at a Nampa hospital. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

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Locals land on UI Dean’s List

Several local students earned spots on the University of Idaho’s spring semester Dean’s List.

To be named to the list, undergraduate students earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits.

Bruneau — Ellie Jo Cantrell, College of Education; Anna Kay Cantrell and Hugo Cesar Araujo Lino, College of Science

Homedale — Jared Dean Brockett, College of Natural Resources

Jordan Valley — Athena Jane Beckwith, College of Agricultural

& Life Sciences; Elisa Anne Eiguren, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Melba — Arika Dawn Anderson and Carrie Naedean Goff, College of Business & Economics

Murphy — Emily Louise Romero, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Oreana — Melinda Jean Lewis, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Wilder — Rebecca Selena Leavitt, College of Business & Economics; Ryan Dane Johnson, College of Natural Resources

Bruneau Canyon 4-H news

by Kaitlin Erwin

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H club had a meeting on May 23, 2011. We discussed goat and lamb weigh-in, which was on May 27, 2011. Breeding projects do not need to be weighed in.

County Demonstration was at the Bruneau Elementary School on May 31. Each member of the club was required to give a county demonstration.

During the May 23 meeting, Zach Tindall and Johanna Mori gave an impromptu

demonstration on How to Give a Demonstration for the new club members. Some of the County Demonstration given were “Who Needs a Vet?”, “What is Wrong with My Goat’s Udder?”, “Difference between Feedlots and Fair”, “Puzzle Sheep”, and “Caring for My Curl Tail Friend”.

We discussed going to Nevada on June 29, 2011 to get a load of pallets to recycle.

Our next meeting will be June 20, 2011.

Homedale High School cheerleaders plan bowling benefit for June 25

The Homedale High School cheerleaders, under the guidance of new advisor Heather Mullins, will hold a bowling fundraiser on Saturday, June 25.

The event takes place between noon and 5 p.m. at Owyhee Lanes

on North 1st Street West.

The cost is \$10 per player.

There also a 50/50 raffle drawing, prizes from local businesses and food and drink specials.

For tickets, call (208) 869-6128.

Grand View PTA launches beef raffle

The winning ticket in the Grand View Elementary School PTA’s raffle for a half of beef will be held during Grand View Days later this month.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and can be purchased at Gus’s Gas or Square Deal in Grand View or the D&B Supply

store in Mountain Home.

The drawing takes place on Saturday, June 25, during Grand View Days. Tickets also will be available during Grand View Days leading up to the drawing.

For more information, call Beth Gasper at (208) 834-2400.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

June 15: Ham & cheese on bun, sweet potato fries, greens beans, salad

June 16: Beef & bean burritos, refried beans, rice

June 21: Lasagna with meat & cheese, salad, bread

June 22: Fish, macaroni & cheese, beets, bread

Rimrock Senior Center

June 16: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls, banana & orange in jello, pumpkin dessert

June 21: Sweet & sour chicken, cottage cheese, vegetable, cabbage/ carrot coleslaw, orange juice, fruit, bread pudding

Got News?

Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.

Calendar

Today

Summer Food Service free breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

Summer Food Service free breakfast
8:15 a.m. to 8:50 a.m., ages 1-18, Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Summer Food Service Program free lunch
11:30 a.m. to noon, ages 1-18, Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

OCHS board of directors meeting
7 p.m., Helen Nettleton Library, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Eastern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Firehouse

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Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

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

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Friday

Summer Food Service free breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

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Saturday

Boat safety class
9 a.m., free, limit 30 students, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. Registration: (208) 834-2808 or (208) 495-1263. Information: jzrofsky@co.owyhee.id.us or (208) 495-1154

Sunday

Marsing Farmers Market
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Island Park, Marsing. marsingfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

Monday

Summer Food Service free breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

Summer Food Service free breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

Foot clinic
8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Summer Food Service free breakfast
8:15 a.m. to 8:50 a.m., ages 1-18, Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Summer Food Service Program free lunch
11:30 a.m. to noon, ages 1-18, Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

El-Ada Marsing food distribution
Distribution is made across from the Marsing Senior Center.

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Wednesday, June 22

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Demolition Derby drivers meeting
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 573-1350 or (208) 337-4668

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



Bet You Didn't Know

Wind-aided apples inspired term now used in finance

The term windfall ... as in agriculture ... means fruit dropped on the ground by ... yep, you guessed right ... the wind.

One report that I’ve received says there is one chicken for every person in the world.

While I’m on fowl items ... bet you didn’t realize that a robin has almost 3,000 feathers.

Another foul item to consider (get it ... fowl then foul) anyway, Cleopatra was married to her own brother ... in case you’re wondering, his name was Ptolemy.

You knew that the game of lacrosse was invented by Native Americans. Now, you do.

Tell this to someone who wants to know ... each year scientists discover anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000 new insects ... most

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

Historic ranch is next stop on OCHS field trip list

The next Owyhee County Historical Society field trip will visit a ranch listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Lisa Rittenhouse is the leader for Saturday’s field trip to the Birch Creek Ranch, which is located on the Owyhee River near the Jordan Craters.

Anyone interested in joining this field trip should meet the group at Jordan Valley Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

High-clearance vehicles are required for this trip. A potluck lunch will be held at the ranch. Bring a favorite dish to share, drinks, table settings, chairs and tables.

More information about Birch Creek Ranch is available by visiting the website www.blm.gov/or/resources/heritage/culbircreek.php.

For more information, call the Owyhee County Historical Museum at (208) 495-2319 or Rittenhouse at (208) 573-1209.

Homedale Basque prepare for annual picnic

The Txoko Ona Basque Club’s annual picnic is set for Sunday, June 26 in Homedale.

The public is welcome to the event, which takes place at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The menu consists of salad, beans, solomo (pork loin), bread, French fries, rice pudding and a drink. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Several activities are planned after lunch.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., there will be sokatira (tug-o-war) and txingak (weight carrying) as well as dance performances by the Herribatza Dantzariak youth troupe directed by Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi and the Boise Oinkari Dancers.

Chorizos, solomo sandwiches, beer, wine, pop and water will be available throughout the day.

Lizard Butte Library art continues

Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library continued its second month of an ongoing art exhibit featuring local artist Audrey Corsberg.

The purpose of the exhibit is to promote Marsing’s library and support local artists.

Her artwork portrays the landscapes of the Snake River plain, the Owyhee canyons, central Idaho’s lakes and mountains, and scenes throughout the West.

The Lizard Butte Library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. For more information, call (208) 896-4690.

Owyhee County Church Directory

Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2011 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Feb.12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - Aug. 13 Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 10 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

Classics wanted for third Marsing car show on June 25

Chamber-sponsored event still looking for vendors

Despite taking a breather last year, Josh Bauer is looking to revitalize a car show highlighting shiny custom cruisers for the third Marsing Custom Classic Car Show.

The event, which is free for spectators, will take place at from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Currently, Bauer is playing a waiting game with the Snake River to determine if the show can still take place at Island Park.

“I am going to talk with the Marsing School Board to find out if we can use the football field as a backup plan,” Bauer said. “We just have to wait and see what happens with the river. Rescheduling really isn’t an option. It never works out.”

Vehicle registration costs \$15 and will begin at 9 a.m. the day of the event. The first 50 entries will receive a dash plaque and a T-shirt, Bauer said.

“We want any type of car or motorcycle,” Bauer said. “Even if a guy has a brand-new pickup that he thinks looks sweet, bring it down. We aren’t picky. Right now we have about six who have formally committed on paper, but have around 35 verbal commitments.”

A raffle prize drawing will take place throughout the show starting at 11 a.m., with prizes being selected every half hour. For those entering vehicles, a raffle ticket will be provided with registration costs. Raffle tickets for the general public will cost \$1 for one or \$5 for six.

“We have all kinds of prizes available and are still getting more,” Bauer said. “We have a lot of camping items from chairs to other gear. There will also be some bigger prizes that we will announce at the event.”

Trophies will be awarded for best in show; peoples choice; best paint; best of 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s and above; farthest distance traveled; best rat rod; and best motorcycle. Trophies will be awarded at 3:30 p.m.

Vendor space is still available for booths related to the automotive industry, Bauer said.

“This isn’t a swap meet or a yard sale,” Bauer said. “We want arts and crafts, tools, new auto parts and products. Stuff that relates to the industry.”

Booth space cost \$35. Vendors are encouraged to call Bauer at The Busted Nuckle in Marsing at (208) 896-9991 or (208) 284-4675 to register for a booth.

“I would love to get some vendors. If this is at Island Park, it works nice and will get a lot of attention for people’s cars and booths,” Bauer said. “There is going to be a lot of nice classics there. There will be a decked out Pacer. Nobody sees a Pacer anymore, it will be neat.”

For other questions or to register your vehicle, contact Bauer at the numbers provided. Proceeds benefit the Marsing Chamber of Commerce community service fund.

Mission to Mars lifts off from Marsing on Monday

Lift off will commence for the Marsing Church of the Nazarene vacation bible school on Monday at the church.

The church, located at 12 S. 2nd Ave. W., will host the week-long VBS event beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at noon each day through Friday. The program is open to children 5 years old through sixth grade.

This year’s theme, “Mission to Mars”, will include daily Bible science lessons, music, crafts, recreational activities and a healthy

snack.

For the event, the church will be transformed into “Mission Control”, and each of the classroom areas will be turned into space-like facilities and locations.

Heading up her third VBS for the Marsing church, Doris Alandi along with six other adults will lead the “Mission to Mars” program.

Parents wishing to register their children or who need additional information are encouraged to contact the church office during business hours, (208) 896-4184.

Linnie Doyle to perform in Marsing

Bill O’Connor, pastor of Marsing’s Church of the Nazarene, will host a gospel music concert featuring Linnie Doyle.

The concert will be held at the church located at 12 S. 2nd Ave. W. on Sunday at 11 a.m.

A Treasure Valley resident, Doyle has recorded CDs, and her music can be heard across the country on Christian radio stations.

Doyle is known for her role in

the Melodies of Joy women’s trio and has performed at the Marsing church before on numerous occasions.

“Since her first concert with us in 2003, it has been a pleasure to watch Linnie grow and develop as an artist,” O’Connor said in the press release.

The public is invited to attend. O’Connor said there is no admission charge.

Commissioners may face tax hike as budget cycle begins

BOCC feels pressure of another year of lower property values

As officials start developing Owyhee County's fiscal year 2012 budget, word comes that plunging property values may require a county tax levy increase for the first time in three years.

"We'll have to raise some levies, but not sure what levies if they're maxed out already," Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland said some levy rates are frozen by law and that the county levy can't increase more than three percent in a given year. He said the county levy hasn't been increased in three years.

News of another year of lower property values comes as county officials gather to hammer out another budget.

"Based on (lower valuations), we're really going to have to hold the line and look at our budgets as we go through this process," Hoagland said.

Department heads met with the commissioners two days last week and were scheduled to wrap up delivery of their appropriations wish

lists in the afternoon at Monday's weekly meeting in Murphy.

"Generally the way we go about it," Hoagland said, "is they make their proposals then we'll kind of question their different lines and if they can justify them they'll probably stay."

"If they can get by with less, we'll ask them to. It's kind of hard to predict with some of them."

Hoagland, the District 1 commissioner from Wilson, said commissioners typically spend about 45 minutes with each department. In June 6 and June 8 meetings, commissioners covered every area except the Waterways Committee budget and the county fair budget.

No decisions on shaping budgets have been made yet as this first round of meetings are merely information-gathering sessions for the commissioners, County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said.

Hoagland expects his colleagues, Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) and Joe Merrick (District 3), to take a close look at the numbers as their

first budget cycle begins.

"We're going to look at it pretty close," Hoagland said. "I know the other two commissioners are pretty conservative, and they're going to take a pretty hard line to make sure there is no fluff in it at all, which has been done for the past three years anyway."

Close scrutiny is warranted with property assessments continuing to plunge, Hoagland said.

"The assessor (Brett Endicott) told us that valuations are down pretty much across the board again," the commissioner said. "He didn't go into specifics because it varies from taxing district to taxing district, but there is a pretty substantial decrease in values that will affect the property taxes."

After county property owners began receiving their assessments earlier this month, The Owyhee Avalanche filed a public records request with the Assessor's Office

seeking comparisons of property values between 2010 and 2011.

County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery answered the request on June 8, stating that the records wouldn't be available until they were "finalized/certified", and suggested the newspaper re-file its request in 35 days.

County Assessor Brett Endicott explained that comparing parcel values at this juncture to the 2010 valuations wouldn't be an "apples to apples" analysis because figures on new construction could still be received and any disputed 2011 assessments still must go through the Board of Equalization appeals process. Endicott said his office has received word of three possible appeals.

In a Monday morning interview, Endicott did extend the Avalanche the opportunity to compare valuations on its own, saying he doesn't have time because of changes in

his job duties.

The certification process comes from the Idaho State Tax Commission and pertains to setting levies for fiscal year 2012.

Hoagland said while departments will once again be asked to cut expenses close to the bone he doesn't expect any layoffs in general.

The ultimate resolution of service contracts could affect the sheriff's office, though.

"I don't think there will be any job loss. It's pretty early at this point," he said.

"Depending on the Idaho Power contract and the Marsing city contract (both for law enforcement services), those could have an impact on the sheriff's office."

The Marsing City Council on Wednesday voted to terminate its contract with the county at the end of the current fiscal year.

— JPB

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 100 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 3,671 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 2,996 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 715,769 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 4:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
06/07	0.0	0.0	23.1	63.1	45.0	50.7
06/08	0.0	0.0	23.1	60.4	42.8	49.1
06/09	0.0	0.0	23.1	59.5	39.4	50.0
06/10	0.0	0.0	23.1	59.2	36.5	47.7
06/11	0.0	0.0	23.2	62.2	37.6	49.3
06/12	0.0	0.0	23.2	61.7	36.5	50.4
06/13	0.0	0.0	23.2	65.7	41.2	54.7
Reynolds Creek						
06/07	0.0	0.0	26.3	58.6	43.7	50.9
06/08	0.0	0.0	26.5	59.0	42.4	49.3
06/09	0.0	0.0	26.5	55.4	36.3	45.1
06/10	0.0	0.0	26.5	57.2	35.6	45.1
06/11	0.0	0.0	26.7	56.7	40.8	48.6
06/12	0.0	0.0	26.7	58.6	43.9	50.0
06/13	0.0	0.0	26.7	62.8	42.3	52.5
South Mountain						
06/07	0.0	0.0	45.9	52.5	40.6	46.6
06/08	0.0	0.0	46.2	55.0	39.4	45.5
06/09	0.0	0.0	46.2	52.5	35.4	43.7
06/10	0.0	0.0	46.2	54.7	33.4	43.3
06/11	0.0	0.0	46.3	56.3	41.9	47.7
06/12	0.0	0.0	46.4	57.4	40.6	47.3
06/13	0.0	0.0	46.4	59.5	39.7	50.0

*-99.9 indicates invalid data received from sensor

Weather

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June 7	71	54	.08
June 8	72	49	.07
June 9	71	42	.00
June 10	69	43	.00
June 11	73	44	.00
June 12	77	45	.00
June 13	64	58	.12



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Wet spring delays fire season, creates high potential for grass fires

With the unusually wet spring and still above-average snowpacks lingering in the mountains, fire managers and meteorologists are predicting a later start to the fire season. Despite the high moisture, officials warn for the potential of grass fires.

Bureau of Land Management fire manager for the Boise District Andy Delmas is predicting a later start to this year's fire season, but cautions those living in the lower Snake River Plain area of potential grass fires.

"The lower level lands in the Snake River plain, concern me because of the grasses," Delmas said. "The light, flashy fuels can carry fires. So far, we are projecting a below normal fire season."

Delmas said with the snowpack still at above-normal levels, the Boise District is "in a good situation".

"We are able to send our firefighters out to fires in other areas," Delmas said. "The trees and shrubs have so much moisture that they will be healthy and vibrant for a while. The grasses, when they dry up, will have the potential to carry the fire season."

Robyn Heffernan, a fire weather meteorologist with the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, helps predict what the upcoming fire season will look like across the region. Overall, she said this year could be a light year for fires in the area.

"We have been very cool and wet year-to-date," Heffernan said. "With this, in Southwest Idaho it will postpone (the fire season) at least two weeks in the lower (elevations) and four to six in the higher (elevations)."

Typically, Heffernan said the first couple weeks of June is when the active fire season begins.

"We don't anticipate to see fires until the later part of June to the beginning of July. This is for the lower elevations," Heffernan said. "It isn't to say that the higher elevations won't see fire, but the period of time for that area to be susceptible won't be for an extended period of time. Our concern is for the lower elevation and the potential for grass fires is high."

Heffernan said the climate outlooks for July and August through September are for warmer than normal temperatures and drier-than-normal weather.

"It is anticipated to dry up. We have a lot of grasses growing, and they cure quickly. That will be our concern," Heffernan said.

"Regardless of what the fire season projection is, people should take precautions every year."

Both Heffernan and Delmas encourage home and landowners to create defensible space around structures.

"Clear brush and vegetation around the home creating at least a 100-foot buffer," Delmas said. "If you have hay or alfalfa, shed or barns, knock down the potentials and we will be in better shape."

For more information on creating defensible space, visit the Idaho Firewise website at <http://www.idahofirewise.org>.

—JLZ



Zone 1. Your Home (the red zone)

In zone 1, steps have been taken to decrease and/or eliminate the ignition potential of your home. Particular attention is paid to non-flammable roofing, enclosing soffits and overhangs, removing debris from roofs and gutters, and identifying flammable items such as patio furniture, brooms, flowerboxes, doormats, etc.

Zone 2. Your landscape (the yellow zone)

In zone 2, the home is surrounded by a greenbelt of well-watered and maintained plant materials. Perennials, ground-covers, and annuals are planted in groups with individual trees and shrubs. These islands of vegetation are surrounded by rock or brick retaining walls and well-watered turf. Firewood and propane tanks are placed on gravel or concrete pads. This zone requires yearly removal of overgrowth and dry debris on the ground, as well as pruning trees.

Zone 3. Beyond 100 feet (the green zone)

Zone 3 is composed of native vegetation that has been thinned. If possible, highly flammable species of trees and shrubs are removed and replaced with less-fire-prone species.

Creating defensible space key to protecting homes, land in fires

Homeowners encouraged to assess property for potential dangers

Something as simple as a broom left on your porch could put your home at risk during a wildfire.

With the fire season getting a little bit of a breather because of wet spring weather, Jennifer Swann, executive director of Idaho Firewise, encourages homeowners to take an opportunity to check their properties for potential fuels.

"It is really about walking the property and looking at the simplest things," Swann said. "Thinking about decorative items placed around the home, wreaths and planters with dead vegetation are a good place to start. Even simple things like a broom can lead to your home catching fire."

Swann said it is common to see embers from wildland fires travel up to a mile away from a fire site. She has viewed video

from home fires that have been started from embers landing on a broom placed on a porch.

"With our homes, it is critical to think in terms of embers. Not the flaming front of a fire," Swann said. "I always ask people to look at their property and think about what could be ignited by an ember."

When evaluating your home for potential fire risks, Swann said to start on your porch and work from there moving in a circle up to 200 feet away. Idaho Firewise recommends a minimum of 30 feet up to 200 feet depending on the location of the home available fuel sources and the ground the home sits on.

"The defensible space really depends on the area you are in," Swann said. "With the grasses and sage brush areas of Owyhee County, we would encourage 100 feet of space. The ground you live on also impacts how much space you need. The flatter the slope, the less space you need."

Swann said if a home sits on a moderate to severe slope, owners are encouraged to have up to the 200-foot defensible space.

Overall, the first step in creating a space around your property is removing dead vegetation, which can be consumed easier than living plants, she said.

"The most obvious and effective is the dead stuff that is laying around," Swann said. "Creating adequate separation in the existing landscaping

is another key aspect to the defensible space."

Existing landscaping should be inspected and routinely trimmed, she said. Clearing branches and limbs that can be "ladder fuels" help in creating the "horizontal and vertical" separation in potential fire hazards.

Swann said horizontal spacing of vegetation should be at least two times the height of the average shrub or tree. Vertical spacing should be three times the average.

"Pruning branches from the lower third of a tree along with creating nonflammable areas between plant types is part of the separation," Swann said. "Keeping the ladder fuels from allowing the fire to spread one to the next creates some of the defensible space."

On the Idaho Firewise website, www.idahofirewise.org, under the "Homeowner Information" tab, homeowners can find a printable form they can use to evaluate their property to identify potential risks.

Swann said the first call should be to your local fire department and ask for assistance to identify risks around homes.

"If there is something that isn't on our website people can contact us to ask questions," Swann said. "Typically, we can do site evaluations for home assessments, but contacting the local fire department is a great area to start. If there is no one available, we can certainly help with defensible space evaluations."

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County, legislators hope District 23 survives redistricting

Six-person bipartisan panel begins task of redrawing boundaries

Even before the state's legislative redistricting panel convened, Owyhee County politicians made it clear they wanted nothing to do with breaking up District 23.

In sharp contrast to the fervor raised when the district was created in the wake of the 2000 Census, county officials say they like the men from the east who represent the county in the Idaho Legislature and they want no part of change.

In fact, commissioners are keeping their fingers crossed that none of the radical plans they've heard in a recent meeting with two of those legislators come to fruition.

District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) told the Board of County Commissioners on May 23 that some Republican plans he saw earlier this year proposed moving part of Owyhee County's population into a district to include parts of either Canyon County or Payette County.

County officials would prefer things remain the same because, in their eyes, Owyhee County's rural values align better with western Twin Falls than with the burgeoning urban culture of Canyon County.

District 23A Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls), who was also at the May 23 gathering, said that public input on the local level is necessary to save the voice of agriculture in the Legislature.

"We're going to lose rural legislators," he said. "We're talking several in south central Idaho."

Public meetings on redistricting have begun, but citizens can visit the Maptitude page on the Idaho Legislature website, <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/redistricting/maptitude.htm>, to draw up their own suggested boundaries and submit them to the citizen Commission for Reapportionment.

The six-person commission, appointed by party leadership and divided evenly between Democratic and Republican representation, convened early last week in Boise and Caldwell. Panel members have 90 days to redraw legislative district boundaries across the state based on population totals from the 2010 Census.

Other public hearings could be held around the state. There are several proposals but nothing finalized, and one committee person, Boise Republican Lou Esposito, has suggested that a possible night meeting could be held sometime next month in Marsing.

Reapportionment is a once-a-decade chore that crops up after each Census. The bipartisan committee format is in its second run. Before 2000, the state Legislature was in charge of redrawing boundaries.

District 23 encompasses all of

Owyhee County and the western portion of Twin Falls. Three Republicans — Hartgen and Patrick in the House and Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) in the state Senate — represent the district's citizens.

Referring to the 2010 Census, Hartgen said Twin Falls County experienced a 20 percent bump in population in the past 10 years to 77,230. Owyhee County's population grew 8½ percent to 11,526.

Hartgen said a legislative district is formed for every 44,788 people in the state. Currently the state has 35 districts. The combined population of Twin Falls and Owyhee counties (88,756) is within 820 people of qualifying for two districts. Hartgen said a five percent variation from the population threshold is allowed and that with the bulk of the population in Twin Falls, it could be possible that just a readjustment of the District 23/

District 24 boundary line toward the east — bringing in more Twin Falls voters — could satisfy the redistricting requirement.

The state law's provision that legislative district boundaries preserve "traditional neighborhoods and local communities of interest" could favor maintaining the status quo because District 23 voters in both counties share commonalities such as an agricultural way of life and small school districts.

The current district boundary was controversial when the first reapportionment commission drew it in the wake of the 2000 Census. Some Owyhees feared a diminished voice in state issues.

That outlook has changed. "It wasn't very popular 10 years ago, but it's a good mix and we have a good rapport with you three," District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said.

Still there are some constituents who are uneasy that no politicians from the west side of the district have reached the Legislature, although some have tried, including most recently Marsing's Doran Parkins, who lost to incumbent Tom Gannon of Buhl in the 2008 GOP state Senate primary.

But being represented by a Canyon County-based legislator would be worse, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

"People on my end of the county feel they're not being represented because they're so far from Twin Falls, but there is a big thing about crossing the river (into Canyon)," Aberasturi said.

"As soon as you start talking about crossing the river, that's kind of a stop there because Owyhee County is Owyhee County."

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries is using a Federal Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant to match up Bruneau Valley and other libraries throughout the state with the lowest-cost providers of broadband Internet service.

Eighty percent of the Bruneau Valley Library's Internet bills will be paid by the FFC E-Rate Universal Service, according to a press release from the library.

"The reduction in Internet costs is a huge benefit to a library with such a small budget," Bruneau Valley Library director Clara Morris said. "People need computer and Internet access more, and we are pleased to provide this service."

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Interior takes new tact on wilderness

Idaho senators back grazing permit, EAJA reform legislation

At least in the view of one official, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar embraced the Owyhee Initiative philosophy when he issued a memo modifying the Obama administration’s Wild Lands policy.

“What he’s saying pretty much mirrors an initiative process like the Owyhee Initiative,” Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said. “That’s what I can see in there. I thought that was fantastic.”

In his June 1 memo, Salazar stated that the controversial and vague Wild Lands policy rolled out in a December Secretarial Order has been modified to adhere to the Wilderness Act. The memo was issued in the wake of the 2011 Continuing Resolution in which Congress barred the use of Interior appropriations in implementation of the Secretarial Order 3310.

Instead, Salazar said, the Department of the Interior will collaborate with Congress, states, tribes and local communities to identify federal lands that may be appropriate for congressional protection under the Wilderness Act.

“I think that was a huge plus on his part compared to what he was doing before,” Hoagland said of Salazar’s embrace of a collaborative process.

The District 1 commissioner said that the new protocol makes more sense

because it gives the public that will be affected by wilderness input through collaboration. Under the original Order, public meetings would have been used to shape decisions.

Hoagland said that the memo most likely ends the wilderness characteristics inventory BLM crews had undertaken in Owyhee County. He also believes that the memo essentially ends the chance of more wilderness being added in the backcountry.

Secretarial Order 3310 was met with criticism and fear from multiple-use groups and ranchers who saw it as a tool to circumvent the Wilderness Act and designate more acres of federal land as wilderness.

The burgeoning policy, which called for inventory of federal lands to determine wilderness characteristics based on a broad and vague criteria, met resistance from congressmen, including Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), who threatened to defund the agency.

“We will focus our effort on building consensus around locally supported initiatives and working with (congressmen) to advance their priorities for wilderness designations in their states and districts. Together, we can advance America’s proud wilderness legacy for future generations,” Salazar said in a press release.

Last week, Salazar asked members of Congress for ideas about areas that have strong local support for protection as wilderness. By Oct. 15, he plans to present to Congress a list of areas overseen

by the Bureau of Land Management that he believes are ready for immediate Wilderness designation.

According to a press release, Salazar’s letter asks members of Congress for input to inform Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes’s efforts to develop recommendations for how BLM should manage the millions of acres of land that are not protected under the Wilderness Act, but that have wilderness characteristics.

Crapo and Idaho congressional colleague Sen. Jim Risch also have thrown their support behind legislation to expedite grazing leases and give ranchers an opportunity to recover litigation costs through federal funding much like environmental groups do now.

Crapo, Risch and other western senators have introduced the Grazing Improvement Act of 2011. The legislation would allow the BLM and other federal agencies to issue grazing permits concurrently with the execution of environmental assessments on the allotments in question.

The Act also would empower agencies to issue exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act during permit reviews, giving ranchers continuity in their operations and minimizing the possibility of permits being revoked because of a lack of money to speed the assessment process.

Hoagland cheered the moves, saying that the grazing lease reform would allow ranchers to stay on their ground as the National Environmental Policy Act process is completed. Under the current protocol, cattlemen must move

their animals off allotments at the close of a grazing season if the environmental assessments on a new permit hasn’t been completed.

Crapo and Risch also are co-sponsors on the Government Litigation Savings Act, which in part would assist ranchers and other public lands interest groups in recovering attorney’s fees and other expenses related to federal litigation on natural resource issues.

Environmental groups such as Western Watersheds Project routinely request reimbursement through the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). The new legislation would require organizations that file copious lawsuits to demonstrate a “direct and personal monetary interest” in the legal action and also would set a cap on attorney fees.

“They’re right on track,” Hoagland said. “I think they’ll get a lot of support on that throughout the nation because the (EAJA) thing is just crazy, and (research) shows the biggest blatant abuses by those environmental groups and at least this will get some accountability there and put limits on it.”

While WWP has benefitted from the EAJA fund, Owyhee County ranchers Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry were denied reimbursement of more than \$1 million in court costs associated with their water rights victory over the federal government.

Crapo has twice introduced legislation seeking relief for Nettleton and Lowry, most recently on March 9.

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New juvenile cases shift back to Homedale

Probation chief: More convenient for area families

After two years, juvenile court cases for western county offenders will return to the magistrate courtroom at Homedale City Hall.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery informed the Board of County Commissioners of the request from Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober and county Public Defender William Wellman during a June 6 meeting in Murphy.

Open cases involving juvenile offenders from the Homedale-Marsing area will be completed in Murphy, according to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn.

“Homedale cases already open will probably continue up here, and Bruneau-Grand View cases will be in Murphy, too,” Sherburn said.

New western county cases will be heard in Homedale on the first Wednesday of each month beginning Aug. 1.

All juvenile cases were moved to Murphy in 2009 after budget

cuts forced reductions in staff and operating days at the Homedale courtroom.

Chief probation officer Doris Jewett was pleased to hear of the change because it creates less of a burden on the families of the juveniles. She said about 75 to 80 percent of all county juvenile cases originate from the Homedale-Marsing region.

“We’ve always gone up there anyway because it’s a court day,” Jewett said of her staff. “At the time (of the transfer of cases to Murphy), the only way we disagreed with it was because a juvenile case can take two to four times in court to get resolved. That’s a lot of time on the road for those families.”

There won’t be much savings for the county, but Emery won’t be available in Murphy on those Mondays because he’ll do all his work from Homedale, where he lives with his family.

The Homedale court is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Motion days take place at 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

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Valley’s Ford collectors embrace Owyhee County



Auto heritage on display

Seventeen Fords owned by members of the Treasure Valley Model A Club and the Western Idaho Model T Club helped round out the attractions at Outpost Days earlier this month. **Right:** The Mortensen family shows off their Model T Speedster in Murphy. Submitted photos



Strong turnout at Outpost Days just latest Model T/Model A foray

Early Ford enthusiasts can’t seem to get enough of Owyhee County.

Outpost Days was only the most recent visit to the south side of the Snake River for the Treasure Valley Model A Club and the Western Idaho Model T Club.

The two clubs, which feature members from Owyhee County, were the centerpiece of a 17-vehicle classic car display adjacent to the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy during the June 4-5 event.

According to Don Borchers, who is a member of both clubs, the Ford enthusiasts have been attending Outpost Days since the 1970s.

But there’s more to the story than just cruising to Murphy.

The Western Idaho Model T Club has been an annual ardent supporter of the Hope House in Marsing, raising \$750 with a quilt raffle last year and also bringing vehicles out for educational opportunities for Hope House children.

Earlier this year, the Treasure Valley Model A Club held its Marsing Tour. On May 7, cars were driven from Nampa to Marsing via Idaho highway 45 and Idaho 78. The line of vintage cars swooped down across the Snake River and drove through Givens before the last part of the Owyhee leg down Main Street in Marsing.

According to the latest Treasure Valley Model A Club newsletter, another Owyhee County visit — the Silver City Tour — could come through the area later this month.

There are 87 Model A Club members, and 66 people belong to the Model T Club.

Lonnie and Juanita Godlevsky of Homedale and Bill Sullivan of Bruneau are Owyhee-area members of the Model T Club, and Mike Gooding of Wilder belongs to the Model A group. Homedale’s Joe and Jan Aman hold dual membership in both the Model A and the Model T organizations.

— JPB

Outpost Days benefits greatly from weather, crowds

OCHS chief dubs museum fundraiser a success

The planets aligned for Outpost Days organizers, resulting in a big turnout and a successful fundraiser.

Owyhee County Historical Society president Meril Ebbers couldn’t put a number on the attendance, but didn’t deny the role Mother Nature played in bringing the throngs to Murphy for the June 4-5 event.

“This was the first good weekend we’ve had weather-wise all spring, and I think that brought a lot of people out,” he said.

“I was quite happy with the turnout. Everybody seemed to have a good time, and the vendors were happy.”

Also pleased were the raffle winners, although only one person’s full name was known to organizers by press time this

week.

Marsing resident Faye Pfrimmer won the annual quilt raffle. A gentleman named Hyrum won the Remington rifle. Both winners put only their first names and phone numbers on their tickets, Ebbers said.

Outpost Days, which has grown from two days two years ago to a Friday night-through-Sunday event in 2010 and this year, is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Caldwell cowboy poet Art Honey kicked off this year’s Outpost Days with a performance Friday night.

Ebbers reported that Saturday’s auction brought in 62.5 percent more proceeds than last year’s event.

“The people who ran that just did a super job on it,” Ebbers said.

Returns are still being tabulated, but Ebbers says the auction garnered about \$6,500 so far. The raffle brought in \$4,400 and the pie shop earned about \$1,100.

The breakfast brought in about \$1,000, with crowds creating a shortage of eggs, according to organizer William Shaw. Shaw said that an extra three dozen eggs were brought in, but breakfast workers still had to scour willing households in Murphy to find more eggs to get through the weekend.

The return of the Horny Toad Race also drew a large crowd. Event chair Shane Riley reported 20 entries, including the winner from Nampa and a TCU horned frog from Texas.

“That was the only toad from Texas,” Riley said. “It passed a 10-day quarantine from reptile herpes virus and was OK’d by the Idaho State Vet Board.”

The race made its first run since 2009 when a 38-year-old woman from New Jersey, Sheri Simmons, had the world champion entry. In 2011, the children reclaimed the crown with Nampa’s Ethan Wiese taking the prize.

Funds raised from Outpost Days will be

used primarily for operation of the museum in Murphy, Ebbers said.

Once a successor for departed director Thom Couch is found, plans to create more exhibits at one of the state’s largest county museums will get back on track, Ebbers said.

“Shirley Kroeger (a Murphy resident) has done a great job,” Ebbers said of the woman who has spent much time putting together displays. “She put another large harness display up in a big area, and she’s done quite a bit on Indian artifacts and the sheriff’s display.”

After a new director takes the helm, Ebbers hopes that many artifacts now in storage can be brought out for the public to enjoy.

The director search is nearing its end, with three interviews planned today and Friday. The Board of County Commissioners will weigh in on the hiring because the director is paid through county funds.

— JPB

Avalanche Sports

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Zac Lowder delivers a pitch during Wednesday's home game against the Middleton M's. The Rivercats lost to the M's in a one-run battle, 2-1.

Rivercats grab third at Caldwell wood bat tourney

Legion team to host the Eagle Vipers on Saturday

In a wood bat only tourney, the Owyhee Rivercats pushed through some powerhouse opponents to bring home a third-place finish last week in Caldwell. Built on a strong pitching rotation, coach Jerry Stacy credits the arms of his five starters with holding the Rivercats above water.

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“Jose Gonzalez, Isaac Lopez, Jordan Jarvis, Joey Burril and Zac Lowder all had outstanding outings,” Stacy said. “Our pitchers kept us in every game and gave us the opportunity to win every game.” Throughout four days of action, the American Legion-sponsored Rivercats pulled off wins over two teams from the Treasure Valley and one from Utah.

Tournament champions Idaho Falls Royals knocked the Rivercats from the wood bat title chase in a one-run, 6-5 decision Friday morning. “We have lost only four games, and they have all been to good teams by only one run,” Stacy said. “We’re close to getting to where we need to be to be successful in the district tourney in July.” On their way to third place, the Rivercats beat

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Homedale High School volleyball camps planned to begin in July

Adult turf tourney set for July, too

The Homedale High School volleyball program will launch three fundraisers in July, including a grass tournament on Saturday, July 30. The batch of benefits for coach Janel Van Dyke’s program begins with a pair of youth skills camps next month. The Lil’ Trojan Volleyball Camps will run from Monday, July 11 to Thursday, July 14 inside the Homedale High School



gymnasium. One camp is open to athletes entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade in the fall. The other will coach incoming seventh- and eighth-graders. The cost is \$30 per camp, and the price includes a camp T-shirt. The fourth-through sixth-grade camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each

day. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. on July 11. The seventh- and eighth-graders will drill from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. that week. Check-in is at 12:30 p.m. on July 11. The H-Town Slam Down four-on-four grass tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on July 30 at HHS. The entry fee is \$40 per team. Participants must high school age or older. The three divisions will be Women’s, Just For Fun and Coed. For more information on any of the events, contact Van Dyke by email at jvandyke@homedaleschools.org or by phone at (208) 697-2358.

HTAA golf scramble rescheduled

In an effort to get more participation, the golf tournament to benefit Homedale School District athletic transportation has been moved to August. Homedale High School athletic director announced the change last week, just days before the Homedale Trojan Athletic Association golf scramble was scheduled to tee off at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder. Hart said the move was necessitated by a slow turnout of teams. He had only three signed up by June 7, and they were notified of the change early last week. The nine-hole tournament will be played at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5 at the River Bend course. Hart said the night

was chosen because it’s close to the start of fall football practice, the Owyhee County Fair and the school year. All other details remain the same, including: • An entry fee of \$40 per person or \$160 per four-player team. The registration includes greens fee, cart and dinner. • Hole sponsorships also are available for \$50. Sponsors, whether they are a business, individual or family, also will have signs posted at the clubhouse. Hart said he has secured eight sponsors thus far and has set a goal of having two sponsors for each hole. For more information, contact Hart at dhart@homedaleschools.org or (208) 337-4613 or (208) 407-4287.

Sports



2011 Homedale Summer Classic

Neither host Homedale High School or county rival Marsing High School made it past the first round of the annual Homedale Summer Classic this past week.

Both fell into the losers' bracket after dropping their opening-round games Saturday.

Left: Marsing's Miguel Leon looks for an opening to make a pass during their win Friday over Weiser High School.

Right: Xavier Hernandez drives past a Vale, Ore., defender during Homedale's win on Friday morning.

A total of 74 games were played from Friday morning until Saturday afternoon.



✓ Rivercats: Owyhee hits road for two games this week

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the Caldwell Bobcats, 4-2, on Thursday. On Saturday, they had a strong showing against Utah's Blacksmith Trappers, winning 10-4 and on Sunday taking down the Boise Seminoles, 6-4, for third place.

Saturday: Rocky Mountain Avalanche 13, Rivercats 5 — In between tournament games, the Rivercats came back across the river from Caldwell to compete in an afternoon showing in Homedale against the Rocky Mountain Avalanche.

"We had a bunch of errors," Stacy said. "They were a little tired and weren't ready to play. Then it all went in the toilet."

June 8: Middleton M's 2, Rivercats 1 — Faced with a driving rain and a howling wind, the Rivercats got behind early and couldn't quite come back against

the Middleton M's. Despite Lowder only allowing two runs on three hits, the offense couldn't get the ball moving to put runs on the board.

"Zac continued his dominant ways on the mound against a good team," Stacy said. "He keeps hitters off-balance and, in my opinion, is the best pitcher I've seen throw this entire baseball season. The offense never got going, and we wasted a great pitching outing."

The Rivercats play host to the Eagle Vipers at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Homedale High School baseball diamond.

The squad also tackles the Middleton Rookies in a 6 p.m. game on the road Friday and travels to Boise to take on the Bishop Kelly Barons at 4 p.m. Sunday.

— JLZ

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grill a better-for-you burger

FAMILY FEATURES

Warm weather is a prime time to throw on an apron, grab a spatula and fire up the grill. And no dish better represents the season than the burger.

There are as many burger varieties as there are ways to top them. From beef to turkey and grain to veggie, burgers offer a perfect canvas for combining flavors, so there's something to suit nearly any palate. Why not join the more than 47 percent of Americans who eat meat, but seek to eat less of it*, by grilling up a meatless burger? They provide the endless variations of their meaty counterparts, but most contain less fat.

For a savory steakhouse-style burger, dress a *MorningStar Farms Grillers* Original Veggie Burger with this Portabella Mushroom and Onion Burger Topping. This recipe makes it easy to lose fat, but keep the flavor, with 57 percent less fat** than regular ground beef. This particular meatless burger is also an excellent source of protein.

Goat Cheese Topped Veggie Burgers and Cumin Crusted Black Bean Burgers with Avocado Relish are sure to fire up the taste buds. For a Mediterranean flair, add goat cheese, baby spinach, rosemary and thyme or take your menu south of the border with cumin, black beans and avocado relish. Complement these choices with fresh, grilled corn on the cob, zucchini and red peppers to add a punch of color to every plate.

For a sweet conclusion, brush nectarine halves with margarine and honey and grill face down for about 12 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon and serve alongside a scoop of ice cream for an easy, unique dessert.

For more better-for-you burger ideas and recipes that can be used year-round, visit www.morningstarfarms.com.

*Source: Kellogg IPSOS Study 2010
***MorningStar Farms Grillers* Original (64g) contains 6g fat per serving, compared with regular ground beef (64g) containing 14g fat per serving.

Goat Cheese-Topped Veggie Burger



Goat Cheese Topped Veggie Burger

Serves: 1

- 1/2 ounce chèvre (goat cheese), softened (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon fat free milk
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 *MorningStar Farms Garden Veggie Patties* Veggie Burger
- 1/2 cup fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1 hamburger bun, split and toasted (about 1 1/2 ounces)

In small bowl combine chèvre, milk, rosemary, thyme and garlic salt. Set aside. Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods). Remove veggie patty from grill and spread cheese mixture on top. Top bun bottom with spinach, burger and bun top.

Portabella Mushroom and Onion Burger Topping

Serves: 4

- 4 ounces portabella mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup steak sauce OR 1/4 cup vegan steak sauce
- 1 package *MorningStar Farms Grillers* Original
- 4 hamburger buns

Sauté mushrooms and onion in olive oil in large saucepan for 3 to 4 minutes. Add water and cover with lid. Simmer another 3 to 4 minutes. Remove lid and add steak sauce. Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods). Serve burger on bun with warm topping.

Cumin Crusted Black Bean Burger with Avocado Relish



Cumin Crusted Black Bean Burger with Avocado Relish

Serves: 1

- 2 tablespoons seeded, peeled, and finely chopped avocado
- 2 tablespoons seeded and finely chopped tomato
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 teaspoon lime juice (divided)
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 *MorningStar Farms* Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burger
- 1/8 teaspoon cumin
- 1 hamburger bun, split (about 1 1/2 ounces)

In small bowl toss together avocado, tomato, onion, 1/2 teaspoon lime juice and red pepper. Set aside. Brush burger on both sides with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon lime juice. Rub cumin onto both sides of burger. Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods). Top bun bottom with burger, avocado mixture and bun top.



Portabella Mushroom and Onion Burger Topping

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
E Hominy Grits

I was having a nice chat with a ranch woman in New Mexico. We wound up discussing children. Then the subject of sons came up. We noted the special relationship between mothers and sons. Cheri, the ranch woman, said that her son had been a dutiful cowboy ranch kid but had other plans for the future. By age 25, he was an officer in a bank in Phoenix and was on a career track to be rich and cautious someday. Despite her encouragement to find a nice woman, he just never had the time, was too picky or professed no interest.

Sister and Mom discussed his plight endlessly, then one day came up with a great idea to help him find a soul mate. They contacted eHarmony.com! Mother coughed up the 60 bucks, nothin’ was too good for her son! She received the list of 1,000 questions required to participate. I asked if she consulted her son. “Why?” she asked. “I knew everything he would say!”

Our conversation stimulated me to apply to E Hominy Grits for a long-time, single, struggling cowboy friend of mine. I had bought many a beer listening to his whining and griping about women. So I filled out the detailed questionnaire on his behalf. I knew everything he would say!

Here’s a sampling:

Do you prefer a woman that is tall or short? It depends on whether she’s shining my boots or sitting in front of me in a theater.

Do you consider yourself an epicurean? No, mostly I’m a Methodist.

When was the last time you had a tryst with a woman? Not sure ... I was in Heber City a while back, and this gal made me some scones.

How do you feel about women who work outside the home? Long as she has company insurance it’s OK with me.

Would you decline dating a woman with prison tattoos? If my name was spelt right it would be fine.

Do aggressive women turn you off? It depends on whether she is carrying a concealed weapon.

Have you spent much time around dogs? Well, if you hook me up again, this will be the third time I’ve tried to get a date on this website.

Do you like horses? Shore I do, but I’m looking for a girl this time.

What do you consider your strongest feature? Some have said I have beady eyes, a long nose, a pot belly and body odor. So, I’d have to say ... body odor.

What is the highest level of education you’ve achieved? I got halfway through horse shoeing school, so I can only do the front feet!

Back to Cheri and Sister trying to match up their young banker. They carried on email conversations with many female applicants without his knowledge and selected two. Then eliminated one of them. They found the perfect mate for him ... all through the email!

They are now married. The new bride said she was taken in by his uncanny insight into women’s minds. I would say she certainly was!

— *Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee
Secrets and sunshine

You’ll find year-old breaking news in the Avalanche this week.

The lateness of the news is not something we are pleased to announce, but the difficulty with which the facts have become available and our desire to be a news source of integrity and principle necessitated the delay of reporting on something that many in the county (at least those who cared) knew about, at least by word of mouth.

The lack of integrity and principles among some principals in Murphy factors greatly in why allegations that a dispatcher stole a jail inmate’s coat are only now coming to light.

Even though the case has been spread near and far through coffee shop talk, the Avalanche has elected not to report the story without corroboration of what is on the streets.

The corroboration finally came this month, but because of a confidentiality agreement concocted by Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, the confirming source has asked to remain anonymous.

In the decades since Deep Throat and Watergate, the use of unnamed sources in the reporting of controversial news has become increasingly scarce. Frankly, we don’t like to do it and have shown the patience of Job in getting some stories, waiting until someone has been found or has come forward.

As it turns out, the person who came forward for the Avalanche’s recent story on the state’s investigation of Sheriff Daryl Crandall has been reprimanded because she apparently violated the aforementioned confidentiality agreement, which was instituted by the previous Board of County Commissioners — at Emery’s behest — five weeks after the prosecutor and sheriff took their oaths to uphold the laws of the State of Idaho.

Now it’s confirmed that a dispatcher may have broken the law by taking home a female inmate’s coat in May 2010. The coat was returned, a county official confirms, three months after the fact and only after Emery got involved.

There may have been a criminal investigation, but no charges resulted. The dispatcher was suspended after Emery’s involvement, but she remains on the job today. It’s curious that someone would be suspended after it was obviously determined no crime was committed.

The prospect that a person entrusted to protect the public (not to mention keep citizens’ most sensitive information private) is even suspected of violating that trust is appalling.

Even more stunning is that the situation could be covered up by a system that promotes secrecy behind the opaque

— See *Sunshine*, Page 19

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington
Juvenile justice system rebuilds lives, strengthens communities

A basic question about the juvenile justice system has been how much weight to place on rehabilitation versus holding juveniles accountable for their actions. Perhaps, there is no real division between rehabilitation and accountability. Juvenile offenders can take personal responsibility for their actions by complying with their penalties and turning their lives around. Idaho’s juvenile justice system is successfully working with offenders to help them rehabilitate and change their lives, a benefit to Idaho families and communities.

More than 100 years ago, the first juvenile court was established in the United States. The Congressional Research Service (CRS) indicates that the “key elements of the juvenile justice system as it was originally conceived were the welfare of the child and the concept that delinquent children could be transformed into productive citizens through treatment.” With some influence from the federal government, states and local governments have primarily managed juvenile justice that in recent years has trended toward increased emphasis on sanctions. However, according to CRS, to some extent, there is an arbitrary distinction between rehabilitating juveniles and holding them accountable for their actions, as the system includes both rehabilitative and accountability-based programs.

Created 105 years ago, Idaho’s juvenile justice system was established on the assertion that rectifying the causes of criminal behavior through education, health and mental health treatment, vocational direction and other pro-social interventions will improve community safety and reduce future criminal offenses. After assessment of how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Idaho’s juvenile justice system, in 1995, the Idaho Legislature created the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. The purposes of the system are “to improve balanced attention to the protection of the community, the imposition of accountability for offenses committed and development

of competencies to enable juvenile offenders to become responsible and productive members of the community.”

So often, the crimes capture attention while the significant progress and restoration of those who turn away from crime go unnoticed. According to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, of the approximately 5,500 juveniles on probation each year in Idaho, 95 percent remain in their home communities, in county programs and under county supervision, and the vast majority of these youth go on to become productive Idaho citizens. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) recognizes young adults who have made great strides after involvement with the juvenile justice system to overcome personal obstacles and make significant contributions to society. Andrew Peterman, who is graduating from Boise State University this year with a degree in Psychology, received CJJ’s 2011 Spirit of Youth Award for his personal triumphs, professional achievements and extraordinary service to others. Andrew plans to pursue a graduate degree in social work.

Our future is subject to the objectives of our children, and we benefit from next generations who focus on encouraging each other and building up our communities, while not choosing to cause trouble and hurt others. We can show all of our nation’s youth a better way and how to build a better life. Those who take lessons from their mistakes and rebuild themselves serve as examples for others who may be struggling to chart a new course. Idaho’s juvenile justice system is endeavoring to make Idaho a place where every child can grow up in safe communities and have the opportunity to be productive, contributing citizens — a goal worthy of pursuit.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He recently began his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

Commentary

Financial management

Make support check part of current marriage’s finances

Dear Dave,

My husband and I can’t agree on how we should handle the child support payments I receive. He thinks it should be put in the pool with our household budget money, but right now I keep it in a separate account. Who’s right?

— Leslie

Dear Leslie,

I’m sorry, but in my opinion you’re wrong on this one. My guess is you got burned in the past somehow when it comes to relationships and finances. If this is the case, I don’t blame you for having your momma bear claws out, because these feelings probably come from a desire to protect your kids. But if your husband is a good guy and is willing to raise and treat these kids like they are his own, then the money should go into the pile



where it helps take care of the kids and the family.

I’d advise having it right at the top of the budget, along with the rest of your household income. Your job as parents is to be a blessing to your kids, and that means feeding them, clothing them, educating them, and providing shelter for them. As long as these things are happening, and we’re talking about a functional, loving marriage, then all the money should be combined and be part of the family. If this isn’t happening, then you’ve got issues other than just money issues.

If you’ve been through what I think you have, then it’s OK, too, for you to keep an eye on things and make sure your kids — and the money — are treated and cared for appropriately. Money is important, but I’m more concerned about your marriage. A healthy, loving relationship is one of the best gifts a couple can give to their kids.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Why do you only recommend 15-year mortgages?

— Nikki

Dear Nikki,

I recommend 15-year mortgages, and never more than that, because the normalization of the 30-year mortgage has helped created a constant state of financial bondage for the middle class. It’s caused average, everyday people

to lose hope of ever paying off their homes and being totally debt-free.

I understand that it costs a little more per month when you have a 15-year house note instead of a 20- or 30-year mortgage. But really, it’s just a few dollars more — like 20 percent more than you’d pay on a traditional 30-year mortgage. Plus, it gets you out of debt at least 15 years earlier!

Think about this, too. Did you know that people who take out 15-year home loans have a higher probability of paying them off early? It’s true. It’s because they know from the start that they’re not going to have a house payment hanging over their heads for the rest of their lives. They can see light at the end of the tunnel right from the start.

Broke people ask questions like how much down and how much per month. Rich people, or people

with a plan who are going to be rich one day, ask how much or what’s the total price!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. His new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is due out this summer but can be pre-ordered at www.entreleadership.com. He also 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. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027.

District 23 Rep. Stephen Hartgen Reapportionment decisions could hurt Owyhee

by Rep. Stephen Hartgen, District 23B

As the Idaho Commission For Reapportionment gets under way to redistrict Idaho’s legislative seats based on the new census data, one looming outcome could mean change of representation for Owyhee and Twin Falls counties and maybe, in the case of Twin Falls County, loss of an entire legislative district.

These outcomes aren’t a sure thing, but to prevent them from happening, citizens, government entities, chambers of commerce and civic groups in both counties are going to have to “squeak” loudly in the next couple of months or other wheels will get the attention.

Idaho’s reapportionment commission was established in the 1990s by a citizen-approved vote, which established the commission in the Idaho constitution. The commission has six members, three Democrats and three Republicans, and no final plan can be approved without at least four votes.

By law (IC 72-1506), the commission can only use the population data from the US Census, which this year counted 88,756 people in the two counties. Both counties have grown nicely since the last census was done in 2000, Twin Falls by more than 20 percent and Owyhee by over eight percent. Furthermore, the total population of both combined is almost exactly the number needed for two legislative districts of 44,788 each, or 89,576 combined. We’re within one percent of that number, well within the



Stephen Hartgen

deviation standard allowed.

So what’s the problem? Twin Falls and Owyhee counties now have two districts, one of which covers western Twin Falls County and all of Owyhee County, the other covering Twin Falls city and eastern Twin Falls County. A simple “wiggling” of the line between the two districts would ideally be sufficient to equalize both. Would that it were that easy.

Idaho’s population also grew by more than 20 percent in the past decade, but it was uneven growth. Ada, Canyon, Bonneville and Kootenai counties saw the bulk of the growth, and in the less-populated parts of the state, populations actually declined. So in order to cover the larger numbers in Ada and Canyon counties, districts elsewhere will have to be combined and reconfigured. That’s where Twin Falls and Owyhee counties are at risk, despite showing growth of their own.

Various plans are being circulated and the commission will draw the final one. You can draw your own by going to the Idaho.gov website, then to “Legislature” then to “Redistricting Commission” where a software program allows any citizen to become his own redistricting expert.

One plan being circulated would take Owyhee County out of District 23 and cobble it to Canyon County. While there may be reasons to consider this, I doubt many Owyhee County citizens would share many “local communities of interest” with more urbanized Canyon County, as the Idaho law requires (IC 72-1506, sect. 2). A wrinkle to this is that the statute requires (sect. 9) that two counties in the same legislative district should be connected by a

state road, which Owyhee and Twin Falls Counties are not. This provision can be set aside, however, by a vote of at least five members of the commission.

The current pairing of Owyhee County and western Twin Falls County has worked pretty well. Yes, the distances are great, but the areas do share common traits, including agricultural crops, small towns, similar mixes of federal-state-private land management and broadly conservative social and political values.

Other plans, if adopted, would reduce the number of legislative districts, affecting Twin Falls County representation and likely pitting incumbents against one another in coming elections as well as diminishing legislative “clout” significantly on many key issues, from water to land management policies.

With only 90 days for the commission to devise a plan, citizens and groups will need to be vocal.

In Owyhee County, people will need to speak up and let their county commissioners and other elected officials know how they would like the future district to look, whether it should be the same, or change in some way.

In Twin Falls County, the commission is planning a public hearing on June 29, 7-9 p.m., at a place yet to be announced. There, too, public input will be important.

Redistricting comes only every ten years, and once set, the districts being considered now will stay in place until 2022, following the next census. Let’s do it right.

— Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) has represented District 23, Twin Falls and Owyhee counties, since 2008 in the Idaho House of Representatives.

✓ Sunshine: Commissioners help solidify Murphy’s culture of secrets

From Page 17

vener of a confidentiality agreement that apparently carries the threat of termination if someone steps forward to report possible unethical or criminal behavior.

Perhaps the reprimanded employee stepped outside the chain of command by talking to this newspaper. The fact remains that the county’s own personnel manual — which also prohibits the sharing of confidential material, making the confidentiality agreement redundant — has no specific protocol for reporting suspected wrongdoing.

One would think you would go to the sheriff, but when

the sheriff is your supervisor and the report is about his potentially unethical behavior, what do you do next? Alerting the prosecutor would seem the logical move, but in hindsight he appears quite reluctant to do anything. After all, the commissioners had to direct him to ask the attorney general to look into the sheriff’s San Diego trip.

Where does one go if neither the top law enforcement official nor the prosecutor seem concerned about such behavior?

Maybe the prosecutor is in over his head. He responded to a June 6 public records request seeking property value

comparisons by saying the records haven’t been “finalized/certified”, yet property owners received their assessment notices prior to the June 1 mailing deadline.

So final is not final?

But those are the minutia of the larger problem.

The fact remains that the BOCC of the time approved Resolution 09-05 in February 2009, creating a confidentiality pledge that is to be signed by every elected official, department head and employee.

That unanimous vote created the blanket of secrecy that now envelopes Murphy.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 18, 1986

Taxpayers plan to protest commercial appraisals

Many commercial property owners in Homedale are upset with the recent market value of that property, as determined by the appraisers contracted by the Owyhee County Assessor’s Office.

The taxpayers valuation notices were received early last week, and according to comparisons with the values of last year’s notices, commercial property in Homedale is worth as much as double a year ago.

“I don’t agree” with the appraisals, County Assessor Tom Brunzell said last week. However, under the contract, the county office must use the values of the appraisers.

There are several methods of reaching market value of a piece of commercial property, Brunzell said. The most realistic method is based on sales of such properties, but due to virtually no activity in sales, other factors were used, he said.

One of these other factors is rental fees. The formula is based on the charge per square foot per year, less a five percent vacancy factor, less a five percent management charge, giving the actual cost of operations, he said.

Also a factor is the profitability of the business in a given building, the assessor said.

Brunzell said the state tax people also can be a part of the picture. “We must be between a 95 percent and 105 percent of the state ratio for valuation. If we are lower, the state notifies us to raise it (the valuation). At their discretion, if we are consistently low in their judgment, the state does a county-wide, across the board increase.”

Homedale business owners reported varying percentages of increases. One office building was re-evaluated over double what it was last year. “This tells me the market as it was a year ago,” the owner commented. “But commercial buildings are standing empty, and the reason they are not selling is that they have little value.”

Others reported increases from 42 percent to 74 percent over last year.

City council votes to sell water tank

If you are looking for a good buy on a used water tank, the City of Homedale has one for sale — for only one dollar. The tank is located near city hall, and can hold 200,000 gallons. There is a catch, however. The buyer must remove the tank.

City officials decided Monday the tank is surplus property and plan to advertise the tank for sale.

In other city business at last Wednesday night’s meeting, recreation commissioner Herb Fritzley said the swimming pool was nearly ready to be opened. He said that many of the delays were due to “knit picking” by state inspectors. Some of the reasons for the delay in the opening of the facility were minor infractions of the state regulations, he added, including such things as the wrong size Band-aids in the first aid boxes, painted numbers were not of bright enough color, and other frustrating minor details.

Five FFA members graduate

There will be five seniors leaving the chapter this year: Amy Aman, Jeff Nettleton, Jerry Meyers, Debbie Bennett and Corey Esson. We are glad that they are graduating, but we will miss them as members of our chapter. However, Debbie and Amy will be returning this next year to apply for their State Farmer Degrees.

Student teacher Ron Miller left us to return to Moscow for graduation from the College of Agriculture. He is going to be greatly missed by all. He is presently looking for a position as an Agriculture Teacher.

Three members of the Rimrock FFA Chapter have received recognition at the recent Boise Valley District Awards Presentations — Carla Sellman will represent the chapter as District Reporter for the 1986-87 school year; Debbie Bennett has received a proficiency award for Diversified Livestock Production; and Julie Perkins received two proficiency awards in Beef Production and Agriculture Production. Julie also earned her State Farmer Degree.

50 years ago

June 15, 1961

Lynn McClintick candidate to Miss Idaho pageant

Miss Owyhee County, Lynn Ellen McClintick, Marsing will be a candidate in the Miss Idaho pageant to be held June 16-17 in Boise.

The contestants arrived in Boise Tuesday to begin preparations for the pageant this weekend.

It pays to be congenial at the “Miss Idaho” pageant for a \$200.00 scholarship is involved. This coveted scholarship is eagerly sought by the contestants, not only for its monetary value, but because it is the finest honor a contestant can win at the Idaho finals.

Kiwanians hear report on girl state activities

Two Homedale Girls’ State members, Diane Uranga and Carol Porter, told of their activities at Syringa Girls’ State at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club.

The week-long conference, attended by high school junior girls from throughout Idaho was held on the College of Idaho campus, Caldwell, last week.

Miss Uranga discussed the first three days’ activities and Miss Porter the last three. City, county and state government was organized during the period. Miss Uranga was elected sanitary inspector of her city group and coroner of “Justice” county. Miss Porter was elected surveyor of “Freedom” county.

On Friday the entire group went to Boise where a senate and house of representatives was organized and legislation acted on.

All activities were closely supervised, and both girls stated they have a far better conception of civics and government than before they went. Good conduct certificates went to every girl present this year.

Both expressed their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club, which helped defray their expenses to Girls’ State.

Mrs. R. E. Johnston, president of the Homedale American Legion auxiliary, accompanied the girls to the Kiwanis meeting.

Nancy Palmer named Owyhee County agent

Carl Agenbroad, chairman of Owyhee County commissioners, has announced the appointment of Nancy A. Palmer as Home Demonstration agent.

Marsing voters approve 10 mill assessment

A 10-mill levy proposal was heavily approved by a vote of 49 to 8 at an election recently, as all incumbent trustees were re-elected.

Individual members and their ballots in the District 363, class B school election were: John Salove, 21 votes for trustee from district No. 1 for a one-year term; Joe VanWassenhove, with 8 votes, elected over Mary Cortabitarte, 2 votes, three-year term, district No. 2; Wayne Percifield, unopposed, 5 votes, two-year term, district No. 3, Ferris Barlow, 9, elected over Marvin Haney, 7, and Ray Meininger, 4, two-year term, district No. 4, and Lloyd Floyd, unopposed, 6 votes for a three-year term from district No. 5.

Swimming pool soliciting going along slowly

Homedale people are no doubt wondering when or if someone is going to contact them on the swimming pool, Gordon Cahill, pool chairman declared this week.

Last week a group of people from different organizations went out to make contacts. These people were well received by persons who were home.

The conclusion of the survey taken Sunday is that this swimming pool can definitely be put over with no strain so far as people doing their share on giving. There is one big factor against the drive for funds. The one and only one against completing the pool is having enough people to work on the solicitation teams. The dozen people working on this project can’t possibly find enough time away from business hours and Sundays to be able to make contact with all the people in the area.

140 years ago

June 17, 1871

THE Northern Pacific Railroad is divided into six great sections, as follows: 1. From Lake Superior to the Yellowstone River, 550 miles. 2. Along the Yellowstone to Bozeman’s Pass, 420 miles. 3. Bozeman’s Pass to Hellgate River, Mountain Division, 225 miles. 4. Hellgate River to Pend d’Oreille Lake, 205 miles. 5. Pend d’Oreille Lake to the mouth of Lewis River. 6. Mouth of Lewis River to Puget Sound, Columbia Valley Division, 337 miles. The estimated cost of building and equipping the road will be \$85,277,000 or an average of \$82,648 per mile.

PRESENTATION. Yesterday one of our citizens was presented with a gun, chiefly valuable on account of its stock, which is elaborately and curiously carved. As the recipient of the testimonial is an exceedingly modest man, we forbear giving his name in the following letter which was read at the presentation:

SILVER CITY, June 16, 1871 Mr. -----, Honored Sir: Self-preservation is one of the first laws of nature. Believing this to be a self-evident fact and deeply appreciating your late display in the Christian science of self defense, as one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind on record, but knowing full well that your iron frame and elastic muscles cannot long withstand the tremendous shocks, necessarily following such Herculean encounters, and feeling a lively interest in the preservation of those golden locks which time has spared of that silvery tinge so lavishing bestowed on those less worthy — we herewith present you with this ancient and honorable fire-arm, a token of our esteem and a fit emblem of your many daring deeds. Hoping it may be instrumental in adding laurels to a brow already radiant with many victories, and of sparing your life till Time, the greater champion shall claim your belt — and then may your last words be in the language of that brave long gone before, “Nika wake ticka midlite yo-chum, hias ticka midlite closh illibee copet hiyu cloochman!” (Signed) Many Citizens.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS. The board met on Thursday and adjourned without transacting any business till 1 o’clock P.M. yesterday, when the votes cast at the late election were canvassed, and Jno. Farnaman declared elected to the office of County Commissioner. The amount of \$37.50 was allowed on the General Fund to judges and clerk of the election. Allowed, on the Hospital Fund, \$365. Adjourned till next regular meeting.

BULLION SHIPMENT. Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped from here during the past week 20 bars of bullion, valued at \$28,666.79.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS

Judge Robertson, recently returned from the East, is about to re-commence operations on the Empire mine.

A new quartz strike of immense richness is reported to have been made, near the head of Slaughterhouse gulch.

The Reynolds Creek toll road is being repaired in expectation of the Boise stage again running on that route.

J. P. Merrill, of the Sheep Ranch, was in town yesterday. He reports that the crops along Jordan Creek will be very light this season.

Cadet Willie F. Sommercamp, who has been attending St. Augustine’s College at Benicia, Cal., during the past winter and spring, has returned to spend the summer vacation with his parents.

Fred Brunzell is expected back from Sweden to-night. He will be accompanied with the wife of J. M. Brunzell, and another lady. Whether the latter is Fred’s “rib,” or not, we are not informed. Welcome back, old fel.

We are indebted to Sam. Heidelberger for a copy of “Medical Common Sense,” and “Masonry Exposed.” Sam is agent for a number of valuable books, and all magazines and papers of any consequence from both the East and West.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MAY 23, 2011

Approved tax cancellation on parcel no. MH07S06E270450T. Approved certificates of residency for students attending CSI. Adopted Resolution 11-15 Opening Silver City and Bachman Grade roads. Approved alcohol beverage licenses. Approved catering permit for Murphy Outpost Days. Discussion with District #23 Legislators on Re-apportionment. Indigent & charity 11-24, 11-25 liens approved. 11-18, 11-19, 11-20 denied. Approved grouping criteria for RS 2477 Roads and send letter's and criteria to the BLM. Approved letters to all bidders on the 911 system. Approved Findings of Fact on 911 bid protest. Adopted Resolution 11-16 amending Resolution 11-13 validation of 911 PSAP bid. Approved letter to BLM on intervention of Hanley Grazing Decision. The complete minutes can be viewed at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office. 6/15/11

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2011, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

Parcel RP03N04W328500A, Susan M. Hammil, 5706 Country Estates Dr., Marsing, ID 83639

Property know as a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; and a 50.0 foot road easement in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Tax:	\$298.23
Late Charge:	\$5.96
Interest:	\$125.71
Costs:	\$375.00
TOTAL	\$804.90

Parcel RP03N05W241818A, Michele A. Carleton, 4761 Titus Lane, Marsing, ID 83639

Property known as a tract of land situated within that portion of the Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying North and East of the railroad right of way,

Tax:	\$884.96
Late Charge:	\$17.70
Interest:	\$373.04
Costs:	\$375.00
TOTAL:	\$1,650.70

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before August 15, 2011, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on **August 22, 2011**, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of

Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by Section 63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice or the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2011.

Brenda Richards
COUNTY TREASURER
and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
6/15,22,29;7/6/11

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On **Thursday July 14h, 2011** beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

10:00 am The Commission will hear a conditional use permit application filed by Paul Shippy seeking to establish two single family residences on approximately 4 acres of land. The two dwellings would be for two of his children. The subject property is located in an Agricultural zone on Pioneer road between Market and Succor Creek Roads. The site is approximately 2 miles south west of Homedale and approximately one mile west of the border of the multi use zone. The subject property includes the north 250' of the west 700' of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County.

11:00 am The Commission will hear a conditional use permit application filed by Ryan Sevy seeking to split 5 acres from a 73.4 acres parcel to establish a single family residence on. The subject property is located in an Agricultural zone off Opaline Road just East of Clark Road. The proposed site is approximately seven miles south of Marsing and approximately 1 and ½ miles south of a residential zone. The subject property is located in Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

6/15/11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special use Permit filed by Kelli Riley requesting that the property located at 123 E. Wyoming Avenue

be allowed to operate a preschool and daycare at that location.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Homedale
6/15/11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE BE ADVISED that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho, for the purpose of gathering public testimony regarding a proposed rezone of that parcel of property located at 303 East Owyhee from Industrial to Residential as set forth in the proposed Ordinance below.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator, Planning & Zoning Commission
A N O R D I N A N C E
AMENDING THE AMENDED OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE MAP OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO BY REZONING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 303 EAST OWYHEE, HOMEDALE, IDAHO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, there is a property located at 303 East Owyhee within the City limits of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, that is zoned Industrial; and

WHEREAS, this property is a bare lot for which the proper zoning is Residential; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this parcel has requested that it be rezoned to Residential.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1. That the Official Amended Zoning Map is amended by changing the zoning of the property located at 303 East Owyhee from Industrial to Residential.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, according to law.

Section 3. That should the Court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of this Ordinance, than such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

6/15,22,29/11

LEGAL NOTICE

The Marsing Rural Fire District reminds any person or persons wishing to conduct a controlled burn, that prior to burning, they notify Dispatch @ 208-337-4222 or 208-495-1154, of the location and type of burn. It is also advised to call the Department of Air Quality @ 208-373-0313 and listen to their recorded message advising whether it is safe to burn on that particular day. In some instances, failure to do so may result in a fine and the fire will be

put out upon the Fire Department arriving on scene. The publics' cooperation in this matter will greatly reduce the number of false alarm calls being responded to and help utilize these resources where they are truly needed.

Robert Carter, Secretary-Treasurer, Marsing Rural Fire District-6/9/2011
6/15,22,29/11

NOTICE OF SALE CASE NO. CV-11-01902-M IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, vs.

GLEN M. EDWARDS (Deceased); Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of Glen M. Edwards; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and Does 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the property legally described as:

Lot 2 and the East Half of Lot 3, Block 2, ERVIN REVISED ADDITION to Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 19th, 1957 as Instrument No. 96617, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 417 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho 83639, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed by the judge on May 2, 2011 and entered by the Court on May 3, 2011 and Writ of Execution issued on May 6, 2011, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 3rd day of May, 2011, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice of sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 and the East Half of Lot 3, Block 2, ERVIN REVISED ADDITION to Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 19th, 1957 as Instrument No. 96617, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 417 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, 83639.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of July, 2011 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the location of Owyhee County Courthouse, will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in

and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED this 24 day of May, 2011.

Daryl Crandall, Owyhee County Sheriff
6/1,8,15/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2011-02029 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT J. LARSEN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the attorney of record for the appointed co-personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26 day of May, 2011.

/s/Louis L. Uranga, Uranga & Uranga, 714 North 5th Street, PO Box 1678, Boise, ID 83701. 208-342-8931, Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

6/1,8,15/11

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. CV 2011-02053 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Magistrate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of MARVIN VINCENT "MARTY" MARTINAT, Deceased.

1. Notice is hereby given to all persons who are interested in or who claim an interest in the above estate that on June 6, 2011, TONY MARTINAT filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Formal Appointment of Personal Representative and Determination of Devises.

2. A copy of the Petition is on file with the above-referenced court.

3. The Petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Murphy, Idaho, on July 12, 2011 at 1:30 o'clock, p.m.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2011.

TONY MARTINAT, Personal Representative

Todd A. Rossman, WHITE, PETERSON, GIGRAY, ROSSMAN, NYE & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687-7901. 208-466-9272 Fax 208-466-4405. ISB No. 4023 tar@whitepeterson.com, Attorneys for Petitioner

6/15,22,29/11

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. ID-MWB-11002318
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **September 12, 2011**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS 2007 RADCO #532 BUILT BY NASHUA HOMES OF IDAHO WITH MANUFACTURER’S SERIAL NUMBER NNID42039ABC7432/3416 WITH COMMON ADDRESS OF 6900 WILD GAME LANE, MARSING, ID 83639 AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT ‘A’ AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 6900 WILD GAME LANE, MARSING, ID 83639, 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 JOSEPH HILL AND LORETTA HILL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to TITLE ONE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MOUNTAIN WEST BANK, as Beneficiary, dated 5/8/2009, recorded 5/14/2009, under Instrument No. 268175, rerecorded under Auditor’s/Recorder’s No. 268467, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MOUNTAIN WEST BANK.

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 is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 5/8/2009, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 3/1/2011 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect

the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$222,572.02, together with interest thereon at 4.980% per annum from 2/1/2011, until paid.

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

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 5/12/2011.
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Secretary c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704
Phone: 888-342-2510

EXHIBIT “A”
This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15 of Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence

South 00° 04’ 05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on R.O.S. Instrument No. 165969 on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

South 89° 54’ 51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 439.88 feet; thence leaving said North boundary and bearing

South 24° 27’ 45” West a distance of 165.26 feet; thence

South 56° 24’ 01” East a distance of 141.72 feet; thence

South 00° 03’ 35” West a distance of 211.27 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Parcel 5; thence

North 89° 54’ 51” West along said South boundary a distance of 787.33 feet to the Southwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence traversing the West boundary of said Parcel 5 as follows:

North 10° 57’ 29” West a distance of 254.02 feet;

North 51° 42’ 29” West a distance of 226.70 feet;

North 20° 13’ 29” West a distance of 53.82 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence

South 89° 55’ 08” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 542.88 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement described as follows:

A 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement being a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence

South 00° 04’ 05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of

309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on Record of Survey Instrument No. 165969, on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89° 54’ 51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 1265.77 feet to a point on the centerline of the Old Bruneau Highway; thence

South 08° 13’ 59” West along said centerline a distance of 223.80 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said centerline and traversing a curve to the left having a radius of 95.84 feet, a central angle of 37° 25’ 19”, an arc length of 62.60 feet and a long chord which bears

South 61° 19’ 15” West a distance of 61.49 feet; thence

South 42° 35’ 57” West a distance of 66.89 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 150.26 feet, a central angle of 62° 19’ 14”, an arc length of 163.44 feet and a long chord which bears

South 73° 45’ 34” West a distance of 155.50 feet; thence

North 75° 04’ 49” West a distance of 185.28 feet; thence

North 84° 44’ 08” West a distance of 318.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

5/25;6/1,8,15/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

MAGISTRATES DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of NORMA MARIE MURRAY, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that such claims must either be presented to the undersigned personal representative of the estate at the address stated below, or be filed with the above named Court.

DATED: 4/15/11
/s/Kimberly Jo Murray, Personal Representative, 202 W. California Ave., Homedale, ID 83628

Richard B. Eismann, ISB#557, Eismann Law Offices, 3016 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651. 208-467-3100 Fax 208-466-4498, Attorney for Petitioner.
6/15,22,29;7/6/11

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THANK YOU

It was an honor receiving an award for my article “Memories of Family, Owyhee County” and to have it published in the Owyhee Avalanche. Hope this is an incentive for others to write of their family experience. The Owyhee Avalanche has invited readers to submit information of servicemen and women. Am looking forward to that. Thank you – City of Homedale, Library Board, Donna Morose of Owyhee Lanes, Editor Jon Brown and my siblings and family. Thank you- Florence Paxton.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all those who came out to Sponsor, Walk, Run, Ride on May 14, 2011 for our son Angel Rios-Salas. Also to those who made donations, as well as those who donated their time & efforts. A special thanks to Friends Church & the ladies that organized “The Angel Walk,” also Homedale School District, River Bend Golf Course, Owyhee Avalanche, police department, Heart’n Home Hospice, Greenleaf Store...On behalf of ourselves, Tabita Rios and Cristobal E. Salas, we thank you very much! What a great community we have and we are proud to be a part of, and to see how everyone came together to show their support for our son and family.

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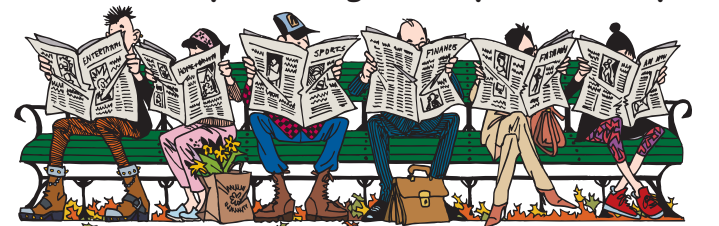
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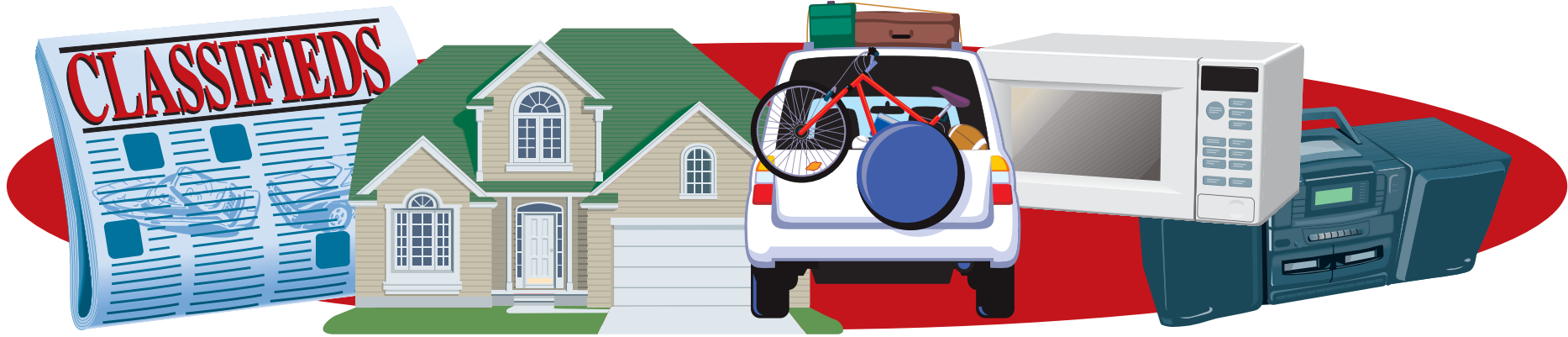
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