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Man dies; lawsuit possible

Ada coroner
hasn't released
death cause; man
resisted lawmen

A Homedale man's family has notified law enforcement officials of possible litigation. Allen Hernandez died after an alleged home invasion led to an altercation with the occupants and law enforcement attempts to subdue Hernandez.



Allen Hernandez

Critical Incident Task Force

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Man drowns in Marsing

A 19-year-old Nampa man drown in a pond north of Marsing on Sunday evening.

Two teens were trying to swim across Claytonia pond when Cainen Johnson disappeared.

The other boy tried to save Johnson, but "the victim tried pulling him under as well, so he basically broke free and started hollering for help," Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

At that point, the other boy started yelling for help and people near the shore came to help

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Hometown pride



Rookie driver Cole Pryor sits in the American Legion Post 128 demolition derby car as Mike Thompson and Cole's dad Will, far left, look on during the building process. Submitted photo

Derby, Lions Club runs in blood

Second-generation driver Cole
Pryor ready for debut Saturday

Although he's a rookie, Cole Pryor is trying to keep tradition alive at this year's Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

The 21-year-old competes in his first competition Saturday with an eye on a derby 20 years ago.

His dad, Lions Club presi-

dent Will Pryor, won the 1995 championship with a "Batman Forever"-themed car.

Alas, Dad didn't drive in the derby forever, so now it's up to Cole to keep things going.

Cole also has joined Pop in

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Marsing grad pumps up city's 3rd of July party

DJ Flow makes his return

After enjoying the fireworks display at Marsing's 3rd of July event, people are invited to get their groove on at Island Park.

Miguel Leon, a 19-year-old also known as DJ Flow, will spin hits on the dance floor immediately following Friday's pyrotechnics.

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Miguel Leon, a k a, DJ Flow

Owyhee's PILT smallest since 2009

Owyhee County's Payment in Lieu of Taxes check from the federal government is the lowest it has been in six years.

But the \$1,187,555 received last Wednesday is still higher than the \$800,000 that County Clerk Angie Barkell had anticipated when the Fiscal Year 2015 budget was put together last summer.

This year's payment is 8.9 percent less than the FY 2014 payment and is only \$6,000 more than the FY 2009 payment.

Owyhee County has received more than \$15 million in PILT funding since 1999 and has averaged about \$1.2 million in annual payments since 2008.

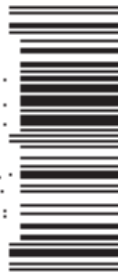
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PILT history

Fiscal year	Payment
2015	\$1,187,555
2014	\$1,303,868
2013	\$1,216,850
2012	\$1,245,549
2011	\$1,221,211
2010	\$1,209,356
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243
2003	\$682,283
2002	\$594,479
2001	\$566,318
2000	\$368,447
1999	\$349,064
Total	\$13,962,967

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✓ Derby: Homedale High graduate finally gets his shot

the Lions Club. This will be his second derby as a Homedale chapter member.

“I want to follow in his footsteps and keep the tradition going,” the 2012 Homedale High School graduate said.

Winning a championship would certainly be a step toward that goal, but Cole isn’t terribly concerned about where he’ll finish Saturday night.

“If I win it, I win it, but I’d rather get Twisted Metal or Road Rage,” the former high school football player said.

Dad never won either of those awards. In fact, the 1995 first-place trophy was the only piece of hardware Will ever collected, according to the rundown of history the Lions Club has compiled.

That doesn’t mean that the elder Pryor’s other derbies are devoid of memorable moments.

Years after winning the championship, Will entered a “Flintstones”-themed derby car, and gave Cole and his sister Katie one of their earliest derby memories.

Cole dressed as Bam-Bam, and Katie was Pebbles during that derby, which the Pryors place as 1996 or 1997.

There will be no such repeat of a over-the-shoulder animal skin this year.

“Cover-alls and a helmet,” is

the costume Cole plans on wearing for his smash-’em-up party Saturday.

He may not have his dad’s flair for the show, but there are plenty of things Cole picked up from his old man.

“Hit with the back end, and mash it,” Cole said. “Drive it like you stole it.”

For his derby debut, Cole will run a 1970s-era Cadillac Coupe de Ville owned by Ace Nielsen and sponsored by American Legion Post 128 in Marsing. Brenda Coons ran the Caddy in the 2013 derby. The car was tweaked and freshened at fellow Lions Club member Rob Townsend’s shop.

“It’s all new to me,” Cole said. “I’m just excited.”

If he has his way, this derby thing won’t stay new for long.

“(I’ll enter) as long as I can drive,” Cole said.

Cole left Homedale and worked in North Dakota for a while, but was always able to come back for the derby. Now that he has relocated to Caldwell and is welding at Western Trailers, he’s ready to fulfill his lifelong dream.

“I’ve been watching the derby since I was a little kid,” Cole said. “Dad started me out when I was young, and ever since then I’ve wanted to be in it.

“It runs in the blood.” — JPB

SC Road ATV wreck hurts 1

A 21-year-old man suffered head injuries in an accident on Silver City Road last Wednesday.

Shane Frans of Nampa was LifeFlighted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after the 7:51 p.m. accident.

“The rider was driving uphill when the ATV flipped over onto him,” Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Frans was the only person involved in the accident. His condition was unknown Monday.



The Ensley cousins, from left, Justin and Jeremy (who are brothers) and Everett, were all smiles after Jeremy won last year’s championship. Everett, who won in 2013 and 2014, isn’t competing this year, but his derby car may find its way into the arena anyway.

Crashing cousins hunt 7th straight crown

Homedale Lions stage another demolition derby Saturday

The first family of the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby goes in search of its seventh consecutive championship tonight, but two-time winner Everett Ensley won’t be among the clan pursuing the trophy.

Everett, who had finished in the top three in the past four derbies (including back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2013), decided to skip this year’s event.

Although he’ll be absent, the 1970 Dodge Polara that has consistently put Everett on the podium may find its way into the fray. Lions Club secretary Jeremy Townsend said that someone connected to the Ensley wrecking crew could pilot the car.

The 34th annual demolition derby takes place on Saturday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. The gates open at 4:30 p.m. with the grand entrance at 6 p.m. and heats to follow. Organizers are expecting close to 20 cars.

A limited number of A section tickets are still available. Admission is \$20 for A section seats in the covered grandstand. B section seats are \$15 each, and C section tickets go for \$12. Buy tickets at NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts locations in Homedale and Marsing. Lions Club secretary Jeremy Townsend said late last week that more than 1,000 tickets for the uncovered portions of the arena remain.

Another Ensley, Everett’s cousin Jeremy, will try to continue the family tradition. He won his first derby championship last year when Everett finished third. Jeremy’s brother, Justin, is back for another run, too.

Family members — whether they’re Ensleys or Fergusons — pepper the Fourth of July Demolition Derby record book.

Austin Ferguson shared the championship with Jacob Greeling to start the family’s current run in 2009. His brother Jake won the 2010 title outright, followed by cousin San Ensley in 2011.

Kevin Ensley reigned as the only three-time derby champion between 1983 and 1985, and he finished second in 1986. Bobbi Ensley was the first family member to finish on top at the derby when she was crowned Derby Queen during the inaugural 1982 event.

Including top-three trophies and achievement accolades, the Ensley-Ferguson alliance has walked away with 21 pieces of hardware in the past six derbies.

That’s as many trophies as years that derby veteran Jake Volk has put in at the smashfest.

In all, the family has collected nine championships and notched six runner-up showings, meaning that an Ensley or Ferguson has finished first or second in nearly half of the derbies ever held in Homedale.

The only thing associated more with the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby than the Ensley-Ferguson crashing cousins is the reason for the holiday itself — patriotism and Old Glory.

Derby organizers have brought back the massive 8-foot-by-20-foot American flag that had been a staple for years in the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

It’ll fly from the aerial ladder on a fire truck pumper as it did in the past.

Fans will be able to pledge their allegiance to the flag and listen to Lacey Sevy belt out the Star Spangled Banner again this year after the grand entrance.

At this point, organizers don’t have enough entries to stage a return of the pickup derby.

The fireworks show will be bigger than ever, Lions Club president Will Pryor said.

A DJ will play music for dancing at the Tumbleweed Theatre after the derby.

“We’re just giving the fans everything we can possibly give them,” Pryor said.

And, with the plan to bring back Chrysler Imperials for the 2016 derby after an eight-year banishment, the Lions Club’s efforts won’t dwindle anytime soon.

“Everybody in the club just does so much and gives back. It’s so important to give back to the community, so we want to do it as long as we can.” — JPB

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Marsing Chamber, Lions ready for 3rd of July 4th of July closures

Plans are in place for Friday’s 3rd of July celebration in Marsing. This year, the Chamber of Commerce spent \$5,200 on fireworks for the Celebration of Our Nation. The organization spent \$5,300 last year and \$4,000 in 2013.

“But they (the fireworks supplier) tell us it’s a better deal,” Chamber president Luke Burbank said of this year’s price. “We bought them early, and the supplier said it’ll be a bigger show than last year, a bigger bang for our buck.”

The entry ramp to Island Park will be blocked off to the public at 4 p.m. Thursday in preparation for Friday’s events.

Residents of the city and surrounding areas will hear two different types of music at this year’s celebration.

The Lions Club is bringing back Jeannie Marie Drennon who also performed at last year’s 3rd of July. She will be singing and playing guitar starting at 6 p.m. at Island Park.

After the fireworks, 2013 MHS graduate Miguel Leon, as DJ Flow, will play a variety of hits at the same location. He will have a dance floor set up and also played at last year’s celebration.

A few things are new for this year’s celebration.

“There’s going to be a huge emphasis on food trucks in addition to the Lions Club, who’s going to have their barbecue,” Burbank said.

Celebration schedule

Thursday
4 p.m. — Entry to Island Park blocked off

Friday
5 p.m. — Shuttle begins running up and down Main Street from the old MHS gymnasium to Island Park

6 p.m. — Lions Club Barbecue, Island Park

Food trucks

Musical train rides, bounce house, face-painting, children’s games and amusement park rides

Jeannie Marie Drennon, guitarist and singer of popular music at Island Park

10 p.m. — Fireworks begin at Island Park, set off over the Snake River

10:15 p.m. — 2013 MHS grad Miguel Leon, as DJ Flow, plays hits at Island Park, for dancing

On the opposite side of the park from the barbecue, people will find food trucks, including Kanak Attack, King Taco and two hot dog vendors, Big Mutt’s and Funky Franks.

Kanak Attack is based in Garden City and features Hawaiian dishes. King Taco and Big Mutt’s are based in Marsing, while Funky Franks is from Caldwell.

The Marsing Lions Club has been hosting its traditional 3rd of July Barbecue for more than 35 years.

On the menu this year is marinated cross-rib chuck, homemade potato casserole, homemade rolls, coleslaw and water or fruit punch, Lions Club member Jim Briggs said.

Prices for the barbecue are \$30 for a family, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for youth age 12-16, and \$3 for children 11 and younger.

The barbecue is one of the Lions Club’s major community service projects, along with the Easter egg hunt, bingo, scholarships for high school seniors and eyesight testing at the elementary school.

The Marsing Lions Club and the Marsing Senior Center are sponsoring a shuttle that will run up and down Main Street on Friday from the MHS gymnasium to Island Park.

People who don’t want to use the shuttle might not have any problem finding a parking spot.

“We’ve found that there’s plenty of parking (above) Island Park on both sides of Main Street,” Burbank said.

Motorists who display disabled driver placards will be allowed to enter the Island Park parking area, Burbank said.

The Island Park festivities will feature a new amusement park ride called “The Orbiter 2000.” A

man from Nampa is bringing it in along with a slide and will charge people to go on the rides.

Another vendor from the Nampa area will bring a motorized musical train to Island Park for small children to ride on for a fee. The train will run throughout the evening.

A bounce house will be set up along with a face-painting booth and children’s games.

“The sheriff’s office will be shutting the park down at midnight,” Burbank said.

Chamber members will be “passing the boot” around during the celebration to gather donations for next year’s fireworks show.

Last year, they raised “pretty close to, I think, \$4,000” to help pay for the 2015 show.

One element will be lacking from past 3rd of July events. The Doodlebug race will not be held.

Burbank explained that the person who was in charge of the fundraiser for fireworks moved away this spring, and they didn’t have time to figure out who would sell the tickets this year.

However, they are talking about resuming the Doodlebug race next year, Burbank said.

Once held as ping-pong balls floating down a creek through City Park, the race was cancelled in 2013 as well. The race was revived last year with the balls being rolled down the Island Park entrance ramp.

— SC

Banks: All US Bank branches will be open Friday.

City Halls: Both Marsing and Homedale city halls will be closed. The city halls in Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian are typically closed on Fridays.

County: The Division of Motor Vehicles office, assessor’s office and sheriff’s substation in Marsing and all county offices in Murphy are closed Friday.

Emergency services: Fire, law enforcement and ambulance services will be available, and the Owyhee County dispatch center will be in operation.

Post offices: All Owyhee County post offices will be open Friday but closed Saturday.

Senior centers: The county’s senior centers are typically closed on Friday. The Marsing Senior Center will close Monday because of the holiday. All three senior centers will re-open Tuesday.

Grocery stores: Paul’s Market in Homedale 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Logan’s Market in Marsing open normal business hours, 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Friday, but only deadlines for display advertisements and letters to the editor will be affected.

Those items must be received by noon Thursday.



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Sheriff struggles to compete with other agencies

Faced with more attractive offers from other agencies, Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant has found difficulty in keeping employees in his office.

Since taking office in January 2013, Grant has seen the departure of 17 employees.

One recent resignation was that of Deputy Kyle Pearson, who stepped down facing termination after being charged with driving drunk while on duty.

Under Grant's administration, most of the staffers who left were jailers, but four employees were patrol deputies. The rest of the departures came from the dispatch

center.

Grant says at issue is the fact that other law enforcement agencies in the area pay much higher wages than Owyhee County can.

"I feel that the sheriff's office pays a decent starting wage for somebody starting with no experience at \$13.87 an hour. In contrast, Canyon County starts inexperienced deputies at \$15.14 per hour," Grant wrote in an email.

He added that in addition to wages, the level of benefits offered plays a role in employee retention.

It would cost approximately \$500 a month for an Owyhee County sheriff's employee to add a spouse to health insurance, and more than \$1,000 to add a family, according to Grant.

Other agencies offer more attractive benefits packages.

"The City of Nampa has plans that are comparable that don't cost the family anything more. Canyon County, Idaho State Police and Ada County have plans that cost very little to add your family to insurance. That is a huge reason we lose people to those agencies," Grant said.

During the upcoming budget-setting process, Grant plans to ask the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners for an increase of at least 1 percent in the sheriff's office payroll lines. However, he hasn't figured out the total increase in the jail budget.

"I am asking for step increases for three employees this year, and increases between 1 percent and 3 percent for the rest," Grant said.

Step increases are given to employees who are promoted or are rewarded for their long tenure

with the office.

Last year, Grant asked for a pay hike for all jailers to make \$15 per hour and a couple of step increases. Commissioners only approved the increase to \$15 for one detention deputy but did sign off on the two step increases.

Grant points out that the office provides a number of incentives other than monetary compensation.

"We offer meals for detention and dispatch employees, take-home vehicles for patrol — but with that comes responsibility," Grant said. "The patrol staff can and does get called out at any time since they are provided a vehicle."

For the next fiscal year, he would like to implement a mandatory paid physical training time for his employees.

"The other thing is some people do start out here with the idea of moving to another department soon, but come to find that they really enjoy the work, citizens, and responsibilities and end up having no desire to leave," Grant said.

He also thinks there is a feeling of belonging and more of a family environment at a smaller agency like OCSO.

"Our hiring standards are stringent, so you will constantly see that we are hiring or accepting applications for our roster, because we are always looking for the best candidates available," Grant said.

He added, "And who knows, maybe we will find them before a larger agency, and keep them enticed to stay with us... it has happened."

— SC

Homedale Police investigators probe string of burglaries

Tire vandalism also reported

Homedale Police continues to investigate a rash of burglaries and tire slashings.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller

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told The Owyhee Avalanche that a spate of four break-ins or attempted break-ins — two residential and two commercial — are believed to be related.

"Make sure to secure your belongings," Eidemiller warned citizens. "If they're in a house you're remodeling, don't leave any tools around. Don't give thieves an easy opportunity."

The residential burglaries took place on California and Washington avenues, Eidemiller said. One

West Idaho Avenue business was burglarized on June 13, the same day that Eidemiller said a thief attempted to enter a business on East Owyhee Avenue.

In an unrelated case, Eidemiller told the city council during its Thursday meeting that six incidents of tire vandalism are believed to have been carried out by the same person.

The slashings were crimes of conveniences, Eidemiller said, pointing out that none of

victimized vehicles were parked in driveways.

Also during the council meeting, Eidemiller clarified that his Fiscal Year 2016 budget request for additional staffing actually seeks a school resource officer position not a patrol officer position. He said adding the SRO would allow him to have five patrol officers on staff year-round.

During the 2014-15 school

year, Sgt. Mike McFetridge was taken out of the patrol rotation as he served nine months as the SRO, Eidemiller explained.

Eidemiller also clarified only about 60 percent of the nearly \$36,000 in increased payroll proposed for FY 2016 would come from city funds. The Homedale School District will provide the remaining \$14,000 as its share for the SRO program.

— JPB

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Stabbing suspect’s mom accused of witness intimidation

The mother of a one-time suspect in a Homedale stabbing faces trial later this year on a witness intimidation charge.

Barbara Lee Covert is accused of leaving a threatening phone message for one of the victims of a January double stabbing.

Covert’s daughter, Amber, and Miguel Zavala were arrested in Washington state and extradited back to Owyhee County to face attempted murder charges after a Homedale man and his teenage son were attacked.

Barbara Covert allegedly called one of the victims on Feb. 26.

Covert was arraigned on one felony count on June 12. She faces a Nov. 17 jury trial before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey. A pretrial conference has been set for Oct. 9.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober dismissed two felony counts of first-degree attempted murder against Amber Covert on April 13.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped one attempted murder felony against Zavala when the teenager moved out of state and would be unavailable for further court proceedings.

An Aug. 18 trial before Huskey has been set for the other attempted murder charge with a July 10 pretrial conference scheduled.

— JPB

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✓ Marsing: Leon’s first DJ music gigs came at events in high school

“Folks can expect a lot of dance music, it can range from the 80’s all the way to now,” the 2013 Marsing High School graduate said. He also was the DJ at last year’s 3rd of July festivities.

A local businesswoman approached Leon about the 2014 Celebration of Our Nation event. This year, Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank asked him to DJ at Island Park.

The son of Rosalina and Genaro Leon started as a DJ during his junior year at MHS.

“My first gig was just a simple sweet 16 for one of the underclassmen that I knew. Shortly after that, I convinced the school to allow me to DJ the school dances,” he said.

Currently attending Chico State University in California, Leon is a double major in music industry and business marketing.

What started as a hobby could become a career.

“I was always into music, and before I was into recording. I wanted to go to college to be a recording arts major,” Leon said.

The name DJ Flow just sounded right to him.

“I was lifting at school at weight training and it kind of came to me. I was producing music before that (lifting) and we always use the term flow for a good lyric verse or a good rhythm, and so it just kind of connected,” Leon said.

A lot of his equipment is lighting for the dance floor.

“For a couple of months, I was renting speakers. My senior year I bought my own sound system for Columbia High for their prom. Now I’ve got pretty much everything I need,” Leon said.

He also said he has about \$6,000 into his gear. He plays music at events out of a MacBook after using a laptop running Windows until recently.

Leon has already served as the DJ for three events since he returned to Marsing in late May.

“For the summer, weddings are pretty popular, so they usually contact me for that. When I’m at school, I DJ up in California at my school as well,” Leon said.

Some of his clients learn about DJ Flow through his Facebook page, but that’s not Leon’s only way of advertising.

“A lot of it is word-of-mouth. I know for a while I wasn’t really maintaining my Facebook because I was at school,” Leon said. “But when prom starts, that’s when I usually send out fliers to different schools and let them know that I can do things for them.”

As DJ Flow, Leon has covered a wide range of events.

“I’ve been hired for business conventions, I’ve been hired for baptisms. I’ve been hired for community fundraisers, for cancer awareness or like the 3rd of July,” Leon said.

He envisions staying in the DJ business for some time to come.

“I want to stick with it. I might lay off of it when I do my internship straight out of college, but I still will try to do business here locally,” Leon said.

He added that he doesn’t have much competition to entertain at events in the Treasure Valley.

“There’s a couple other DJs, but they’re more for the Hispanic party environment,” Leon said.

The MHS grad wants to make it clear that he doesn’t consider DJ Flow to be a character. He explained that his services are actually called DJ Flow Entertainment.

“I don’t narrow it down to just DJ Flow. DJ Flow Entertainment is like an image,” Leon said.

His business also isn’t entirely about turning a profit.

“One thing that I always keep in mind — it’s kind of my motive — is that how I charge is to benefit me and my customer, my client,” Leon said. “I don’t just do it to get money, because all the money that I make I just put back into my equipment.

“I always go out of my way to make sure everything runs perfectly.”

— SC

✓ PILT: Feds may send another, smaller payment in fall or winter this year

PILT checks every year to counties and other government agencies in an attempt to compensate those groups for property tax revenue lost because of tax-exempt public lands acreage.

Owyhee County has more than 3.6 million acres of public lands. The federal government uses a formula analyzing county population and public lands acreage to arrive at a payment amount. Barkell pointed out that the county’s population has actually dropped in the past year.

Only Idaho County has more public lands acreage than Owyhee County among the state’s 44 counties. Idaho County received nearly \$1.5 million, while counties with far less acreage, such as Twin Falls (\$1.5 million for 638,143 acres), Cassia (\$1.9 million for 922,507 acres), Blaine (\$1.7 million for 1.3 million acres) and Elmore County (\$2.09 million for 1.35 million acres), received more revenue.

Bonneville County has 588,593 public land acres, but received \$1.13 million in PILT revenue.

Barkell said this year’s payment isn’t an example of full funding, which is something that the Idaho Congressional delegation has fought for. But the amount is about \$300,000 more than what Barkell had entered for anticipated PILT revenue during the FY 2015 budget process. Barkell said she’ll probably budget about \$1 million for FY 2016, and that the recent payment will be rolled into the county’s cash carryover for the FY 2016 budget.

Relying on information from the National Association of Counties, the Idaho Association of Counties on Monday informed the state’s county clerks that Congress has authorized another \$37 million in PILT compensation to be available later this year during the first quarter of FY 2016.

In the press release announcing this year’s payments, the DOI said it doled out nearly \$405 million to 1,900 local governments around the country.

The Department of the Interior doesn’t release PILT payments until the tail end of its fiscal year, which is too late for county governments to use in current fiscal year budgets.

The DOI said that President Barack Obama’s FY 2016 budget proposes \$452 million to ensure full payments next year.

✓ Drowns: Friend tried to save man

but did not go into the water, Bowman said.

“We did have somebody who’s not affiliated with him; he was out there holding onto a blow-up raft trying to mark the area for us when we got there,” he said.

The area where Johnson died is about 25 feet deep, Bowman said.

Two divers each from OCSO and Nampa Police responded as did three Canyon County marine deputies, Bowman said.

Johnson’s body had been in the water about an hour when a diver from Nampa discovered it.

Alcohol or drugs are not believed to be factors in Johnson’s drowning.

— SC

✓ Man: Authorities responded to report of home invasion

investigators are still piecing together the circumstances surrounding the 23-year-old man’s death. Hernandez died at a Boise hospital on June 23, two days after law enforcement authorities detained him at a River Road home northwest of Homedale.

The Ada County Coroner’s Office reported Hernandez died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center at approximately 6:43 p.m. on June 23. He had been taken to the hospital after Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff’s personnel responded to the report of a home invasion around 4 a.m. on June 21.

The Ada County Coroner’s Office on Monday said its investigation into the cause of death is ongoing, and no other information was available regarding the CITF probe.

An OCSO press release said Hernandez stopped breathing as he struggled against attempts to prevent him from injuring himself after Homedale Police, Owyhee Sheriff and sheriff’s Posse personnel arrived on scene. Responding personnel initiated CPR, and Hernandez was rushed to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell in a Homedale Ambulance unit that also carried Canyon County Paramedics.

Hernandez was transferred to St. Al’s where he died two days later. The Ada County Coroner’s Office confirmed Hernandez’s death for The Owyhee Avalanche last Wednesday afternoon.

OCSO issued a press release on the incident late Thursday morning. More details should be available after investigations are completed, OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Bowman said Hernandez was involved in a minor traffic accident before 4 a.m. on June 21 and he walked about a quarter-mile to the River Road residence to seek help and call 911.

Shortly after Hernandez called dispatchers, authorities say a fight broke out between Hernandez and one of three people inside the home.

When authorities arrived, they found Hernandez — clad in only boxer shorts and one sock, according to Bowman — already restrained on the floor. When he continued to resist, law enforcement officials tried to control Hernandez, the OCSO release said. He had apparently began banging his head on the floor.

Bowman said Hernandez suffered head and/or facial injuries.

Bowman said Thursday that a legal representative for the Hernandez family had issued a notice imploring authorities to preserve all evidence from the incident. He said that is the first step in a possible lawsuit. The Homedale City Council met in executive session on a matter of possible litigation after its Thursday meeting.

Bowman confirmed Hernandez has a recent history of alleged domestic altercations. He was the alleged victim in a domestic violence call in December and the alleged aggressor in a similar call in January, which resulted in misdemeanor charges.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober dismissed two counts of disturbing the peace after Hernandez’s death. Original charges of misdemeanor assault and injury to a child after a domestic incident in January were amended, and he was scheduled for sentencing on July 13.

— JPB

As rangeland health debate rages, queries deserve reputable answers

Individuals and organizations who are critical of livestock grazing and voice concern with the management of public rangelands pose several common questions.

- Is livestock grazing a sustainable use of federally owned rangelands?
- Is livestock grazing compatible with the recovery of threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife species?



Scott Jensen

- Does livestock grazing reduce the probability of ignition, size and intensity of wildfires?
- Has the ecological condition and health of rangelands improved under contemporary livestock grazing management?

Such questions often illicit a defensive position from ranchers and other rangeland managers. We are immediately suspicious of the motives of those who ask these questions and may even debate their right to challenge our management strategies.

In fact, these are all legitimate questions, which we should be

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able to answer with some degree of certainty and objectivity.

People who live and work with livestock and rangelands generally agree that in most cases, the answer to these questions is a resounding, yes! Yet, no matter how many times we muster our professional credentials, keen observations and multi-generational experiences, the antagonists of livestock grazing on public lands are not satisfied with our answers.

Should we expect them to believe us? Recall the last time you got an opinion from a physician, mechanic, financial advisor, accountant, or feed salesman. Did you accept their recommendation immediately, in consideration of their substantial experience and training? Or, did you look for “more” information and other opinions before making your decision? Most of us have learned to be skeptical of “experts” and are often resistant to make conclusions based on the recommendations of others, especially when the “others” are perceived to be our opposition.

The majority of individuals

who are concerned with livestock grazing on public rangelands are reasonable people who just need something more than an “impassioned testimony” to be convinced that things are “OK” out there on the range. Perhaps we should spend more of our time and resources on answering the questions.

Rangeland monitoring provides the only means to effectively address the “sustainability question” regarding livestock grazing on public rangelands. Perhaps more than ever there are resources available to help with rangeland monitoring efforts.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture range program staff and/or myself at the Owyhee County Extension office are ready and willing to assist. Give either of us a call and we will gladly help you get started.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104 or visit rangecenter.org or call (208) 885-6536. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

Calendar

Today

Military veterans coffee

9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Coffee club

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Thursday

Foot clinic

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., free, appointments necessary, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Lizard Butte Library board meeting

4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting

7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431

Friday

Marsing Celebration of our Nation

6 p.m., Island Park, Marsing.

Marsing Lions Barbecue

6 p.m., \$30 family, \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 youth 12-16, \$3 children 11 and younger, Island Park, Marsing.

Saturday

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby

4 p.m., gates, 6 p.m., heats, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 866-2629 or (208) 250-0720

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting

2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic

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

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center bridge

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Dance class

1 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3254

Homedale Public Library board meeting

5:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Marsing P&Z meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

7 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting

7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760


South Board of Control board meeting

7:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

Juniper Mountain (Part 1)

Owyhee County, Idaho

After haying in 1954, my dad and I went to the Pete MacDonald on Juniper Mountain to help gather beef. It was late when we arrived, so my dad pulled up to the barn. He said a pile of hay inside would be a good place to put our bedroll but first tuned up his hearing aid and told me to listen for rattlesnakes when he threw sticks on the hay. I was sure I heard half a dozen snakes, but he said he couldn't so he rolled out the bed.

The juniper log cabin where we camped wasn't very big, but it was comfortable. The next morning at breakfast, Jerry Shea's wife, Donna, complained that a pack rat had carried off the beans, but Jerry said not to worry because he knew where they were and would gather them up after breakfast. Jerry tipped up the mattress and sure enough the rat had stashed them there. He dumped them on a tarp and we helped sort them from the other objects. That evening, I was sure it was the pack rat's beans that Donna had cooked, and I refused to eat them. However, my dad kicked me under the table, and I changed my mind.

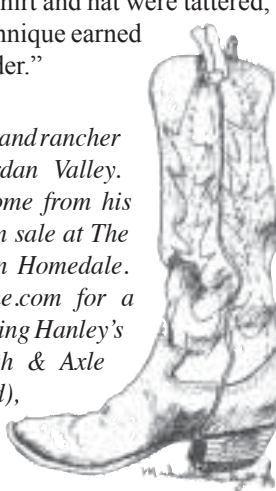
Riding out of the "Pete" were Jerry and Jim Shea, Dennis Swisher, Marion Smith, Tex Payne, Jabe Potter, his hired man, my father and I, and Henry Reubelt, who stayed at his Smith Creek Ranch.

The corral was falling down, so Jerry draped sacks and tarps over the big holes. A rope stretched between the gateposts with a tarp thrown over it served as the gate.

The first morning out, my dad and I struggled down a canyon, and I thought we would never get out of it. He said not to worry because all we had to do was follow the cows, and he was right because we came out at the rodeir ground, a place known as "the Monuments." The other men commented to my dad that they thought he was lost, but he said he'd seen worse country in the Cascade Mountains and didn't figure he'd have any trouble getting around.

Jabe Potter's hired man got tired of riding through the mahogany thickets looking for cows that were always crashing through the brush ahead of him. He would get mad and spur his horse, hitting the thickets at a gallop while bending over the horn. His shirt and hat were tattered, but he never gave up and his technique earned him the nickname "Red Ryder."

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley's *Owyhee Graffiti*, *Sagebrush & Axle Grease* (with Omer Stanford), *Tales of the I.O.N. Country* and *Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV*.



Lizard Butte Library board sets meeting dates

Board meetings have been scheduled for trustees of the Lizard Butte Library District.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, July 23 at 4 p.m. at the library to be followed with another board meeting on Sept. 3, also at 4 p.m.

The Lizard Butte Library budget hearing has been

scheduled for Aug. 6 at 4 p.m. in the library, director Janna Streibel said.

She also said the library's summer reading program has wrapped up, but Story Time will return in September.

Lizard Butte Library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

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Homedale city maintenance employee Curtis Stansell, left, and public works supervisor Bret Smith check out how the gateway flagpoles might look as, from left, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, city maintenance worker Kent Curtis and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen hold irrigation pipe in place to simulate the poles.

City’s new flags could fly by Fourth

The crowning touch of Homedale’s gateway project could be in place by the end of the week.

City officials visited the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and East Idaho Avenue on Thursday to scope out the best place to install two 30-foot flagpoles and a dominant 35-foot flagpole.

The poles were supposed to arrive earlier this week, and the city maintenance crew had planned to start work on creating footings.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller

and part of the public works staff (supervisor Bret Smith and employees Kent Curtis and Curtis Stansell) examined the location Thursday, taking turns holding 20-foot lengths of irrigation pipe in an attempt to envision how the three flagpoles would look to motorists heading toward town either from the north over the bridge from Canyon County or from the south.

“The way the flags are set, you’ll be able to see all three flags no matter which way you’re going,” Eidemiller said during Thursday’s council meeting.

Christoffersen has a stated

goal of having the flags in place by the Fourth of July. Smith hopes to have the poles in place by Thursday so the flags can be raised in time for the holiday.

A formal dedication will wait for later in the year, Christoffersen said. Lights also will be installed to illuminate the American flag, which will fly from the taller center pole, at night in accordance with flag etiquette.

“I think when that thing is done, the entrance into Homedale is going to be hard to top,” Christoffersen told the city council.

— JPB

Busy season continues in MRW Fire District

Residents must obtain permits to burn

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department was dispatched to another wildfire Thursday, and Owyhee County officials are reminding residents that state law requires burn permits this time of year.

The human-caused Griffy fire was reported at approximately 9:30 a.m. about four miles north of Murphy.

It grew to 242 acres before air and ground crews gained control around 6 p.m. Friday.

Bureau of Land Management Boise District resources on scene included four engines, two dozers and associated overhead including the incident commander.

The U.S. Forest Service supplied one Type 2 hand crew, and

the state Department of Correction provided a inmate hand crew.

Air resources during initial attack included three single-engine air tankers and two helicopters.

Meanwhile, Owyhee County released a statement reminding folks that a closed fire season is in effect through Oct. 20.

Under closed fire season regulations, residents must obtain a fire safety burn permit before engaging in any burning operation outside city limits.

Permits are available online at <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/Home.aspx>. Idaho Department of Lands brochures covering rules, permits and safety are available at the same site.

“Please think before you burn as there are serious consequences to other people’s property, human and animal life and your financial health if your fire gets out of control,” the county stated in the press release.

County protests BLM sage-grouse plan

BOCC: County’s economy could suffer

Owyhee County has issued a letter of protest to the Bureau of Land Management over a proposed regional greater sage-grouse land use plan amendment (LUPA) and final environmental impact statement (FEIS).

County commissioners approved sending the protest letter during their June 22 regular meeting.

District 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland was a member of Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s task force that crafted a sage-grouse management plan for the state. The state’s plan was in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision to preclude listing the sage-grouse as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

county economy. It should have been selected as the alternative for implementation,” commissioners stated in the letter.

The letter also reminds the BLM that Owyhee County established the Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group (LWG) as another tool to promote conservation of sage-grouse habitat.

Commissioners say that the LWG’s conservation efforts, such as juniper removal, have helped bolster sage-grouse numbers in the county.

The letter states that the LUPA and FEIS raises the threat of livestock grazing to a level not supported by the available science.

The BLM proposes to, “Adjust, as appropriate, livestock management on adjacent unburned areas to mitigate the effect of the burn on local regional greater sage-grouse populations.”

Commissioners say the circumstance that would define an appropriate adjustment in livestock management is entirely unclear.

A Sept. 30 deadline has been set for USFWS to determine if state and federal conservation plans are sufficient to avoid an ESA listing.

The state plan was submitted to the BLM for consideration as an alternative in the Idaho and Southwestern Montana sub-regional greater sage-grouse proposed LUPA and FEIS.

“The Idaho Governor’s Task Force Plan is a better approach to not only conserving sage-grouse but preserving and continuing the economic activity that sustains our

The BLM also proposes to “prioritize range health assessment and renewal processing of grazing permits consistent with priority habitat designations.”

The protest letter states that the BLM does not explain how they will continue to process expiring permits on lands outside of prioritized habitat areas.

“Reductions of use and/or restrictions from uses as proposed in the decision will have significant negative economic and social impacts on our county,” commissioners said.

Commissioners say this attempt to ignore the science identified in the Governor’s plan appears to be more agenda-driven than scientific.

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Free meals at Bruneau-GV

Free summer meals for children ages 1-18 will be served Tuesdays through Fridays in July at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy 78, Bruneau.

Beginning Tuesday, breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and lunch will be available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The program ends on Friday, July 31.

Meals must be eaten at the school.

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Man gets probation after pulling knife on police officer

A Homedale man must serve felony probation after pulling a knife on a Homedale Police officer.

Mario Quezada entered a guilty plea to felony assault on a police officer on April 21, the day he was scheduled to go to trial on felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from an incident last summer.

Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey placed Quezada on two years’ probation during an April 21 sentencing. A one- to two-year prison sentence was suspended, and Quezada received credit for 16 days already spent in jail. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a misdemeanor trespassing charge.

According to court records, Quezada was originally charged with felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He displayed the knife and threatened to stab Cpl. Atanacio Montes Jr. during a confrontation inside a residence on West Idaho Avenue on Aug. 11, 2014.

Montes unholstered his service weapon when Quezada wouldn’t

comply with orders to put down the knife, but Quezada eventually put the knife away but not before he lunged at Montes at one point during their interaction.

Restitution ordered in stolen check case

A Caldwell woman has been ordered to pay restitution for trying to cash a forged check at a Marsing grocery store.

Priscilla Valverde, 22, must pay \$350, the amount written on a check that had been stolen from a Caldwell business. Valverde tried to pass the stolen check at Logan’s Market in April 2014. Charges were filed about a year ago, and Valverde was arrested on a warrant later in the summer.

Valverde was sentenced on June 12 after entering a guilty plea to felony burglary. Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey dismissed felony charges of forgery and possession of a forged check.

Valverde is scheduled to return to the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy on Friday, July 10 for review of her probation.

— JPB

Adrian woman dies in crash with semi

An Adrian woman died in a two-vehicle crash north of Wilder on Thursday.

Martha Munoz died at the scene and a juvenile riding with her in the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado was transported by ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

ISP reports that before 4 p.m., Munoz was traveling eastbound on Red Top Road approaching U.S. Highway 95. She failed

to stop at the stop sign, and a 2010 Volvo semi with trailer slammed into the driver’s side of her pickup.

Jaswinder Singh, 49, of Sacramento, Calif., was driving the Volvo semi southbound on U.S. 95 at the time of the accident.

ISP said occupants in both vehicles were wearing seatbelts.

The roadway was blocked for about 4½ hours.

Foot exams available at Marsing Sr. Center

A free foot clinic is available each month at Marsing Senior Center.

Appointments are required to receive a foot examination. Appointments will be available in 10-minute increments from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month, but senior center coordinator Alana Squires said organizers will make other arrangements if more time is needed.

The next foot clinic takes place Thursday at the senior center, 218

W. Main St.

To make an appointment or for more information on senior center happenings, call 896-4634.

The senior center is typically open Monday through Thursday each week, but will be closed this coming Monday because of the Fourth of July holiday.

Inside the Red Door Café at the senior center, breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Monday, and a lunch buffet is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Tuesday to Thursday.

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It wasn’t browsing, but a baby bird flew out of a tree and perched on a scarf at the Darlene’s Handbags booth during Thursday’s second Homedale Farmers Market of the season at Bette Uda City Park.

Farmers Market reaps weekday benefits

Organizers envision book exchange program

Moving the Homedale Farmers Market to Thursday seems to have been a good idea, organizers say.

“It’s a little hard yet to tell, but we’ve had excellent customer flow, so I think it’s better,” market president Denise Dixon said last week.

Although the revenue seems to be trending about the same after two weeks, Dixon is optimistic that things will get better as the market’s third season moves along.

“I expect better flow after July 1 because more produce will come in,” she said.

The market will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 24.

A new feature announced Friday will be a book exchange, and folks attending the market are encouraged to bring used books to the market manager table Thursday. The goal is to have books available for children and adults each week during market hours.

“This is a fun and inexpensive way to keep you and your kids reading in the summer as well as take a break from your busy scheduled and join us in the park for some fun, fresh air and friendly folks,” Dixon wrote in an email looking for donations.

Call Dixon at (208) 840-0440 for more information.

There were eight vendors at last week’s second installment of the 2015 season, and Dixon says five more vendors have said they will set up shop this month.

Vendors have seen an influx of new customers with the move away from Saturday, which was in direct competition for buyers and sellers with the larger and more established Nampa Farmers Market.

Homedale resident Lori Curtis, owner of the Sewing by Lori Latte booth, said she has seen more people come to Bette Uda City Park so far this year. She said the increase in new faces browsing seems to coincide with the volume of traffic on a Thursday night as people return home from work.

With more motorists passing the park at the end of a workday, a new customer base may open up, organizers hope.

“I think it’s going really well,” Dixon said. “I’m really happy with it.”

Some vendors — like Curtis and Marilyn Evans of Marilyn’s Garden Vegetables — weren’t setting up last year because of the scheduling conflict Saturdays presented. They’ve returned this year because Thursday doesn’t conflict with other nearby markets. Caldwell holds a Farmers Market on Wednesday.

Some of the other booths Thursday included Homedale market stalwart Darlene’s Handbags, which offers purses made from recycled grocery bags; Minor Needle Art staffed by Marsing resident Anna Minor, who also sold produce such as garlic, rhubarb and other items; and Homedale resident Kathy Rose, who sold produce from her garden.

Homedale Farmers Market vice-president Kirsten Mast said 32 people visited the booths in the first hour Thursday, and another 29 were browsing in Hour 2. Nearly 80 shoppers turned out during the inaugural market on June 18.

“It was late July before we had that many last year,” Mast said.

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Local farmers learn new water conservation measures

About 60 attend Grazing Field Day

Water conservation was a main focus of a sustainable agricultural practices summit held Saturday southeast of Marsing.

The second annual Grazing Field Day took place at McIntyre Farms in rural Caldwell off of Riverside Road in Canyon County.

Around 60 ag producers, representatives of state and federal organizations, consumers, non-profits and young and aspiring farmers and ranchers attended the event.

Tim Fenwick, an agricultural representative for Idaho Power, provided the water conservation presentation.

“The idea is to conserve energy, lower people’s bills, and to help delay the need for additional (power) generation,” Fenwick said.

He explained that his company has financial incentives available to help farmers reach those goals.

“In our irrigation efficiency program, we reimburse you for replacement of gaskets and noz-

zles and pivot packages and pipe repair and things like that,” Fenwick said. “There’s some water savings and energy savings associated with those (improvements).”

Changing to a completely different system can also help ag producers.

“If you have any furrow irrigation — and there’s a lot of that in the Homedale area and Grand View where they have furrow irrigation — and convert to sprinkled, we’ll try to help you,” Fenwick said.

He added that the best thing Idaho Power can recommend is for a producer to have a system audit performed by a company agricultural representative.

“We’ll come out and evaluate your system to see how efficient it’s being and from there try to make recommendations for energy improvements or water savings. We don’t charge for that,” Fenwick said.

“We’re not trying to short them on flow or pressure. We’re just trying to get them to save on



Marlon Winger with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resource Conservation Service demonstrates soil health with a rain simulator Saturday. Submitted photo

both water and energy.”

Marlon Winger with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service also covered water conservation during Grazing Field Day.

“Every drop counts, you know,

and that’s where we’re at. We’re relying completely on Mother Nature to fill those reservoirs, so there’s not much we can do on that side,” Winger said. “But what we can do on our side is to minimize that evaporative soil loss by following conservation practices.”

He also told attendees that no-till drilling is critical to conserve water by minimizing soil disturbance. However, it is impossible to use no-till drilling practices on some crops such as potatoes or sugar beets because of their size.

Earlier this year, in an effort to promote water conservation, the Owyhee Conservation District purchased a no-till drilling unit that it now rents to area farmers.

Regarding the proliferation of pivots on farms in Idaho, Winger told the crowd the irrigation systems are not the most efficient out there.

“A lot of the onion and carrot producers you see now are going to drip irrigation systems. They might be buried one or two inches into the soil, and they pull them out at the end of the year,” Winger said.

“That’s the most efficient system but also pretty pricey, too.”

Brad McIntyre, whose operation hosted Grazing Field Day for the second year, added to Winger’s comments on drip irrigation.

He offered a longer lasting option on drip irrigation.

“A producer could put in a drip system with the lines buried up to 18 inches deep, which wouldn’t have to be taken out at the end of the growing season and could last up to 15 or 20 years,” McIntyre said.

Water conservation is of the upmost concern to McIntyre Farms.

“We could always do better and we’re trying to learn how to do better and get less evaporation and those kinds of things,” McIntyre said.

His brother Ben also attended Saturday’s event at their 1,600-acre farm. He’s already practicing most of the conservation techniques that were discussed, but he wanted to “fine tune some things,” Ben said.

— SC



Forty-six Homedale High School graduates and 14 chaperones traveled to Southern California for their senior class trip. Submitted photo

HHS grads experience plenty of firsts on senior trip to California

After four years of fundraising, 46 Homedale High School seniors took a memorable trip to the Los Angeles area in the days after their graduation ceremony.

Chris Landa, who was one of 14 chaperones accompanying 46 members of the Class of 2015, said the May 26-29 trip provided a bushel of firsts for some of the teenagers.

“The kids, I think, had a ball,” Landa said. “It was a great experience for them, and something pretty unique.

“There were some kids who had

never seen the ocean or been on an airplane or been to a professional baseball game.”

The seniors and their parents had been raising money for the trip since the students’ freshman year. Landa said more than \$20,000 was raised through the sale of concessions at the Baker Auction Co.’s annual consignment auction in March in Homedale as well as concessions sales during the Owyhee County Rodeo slack performance each August.

The trip began with a flight out of Boise on May 26. That

night, the group watched the Los Angeles Dodgers shut out the Atlanta Braves, 8-0.

The group visited Six Flags Magic Mountain on May 27 and Universal Studios on May 28.

The final day of the tour (May 29) featured a trip to Venice Beach and then the flight home.

Landa said the fundraising paid for food, lodging and the rental of four 15-passenger vans and one cargo van to tote the luggage to and from the airport. The students paid for their airfare.

— JPB



Seattle author back home for signing

Author Jacquie Rogers returned to her hometown Thursday for a book signing. The 1969 Homedale High School graduate promoted her new romance novel “Much Ado About Mustangs” in The Tango Saloon. Her books can be found locally at Homedale Drug, Rubbles Ramblin Rose in Marsing and Pat’s Whatnot Shop in Silver City.

Dairy Days winners named

Georgia Berrett, Walters Butte 4-H — Glen Gray Award for 4-H; 4-H Intermediate Showmanship grand champion; first, Jersey quality, 2-year-old unfreshened cow

Megan Smith, Kavemen Kriters — Overall grand champion and senior champion, Holstein

quality class; first, 2- to 3-year-old Holstein cows; second, overall showmanship and heifer senior; first, Jersey winter yearling heifer quality; reserve champion, Jersey junior female

Jerod Berrett, Walters Butte 4-H — Placed, 4-H Senior Showmanship and the Holstein heifer



From left: Alforex Seeds employees Adrian Gonzalez, Claudio Garcia, Jose Uriarte and Tony Fisher paint a wall on the Sundance Park concession building.

Homedale seed company freshens up Sundance Park

Alforex’s community service precedes memorial tourney

Alforex Seeds employees banded together recently to clean up Sundance Park in Homedale.

After a half-day of prep work on June 17, 13 employees gathered June 19 to paint and stain the exterior of the concessions building, which also houses rest rooms.

The community service project came nearly a month before the annual Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament.

“My hopes is that other businesses or clubs in town will see the improvement project at Sundance Park and realize just a little clean-up and new paint is all it takes to make the park a much nicer facility for our community and visitors that use Sundance Park,” Alforex site leader Sheila Matteson said.

The work was part of the company’s Community Outreach Program that encourages employees to get involved in community projects and programs.

Alforex employees provided the labor, while the City of



Tony Sifuentes, left, and Chuck Fisher use pressure washers on the railing on the side of the Sundance Park concession building.

Homedale furnished paint and stain. Mesh was placed over the concession stand’s vents to eliminate bird nests, and the concessions building was power-washed and scraped before a new coat of paint was applied. Picnic tables also were repaired.

Alforex also donated three new signs, and the employees installed them during the project. Alforex also donated some supplies.

Matteson said the city hopes to have four metal doors on the building professionally repainted before the start of the July 10-12 Landa tournament.

“Our goal is to be a good neighbor and a trusted partner, making sure we leave a positive

impact on every community where we have operations,” Matteson said.

“Once a year we hope to accomplish a community service project possibly continuing improvements at Sundance Park.”

Matteson said other community service ideas included a Paint the Town event or volunteering in various capacities including helping out with a city clean-up or a fun walk or a food drive. The company also will look at sponsoring or providing volunteers for school functions. Employees could also volunteer at a soup kitchen or senior citizen center.

— JPB

Owyhee Legion club clobbers baseball foes

Narrow losses only recent blemishes for Rivercats

The Owyhee Rivercats continue to roll, winning five of seven games heading into this week of American Legion baseball action.

The team’s only losses in that seven-game stretch were one-run setbacks to Oregon teams.

Homedale (15-6 to start the week) plays its third game of the week at 6 p.m. today on the road at Middleton High School. Kuna visits Homedale at 6 p.m. Thursday, and the Rivercats will sell water during the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby before performing trash clean-up at the rodeo arena on Sunday.

Baker 1 7, Rivercats 6 — The visiting Oregonians scored in the top of the eighth inning to win a sloppy game. Owyhee committed seven of the game’s 11 errors.

The Rivercats didn’t own the lead in the seesaw game until forging a 5-4 advantage with two unearned runs in the fifth inning.

Baker 1 owned a 6-5 lead when Jake Deal led off the seventh with a single and scored the game-tying run on Gunnar Clapp’s groundout.

Rivercats 14, Baker 2 4 — Both ends of Owyhee’s batting order inflicted damage in a blowout victory.

Leadoff hitter Austin Williams was 2-for-5 with two doubles and four RBI, while Matt Thatcher went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI from the No. 2 position. Carey Loveland (batting third) and Nos. 8-9 hitters Drew Deal and Charlie Chapman collected two hits apiece.

Gunnar Clapp was 1-for-3 with a double and three RBI.

Starting pitcher John Collett struck out seven in four innings, and Jake Deal completed the five-hitter with a one-hit performance over the final two innings.

Burns, Ore., 4, Rivercats 3 — A leadoff walk turned into the winning run for Burns in the fifth inning.

After Burns grabbed a 3-1 lead with a third-inning rally, Owyhee wasted little time in knotting the score.

Williams led off the bottom

of the inning with a double and scored on Loveland’s ground ball. Thatcher, whose single sent Williams to third, scored on Clapp’s double.

Rivercats 10, La Grande, Ore., 0 (5) — Loveland allowed a leadoff single in the first inning then threw no-hit ball for five innings while striking out seven.

Owyhee forced the 10-run rule with a nine-run fifth inning. The Rivercats took advantage of four walks, and Wyatt Dorsey smacked a bases-clearing double with two outs.

Clapp and Dorsey had two RBI each. Clapp was 2-for-e with a double, and Collett picked up a pair of singles.

Rivercats 5, Vallivue Titans 0 — Williams struck out eight and spun a two-hit shutout in Homedale.

Owyhee broke open a 1-0 game with four runs in the fifth inning. Chapman led off with a single, and the Rivercats took advantage of a walk and two errors.

Rivercats 12, Eagle 2 (5) — Owyhee scored six runs in the top of the first inning and put the game away with a five runs in the third.

Connor Carter posted a two-hit shutout, striking out six and walking just one.

Drew Deal went 2-for-3 with three RBI, and Dorsey was 2-for-3 with two RBI. and Jake Deal knocked in three runs.

Rivercats 23, Baker 2 2 — Homedale scored 11 runs in the fourth inning to answer Baker’s only rally of the game.

Baker committed 17 errors and managed just two singles against the pitching tandem of Chapman and Drew Taylor.

Dorsey went 2-for-4 and knocked in four runs. Owyhee teammate Tad Gamble was 2-for-4 with three runs scored and a double.

Williams had a triple among his three hits, and Collett was 2-for-4 with a triple and three runs scored from the top of the order.

Loveland went 3-for-5 with five runs scored and two RBI, while Clapp came in as a pinch-hitter and notched two RBI.

Landa softball tourney grows again

Seventh annual event coming to Sundance

It may be hard to imagine, but the seventh annual Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament will feature even more teams that last year.

Chris Landa, the father of the tourney’s namesake, said the time limits on games have been reduced to one hour to accommodate an expected 67 teams in four divisions this year.

The tournament takes place July 10-12 at Sundance Park on South 1st Street West in Homedale.

This year’s field is more than 10 percent larger than last year’s record 60 squads.

“We just have more and more interest in the tournament,” event director Chris Hoshaw said. “I will have to get pretty creative to pull this off. I just don’t want to turn anyone away from experiencing

Homedale at it’s finest.”

Games will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 10, and games will be played beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12. All five fields at Sundance will be utilized throughout the weekend, and portable lights will illuminate each diamond.

The tourney is divided into four divisions, labeled A through D, and seeded according to skill level.

Landa plans to visit next Wednesday’s city council meeting to discuss this year’s tournament.

“We’re going to try to limit the dogs at the part and the vehicles inside the park,” Landa said.

Camping will be allowed at the park as usual, but passenger vehicles will have to be parked in designated parking areas outside the playing fields, Landa said.

There will be DJ music on July 10-11, but Landa said all noise will cease at midnight.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Three flat

Now everyone I ever knew that did much work with stock has spent some time in practice throwin’ houlighans at rocks. And be they real cowboys or pretenders with a hat, all dream of ropin’ just one steer in three-point-nothin’ flat!

Now me, I’m not much diff’erent, I do a little dreamin’, and my dream is usually pleasant but I always wake up screamin’! It’s a nightmare rank and scary and it turns me gravy pale but since you’all are waitin’. I’ll continue with the tale.

I’ve made the National Finals in Las Vegas don’t you see, and Clay O’Brien Cooper is my pardner, lucky me.

We’re almost in the money when we get our final steer and in my dream I always get to sweatin’ right in here.

I’m backed up in the box as the whole crowd quiets down. I shoot a look at Clay and he nods, “Let’s go to town!” My horse is at the ready and the steer is pointed right. We need a 3-point-7 to be champions tonight.

I nod my head and out he comes, a’runnin’ straight and true. I hear the headgate clangin’, and we’re just a step or two behind the poundin’ footsteps of that corriente ox. I see my chance and throw it, not 10 feet from the box.

Clay, he’s like a vision of a “willer” in the wind; his smooth and graceful loop is flyin’ under, down and in.

I look back past my shoulder, see him goin’ to the horn, then I feel a solid jerkin’; fer this moment I was born!

I spin around and face him; check the heels, he’s got two! I hear the flag a’snappin’ and the crowd has come unglued! I glance up to the scoreboard as the speaker says, “THREE FLAT!” I can almost taste that buckle, and I’m grinnin’ like a cat.

But the crowd begins to groanin’. I get prickles on my skin. The judge is flaggin’ NO TIME and the panic’s settin’ in! I look down at the critter, say a prayer but it’s too late. There my head loop, once so pretty, is now a figure eight!

Now Clay, he don’t seem bothered. Disappointment, he’s above. But, dang! I’m really hurtin’ as I look down at my glove. It’s not humiliation or fact that I look dumb ... I usually wake up screamin’ ‘cause I’ve dallied up my thumb!

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From Washington
Obama Waters of the U.S. rule
sidesteps Congress, citizens

In the face of unprecedented opposition from small businesses, agriculture groups, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and many other Americans, the Obama Administration is moving forward in finalizing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) efforts to wrongly assert jurisdiction over nearly all waters of the United States. The Administration’s water grab is harmful to our economy, inconsistent with the intent of the Clean Water Act (CWA), subverts state water sovereignty and jeopardizes private property rights. Congress must act immediately on S. 1140, the Federal Water Quality Protection Act, bipartisan legislation that would rein in EPA’s misguided attempt to exceed the bounds of its statutory power.

Through the “Waters of the United States” Rule finalized on May 27 by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Administration is greatly increasing the regulatory power of the federal government

under the CWA, altering the scope of this law by asserting jurisdiction over all waters of the United States. The EPA’s action significantly expands federal authority, allowing the agency to regulate nearly every stream, ditch, pond, puddle and other local water bodies.

I joined 37 other senators, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in co-sponsoring S. 1140, which would prevent implementation of the final “Waters of the United States” rule and direct the EPA and Corps to redo the final rule following common-sense principles. The legislation stipulates that any new rule must adhere to the principles that waters of the U.S. are limited to truly navigable waters, including streams identified as drinking water sources, wetlands protecting water sources and not the isolated ponds; stormwater, floodwater and wastewater management systems; agricultural irrigation systems and

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Rep. Raúl Labrador



From Washington
Restoring forest health should
be about facts, not ideology

In the laboratory of ideas, results should count. Recently, I introduced the Self-Sufficient Community Lands Act, H.R. 2316, which would set aside up to 2 percent of the 193 million acres in the National Forest System for state and local management. Sadly, some critics seem uninterested in whether local management of federal lands might restore forest health, reduce catastrophic fires and revive rural economies.

One editorialist wrote that the bill “might sound appealing” to those living in one of Idaho’s struggling timber communities. Indeed it does — the idea came from a bipartisan group of county commissioners in the 1st Congressional District.

Idahoans are alarmed by our forest crisis. Under federal management, they’ve watched timber harvest crash since the 1990s. Consequences include high unemployment, erosion of the local tax base and essential services, and devastating fires.

Thirty percent of the nation’s national forests are at high risk for catastrophic wildfire, according to the Forest Service. These fires damage water quality, wildlife and property, undermining the government’s stewardship duty. Worst of all, lives are lost: In the past 20 years, there have been close to 350 wildfire-related fatalities in the U.S.

Working with local officials, I first introduced the bill in 2012. It passed the House in 2013, but wasn’t considered in the then-Democratic Senate. Now that Republicans control the Senate, prospects for final passage are improved.

Perhaps that explains some of the overheated rhetoric, including claims I’m doing the bidding of corporate interests hungry to buy up our public lands and lock out the American people. One representative of an environmental group called the pilot projects in my bill a “slippery slope,” saying, “... if you can’t get title to the lands today at least go for management of them so tomorrow you can make a case for title.”

Translation: Opponents of the forest products industry fear that local management will prove superior to control from Washington, D.C. Such evidence, of course, would boost efforts in Congress to reform federal land management.

New data shows the potential. In a March report, the Property and Environment Research Center compared state and federal management. PERC found that Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona earn an average of \$14.51 for every dollar spent on state trust land management. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management generate only 73 cents in return for every dollar spent on federal land management.

But the critics don’t care about facts. They’re making an ideological argument — federal control is better than local — not one based on what’s best for the land and the people.

I think most Americans trust outcomes. If it turns out governors and their advisory committees — working in consultation with Indian tribes — do a better job managing our forests, the federal government should transfer that authority.

With an \$18 trillion deficit, Congress and the American people are hungry for ideas to cut spending. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects my bill would return a net of \$64 million to the U.S. treasury over the first eight years. Across the forest system, the savings would be very significant.

I believe local management is an antidote for the sickness that ails our forests and rural communities. That includes more harvest and efficient salvage following fires. It also means higher-paying jobs and fewer devastating fires.

Just as a scientific hypothesis is tested in the laboratory, my bill tests the hypothesis that state control is better for forest management. It’s a shame that critics aren’t interested in learning what works best for the health of our forests and rural communities.

— Republican Raúl Labrador began his third two-year term as Idaho’s First District congressman. He serves of the House Committee on Natural Resources and is vice-chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations as well as a member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Commentary

Financial management

Well-positioned college senior starting off on right foot

Dear Dave,
I'm currently a senior in college. I'm completely debt-free right now, and I am wondering what I should do to stay this way after graduation.

— Cary

Dear Cary,
You're already primed for a great start. Doesn't it feel great to know you won't have a bunch of payments hanging over your head when you walk out into the world? I'm really proud of you!
There are three major traps I tell all new graduates to avoid. One, don't buy or lease a new car. Save up and pay cash for your cars for the rest of your life. If you saved the amount of an average car payment — about \$485 a month — and put it into a good mutual fund from age 25

to 65, you could easily retire a millionaire. Now that's something to look forward to!
The second trap to avoid is rushing in to buy a house. The first few years after college will be some of the most volatile in your life in terms of career and relationships. Save up a big pile of cash and be patient. Too many young people today go crazy and buy houses they can't afford just because their friends bought one, or everyone is telling them it's what they should do.
Last, don't ever get caught up in the credit card trap. Your income is your greatest wealth-building tool, so why would you want to take a chance on wrecking your future by sending everything you make to some bank? Live on less than you make, and live by a written, monthly budget.



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I think you've got a really bright future ahead, Cary.
Just remember to have a plan, pile up some cash and stay away from debt!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
Can you explain interest-only mortgages? Are they a good idea?

— Dale

Dear Dale,
An interest-only mortgage is just what it sounds like. You're paying only the interest on the loan, and none of what you actually owe. It's a good way to stay in debt for the rest of your life, so they're not a good idea.
Lots of people look at this product and say, "Wow, I'll get a lower monthly payment, and then I can throw tons of cash at the principal." Guess what, in most cases it doesn't work out that way. Why not take out a good 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage and put a bunch of money toward the principal? Everyone thinks they

have a great idea for tricking the system. But the only system that really works is to pay off debt as quickly as you can.
Interest-only mortgages are like adjustable-rate mortgages and high fixed-rate mortgages — they're good things to stay away from completely!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government

Jindal candidacy could start discussion about nation's future

by Rick Manning

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal has entered the race for the presidency of the United States, joining a bevy of hopefuls as America enters perhaps the most important political cycle in her history.
The Republican candidate boasts a record as member of Congress, governor, and one of the foremost experts on health care that will enhance the level of discussion on some of the most formidable issues facing the nation.
Whereas, many politicians are generalists, able to mouth 40,000-foot-level sound bites without much understanding of the difficulties in accomplishing the mission, a governor like Jindal has had the opportunity to deal with the complexities of implementing policy.
It is likely that amongst the pressing issues facing the 45th President of the United States will be an imploding health care system left behind by his or her predecessor. While many presidential contenders have confronted the issue in various forms, Jindal is considered to be a policy expert on the subject and has proposed a full plan for not only repealing Obamacare, but also replacing it. Unlike many politicians on both sides of the aisle who ask voters to trust them without providing a blueprint for what they want to accomplish if elected, Jindal is taking a different, more honest and, indeed, more politically dangerous course.

By laying out real positions on the issues that are facing America, Jindal opens himself up to attack as opponents nitpick his plans without having substantive proposals of their own that can be held up to the same scrutiny.
Jindal has also been unique in that he has been unafraid to call out the practitioners of Sharia Law, was the first to specifically oppose attempts by Republican leadership in Congress to grant President Obama fast track trade authority, and took on the Obama administration's slow and failed response to the BP oil spill by pushing action plan after action plan in an attempt to get the Environmental Protection Agency to allow the shoreline to be protected.
One thing is certain, with Jindal in the race, he will bring a unique combination of intellectual firepower and the political courage to fight for what he believes is the right course to save America.
Jindal joins a stellar group of Republican candidates with businesswoman Carly Fiorina, acclaimed physician Ben Carson, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas, and real estate mogul Donald Trump among those already announced. It is expected that Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker will also reveal his intentions in the days ahead.
While many bemoan the number of candidates competing

for the Republican nomination for the presidency, the GOP field stands in stark contrast to those seeking the Democratic Party nomination.
With Hillary Clinton clinging to her front-runner status in spite of the everyday reminders of just how avaricious the Clinton clan is, Democrats have geriatrics, Vice President Joe Biden and the former Socialist Party Mayor of Burlington, Vt., and current independent U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders as her primary competitors. To provide some age differentiation, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is attempting to attract attention as a viable alternative.
The stark difference in the quality, geographic diversity and accomplishments between the aging 1960s radicals who still hold power on the Democratic side versus the younger, more energetic brand of constructive idealism embodied in a Gov. Jindal truly sets the stage for an epic national debate on the future of America.
It's a debate that desperately needs to occur after eight years of Obama's fundamental transformation and the acquiescence to it by the Washington, D.C. elites on both sides of the aisle.
— Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government. This column should not be construed as an endorsement of any candidate.

✓ Waters: Crapo backs legislation to clarify feds' authortative boundaries

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virtually all other non-navigable water bodies that the agencies are seeking to control.
The EPA's jurisdictional grab of our waterways violates its statutory authority and congressional intent. Under our constitutional system, the states, not the federal government, have always had primary jurisdiction over the allocation, management and use of water. The federal government's jurisdiction has been limited under the CWA to navigable waters. Past legislation to exert federal control over non-navigable waters has not been enacted into law. I have helped block it in the U.S. Senate. Lacking congressionally authorized authority, the Administration is side-stepping Congress and the American people and acting unilaterally to take over

our water. This legislation would make the limitations on the federal government's authority over our water even more clear.
Protection of our drinking water sources must be maintained. However, the Administration taking control of waters that were not meant to be under the federal government's control is not the answer. Further, the Administration must consult with the states to ensure that any new guidelines do not carry unnecessary burdens that do not result in appreciable benefits for protecting our waterways. This legislation is meant to help make sure that occurs and America's small businesses, farmers and ranchers do not get further trampled under the weight of heavy-handed federal mandates.
In May, the U.S. House of Representatives passed

legislation requiring the Administration to withdraw the rule and setting guidelines for any future rule. As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I supported the committee's recent passage of S. 1140 out of the committee. Now, the Senate must act to ensure that this Administration is not unchecked in its trampling of state water sovereignty and infringement on property rights. Enactment of S. 1140 would be a step in the right direction to controlling this unwarranted expansion of federal control.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in 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.

We welcome letters to the editor. (208) 337-4681

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 4, 1990

THE IDAHO AVALANCHE – Saturday, July 5, 1890
“Turn the eagle loose”

Boise City, July 3d, 1890. Hon. C. M. Hays, Silver City:

President just signed our bill for admission. Convey my congratulations to all, and turn the eagle loose. We are the forty-third State. George L. Shoup

Hurrah for Statehood at last! The Idaho admission bill passed the Senate on Tuesday last, and on Independence Day the refulgent rays of the forty-third star shone out on the American Flag, representing the newest born State in the Union, our own glorious Gem of the Mountains.

In making her debut in the sisterhood of States, Idaho can confidently look forward to a bright and conspicuous place in the galaxy. She possesses many and great advantages. With an area of territory one-third greater than that of all of the New England states; with untold wealth in her mines; with a better-watered and better-timbered country than any other portion of the great inter-mountain region; with agricultural possibilities equal to any on the continent; with a brave, hardy, loyal, intelligent and progressive people, she starts in equipped with a constitution formed and all the machinery for self-government ready to be put in motion. All that is now wanting is to choose the officers to take charge of the machine.

In thus assuming the dignity and responsibilities of Statehood, it is a fitting time to consider the character and extent of our possessions, to inventory our stock in trade. Lying west of and bounded by the summit of the Rocky and Bitter Root mountains, Idaho covers an area four hundred and eight-five miles long and from three hundred miles in width of the south to forty-five miles on the north. While it is as distinctively a mountain State as Colorado or Montana, it possesses many valleys of fertile agricultural lands, large areas heavily timbered, immense tracts of grazing lands, and several mining districts where gold, silver, lead and copper exist in immense quantities. Standing now third in the rank of producers of gold and silver, it gives promise to soon take the second if not the first place among the States and Territories in the production of mineral wealth. In growing fruits and cereals, her valleys challenge the world. For healthfulness of climate, for variety and picturesqueness of scenery, and for all the natural advantages to make it a desirable county for home seekers, it is without a peer.

Hoff appointment means changes

Ranae Hoff’s appointment Friday to fill a new magistrate position in Canyon County means the city of Homedale will lose its prosecuting attorney come September and the city of Marsing will lose its city attorney then.

But Hoff said she will probably not resign her positions in the two towns until about Sept. 1st, just before she assumes her duties as judge on Sept. 4. “I will stay on as long as I’m able,” she said Friday.

Hoff said she had only learned of her appointment to fill the new judicial assignment on Thursday night. She was selected from among six applicants. Her selection was announced by Third District Judge Jim Doolittle.

Father-son bowlers win at state tourney

Phil Fuzi and his son, Mike, of Homedale have won a free trip to the National Family Bowling Tournament in Dallas, TX, Aug. 17-20. They clinched the expense-paid plane trip by taking the first-place trophy in the junior division of the Idaho Family Bowling Tournament in Twin Falls on June 23. The junior division covers a parent or guardian and son or daughter between the ages of 12 and 15.

Owyhee Lanes manager Kim Tolsma said if the Fuzis should win first place at the national competition, their prize would be a \$5,000 scholarship for Mike. The second-place prize is a \$3,000 scholarship.

In addition to winning their trip at the state meet, the Fuzis also received personalized bowling shirts and a trophy. Mike Fuzi is a student at Homedale High School. His dad is produce manager at Paul’s in Homedale.

50 years ago

July 1, 1965

Hells Canyon trip

Homedale men, who went on a trip to Hells Canyon last Thursday, sponsored by Homer Anderson, local manager of the Idaho Power Co., were Bill Wahlert, Mr. Anderson, Bill Wahlert, Jr., Norman Tolmie, John Matteson, Henry Sweep, Howard Bergeson, Ed McNelis, Ray Tolsma and Harold Wilson.

Little leaguers to play in tournament

Members of the little league from the Homedale team No. 1, supplemented by three or four members of the Homedale 2 team, will be participating in the little league tournament which will be held in Caldwell beginning Friday afternoon, July 2. The tourney will continue on July 3 and 4, according to George Murray.

Participating in the tournament will be Allen Echeverria, Tony Dickson, Allen Hays, Brian Vance, Paul Pearson, Richard Johnson, Gary Tanikuni, Richard Degitz, Brad Baker, Craig Blessing, Johnny Jackson, Kenny Kubosumi, Kreg Nafsinger and Gary Fry.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “The sales tax is about run me out of bizness. Claim I got to have a cellar permit and I ain’t even got a cellar.”

Accordion students at state festival

Accordion students of Mrs. Marguerite McDaniel, from Parma, Rosewell, Wilder and Homedale, entered in the Idaho State Accordion Festival June 6 and 7, which was judged by world famous accordionist, Myron Floren, were: Mike Breshears, Sandra Maybon, Stacia Cruikshank, Ellen Piercy, Norman Batt, Joyce Piercy, Rodney Breshears, Faith DeGeus, Janell Wood, Jane Eidemiller, Diana McCurry, Ralph Matteson, Susan Hetrick, Vernon Henson, Myron Floren, Minnie Cruikshank, Marsha Case and Virgil Henson.

Bighorn transplants appear to adapt to Owyhees

One yearling and a newborn lamb in a band of 10 bighorn sheep hardly is a population explosion. Nevertheless, it is encouraging news to the Idaho Fish and Game department, and to future hunters in the Owyhee Mountains. There may be a few more yearlings and lambs this year on Battle Creek, the offspring of 19 California bighorn sheep liberated in southwestern Idaho nearly two years ago after being live-trapped and moved from British Columbia.

Aerial observers spotted the bighorns between 5 and 15 miles up Battle Creek from the 1963 release site in the East Fork of the Owyhee River canyon. Other sheep may have been nearby. Jagged canyon walls, coloration of rocks and the remoteness of the area make discovery difficult. The highly prized trophy animals are being naturalized in the Owyhee desert as part of the Department’s Five Point Program, which includes the introduction of exotic animal, bird and fish species into Idaho.

Reproduction is a good sign that some of the Owyhee crags and deep canyons are good habitat for bighorns, known as the California subspecies (*Ovis Canadensis californiana*), which are available from British Columbia.

A relative of Idaho’s native Rocky Mountain bighorns (*Orvis Canadensis Canadensis*) that occupy central and northern primitive areas of the state, the California subspecies formerly ranged from the Sierra Nevada range north through the Cascades and into British Columbia. The 19 California bighorns trucked from Canada to the Owyhees late in October of 1963 are the first shipment of some 80 to 100 animals to be trapped in British Columbia and brought to southwestern Idaho later. However, trapping conditions last fall and winter were poor and the expected second shipment was postponed until late this year.

Homedale locals

Penny Wolff and Milly Nash returned home early Sunday morning after attending the Job’s Daughter Grand Council held at Coeur d’Alene Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

140 years ago

July 3, 1875

WELL POUNDED. Charley Opers became somewhat demonstrative on Saturday evening in Mr. Sommercamp’s saloon. He used abusive and threatening language towards Adam Cosmel, one of the bar-keepers, which the latter took no notice of beyond a rebuke. They met at a later hour elsewhere, and the war of words was resumed, and threats of shooting were indulged in. Nothing special transpired until next day at about noon, when Opers again visited the saloon and remarked to Adam that he “could whip any son-of-gun that didn’t agree with him.” Adam thereupon ejected him from the premises, giving the would-be fighter a sound drubbing, and he would probably have converted him into jelly if it hadn’t been for the interference of some others.

“OLD HILL’S” HOUSE CLEANING. The mania of spring house-cleaning has extended into the sanctum and attacked our senior. He has it bad — very bad. He tore up the matting, waded through the dirt found underneath, climbed to the roof to investigate a stove pipe, came thence unceremoniously down through clotheslines, zinc wash-tubs, wash-boilers and boards, landing forcibly on terra firma, and when found by his wife and baby and “Aunt Lu,” he was sitting, standing and reclining all at the same time in an indescribable position, rubbing his shin-bones, making wry faces, and a few remarks, causing the ladies to retire in hot haste, without being able to offer any sympathy.

FROM JORDAN VALLEY. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tracy, of the Goose Ranch, Jordan Valley, came up to Silver on Saturday evening and left for home again to-day. Mr. Tracy informs us that the hay and grain crops will be light in Jordan Valley this season.

HIDES. E. Lobenstein, well known to all Humbolters as “Red,” is the heavy hide merchant of Idaho Territory. The Avalanche of Saturday says that he shipped the day previous 300 hides from Silver City to San Francisco by way of the Columbia River. They were shipped by returning teams which had been to Silver City with produce. It seems that freight teams returning to Winnemucca ought to be able to compete with the Oregonians in this business, as the railroad company carries that class of freight at special rates. —*Winnemucca Silver State*

FROM CATHERINE CREEK. Our sturdy old Granger friend, M. H. Presby, of Catherine Creek, called on us last evening. He resides thirty miles from Silver City, and is much pleased at the idea of getting a post office established out there, so that he can get his Avalanche regularly. No crickets out there yet, but the settlers are fighting the pests a few miles this side.

A GAME OF CRICKET. An up-town lady friend sends us the following: “In Silver City yesterday an active member of the Broom Brigade, becoming exhausted from charging on the crickets with a broom, bethought herself of a remedy said to be effectual on cockroaches, viz.: red pepper. Sprinkling the window-sill thickly with the pepper, she sat down to await results. But, alas! She did not remember that crickets, who have traveled and seen the world, cannot be expected to have the same tastes and certainly ought, and do, know more than roaches, who spend their lives in the ignominious obscurity of back kitchens. Instead of a general stampede of the enemy as she expected, the crickets gathered thickly around the pepper, and those who had the best positions, like successful office holders, spurned those behind them with their feet, while all made a hearty meal of the fiery stuff, and smiled for more. The crickets won the battle.

BULLION. We noticed in Wells, Fargo & Co’s office to-day four bars of Golden Chariot bullion, valued at \$8,688.64; also another smaller bar from the same mine, valued at \$276.58. The G. C. is beginning to pan out in a very satisfactory manner.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On July 22, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Tessi Lindley seeking to establish two additional single-family residences on a 3.16-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP004N06W369990A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located at 2605 Northside Road, Homedale, Idaho. The subject property is located in the SESESE ¼ of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Nathan Pyles seeking to establish a two-lot subdivision on two parcels of land totaling 10.5 acres; parcel numbers RP01N03W210461A and RP01N03W210462A. The property is in a residential zone, located off Fish Pond Lane in the SWNE ¼ of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for preliminary and final plat approval of Gilgal Subdivision filed by Shiloh Management Services. The subject parcels are in a residential zone, located off Fish Pond Lane in the SWNE ¼ of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

7/1/15

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
Mac D Mercury Mine and Retort Site

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby announces that the Administrative Record for the Mac D Mercury Mine and Retort Site (Site) is available for public review. The Site is located south of Homedale. The Administrative Record is the record file containing all documents that the BLM has used to support its decisions on appropriate response actions that have been and will be taken at the Site. The BLM is performing a Time Critical Removal Action at the Site pursuant to its delegated authority in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act.

The Administrative Record File is available for review during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the BLM's Owyhee Field Office, located at 20st Avenue, Marsing, Idaho 83639. BLM encourages interested members of the public to comment, in writing, on any documents contained in the Administrative Record File. All comments must be sent, in writing, or by email on or before July 30, 2015, to the attention of Carrie Wontorcik, Project Manager, c/o the BLM, 3948 S Development Ave., Boise, ID

83705, or to cwontorcik@blm.gov.
7/1/15

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PETITION AND HEARING
CASE NO. CV-2015-0569
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 Guardianship of: ELIJAH MEDLIN, a Minor.

Please take notice that on the 27th day of May 2015, JUDY HYATT and HAROLD HYATT, by and through their attorney of record, Robert P. Tilley, filed a Petition for Guardianship. A copy of the petition is attached. The petition has been set for hearing in the Owyhee County Courthouse located in Murphy, Idaho, on the 13th day of July 2015 at 10:45 o'clock a.m.

DATED this 1st day of June 2015.

Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Tilley Law Office, PLLC, 8 Sixth Street North, Ste 103, Nampa, ID Phone 208-461-8100 Fax 208-461-8900, Attorney for Petitioners
6/10,17,24;7/1/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO CV2015-0000585

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under *Idaho Code* section 15-3-801 that, in connection with the foregoing case number in the Owyhee County District Court, HOWARDE. COMMONS has been appointed Personal Representative of the probate estate of JOLINDA COMMONS, deceased. 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 attorney at number 101 Eagle Glen, Eagle, Idaho 83616 (telephone no. 208-939-2600), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2015.

Barry Peters, Attorney at Law
6/24;7/1,8/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: May 28, 2015 File No.: 7233.24789 Sale date and time (local time): September 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 Mile North North Canal Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Randy E. Hanson and Heather M. Hanson, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual Bank Recording date: 02/18/2003 Recorder's instrument number: 242537 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 28, 2015: \$49,059.66 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater.

Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: That part of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of The Boise Meridian, lying North and East of the Gem Irrigation District "C" Canal. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7233.24789) 1002.257826-File No.
6/17,24;7/1,8/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On October 1, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

The North 440.00 feet of the East 639.86 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM a tract of land lying within the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest

Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Center Quarter of Section 19, T3N, R5W, and bearing South 0° 49' 27" East, 220.00 feet along the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 0° 49' 27" East, 220.00 feet along the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence South 89° 58' 43" West, 200.00 feet along a line parallel to the North Boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence North 0° 49' 27" West, 220.00 feet along a line parallel to the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence North 89° 58' 43" East, 200.00 feet along a line parallel to the North boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

(Tax 11 less Tax 5 in Section 19 Township 3 North Range 5 West, Owyhee County, Idaho)

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of

compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **4501 Walker Ln., Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Irene Walker, an unmarried woman, as Grantor(s) with Golf Savings Bank as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 9, 2009, as Instrument No. 269450, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Champion Mortgage Company, recorded October 3, 2012, as Instrument No. 278921. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. recorded April 13, 2015, as Instrument No. 286440, in the records of said County.

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

The entire sum owing on the obligation as of June 30, 2014 secured by said Deed of Trust is \$259,964.31 as principal, together with late fees, service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect its security interest, and interest accruing pursuant to the terms of the promissory note, together with delinquent taxes until the date of sale.

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

Dated this 28th day of May, 2015.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 (208) 523-9106 Fax (208) 523-9146

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

6/10,17,24;7/1/15

SUMMONS-MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON
CASE NO. CV- 15-509
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF OWYHEE

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, Plaintiff, vs.

THE HEIRS OF NORMAN R. SIMPSON, Deceased; MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON, an individual; OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER; GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT, STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, JOHN DOES I-X, Defendant.

TO: MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON.

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

The nature of the claim against you is for judicial foreclosure and granting plaintiff possession of real property described in the Complaint, and more commonly described as 5641 Country Estates Dr., Marsing, ID

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other rules of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, including the Case No., and pay any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney to Amelia A. Sheets at P.O. Box 50271, 381 Shoup Ave., Ste 211, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405-0271. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this District Court, and dated this 18th day of June, 2015.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Dorla Stoneman, DEPUTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES
The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.
*The written comment submission deadline is July 22, 2015 unless otherwise noted. Public hearing request deadline is July 15, 2015 unless otherwise noted. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed. (*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*
IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701
02-0214-1501, Rules for Weights and Measures. Incorporates by reference the 2016 edition of the National Institute of Standard and Technology Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices.
02-0602-1501, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law. Incorporates by reference the 2016 edition of Official Publication of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO).
02-0612-1501, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law. Incorporates by reference the 2016 edition of Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAFCO).
02-0641-1501, Rules

Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001. . Incorporates by reference the 2016 edition of Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAFCO).
IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036
16-0201-1401, Rules of the Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency System Council. New chapter sets standards, regions, regional committees, fees, and other requirements for the time sensitive emergencies related to trauma.
16-0309-1503, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits. Aligns rules with federal statutes by clarifying exceptions regarding third party liability for early and periodic screening and diagnosis services that are billed to third-party insurers.
IDAPA 35 - IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION, PO Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410
35-0103-1503, Property Tax Administrative Rules. (Temp & Prop) personal property replacement revenue is added back to the tort budget when computing the school district hypothetical new construction levy; personal property recovered after 2013 for which no state replacement money is paid is noted to be deducted from the budget; recoveries related to personal property exempt in 2013 the recovery is to be paid to the state and future replacement amounts are to be reduced by the amount of such recovery; enacts HB 76 by adding the school emergency levy to the list of funds which provides that the current equalized assessed value (includes any increment value) to compute the levy rate.
35-0105-1501, Idaho Motor Fuels Tax Administrative Rules. (Temp & Prop) Removes the specific tax rate and adds the formula to compute the fuel tax on gaseous special fuels.
IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0078
58-0108-1501, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. Incorporates by reference the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) (40 CFR 141,

Subpart Y) which addresses the definitions, sample siting plans, MCLs, assessment triggers and requirements, and monitoring and reporting requirements.
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE
IDAPA08–STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
08-0202-1503, Rules Governing Uniformity (eff. 5/20/15)T
08-0501-1502, Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification (eff. 5/20/15)
IDAPA 17 - IDAHO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
17-0209-1503, Medical Fees (eff. 7-1-15)T
IDAPA 35 - IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION
35-0103-1502, Property Tax Administrative Rules (eff. 7-1-15)T
NOTICES OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKINGS
IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
02-0421-1501, Rules Governing the Importation of Animals (Mtg scheduled for July 23rd)
02-0429-1501, Rules Governing Trichomoniasis (Mtg scheduled for July 23rd)
02-0622-1501, Noxious Weed Rules (Mtg scheduled for July 14th)
02-0625-1501, Rules Governing the Planting of Beans, Other than Phaseolus Species, in Idaho (Mtg scheduled for July 22nd)
IDAPA 09 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
09-0106-1501, Rules of the Appeals Bureau (Respond by July 16th)
IDAPA 13 - DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
13-0111-1501, Rules Governing Fish (Respond by July 22nd)
13-0117-1501, Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals (Respond by July 22nd)
IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
16-0318-1501, Medicaid Cost-Sharing (Mtg scheduled for July 21st)
16-0612-1501, Rules Governing the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) (Mtg scheduled for July 9th)
IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT

OF INSURANCE
18-0127-1501, Self-Funded Employee Health Care Plans Rule (Mtg scheduled for July 27th)
18-0144-1501, Schedule of Fees, Licenses, and Miscellaneous Charges (Mtg scheduled for July 27th)
18-0160-1501, Long-Term Care Insurance Minimum Standards (Mtg scheduled for July 28th)
IDAPA 27 - BOARD OF PHARMACY
27-0107-1501, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy (Mtg scheduled for July 13th)
IDAPA 35 - IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION
35-0101-1501, Income Tax Administrative Rules (Mtg scheduled for July 8th)
35-0103-1504, Property Tax Administrative Rules
35-0105- 1502, Idaho Motor Fuels Tax Administrative Rules (Respond by July 22nd)
35-0112-1501, Idaho Beer Tax Administrative Rules (Mtg scheduled for July 23rd)
IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
39-0313-1501, Rules Governing Overlegal Permits
IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
58-0104-1501, Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants (Mtg scheduled for July 21st)
58-0112-1501, Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans (Mtg scheduled for July 21st)
Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **July 1, 2015, Volume 15-7**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, rulmakings by proclamation, public hearings schedules, negotiated rulemaking information, executive orders of the Governor, and agency contact information.
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