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Turning wasteland back to rangeland



- Cattlemen face long recovery
- Community rallies to help
- Entire allotments incinerated
- Governor declares disaster



Above: Idaho Lt. Gov. Brad Little stands amid the charred remains of Ed and Debbie Wilsey's rangeland during a Saturday tour. **Left:** Range beyond the ION overlook on U.S. Highway 95 burns last Wednesday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

PLC blames scope of Soda Fire on federal resource mismanagement

Two ranchers stood in the middle of a wasteland, searching for answers in the wake of the nation's largest wildfire.

Ed Wilsey, who lost a vast swath of his 11,000 acres of grazing land to the Soda Fire, took Lt. Gov. Brad Little on a tour of his deeded ground and Bureau of Land Management allotment Saturday.

The two men jostled around in Wilsey's Ford pickup, surveying scorched earth that now seems better suited for a re-creation of a moon landing than supporting Ed and Debbie Wilsey's lifeblood — cattle ranching.



Rancher Ed Wilsey said grazing practices are a big reason he still has some forage on his range near the Oregon border.

They passed a pile of ashes that Little was stunned to discover was the black-and-gray remnants of a hay cutting that Wilsey and

his crew had made just days before wind-swept flames roared across his ground on the way to a pyrotechnic ping-pong dance back

and forth across U.S. Highway 95.

"It's not even smoldering," Little said. "That tells you how hot the fire was burning. Usually some hay is left to smolder."

Along a firebreak road on the trip back to the Wilseys' home just off milepost 5, several rolls of hay stored far longer than the ashen pile stood unscathed even though the flames had raced around the drying forage and wiped out sagebrush, bitterbrush and blue bunch wheatgrass on either side.

Elsewhere, a nearly pristine patch of sagebrush and grasses

stood unharmed while the hill just below was barren and black after being overrun by a fire that burned so hot that it scorched the pavement as it blew across U.S. 95.

Wilsey said the remaining viable forage is a testament to what livestock grazing can do for the resource. He put cows on the top half of the hill longer than he let them graze the bottom half, and now his cattle — what's left of them — will still have something to eat other than the hay.

The contrast between the

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SBOC water could dry up any day

Final date may be extended to Aug. 28

There could be only a few days left in the irrigation season for the Homedale-Marsing area.

South Board of Control (SBOC) watermaster John Eells thinks he may not have to close the season until Aug. 28, and last

year he shut the gates on Aug. 23.

"I'm going to be really close to that, the 24th is a Monday, and I generally don't like to shut them down on a weekend," Eells said. "So my problem is that I'm

still looking at about the same dates."

All he can say for certain is that the shutoff will happen sometime between today and Aug. 28.

"Right now my bingo number is the 20th, but as the elevations

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Homedale mayor forced to OK his own pay raise

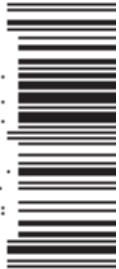
Christoffersen breaks deadlock

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen cast the decisive vote that could give him a raise

come January.

Christoffersen broke a 2-2 stalemate to pass the ordinance that authorizes a 24 percent increase in his salary at the start of

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Marsing ready to tackle OCSO contract again

The Marsing City Council has approved a plan to spend \$35,000 for a new law enforcement agreement with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

The council signed off on the spending proposal during its joint public budget hearing and monthly meeting last Wednesday.

The city will use \$15,000 from a law enforcement line in the FY 2016 budget, and the rest of the money will come from the general fund account.

Mayor Keith Green and the council are hoping to strike a deal to provide compensation for a deputy to work 40 hours a week during the summer months and winter school break.

If the city and Sheriff Perry Grant can agree to terms, and the Board of County Commissioners signs off on the contract, the funding for the additional staffing would be effective on Oct. 1, or the beginning of the next fiscal year.

However, on Monday, Grant said he hadn't seen any paperwork from the city regarding the law enforcement proposal and, therefore, isn't sure what the final contract might entail.

He did say that he will not have to hire an additional deputy for the extra work in Marsing. Grant expects to see some paperwork from Marsing city leaders in the next week or so, and at that time he could be able to provide more information about the proposal.

This is the latest chapter in the city's ongoing attempt to get dedicated law enforcement coverage.

An attempt to get a contract worked out in 2014 fell apart after county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery raised concerns about an increased workload and costs for his office without compensation. The city's original \$15,000 offer was countered by a \$72,000 price tag from the county.

The city actually cancelled the contract when a deal couldn't be reached with the sheriff's office during Daryl Crandall's administration.



Plastic orange fencing is in place at Island Park to prevent material from trickling into the Snake River when parking lot paving begins. The portable restrooms also will disappear in the first phase of work.

Park's \$470K renovation nears

Expect closures with Island Park work in Marsing

A renovation project will start soon at Marsing's Island Park along the Snake River.

City engineer Amy Woodruff gave the town's leaders an update on the work during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

"The park is going to be closed at certain times. The north area is going to be probably especially impacted," Woodruff said. "We're going to work with the contractor as much as possible to make sure that the dock is open on weekends and that type of access is unfettered as much as possible."

People coming into town over the Snake River will notice orange fencing in front of the park along both sides of the bridge. The temporary plastic material has been installed to prevent soil sediment from falling into the river while re-paving work is being done in the park.

The pavement will involve a 3/4-inch road mix, Woodruff said.

The design will include additional parking spots on both the south and north sides of the park. The paving work will also involve new striping.

New modular restrooms for the south side of the park will be delivered in mid-October. The restroom and repaving project is being paid for with a \$124,909 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The restrooms will cost \$60,167, City Clerk Janice Bicandi said. The city will pay a 45 percent match of \$56,000, which will also finance the paving work.

"In short, there will be a lot of work there in the next 60 days or so," Woodruff said.

The city's parks budget line for the next fiscal year is \$175,000. The city's budget for FY 2016 was approved during the city council meeting after a hearing the saw no public comment.

The overall improvements at Island Park — which will also include a renovated boat dock — will cost an estimated \$470,148, and Woodruff told the council the project will be completed sometime late in the summer of 2016.

Funding for the dock on the north side of the bridge will come from a \$300,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. New signage also will be installed in the park.

Work on the dock will not begin until next year. The city will have to rebid the project so it is unclear how much the city might have to pay to match the grant money.

Playground equipment at the park was recently removed to be powder-coated at a cost of \$1,000. It will be relocated farther away from the parking area than where it previously was. During the council meeting, Mayor Keith Green said the powder-coating funding will come from the city's general fund.

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✓ Raise: Christoffersen to earn \$700 monthly in 2016

the next calendar year.

Councilmen Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines voted against the ordinance. Councilperson Vonnie Harkins seconded Kim Murray’s motion to pass the ordinance, and they both voted in favor of the pay increase.

Christoffersen was forced to cast his first vote since becoming mayor; the mayor only votes when there is a deadlock among the four council members.

The council is scheduled to ratify the \$3.6 million budget during its 6 p.m. meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27. That’s the last step in formalizing Christoffersen’s pay raise.

The council agreed during a June 17 budget workshop to hike Christoffersen’s annual pay to \$8,400. Atkins voted against the move at that time, and Tines was absent. Christoffersen will receive \$1,638 more in 2016 than he will this year. It equates to a monthly salary of \$700.

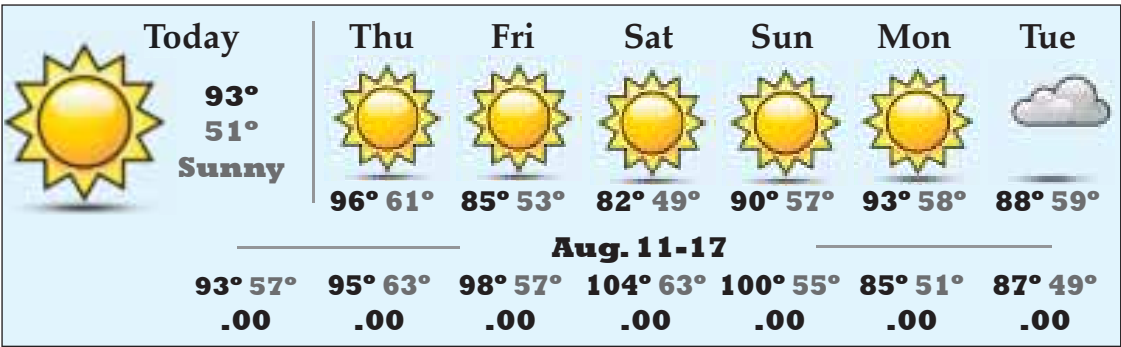
The council members will not receive a raise.

Last week’s salary ordinance vote came after public hearings for the mayor’s pay raise and the city’s fiscal year 2016 budget. No residents showed up for the hearings.



Gheen Christoffersen

— JPB



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 3 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 100 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 165 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 19,521 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — Weather statistics from Helena Chemical Co. Forecast from AccuWeather.

✓ Water: Reservoir down to three percent

(water usage) go down, then I gain days, and I don’t know how many I’m going to gain,” Eells said.

He added the because the local water supply is so low anyway, as soon as he closes the gates, the water will be gone in less than 24 hours.

“When you shut that off, it’s like turning a faucet off,” Eells said. “It’ll be gone by the next morning.”

Owyhee Reservoir held 19,521 acre-feet on Monday, which is three percent of the lake’s capacity.

As far as the forecast for the 2015-16 winter, the SBOC has only looked at data provided by the National Weather Service.

“They’re predicting about the same as it was this winter. There’s all kinds of weather models, so we’ll probably run on the same estimation as what we did this year,” Eells said.

“But, as soon as the weatherman stands up on TV and tells you it’s not going to rain, he gets drenched.”

After examining the 2014-15 moisture numbers, water managers set the 2015 allowance at 1.7 acre-feet.

South Board manager Clancy Flynn agrees with Eells.

“Anything that (forecasters are) saying is just guesswork,” Flynn said.

“I think there is even one (model) that has us having a really bad winter. Who knows what’s going to happen?”

The irrigation directors’ next series of meetings begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 W. 1st St. S., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m.

The Gem directors meet at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control convenes at 1:30 p.m.

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✓ Fire: Livestock at risk from smoke inhalation injuries; range rest looms

vibrant sage and grasses and the adjacent blackened soil isn't lost on those in the industry who have been railing against the federal government's rangeland policies for years.

PLC president affected

The Public Lands Council sent a letter to the White House on Monday reiterating how natural resource management such as that provided by ranchers can help prevent catastrophic wildfires and pointing out the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's "gross negligence and mismanagement" of the resource.

"This year's fire season has proven once again the federal mismanagement of our forests and rangeland," PLC president Brenda Richards said in a press release. "The livestock industry and rural economies will spend decades attempting to recover from the millions of dollars' worth of infrastructure damage and forage loss that have been the result of catastrophic wildfire in recent weeks and years, not to mention the loss of valuable wildlife habitat."

"Because of frivolous litigation and attempts to keep peace with extremists, our government agencies have hampered the most natural and cost-effective wildfire prevention techniques, and subsequently put the lives of ranching families like mine and others in rural communities at risk."

Brenda and Tony Richards' Reynolds Creek ranching operation suffered damage in the Soda Fire, which federal fire officials said had consumed nearly 284,000 acres by Monday morning when it was reported crews were making better progress with cooler weather.

Livestock loss unknown

BLM officials say it'll be months before the true measure of livestock devastation can be calculated. Range improvements have burned, but the federal agency said only a couple of structures have been lost. Others report that a handful of cabins also were either damaged or destroyed.

Ed Wilsey figures he lost about 50 cows in the firestorm, but there could be more. Some of the surviving cattle run the risk of dying because they could have scarred lungs that may start bleeding. Wilsey has shot some of his ailing cattle already, and he hasn't ruled out putting down more as the effects of inhaling smoke and fire begin to manifest.

There are other after-effects to consider. Some cows have burnt udders, and they won't let their calves nurse.

Wilsey tried to save his herd when the fire came. When BLM planes couldn't spread retardant

because of windy conditions, he hastily dozed fire lines — something he said could be easily done ahead of time if the county would work with the ranchers on training and equipment.

He opened gates, and cattle ran to the other side of the highway away from the flames, only to get caught when the fire blew sideways across the two-lane blacktop. The hot gases sucked the oxygen out of the air. Cows suffocated.

Wilsey said he was lucky to get off his range alive after he outran the fire on his four-wheeler.

"I always thought Succor Creek Reservoir would stop it, but it went around it," Debbie Wilsey said of the fire.

"We're the small end of cattlemen that lost things. Some didn't have time to move their cows because the fire burned so fast."

BLM allotments total loss

Wilsey said 100 percent of his BLM allotment burned in about four or five hours. He figures between eight and 10 ranchers lost every acre of their public land allotment to the flames.

Many ranchers, Wilsey said, don't carry fire insurance on their cattle.

Friends and family continued to pick up the pieces — animal carcasses, melted and mangled irrigation pipe — Saturday as the lieutenant governor spent nearly 2½ hours soaking in first-hand the destruction to landscape and livelihood that only stewards of the land can fully appreciate.

In Wilsey's well-irrigated pasture, cattle from three different outfits — Wilsey, Blackstock and Johnstone — grazed in what appeared as a lush oasis in the middle of acres and acres of rolling starkness.

The cows have come together much like the community has — for survival.

"This is a very traumatic event for the livestock and also the humans," Wilsey said.

Community steps up

Before Little and Wilsey headed out on the tour, Arock native Jason Eiguren pulled in with a 24-foot stock trailer packed with provisions. Debbie Wilsey only took two cases of water. The rest of the donations coordinated by the Caldwell LDS Stake would be taken to the Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena where folks attending the junior rodeo would be able to take whatever they needed.

It wasn't the first time folks pulled together. Community members dropped off several cases of water and Gatorade to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office in Murphy. Deputies, in turn, heaped the bottles into a truck and delivered them to members of the rangeland fire protection



Lt. Gov. Brad Little demonstrates the devastation of a sagebrush.

association that fought the fire near the Idaho-Oregon line.

Idaho Power acts quickly

Jordan Valley area folks are singing the praises of Idaho Power, too. The utility company sent men out last Wednesday to begin replacing 129 power poles and more than 2½ miles of damaged power lines along U.S. 95 and elsewhere.

A crew plopped down a generator the size of a semi-trailer near the Jordan Valley substation to begin restoring power to 300 of the more than 550 customers who were without electricity.

School was supposed to start last Wednesday in Jordan Valley, but most parents figured they'd have another week with the kids because of the power outage.

Students were back in class Monday.

"It was five days, but that was fast to us," said Tracy Skinner, who has three children in the school system. "We were thinking probably not until Wednesday of this week (for the first day of school)."

"Those guys (at Idaho Power) did an awesome job, and even to bring that generator to run in town — that was huge."

Otter declares disaster

The livestock producers will be able to get some assistance in finding normalcy after Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter declared the county a disaster area Saturday afternoon after a fire briefing at the Homedale Armory. The Board of County Commissioners had started the disaster declaration process last Wednesday during a special meeting in Murphy.

Little: Quick action vital

Now Little hopes the federal government can step up like the locals have. He stuck the toe of his boot into a hole that once held a sagebrush taproot that — like the rest of the plant — had been incinerated by the heat.

"This is the best time to re-seed," he said, kicking up the ash that would make a suitable bedding for aerial re-seeding of a variety of grasses and indigenous sagebrush (although he's less keen about repopulating the sage too heavily).

Little hopes that the BLM

can expedite the environmental studies and quickly put seed in the ground.

"The state needs to ask the BLM what to do next," Little said. "The (National Resource Conservation Service) can help with the fence."

"Right now, we've got to settle back, and these people have got to find a place to take their livestock."

Lengthy retirement ahead

Folks have offered pasture and corrals and hay. State officials released a list of resources.

As Richards said, though, the impact will be felt for years. Wilsey and Little both are certain the BLM will call for a lengthy period of rest — until the fall of 2018 or, in Wilsey's mind, the spring of 2019.

"Then we have to make sure it doesn't grow too high to burn again," Little said, echoing the management concerns of fellow ranchers who have watched cheat grass build up on ungrazed rangeland, creating the tinderbox situation all over again.

And that could be bad news for everyone who depends on the rangeland.

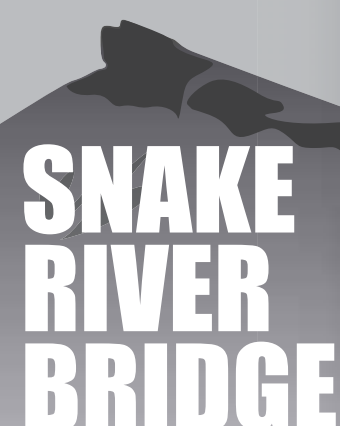
Wilsey said cows weren't the only animals killed in the rush of flames. Deer, rabbits and sage-grouse were also destroyed.

"If they keep (grazing) off for three years and this (type of fire) goes through again, it'll be the end of the sage-grouse," Little said.

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Obituaries

Merville A. Robinson

Merville A. Robinson was born in Burley, Idaho on August 7, 1924 to Samuel Ernest Robinson and Florence Harrington Robinson. Merv attended Burley schools, where his passion for sports enabled him to letter in every sport. After graduation he attended and played football for ISU. After his first semester he enlisted in the Marines and was shipped overseas where he worked as a telephone lineman in the Pacific Islands. He finished his tour of service alongside other veterans by being some of the last in helping restore order in China near the end of World War II. He was discharged from the military in the spring of 1946 where he returned to his family's farm in Burley, Idaho.

In November of that same year he met and married Peggy



and Merv returned to ranching in Oreana where Peggy still maintains a residence.

Merv and Peggy Robinson had two children, a son Ralph who was born in Burley in 1947, a daughter Celia who was born in 1952 a year after the family relocated to Owyhee County. Merv is survived by his wife Peggy Robinson, his son Ralph and his wife Marlena, his daughter Celia and her husband Jim Boland, 7 grandchildren, Josh, Laura, Rachael, Bethany, Samuel, Adrienne and Kalan and their spouses and children. He is also survived by his sister Eva Johnston and brother Elton Robinson as well as many other family and friends.

Merv passed away August 11, 2015. He will be greatly missed as well as all his great stories.

William Price Shaw

William Price Shaw, 81, of Homedale, died August 7, 2015 in the care of his residence. He was born in Dillon, MT on October 26, 1933 to the parents, William Thomas and Christine Louise (Wilson) Shaw of Idaho.

William served in the USAF from 1950-1953 in England. He was a member of the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers Union Hall #291 for 55 years in Boise, ID. William was also a member of Masonic Silver City Lodge #13, Homedale ID, El Korah Shrine, Elks of Caldwell, ID and American Legion of Melba, ID.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas LeRoy



Jason Shaw, Joshua Shaw, Tonya Shaw, Dakota Shaw and Alia Shaw. He is also survived by Thomas LeRoy Shaw's children, Mary Burman's children, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

His Motto: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, live in today and change is inevitable."

A Celebration of life for Bill will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Homedale Senior Center, Homedale, ID.

Donations in Bill's memory can be made to the EL Korah Shrine Children's Hospital, 1118 W. Idaho St., Boise ID. 83702. Condolences may be sent to www.Flahiffuneralchapel.com.

Death notices

YVONNE IVA (NELSON) HILL, 96, a Huston resident who once lived in Ridgeview and farmed with her husband southwest of Marsing for years, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Deer Flat Free Methodist Church with a graveside service to follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

DONNALOU KOBOW, 55, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

JOHN ARCHILUS WILLIAMSON, 95, of Sunnyslope's Williamson Orchards and Vineyards, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015. Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 14, 2015 at Deer Flat church. Services were under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Aug. 24: Hamburger, fries, veggie & fruit bar, milk
 Aug. 25: Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, veggie & fruit bar, milk
 Aug. 26: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar, milk
 Aug. 27: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar, milk
 Aug. 31: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Aug. 24: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar, milk

Aug. 25: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans, fruit & salad bar, milk

Aug. 26: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll, fruit & salad bar, milk

Aug. 27: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & vegetable bar, milk

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Homedale High

Aug. 24: Pepperoni pizza ripper or roast beef sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Aug. 25: Beef taco or burrito, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Aug. 26: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Aug. 27: Enchilada or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Aug. 31: Chicken stir fry w/rice & egg roll or rib-b-que, fortune cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

Aug. 19: Chicken squealer or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding, salad bar & soup

Aug. 20: PB&J w/chips or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, salad bar & soup

Aug. 24: Hot dog, baked beans or egg roll w/fried rice, mixed veggies, jello w/topping

Aug. 25: Orange chicken w/rice or ham/cheese sandwich w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup

Aug. 26: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick or beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar & soup

Aug. 27: Chicken fried steak or bbq roasted chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, roll

Aug. 31: Chicken nuggets w/roll or fish sandwich, mixed veggies, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Aug. 25: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato mix, baby carrots, fruit, milk

Aug. 26: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach salad, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit, milk

Aug. 27: Haystacks, tortilla chips/salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk

Aug. 28: Pig in a blanket, tots, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

(Salad bar and milk available daily)

Aug. 19: Hot dog on bun, pork & beans, lettuce & tomato
Aug. 20: Pasta primavera, bread
Aug. 25: Chicken & noodles w/gravy, broccoli, bread
Aug. 26: Ham & beans w/corn bread, carrots

Marsing Senior Center

(Salad bar available daily, green salad, vegetables, fruit etc.)

Aug. 19: Meatloaf, carrots, mac & cheese, coleslaw, oranges, roll, milk
 Aug. 20: BBQ chicken, peas, potatoes, peaches, rice, salad, garlic bread, milk
 Aug. 24: Breakfast, french toast, bacon, eggs, juice, fruit, milk
 Aug. 25: Kielbasa sausage, sauerkraut, ham & beans, broccoli, pineapple, pasta salad, cornbread, milk
 Aug. 26: Stuffed bell pepper, potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit salad, bread, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

(Milk and juice available daily)

Aug. 20: Pull pork/bun, baked beans, cole slaw, pineapple upside down cake
 Aug. 25: Lasagna, tossed salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, pudding
 Aug. 27: Potato bar w/bacon, cheese plus carrot salad, fruit cobbler, cheese bread



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Proper care extends vitality of flower pots, hanging baskets to fall

As temperatures have risen and summer has set in, you may find your pots and hanging baskets looking less than impressive. This is typical and normal for this time of year. During the last summer months, we must give our container plants a little time and care.



Water, feed and deadhead them regularly over the next few weeks, and you can keep plants flowering and looking good right into autumn. Watering too much can also cause wilt, flower drop, and browning or yellowing of

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the leaves. Water pots daily, particularly bedding plants, and twice daily in the heat of summer — morning and evening. Watering in the heat of the day is least effective since more water will evaporate than what is absorbed by the plant. Water with half-strength feed twice a week to ensure plants have all the nutrients they need.

Pick off dead flower heads regularly. If you leave them in place they can start setting seed and this triggers an end to flowering, so removing them will encourage the plant to flower again.

When deadheading, most people think of dried shriveled flowers that just get plucked off, but

it's not quite that simple. Pinching back to the next leaf node (where the leaf and stem meet) is much more effective at sending the message to the plant to start flowering again. If just a dead flower is removed, its base still remains and often not much will happen.

With these simple measures, your pots and baskets will likely be able to survive and thrive until fall, when more cold hardy plants can replace them to survive the temperature change.

— Sarah Perkins is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. You can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School open house

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

Bruneau Elementary open house

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2492

Thursday

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

HES Meet the Teacher night

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Grand View Elementary School

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Grand View Elementary School, 205 1st St., Grand View. (208) 834-2775

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

Friday

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Free lunches

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

MHS Fall Sports Kickoff Dinner

6 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111, ext. 297

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

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 pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St.,

Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Wednesday

Coffee club

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

Owyhee County P&Z public hearings

10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

Thursday, Aug. 27

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

Friday, Aug. 28

Homedale mobile food pantry

10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday, Aug. 29

Free lunches

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

Sunday, Aug. 30

Community worship service

10:45 a.m., led by Homedale Friends Community Church, picnic to follow, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 337-3464 or luke.ankeney@gmail.com

Tuesday, Sep. 1

Senior center bridge

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

Marsing P&Z meeting

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



SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 1, Saturday, Aug. 19, 1865

J. L. Hardin, John and Joseph Wasson published the first edition of the inaugural volume of The Owyhee Avalanche in Ruby City, Idaho Territory. This is the first installment in our commemoration of the newspaper nameplate's 150th anniversary.

— Ed.

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE being the first paper ever published in Owyhee County, it is but meet that we should start out by giving a brief sketch of the early history of the county.

In the early days of California, when gold was first discovered there, the enterprising and industrious emigrants could be seen wending their way across the Plains, prepared to endure any amount of hardships or trials; and the same might be said of those who started by water.

Arriving in California, they found everything now, strange and different from anything they had ever seen before. Money was plenty, and no man need go unemployed; but of late years the labor market was overstocked, and as a natural consequence, wages were cut down. The hard-fisted miner, rather than submit to any depreciation of his services, started on a prospecting tour, and the history of Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Colorado, and other places of less importance, speak for themselves, and the world is familiar with the results.

In the Fall of 1859, a few hardy miners, with their blankets on their backs, started out on a prospecting tour cross the Sierra Nevadas — a task in those days accompanied with much risk, hardship and suffering. Placer diggings were few, owing to the scarcity of water, but, on the discovery of the Comstock ledge, adjacent to where Virginia City is located, a new impetus was given to mining, and men commenced sinking shafts and running tunnels. In a short-time the Gould, and Curry, Ophir, Yellow Jacket, Empire, Savage, Crownpoint, Mexican, Original Gold Hill, and a host of other equally valuable claims were soon discovered, and these mines have yielded the world millions of dollars; and who can tell but that the mines of Owyhee County are far ahead of even the celebrated Comstock, in Washoe, for richest. Time alone can tell.

About the first of May 1863 a party of men started on a prospecting tour from Boise Basin, traveling in a southerly direction. On the 18th of the same month they arrived at a place which they called Discovery Bar, and which is about ten miles below Boonville, on Jordan Creek.

After remaining there a day or two, they came up the creek about five miles, to a place which they called Skull Camp, from the fact of finding a human skull there. From there they moved up the creek about five miles, where they discovered good placer diggings, and at which they camped, made their laws and marked out their claims. Having made all their arrangements, they had a little jollification and all feeling happy over what they had discovered, they gave the stomping ground the name of Happy Camp, which goes by the name at this time. The place is about a mile and a half below Ruby City, on Jordan Creek.

As the Territory is indebted to this company of miners, for the valuable discovery of the Owyhee mines, we will give the names of the Lucky Twenty Miners, as they were then called so that their names may be handed down as the pioneers of Owyhee county. The company consisted of Michael Jordan, James Carroll, Fulton Haight, O. H. Purdy, Dr. Rudd, Thomas Carson, Jon Boon, W. L. Wade, L. H. Gehr, Wm. Duncan, J. Dercy, Wm. Churchill, P. J. Flint, R. Pindell, John Moore, R. Cain, A. J. Miner, Silas Iba, John Connor. Wm. Phipps, D. P. Barnes, Jack Reynolds, H. R. Wade, John Cennon, J. Gardin, Chas. Ward, Stephen Rifle, John Chadwick, and a Spanish boy.

These gentlemen have done much to make this county what it is to-day, as they were all then of enterprise and great industry. Michael Jordan and Joseph Carroll were killed by the Indians while out on an Indian hunt about one year ago. No two men of that little company were more respected than Jordan and Carroll. W. R. Wade, another member of this company, paid the debt of nature last May, after enduring a lingering illness, which he contracted while developing the resources of this county.



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Familiar name back on sheriff’s office roster

David Reed hired as part-timer

The Board of County Commissioners has approved another sheriff’s office hire. Sheriff Perry Grant received permission to bring David Reed onboard during the Aug. 10 commissioners meeting. The son of the county’s former backcountry deputy, George Reed, David Reed previously worked for OCSO before Grant was elected. Hired as additional help and not as a replacement, Reed will be a part-time employee and will receive \$15.94 per hour. His hire date was effective Aug. 10. He’ll work in the off-highway vehicle (OHV) division, and at the boat

check stations, Grant said. He added that Reed formerly worked for Canyon County as a patrol deputy. Reed is already certified and will not have to go through the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training patrol academy. When Grant began looking to fill the open part-time deputy position, he stipulated to the commissioners that he was looking for an experienced candidate to avoid having to send the new hire to POST. Grant later explained that he already has several recent hires waiting to attend the academy. All deputies lacking POST certification must complete the academy course within a year of being hired.

— SC

Back-to-school prayer night set in Homedale

Homedale Friends Community Church plans two public events as the school year approaches. A Back to School Prayer Night will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, the eve of classes resuming in the Homedale School District. Church members will lead prayers at the elementary, middle and high schools, while a session will be held at the church on U.S. Highway 95 north of Homedale for families of homeschoolers or

Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA) Academy or private school students. A Sunday morning worship service is set for 10:45 a.m. on Aug. 30 at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale. The community is welcome, and a picnic will follow. Attendees should bring their own chairs. For information, contact Pastor Luke Ankeny at (208) 337-3464 or luke.ankeney@gmail.com.

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Homedale library’s Story Time on safari

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library takes a peek at African wildlife Friday.

Organizers will bring a safari exhibit for all ages to enjoy during this week’s 10:15 a.m. reading of “Safari Animals” by Simm Taback.

A variety of stuffed animals will be shown in a zoo setting created in the old library building behind the modern library located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Songs and snacks will be included.

For more information, call 337-4228.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge, left, presents Margaret Fujishin with an American flag that flew over the Homedale Public Library moments after Mayor Gheen Christoffersen had presented the retiring library director a plaque recognizing her 26 years of service. The presentatoin took place on Aug. 11, which was Fujishin’s last day on the job.

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City of Adrian’s E. coli contamination resolved

Things are back to normal in Adrian after E. coli bacteria was recently found in the city’s water supply.

On Aug. 7, a sample came back positive for contamination after routine testing, according to city recorder Shawn Snyder.

Out of five samples that were taken, only one showed the bacteria to be present.

“We posted a boil order notice all around, and contacted as many people as we could get a hold of, and got the word out,” Snyder said.

City personnel then increased chlorination and flushed the lines in the system.

“We retested and of course all of those came back clear last Friday,” Snyder said.

She added that the Mirage restaurant and bar was impacted the most because the owners of the business had to purchase water to wash dishes.

Schools were not affected by the E. coli contamination because classes did not begin until Monday.

Snyder has sent lab results to the Oregon Health Authority showing that the city’s water supply is now clear of any contamination.

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RC off-road series finale in Homedale on Saturday

Bro's Speedway and Hobbies in Homedale will host the final stop on the Gem State Series for remote-controlled off-road racing Saturday.

The races at the dirt track at 120 N. Main St. begin at 9 a.m.

Guy Davison, owner of Bro's Speedway and Hobbies, said the peak of activity will be from noon to 1 p.m.

Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

The final race of the 2015 series was scheduled to be held at Jason Conant's track on Succor Creek Road but was

relocated to the track in downtown Homedale.

The second race in the four-stop Gem State Series was also held at Bro's Speedway and Hobbies on May 30. Other races in the series took place in Twin Falls in April and Boise in July.

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MRW barbecue and auction set Saturday

Fundraiser starts series of county car shows

When children start heading back to school, it's the traditional harbinger of the end of summer.

But, for classic car enthusiasts, summer will stretch on for a couple more months with show-and-shine events throughout the county.

On Saturday, the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District, which includes volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, will hold its eighth annual fundraising barbecue and auction at Givens Hot Springs. The event also includes a show-and-shine again this year.

Show-and-shine line-up and parking begins at 10 a.m. at the resort on Idaho highway 78. The car show entry is \$8, and includes a free ticket for the barbecue, half-price swimming at the indoor pool and a goodie bag.

The barbecue begins at noon, and will cost \$8 per person.

The auction begins at 4 p.m.

Organizers for a car show planned for Homedale next month visited with the city council last Wednesday.

The Homedale Assembly of God Church plans a car show and chili feed in and around Bette Uda City Park on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Co-organizer Ivan Moore told council members the car show and chili feed will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration fee for car owners is \$10.

For more information on the Homedale car show, call (208) 412-2946 or (208) 859-6999.

The Owyhee County Hwy. 78 Community Disaster Relief Fund will hold its third annual fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex in Murphy.

For the second year, the fundraiser will include a car show. There will be children's games, food and a casino night, too.

For more information, call Denise at (208) 495-1578.

West Nile detected in Homedale man

Southwest District Health has confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus in Owyhee County this year.

A Homedale male in his 30s has been diagnosed with West Nile meningitis. He was not hospitalized.

SWDH has not confirmed when the man's symptoms began, and the investigation is continuing.

About one in 150 people infected with West Nile virus develop a severe neuroinvasive illness, such as meningitis, which is inflammation of the linings of

the brain and spinal cord.

These more severe infections are marked by a rapid onset of a high fever, headache, neck stiffness, body aches, disorientation, and tremors.

The Owyhee County man is the fourth human West Nile case reported in Idaho this year.

Most people infected with West Nile don't show symptoms. Around one in five develop a fever, headache, body aches or a rash.

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A firefighter battles flames and heat as the Soda Fire begins to rage across U.S. Highway 95. Photo by Vern Tunnell / Silver City Photography



A Bureau of Land Management single-engine air tanker drops retardant over a home southwest of Homedale last Wednesday.



Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter, left, listens as incident commander Todd Pechota explains the status of firefighting activity Saturday at the Homedale Armory.



Kate Blackstock leads a calf after finding it in a burned area of the family ranch Saturday. Photo by Mary Blackstock



Idaho Power crews worked to replace nearly 130 power poles, string 2 1/2 miles of line and deliver a massive generator to Jordan Valley to help get the community back on the power grid. Photo courtesy Idaho Power

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Local, federal crews gain 90 percent containment

Volunteer firefighters praised for work protecting structures

By Monday night, fire crews had gained 90 percent containment on the Soda Fire, which had burned nearly 450 square miles of rangeland in about a week.

The fire that — at 283,686 acres — had grown into the largest wildfire in the lower 48 states sparked Aug. 10 in the Cow Creek area about eight miles northeast of Jordan Valley.

More than 800 firefighters from two incident teams and nearly eight dozen pieces of equipment were employed throughout the week. Several local agencies also provided assistance.

Latter-stage work this week was to focus on mop-up and protecting forage resources for local ranchers as well as preserving sage-grouse habitat.

Winds and dry, hot conditions whipped the fire into a frenzy overnight on Aug. 11, and 120,000 acres were in flames by last Wednesday when the fire threatened homes southwest of Homedale.

“If anybody would have told me that first night that it would reach down to Marsing and Homedale, I would have had second thoughts,” Great Basin Team 5 incident commander Mike Whelan said Saturday.

Residents say the actions of Homedale’s volunteer firefighters were instrumental in keeping the flames at bay before BLM aerial support powdered the area near the end of Graveyard Point Road with retardant as fire crept to within 300 feet of homes. The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office issued the first of several evacuation recommendations. Later in the week, residents near Murphy, China Ditch Road, Reynolds Creek and other areas would receive evacuation requests as hot, windy conditions continued to push the fire through the northwest part of the county.

Flames devoured cabins, a shed and an unoccupied home.

Smoke from the fire triggered several closures of U.S. Highway 95, and Silver City Road was shuttered to all but homeowner traffic when the fire threatened the historic mining town. Other roads and trails were

By the numbers

- Most statistics are as of Monday morning:
- \$4.7 million spent on federal firefighting efforts (cost to local agencies will be determined later)
 - 283,686 acres (more than 443 square miles) burned
 - 213,300 acres of sage-grouse habitat burned (as of Thursday BLM report)
 - Acreage breakdown: 80 percent BLM, 15 percent private, 5 percent state
 - 70 percent containment
 - 811 personnel (federal and contracted) not including local volunteers
 - 75 pieces of federal firefighting equipment
 - \$1,500 per day to Owyhee County for use of the fairgrounds.
 - At least nine local firefighting agencies assisting with structure protection
 - Undetermined number of cattle killed
 - 100 or more households under recommended evacuation sometime during the week
 - At least five structures lost
 - 32,187 acres burned in BLM herd management areas (100 percent of Sands Basin HMA)
 - 27 wild horses killed in Hardtrigger HMA (15.9 percent of herd)

closed as needed throughout the week and recommended evacuations were issued several times as the fire shifted with the wind. Other roads, such as Rabbit Creek and Reynolds Creek, remained closed until Tuesday. Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue provided deputies to support patrol in some areas.

Volunteer firefighters from Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson, Homedale, Marsing and Grand View joined their compatriots from Melba, Wilder, Caldwell, Deer Flat, Nampa, Weiser, Star and Meridian to provide structure protection on many fronts off U.S. 95, on Clark Road, on Roeser Road and on Wilson Creek Road.

The county hired Middleton Fire Chief Brad Trosky as a structure protection coordinator between the local agencies and the federal fire crews.

Whelan credited local crews, Rangeland Fire Protection Association personnel and incident commander Todd Pechota’s Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team in getting a handle on the fire Friday and Saturday as weather conditions became more favorable.

“With the help of Todd’s team and the RFPA and the county, it’s my educated guess we should beat this thing within four or five days,” Whelan told Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, Lt. Gov. Brad Little and Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Brig. Gen. William B. (Brad) Richy during a

Saturday briefing.

MRW public information officer Louis Monson said the RFPA members helped prepared firebreaks in the Reynolds Creek area.

“MRW was on alert before the fire crossed into our district,” Monson said. “We covered Reynolds area with structure protection units as the fire progressed into the valley.”

Monson said the district’s volunteers suppressed fire in the Salmon Creek Road area and “saved more than one property.”

According to Monson, MRW took charge of the structure protection task force in the district until Saturday when the volunteers fell back into a support role as Federal Emergency Management Agency contractors took over.

“We would like to thank all the communities involved in sending support for our structure protection task force,” Monson said.

Monson also tipped a cap to the individual and organizations that provided water and other supplies.

“In the early stages of the fire their support was essential to our efforts,” he said.

With the fire heading into the Wilson area, MRW crews helped with dozers and ground crews to keep the flames from jumping Idaho highway 78 in the Wilson area. The protection extended to

the Wilson feedlot and homes in the China Ditch area.

Federal fire liaison Dana Schmidt told the Board of County Commissioners on Monday that \$4.7 million had been spent on federal firefighting efforts. Costs to the local agencies won’t be known right away.

Otter’s disaster declaration after Saturday’s briefing at the Homedale Armory paved the way for reimbursement and other assistance vehicles.

Officials already are planning a tour to begin coordinating rehabilitation.

“This county can’t really stand any more hits like that, so that’s why we hit it so aggressively,” Whelan said of the early strategy in light of catastrophic fires such as the Long Draw and Murphy Complex.

County commissioners had declared a county emergency during a special meeting last Wednesday.

The commissioners also agreed to let the feds set up an incident command post at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Dozens of support trucks and apparatus occupied the parking lot, and small tents were scattered throughout the grounds. A similar encampment was later erected at Badiola Arena — including tents set up in holding pens — when Pechota’s incident team was brought in Friday afternoon.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said that after the first 12 hours of the firefighting effort, local agencies were entitled to \$3,000 each for every 12-hour shift.

Several community members donated supplies.

As the incident command post was going up at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale, people dropped off fresh sweet corn and water for firefighters that hadn’t even arrived.

“We really appreciate being able to use this facility and the understanding of the community,” fire information officer Karen Miranda said.

When the fire flared up in the Reynolds Creek and Wilson area Friday night, the county jail’s kitchen was opened to provide chicken sandwiches to the firefighters because most of the food that had been donated was sent to the central location of Marsing, Barkell said. — JPB

Soda Fire relief resources

Idaho state and federal agencies and Owyhee County officials compiled a list of helpful resources for people affected by the fire:

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association — The OCA has information at <http://www.owyheecattlemen.com/> about how to donate hay, fencing, pasture and other donations. Contributions can be made at any US Bank branch to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Foundation.

Idaho State Department of Agriculture — Fact sheet of resources available at <http://www.agri.idaho.gov>. Contact range program specialist Brooke Jacobson at brooke.jacobson@agri.idaho.gov or (208) 332-8561 for information regarding grazing allotment status, grazing information, and regulations on public lands.

Farm Service Agency—Idaho

State Office offers emergency and operation loans. Call (208) 378-5650 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index> for info.

Cover Crop Pasture Exchange — Contact the Idaho Cattle Association, (208) 343-1615 or visit idahocattle.org

Veterinarians — Local veterinarians can be contacted directly or through the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA) at (208) 922-9431 or <http://ivma.org/site/veterinarians/member-clinics/>

Natural Resources Conservation Service — From State Conservationist Curtis Elke: “NRCS is planning to assist with all the fire damages occurring within Idaho. Once the fires are contained, my staff and I personally plan to visit the site and assess the damages and obtain an inventory need with the ranchers and farmers.

“The first step would be to develop a nine-step conservation plan of action on how we plan to implement conservation needs on the properties. Then we will be able to know how we will be able to assist with possible livestock tanks, cross fences, preferred grazing, and range seed planting — to mention some conservation practices we are certain will be affected by this fire devastation we are currently facing.”

Elke expects FY 2016 EQIP funds and some Sage Grouse Initiative funds to be available.

Producers who have incurred fire damages should contact their local NRCS office for assistance.

— *Information gathered from Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association, ISDA, FSA, NRCS, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission, Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission and other project partners*



Debbie Wilsey, left, and Jason Eiguren carry cases of bottled water Saturday at the Wilsey Ranch. An Arock native now living in Fruitland, Eiguren delivered a stock trailer full of donated items, gathered by the LDS Caldwell Stake, to the Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena later in the day.

Habitat loss effect on sage-grouse hunt unclear

Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel are monitoring whether to go through with sage-grouse hunts that were announced last week.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission set a restrictive hunting season for all of Owyhee County, and the department announced the Sept. 19-25 hunt on Aug. 11, just as the Soda Fire began to tear through sage-grouse habitat in two states.

“Idaho Fish and Game is monitoring the situation and potential impacts to wildlife and scheduled hunts,” IDFG southwest regional biologist Craig White told The Owyhee Avalanche in an email two days after the hunt announcement.

“The sage-grouse hunt does not

start until Sept. 19, and over the next few days and weeks the impact to sage-grouse and scheduled hunts will be carefully evaluated as the fire situation continues. “Our thoughts, too, are with the residents of Owyhee County who are greatly impacted by this fire.”

According to last week’s press release, Fish and Game follows guidelines that allow the flexibility to also close areas to hunting because of low population numbers, insufficient data, or impacts of wildfire and West Nile Virus.

The Soda Fire, which ignited Aug. 10 and grew to nearly 300,000 acres by week’s end, devoured more than 200,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat by late Thursday morning, according

to Bureau of Land Management data Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s special assistant for energy and natural resources Stephen Goodson shared during Saturday afternoon’s briefing at the incident command post at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Goodson said the numbers were the latest anyone was able to gather because resources were stretched thin by the extreme fire activity.

Goodson broke down the type of habitat burned by the fire:

- 53,520 priority acres
- 125,622 important acres in Idaho
- 34,188 general acres in Oregon

If unchanged, the restrictive

hunt announced last week would have a seven-day season will run from Sept. 19 to Sept. 25 with a daily bag limit of one bird, and a possession limit of two birds.

The hunt would include the part of Owyhee County east of the Bruneau River, which has been closed to hunting in the past. Zone 1 in Owyhee County is north of Mud Flat Road, and Zone 2 is south of the road.

In its press release announcing the hunt, IDFG acknowledged that the sage-grouse is proposed for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act.

In the same release, Fish and Game pointed out that habitat loss is a bigger threat to bird populations than hunting.

“Sage-grouse experts have determined that carefully regulated hunting is not a primary threat to populations. Threats to sage-grouse are largely due to habitat loss from wildfire, human infrastructure, and invasive plants like cheat grass,” the release said.

Current sage-grouse lek data indicate that many populations are stable to increasing, the agency said. Fish and Game closely monitors sage-grouse annually to ensure hunting will not compromise the population.

Sage-grouse Seasons and Rules brochures, including a map of areas open to hunting, will be available soon at all license vendors, Fish and Game offices and online at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Fish and Game: Soda Fire won’t impact Unit 40 hunts

Controlled deer and pronghorn hunts in Unit 40 opened Saturday without changes, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game doesn’t anticipate any impact from the Soda Fire.

The fire burned mostly in the northwest portion of Unit 40, and officials say wildfires typically affect only a portion of a hunting zone. Hunters may experience some road and trail restrictions, though.

A mule deer hunt open to 50 hunters will run through Sept. 30 in the unit.

“There’s still a bunch of area available and really good deer country accessible that hasn’t burned,” IDFG’s Southwest Region supervisor Scott Reinecker said.

Fish and Game said no closures or alterations are expected, and that much of the south and eastern portions of Unit 40 are open for hunting.

Roads into the western, eastern and southern portions of Unit 40 also are open, including Flint Creek/Triangle Road, Mud Flat

Road, Poison Creek Road, Shoo-fly Road, Sinker Creek Road and Collett Road.

Fish and Game reported only a small portion of a archery pronghorn hunt that opened Saturday in Units 40, 41 and 42 should be affected.

Fish and Game rarely alters hunts or offers rain checks for controlled hunt tags because of fires.

In most cases, fires are extinguished or controlled before hunting season begins, IDFG said in a press release.

Hunters affected by a fire closure can adjust their schedule to hunt later in the season, or exchange general tags to hunt in a different area, but exchanges must be made before the season begins.

Fire information can be found at <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/fire>. Click on the “incweb” link for current information about all wildfires in Idaho, including maps.

In limited cases, Fish and Game will offer rain checks or refunds

when access to a hunting unit is blocked by fire. A person requesting a rain check must submit his or her tag to Fish and Game with a letter describing how fires blocked their ability to hunt. If the raincheck is granted, a 2016 tag will be offered for the same species and hunt area as the hunter held in 2015.

For information about rain checks, call at (208) 334-2592. Send written requests to Fish and Game Licensing, P.O. Box 25, Boise ID 83707.

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Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited president Harold Denney displays one of the prizes up for grabs at the Aug. 28 event.

Ducks Unlimited plans county dinner

Conservation efforts benefit

The Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited chapter will hold its fall barbecue later this month in Marsing.

Proceeds from the barbecue and party benefit the organization's conservation efforts.

The Owyhee County event takes place at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

There will be raffles, auctions, games and special ladies' prizes and several gun giveaways, Owyhee County DU chapter president Harold Denney said.

Denney is also the state sponsor chair.

He said the Owyhee County had 105 members in 2014 and has had as many as 145 members.

There are several ways to get involved with the fall barbecue and party:

- Single tickets are \$40, a couple can attend for \$60, and a youth

ticket costs \$25.

- A single ticket and \$100 worth of raffle tickets costs \$110.
- A couples ticket and \$100 in raffle tickets costs \$125.
- A single sponsorship is \$275, and a \$100 raffle ticket package with sponsorship costs \$335.
- A couple sponsorship is \$295; a \$100 raffle ticket package with sponsorship is \$365.
- A table for eight can be reserved for \$800. That package includes eight dinners and eight \$50 raffle packs. Denney also said that one person in the group is guaranteed to go home with a gun.

Every sponsorship helps DU conserve one acre of wetlands, Denney said. Sponsors receive a special gift and will be entered into a gun raffle in which there will be one winner for every five sponsors.

Register online at www.ducks.org/idaho. Pre-registration is urged to ensure enough food is prepared. Those who buy tickets at the door the night of the event aren't guaranteed a meal.

Call Denney at (208) 921-6733 for more information.

Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo emerges from smoke

The 16th annual Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo went on as planned Saturday just days after the Soda Fire isolated the community.

Contestants of all ages from around the region competed for prizes after Idaho Power had trucked in a large generator to bring electricity back to the

community. U.S. Highway 95 was clear and navigable days after smoke and fire had forced numerous closures and had stranded up to 300 northbound truckers in Jordan Valley.

Rodeo events included a boot

— See Rodeo, page 16

High school seasons near



Above: Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry shouts instructions during Friday's morning workout. Below: Third-year starting quarterback Lawsen Matteson works on a play-action pass.



Trojans scrimmage starts fall

Homedale High School football fans will get their first look at the 2015 team when the Red and White Scrimmage returns.

The intrasquad clash at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Deward Bell Stadium is the first of two game-speed workouts before Matt Holtry's team starts the season Friday, Sept. 4 at home against Melba.

The Trojans will host a jamboree at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. Ontario, Ore., Baker City, Ore., Weiser and Cole Valley Christian are scheduled to participate in the workout for varsity and junior varsity players.

Former HHS offensive coordinator Erik Johnson leads Ontario Diana Asumendi's volleyballers' first action is the Melba Jamboree at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Trojans open the season at home at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 against New Plymouth.

Cross country opens on Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Vale Dash and Splash in Oregon. Heidi Ankeny is the Trojans' third-year coach.

Marsing boosters to host dinner

With Marsing High School fall sports practices under way, the Booster Club is ready to celebrate a new year.

The football team has been in fall camp since Aug. 10, and the volleyball team started practice with new coach Jenny Carper on Friday. Robin Simpson's cross country team began workouts Monday, which was the first day of school.

The Booster Club will hold its Fall Sports Kickoff Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday inside the

school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West. For more information on the dinner, contact MHS principal and athletic director Tim Little at (208) 896-4111, ext. 297.

The football and volleyball teams start the season Aug. 28 with the football squad playing host to Parma, and the volleyball players competing in the Kuna Klassic.

The cross country team begins its season Sept. 2 at the New Plymouth Invitational.

16th annual Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo



Ally McDaniel
Junior girls' all around



Sloane McFarlane
Pee Wee girls' all around

Clockwise from above:
Marsing's Gene Showalter finished fourth in the Junior boys' breakaway roping with a 9.22-second run.

Senior boot race competitors struggle to get footwear on. Jordan Valley's Lee Stanford edged Tim Dines of Marsing for the title.

Ruby Lisle on her championship run in the Mini Mite barrel racing. She also won the girls' all around in the division.

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Open team roping champions Riley (left) and Cashe Davis. Submitted photo



Wes Ireland
Senior boys' cow riding

✓ Rodeo

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race for contestants 5 and younger as well as barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, flag racing, calf and cow riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, and team roping for older boys and girls. A senior boot race also was held.

The champions in each event earned buckles, and the top-five placers in each event received prizes. The overall boy and girl champion in each age division also received all around buckles. Age divisions included Mini Mites (6 and younger), Pee Wees (7-9), Juniors (10-13), and Seniors (14-18).

The Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo awarded four scholarships to recent Jordan Valley High School graduates Nick Eiguren, Lee Stanford, Andi Warn, and Sandy Warn.

"Thank you so very much to all of the sponsors and everyone that helped out at the rodeo to make it a success," Lindsey Smith, one of the rodeo organizers, said.

Saturday's results

Open

Team roping — 1. Cashe Davis and Riley Davis; 2. Hagen Wallace and Tanner Lewis; 3. Lacy Yates and Jace Grenke; 4. Nick Eiguren and Birch Eiguren; 5. Devon McDaniel and Birch Eiguren

Senior

All around — Girls: Sage Raine and Ria Kent; boys: Tanner Lewis

Girls' breakaway roping — 1. Shelby Dines; 2. Ally McDaniel; 3. Millie Greenwood; 4. Emilee Burch

Girls' barrels — 1. Kerstin Christiansen; 2. Ria Kent; 3. Sage Raine; 4. Hayley Hall; 5. Codi Ann Park

Girls' poles — 1. Sage Raine; 2. Ria Kent; 3. Heather Hall; 4. Kerstin Christiansen; 5. Josey Hall

Boys' calf roping — 1. Hagen Wallace; 2. Tanner Lewis

Boys' breakaway — 1. Cashe Davis

Boys' cow riding — 1. Wes Ireland; 2. Cody Kent; 3. Hunter Christiansen; 4. Clayton Snow; 5. TJ Davis

Junior

All around — Girls: Ally McDaniel; boys: Devon McDaniel

Girls' goat tying — 1. Millie Greenwood; 2. Ally McDaniel; 3. Alyvia Moffis; 4. Lacy Yates; 5. Shawny Telford

Girls' barrels — 1. Ally McDaniel; 2. Alyvia Moffis; 3. Shawny Telford; 4. Halle Burch; 5. Caela Garland

Junior Girls' poles — 1. Caela Garland; 2. Ally McDaniel; 3. Alyvia Moffis; 4. Zayne Hall; 5. Tayler Eiguren

Boys' breakaway — 1. Wes Ireland; 2. Sean Schnabele; 3. Devon McDaniel; 4. Gene Showalter

Boys' flag race — 1. Devon McDaniel; 2. Sylais York; 3/4. Gene Showalter; 5. Birch Eiguren

Boys' calf riding — 1. Devon McDaniel; 2. Wes Ireland; 3.

Sylais York; 4. Tanner Steele; 5. Jonathon Brunko

Pee Wee

All around — Girls: Sloan McFarlane; boys: Quintin Moffis

Girls' goat tail tying — 1. Sloan McFarlane; 2. Sierra Telford; 3. Josie Lisle; 4. Meg Eiguren; 5. Vina Tom

Girls' barrels — 1. Charmayne Briggs; 2. Sierra Telford; 3. Denni Coleman; 4. Taylor Hack; 5. Kelly Jo Erskine

Girls' poles — 1. Sloan McFarlane; 2. Charmayne Briggs; 3. Denni Coleman; 4. Kelly Jo Erskine; 5. Madi Jo Steele

Boys' goat tail tying — 1. Mason McDaniel; 2. Trell McFarlane; 3. Quintin Moffis; 4. Sammy Saunders; 5. Trey McFarlane

Boys' flag race — 1. Quintin Moffis; 2. Sammy Saunders; 3. Trey McFarlane; 4. Billy De-long; 5. Jake Greenwood

Boys' poles — 1. Sammy Saunders; 2. Quintin Moffis; 3. Trey McFarlane; 4. Billy De-

long; 5. Trevor Rhoades

Mini Mite

All around — Girls: Ruby Lisle; boys: Ross Eiguren

Girls' goat tail untieing — 1. Whitlee Burch; 2. Ruby Lisle; 3. Camilla Bengoa; 4. Mesa Mackenzie; 5. Bailey Erskine

Girls' flag race — 1. Ruby Lisle; 2. Kenzie Smith; 3. Anna Rudolf; 4. Mesa Mackenzie; 5. Bailey Erskine

Girls' barrel race — 1. Ruby Lisle; 2. Whitlee Burch; 3. Kenzie Smith; 4. Presley Seal; 5. Cassidy Burlile

Boys' goat tail untieing — 1. Ross Eiguren; 2. Alex Williams; 3. Grady Grubbs; 4. Stetson Mackenzie; 5. Domyne Derosier

Boys' flag race — 1. Kreece Powell; 2. Ross Eiguren; 3. Grady Grubbs; 4. Cooper Mackenzie; 5. Stetson Mackenzie

Boys' barrel race — 1. Kreece Powell; 2. Riley Steele; 3. Ross Eiguren; 4. Grady Grubbs; 5. Cooper Mackenzie

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August 22, 1990

Succor Creek flood damage

Flood waters swept down normally placid Succor Creek in the Homedale area Monday night, damaging at least three homes and a railroad bridge, washing out a diversion dam below Sage Road, and inflicting an unknown amount of damage to crops and properties along the creek’s bottomlands.

Rampaging water flooded the Bob Davis home on the Malheur County side of the border and, nearer town, left the Smith family stranded on their roof temporarily, according to reports from Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse members.

Certain farm equipment at the Harold Markley farm was submerged briefly in the sudden torrent caused by heavy rainfall and hail in the Owyhees. Fencing was reported wiped out further downstream at the home of the Markleys’ daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Kenne Metzger.

About two dozen people gathered near the Highway 19 bridge over Succor Creek near the Homedale city limits between 8 and 9 p.m. Monday as a feared “wall of water” neared the site. The “wall” never materialized, although floodwaters rose near the bridge’s upper supports that join with the roadbed. State, county and local police authorities worked to alert residents along the creek about the rising waters. Officers at the scene included Deputy Sheriff Dick Freund and Homedale Police officer Gary Olsen. Sheriff’s Posse members assisting with traffic control and flood monitoring included Ray Mansisidor, Bruce Sibert and Joe Aman.

Floodwaters covered the road surface of the steel bridge at Sage Road several miles upstream, where a power pole was also knocked out of service.

Auction receipts total \$81,283.68

Cooperative bidders drove up prices at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Auction here Aug. 11 to give participating 4-H’ers and FFA’ers generally higher prices for top meat animals than were received at the same event last year. According to figures released by the county Extension Office in Marsing. The latest auction produced a grand total of \$81,283.68 in livestock sales, compared to \$77,098.03 in sales a year ago.

The grand champion market beef raised by Kit Bachman of Bruneau was bought by Simplot Livestock of Bruneau for \$2,403. Last year’s top market beef sold for \$2,170.35. The reserved champion market beef owned by Suzanne Collett of Oreana was bought by Olsen Livestock Consultants of Boise and the Bruneau Cattle Co., for \$1,770.60. That compares to \$1,186.80 paid for the reserve beef champion last year.

Marsing seniors bring home medals

Idaho Seniors celebrated their first Olympic Games at BSU and Joined 44 Other states in doing so. The games began Wednesday, August 15 with competition in the golf division. Events were divided according to age, starting at age 60. Ron LeClair of Marsing took 2nd place in his golf division, but said they forgot to tell him about the water hole on the left.

After tennis and bowling on Friday, they all enjoyed a barbecued chicken dinner catered by the BSU staff. A dance contest featuring the Waltz and Jitterbug finished off the evening. Saturday, seniors matched wits in board games such as scrabble, and in the afternoon competed in swimming. Three Marsing Seniors brought home medals in the swimming division. Marianne Thomas won a silver medal in the back stroke; Mary Mahler also earned a silver in the back stroke and a bronze in the free style: Steve Thomas swam the fifty meters in 57 seconds for a gold.

Track and field games concluded Saturday’s schedule of events and Mary said they were especially impressed by a gentlemen from Donnelly who participated in four events in spite of obvious arthritic impairment. “He finished the course with cheers of the crowd.”

50 years ago

August 26, 1965

Estimated 1200 Persons Attend Old Timers’ Day

A crowd estimated at 1,200 persons enjoyed the 10th annual beef barbecue and Old Timers’ Day activities at the city park Saturday noon.

Oldest man present was P. R. Ulrich, 87, Homedale. Oldest woman was Dora Williamson, 91, Caldwell.

Oldest man born in Owyhee County present was Granville Givens, 82, Givens Springs, born at Givens Hot Springs in 1883. Oldest women born in Owyhee County present was Maggie Johnnie, 100, Homedale nursing home, born on Miller Creek in 1865. Mrs. Johnnie is of the Piute Indian tribe.

Couple present married in Owyhee County the longest time ago, was Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Drum, Homedale. Present were their four children and 11 grandchildren.

Others competing for oldest man present were John Gross, 83, Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Robert Worden, 79, Homedale; Charles Hoyt, 84, Homedale; Ralph Bailey, 76, Wilson; Harry Root, 72, Boise and J. R. Barnes, 76, Homedale.

Also competing for oldest woman present were Martha Worden, 82, Homedale; Maggie Hoyt, 82, Homedale; Jessie Thomas, 90, Homedale, Indian woman from the Homedale Nursing home; Anna Mae Proud, 75, Homedale; Ida M. Williams, 80, Homedale; Teresa Demshar, 80, Homedale and Iola Thomas Potter, 81, Homedale.

Also competing for oldest man born in Owyhee County were Walter Adams, 65, born in Silver City in 1900, has lived in Owyhee County all his life; F. G. Feeney, 61, Nampa, born in Silver City, and Harry Townsend, 82, Homedale, born in Silver City.

Others registering for oldest woman born in Owyhee County were Mrs. Sam King, 61, Bruneau, born at Bruneau 1904; Nellie J. Stevenson, 47, born at Homedale; Louise Johnson, 63, Boise, born at Wickahoney; Lydia Bailey, 75, Wilson, born at Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams, Homedale, with three daughters present and 10 grandchildren also registered for most descendants present.

C. of C. reviews Old Timers’ Day at Tuesday meeting

Incomplete figures of receipts and expenditures indicated the Chamber of Commerce will about break even on the Old Timers barbecue and the pop and popcorn stand concession this year, it was reported Tuesday noon at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Chamber.

Much favorable comment was voiced on the success of the barbecue, with the meat and balance of the meal praised by the good crowd who attended.

Inclement weather during the last two nights of the rodeo and lack of sufficient help to properly conduct the concession stand caused some curtailment of revenue compared with previous years.

Jim Duncan, Chamber president, and Kenneth Downing, secretary, who co-chaired this year’s event, thanked those who participated and gave their time and efforts to helping make the 10th annual affair a success.

Duncan said committees were not given enough time to organize properly in some instances, and recommended that chairmen be selected and committees appointed in future years to be sure arrangements were completed in plenty of time, and to ensure that enough help will be available at the park when the barbecue commences following the parade.

Marie Jereb is crowned county fair queen

Marie Jereb, 15 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jereb, Homedale, was crowned queen of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, Saturday afternoon.

First runner-up was Pat Shaffer, Marsing, who was sponsored by the Marsing Livestock Club. Second runner-up was Paula Simon, Homedale, sponsored by the Homedale volunteer fire department.

Miss Jereb was sponsored by the St. Hubert’s Altar Society. She received a cedar chest, which is given each year to the fair queen. Runners-up each received a piece of luggage.

140 years ago

August 21, 1875

COME TO TOWN. G. H. Tracy and family, of Jordan Valley, have come up here with the intention of taking up their permanent abode among us, and are residing in the late residence of ex-Sheriff Stevens, near the Court House.

STAGE ROBBERY NEAR WAGONTOWN – Wells Fargo & Co.’s Box Captured By The Bandits – Only Three Hundred Dollars Missing. The number of stage robberies this season has been unusually small compared with previous years. The first attempt of this season on the Winnemucca road occurred last night. The stage left here at the usual hour, 6:30 o’clock, with S. M. Wessels, Andy Baker and another gentleman as passengers. Nothing of any note occurred until they had got as far as the Hill on the lower side of Tom Wall’s place, when, about 9 o’clock two men sprang out from the sage brush, heavily armed with shotguns and revolvers, and demanded the treasure box of Wells, Fargo & Co. No express messenger was on board, and the driver reluctantly yielded up the box to the robbers. Mr. Wessels was seated on the outside of the coach with the driver when the robbery occurred. He was questioned as to the amount of money he had about him, and on their being informed that he had a large amount in checks they seemed satisfied not to molest him. They did not interfere with either of the other passengers, notwithstanding that Andy Baker on the inside was “spilin” for a fight with them and had a great mind to tackle them single-handed. The robbers it seems did not recover much plunder. Fortunately the amount of money in the box was not large, there being on \$290. Part of this was coin, and of the balance Mr. Greathouse had a check for \$100, the whole being a remittance to the Company and rather smaller than the average contents of the box during any of these trips. The robbers had white handkerchiefs over their faces, and it is supposed from their manner that they were green hands at the business.

MANY OF THE SIDEWALKS about town are in a dilapidated condition. Day before yesterday, a young man met a lady he had not seen for three years, and while in the act of making a polite bow, one of his feet came in contact with a hole in the sidewalk, and he came to Mother Earth in a sprawling condition. He was greatly embarrassed by the accident.

A NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT has recently been made in the internal arrangement of Champion Hall. A capacious platform had recently been erected at the north end of the hall, extending across its entire width, which will give lecturers and performers hereafter an opportunity to do their business to greater advantage than hitherto. It is a much needed improvement.

OWYHEE STOCKS. Following are the sales of Owyhee Stocks in the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board yesterday afternoon: 740 Golden Chariot, 1 1/4, 1 1/8; 50 Poorman, 3 5/8; 250 Illinois Central 4 1/2, 4 1/4; 385 Pauper, 25 cents; 50 Mahogany, 2; 50 Empire, 75 cents; 675 South Mountain, 1.

MR. SOMMERCAMP CLAIMS that he is justified in asking a reduction of taxes on his stock, on the grounds that he can replace his cattle at a lower figure than they are valued at by the assessing officers. He also claims a partial exemption from assessment on imported stock on the grounds of the benefit the county receives from the introduction of such stock.

SICKNESS. There is a considerable sickness in Silver City at present. Mrs. McCleary is suffering from congestion of the lungs; Mrs. Ira Corp is very low of intermittent fever; Mrs. E. Leigh was taken suddenly ill about midnight and is reported to be dying to-day; Mrs. Biggenstaff was very ill last night; Mrs. Breck’s baby is very sick. We positively believe that cucumber and other wilted green fruits and vegetables that have glutted our market of late has much to do with the prevailing sickness in this camp.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The emperor’s new clothes



The Emperor’s New Clothes is a fairy tale wherein two swindlers convinced the vain emperor they could weave the most elegant clothes so uncommonly fine, only those with the highest refinement, good taste and intelligence would be able to see them. The ambitious emperor heartily agreed, thinking it would help his ability to distinguish the wise men from the fools in his empire. The swindlers went to work for weeks weaving the most beautiful cloth ever seen. They fitted and sought his opinion frequently while charging him mightily. The emperor began to worry because he could never see any cloth, even though he praised them profusely for its quality and beauty. He questioned whether he was really qualified to be emperor, so he pretended to admire the cloth that the swindlers pretended to weave, lest he be thought a fool. On the day of the public procession, the swindlers dressed the emperor in the exquisite invisible cloth. All the emperor’s sycophants lauded him with admiration. He put on his most regal face and strode down the street, his noblemen carrying the train behind him. The crowd, who assumed they were unable to see invisible clothes, cheered as if they, too, could see something more than just an old man parading through town naked. Then from the sideline a little child was heard to say, “But he hasn’t anything on!” The crowd stood dumbstruck for a minute, then took up the cry, “But he has nothing on!” The emperor shivered for he suspected they were right. But he thought, “The procession must continue to prove I am smarter than I am.” So he walked more proudly than ever, as his noblemen held high the trailing train that wasn’t there at all.

Once upon a time, 2007, a group of mostly well-meaning horse lovers (WMHL) questioned the humaneness of horse slaughter in the United States. For years previously, the vast majority of unwanted horses went to U.S. inspected and approved plants within the borders. In the 10 years before 2007, the plants in the U.S. slaughtered an annual average of 62,719 horses and exported an average of 42,286 per year for slaughter to Mexico (24 percent), Canada (74 percent) and Japan, an average 105,002 horses per year.

Effective in 2008, WMHL politically managed to prevent horse slaughter in the U.S. It coincided with the stock market crash. Ignoring the

predictions of virtually all professional horse users, raisers, vets and equine associations, who warned there would be tragic results, the WMHL congratulated themselves righteously and derided those professionals who opposed them.

The tragedy began. What was going to happen to the 62,719 unwanted horses normally slaughtered at home? Where would they be taken? Who will feed them? There was no system in place to handle the unwanted. WMHL continued to tell people how much better horses will be treated. The price of horses plummeted. The Recession put economic pressure on many people with unwanted horses. Whereas before they could sell them for several hundred dollars, now they couldn’t give them away. WMHL enlisted gullible celebrities to their cause. The non-partisan Government Accountability Office blamed the WMHL, sighting “Unintended Consequences.” WMHL became indignant. Horse rescues quit giving out their addresses, auction barns quit selling horses the price was so low. Nationwide, desperate unwanted horse owners began turning them loose. Unable to feed them, many thousands died of abuse and neglect. The WMHL said nothing other than Vote For Me, or Send Money!

While the swindlers are still in business, the real heroes today, like our truck drivers, sale barn owners, horse buyers and Mexican abattoirs, are the reason we are not shooting horses in the street. Since the closing of local plants, we have averaged exporting 137,475 head a year, almost 1 million unwanted horses total, hauled across the border to be shipped abroad for human consumption.

The WMHL keeps the cowardly politicians and innocent ignorant media pacified by praising their new clothes. Those who are the most outspoken in the WMHL; the politicians, animal rights groups and activists, accept no responsibility for the tragedy they created. They are still sewing invisible clothes for their naïve, well-meaning emperors like Robert Redford, Tom Vilsack and good ol’ T. Boone Pickens.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

Soda Fire letters to editor Idaho Power harkens “Good Old Days” ethic

We, and I mean all citizens in this technological age of the early 21st century, are mostly spoiled and completely dependent upon the very technology that has increased our standard of living.

Nothing brings that to our attention like the ongoing Soda Fire that is sweeping through northwestern Owyhee County. At least 100 power poles were burned, shutting off power to the greater Jordan Valley area. All the things we’ve become accustomed to: pumps, TV, telephones, washers, dryers, lights, etc., suddenly stopped, creating a scramble for generators. Idaho Power said it will be Sunday before power is restored.

When I was a kid, before electrification, it wasn’t a problem. We had a dug well with pitcher pump, chickens, milk cow and wood stove. I remember my father trimming camp wicks, chopping wood and milking the cow. Mother took care of the chickens. They wrapped meat in heavy blankets and hunt it out to cool curing summer nights.

When I got older, the cow milking was passed on to me, which is why I don’t have one now. As for the chickens, which are called free range today, they liked to roost directly over the milking stanchion and in the tack room. I revolted, and they were moved to a chicken house where raccoons discovered easy pickings.

The dug well was long ago filled in, and a good thing, too, for it was about 50 feet from the outhouse and a hundred from the corral.

The “Good Old Days” weren’t all that good, looking back, and our vulnerability is only too evident when the lights go out.

Special credit needs to be given to the firefighters who are preventing a bad situation from getting much worse.

As for Idaho Power, words can’t express our appreciation for their response and dedication to restoring power. They are a testament to free enterprise and the American can-do spirit that was indeed part of the “Good Old Days.”

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley rancher

Community’s compassion shines through smoke

A note of thanks to the Idaho Power crews for working through the heat, wind and smoke to restore power to the Jordan Valley area. We so appreciate your hard work and the timely manner in which you had the power up and running again. Thanks, too, for bringing the power plant to take the edge off the long outage. May I never complain about my power bill again!

Thank you to all the fire crews for working around the clock in an effort to protect lives, homes, livestock and grazing land. While we are so thankful that no human lives have been lost, we are mindful of those who lost livestock and grazing areas, and we pray for the strength and fortitude to move forward.

Out of the ashes of devastation shines the beauty of all those working together to help others; not just ranchers helping ranchers, neighbors helping neighbors or friends helping friends, but strangers stepping in to offer their resources to anyone who might need help: Pickups and horse trailers to transport animals or help evacuate, pasture and feed, shelter, food, money and anything else that might be needed.

Law enforcement from other agencies assisted the Owyhee County Sheriff’s personnel in keeping folks out of closed areas. There seems to be something about hardship and difficulties that bring out the best in folks. Thank God.

Ellen Reed
Jordan Valley

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Dual pesticide regulation adds extra cost, burden



Rural communities are under a substantial amount of financial strain and regulatory pressure and are looking for much-needed relief. Bipartisan legislation I introduced seeks to help answer that call by dialing back duplicative and costly regulations associated with the federal pesticide permitting process. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, on which I serve, recently passed this legislation by voice vote, and work continues to see through to enactment this legislation that will lift an additional layer of needless red tape.

For more than 30 years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented a comprehensive and rigorous regulatory structure for pesticide applications under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, commonly known as FIFRA. FIFRA governs the sale, distribution and use of pesticides, with the goal of protecting human health and the environment. The statute requires pesticides to be evaluated (undergoing more than 100 tests) and registered with EPA. Pesticide users must comply with agency-approved, uniform labeling

standards. Unfortunately, despite this federal regulatory framework already in place, a 2009 court decision forced EPA to begin requiring Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for certain applications of pesticides in or near water. This duplicative regulatory requirement went into effect in 2011.

As a result of this dual regulation, EPA has estimated an additional 365,000 pesticide users — including farmers, ranchers, state agencies, cities, counties, mosquito control districts, water districts, pesticide applicators and forest managers who perform 5.6 million pesticide applications annually — will be required to obtain CWA permits. This is nearly double the number of entities previously subjected to permitting requirements, costing more than \$50 million a year.

I led a bipartisan group of senators in introducing legislation to eliminate this costly and redundant EPA regulation affecting pesticide users. S. 1500, the Sensible Environmental Protection Act (SEPA), seeks to clarify congressional intent concerning federal regulation of pesticides and

— See *Regulation*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Don't pile debt onto debt just to get rental income

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are recent graduates with advanced degrees. We also have about \$300,000 in student loan debt. We're thinking about buying a rental property, and the plan is to get a mortgage with monthly payments of \$400 and charge \$800 in rent. We could use the extra to help pay off our debt. Do you think this is a good idea?

— **Jeremy**

Dear Jeremy,

Are you serious? You're in a financial crisis, and you ask if it's OK to buy a rental property? No, no, no!

Right now, you guys are acting like Congress. You have a huge mess on your hands, and you're both going to have to work like crazy to clean it up. That means living on rice and beans for the foreseeable future. It means no vacations, and you should not see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there to make extra money.

Again, no! You should not buy a rental property. Even if you did, this plan assumes that it's constantly occupied and the renter actually pays. Those are two pretty big assumptions. Use whatever money you have to get out of debt, and live simple, inexpensive lives until you get this behind you.

Stop trying to borrow your way through all of your dreams, Jeremy. Doing that will only turn those dreams into nightmares!

— **Dave**

Dear Dave,

I'm 61 and on disability, but I'm completely debt-free and I have



more than \$1 million in assets. I even try to spend no more than four percent of the principal each year, so I don't dip into it. I need to buy a better car, and I realize that I have three options — pay cash,

do a lease or finance the vehicle. What do you suggest?

— **Linda**

Dear Linda,

There's no way I'll ever tell you to lease or finance a car. You have a nice, peaceful financial life, and you don't want to mess that up.

New car leases are one of the biggest rip-offs on the planet. *Consumer Reports*, and my calculator, both say leasing is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. And why would you want the hassle of car payments when you're in such good shape with your money?

I'm all right with you buying a new car, because for someone like you it's such a small portion of your overall financial picture. I advise people to always buy good, used cars unless they have a net worth or \$1 million or more, and you definitely fall into that category. Still, my advice is to pay cash or don't do the deal. You're more than able to do this every few years and not move the needle where your finances are concerned.

Go get that new, better car, Linda. Just don't go into debt to make it happen!

— **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

Pop-culture fixation obscures important developments

by Rick Manning

While everyone has focused on a Trump tweet and Fox News' Megyn Kelly in post-Kardashian America, here are a few things that you might have missed.

The Environmental Protection Agency just unleashed the greatest environmental disaster since the BP oil spill as their "cleanup" activity has resulted in the release of 500 gallons-per-minute of toxic chemicals into the once-pristine Animas River. The now-mustard-colored river flows through the states of Colorado and New Mexico on the way to the Colorado River and the drinking water of millions in Arizona, Nevada and California.

Expect the EPA to use their failure to secure the environment as an excuse to ban gold and other mining as it shows just how bad an environmental disaster can be caused. After all, the pictures of the pollution combined with a headline that mining activity must be stopped to prevent this kind of event is too powerful to be left to the facts that the environmental regulators themselves are responsible for the damage.

Far-left Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer opposition to President Barack Obama's Iran deal triggered a torrent of anti-Semitic attacks on the soon-to-be leader of the Senate Democrats. These attacks reveal an ugly undercurrent running through the progressive movement as Obama, the Democratic candidates for President, and the left-wing media have been eerily silent in denouncing those who exhibit this base and historically dangerous prejudice while instead focusing on banal Trump tweets.

Planned Parenthood continues to be revealed as little more than a taxpayer-funded human parts trafficker. Yet, Republican Congressional leaders seem loathe to make this a major fight in September during the government funding debate. Republican presidential candidates like Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Govs. Bobby Jindal (Louisiana) and Scott Walker (Wisconsin) will have to press this issue hard to force the House and Senate to take a stand for basic human decency in the wake of the recent video releases.

At a time when the inside-the-Beltway Republican fixers are under siege from the grassroots, this is one issue that should unite everyone, with the side benefit of forcing Hillary Clinton and congressional Democrats to defend the indefensible.

Great Britain has been dealing with its own illegal alien invasion as Muslim immigrants have been massing at the English Channel Tunnel in Calais, France that connects the two countries.

Under President Obama's policy, those same immigrants would merely walk across the border into the arms of a waiting border agent, and be put into the resettlement system. In the end, the French-English border situation makes the dual points that the enforcement of the law matters more than even the tallest fence, but without the fence, enforcement becomes much harder in the face of a coordinated immigration invasion.

While unrelated, the situation in the Middle East continues to devolve as the U.S. consulate in Turkey came under attack last week. The mutual desire of the governments of Turkey and Iran to stop the development

of a Kurdish state, and the Obama Administration's relationships with each, will likely lead to changes in the use of U.S. force against ISIS.

More bad news came from downtown Kabul, Afghanistan where a massive truck bomb was detonated with the goal of killing the financial sector of the country. Hundreds were injured in the attack with one American serviceman killed, signifying the vulnerability of the Karzai government and how even the safest areas can no longer make that claim.

One would think after almost 15 years that consulate attacks against the U.S. in a NATO country while the U.S. has a nuclear deal pending in the Senate, along with the likely failure of Obama's Afghanistan policy, would make for summer news content. Instead, pop culture-focused items like Hillary's selfie with Kardashian and her husband Kanye West are more likely to eat up the news cycle.

In the modern day bread and circuses arena, where the killing of a lion in Zimbabwe elicits moral outrage while the starvation deaths of African humans because of our nation's political decision to burn corn in our automobiles rather than allowing low-cost food to reach them is ignored, can it be any wonder that political pundits are consumed over the Trump/Kelly spat?

After all, starving children in Africa are suitable for late-night fundraising pitches, while celebrity grudge matches light up the Internet, never mind what is actually important.

What a country.

— *Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.*

✓ Regulation: Clean water must be achieved without paperwork, red tape

From Page 18

codify longstanding interpretation of regulatory statutes after the 2009 court ruling imposed an additional layer of needless red tape on food producers. The legislation would also direct the EPA administrator to report to Congress on coordination among federal agencies regarding streamlining information relating to water quality impacts from pesticide use and registration and analysis of the effectiveness of current regulatory actions relating to pesticide registration and use aimed at protecting water quality and provide recommendations on any needed reforms to better protect water quality and human health. In addition to fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, 12 other senators from both sides of the aisle joined me in introducing the measure.

We must have clean water, but overloading land stewards with paperwork and red tape is not the way to achieve this goal. Far more can be achieved by working with producers and water users to institute sensible practices. This issue is a prime example of an unnecessary, duplicative federal regulation impacting a variety of stakeholders in Idaho and across the nation that must be fixed. Additionally,

with the Obama Administration's recent CWA power grab, the problems and costs associated with this dual pesticide regulation will only become worse. Congress must swiftly approve SEPA while we continue our fight against the inappropriate proposed regulatory expansion of the CWA.

— *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.*

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015

July 6
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:
Current Expense \$36,521 Road and Bridge 25,574 District Court 12,979 Fair Grounds and Bldgs 139 Probation 2,075 Historical Society / Museum 659 Indigent and Charity 8,839 Revaluation 576 Solid Waste Tort 1000 Weeds 394 911 1,864 County Vessel 6 Waterways 531 Off Highway Vehicle 200 Economic Development 2,238
Approved Land Use Permit IDI-31362.
Approved Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,136.00.
Approved a catering permit for the Pour House for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association meeting in Silver City on July 25, 2015.
Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to CWI for Tanis Partee and Hannah Radford.
As Board of Equalization, upheld Assessors tax evaluation for parcels LR08S12E050001A and RP04N06W243630A.
Reduced parcel MHA0120004007DA valuation to \$22,584.00. Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-17. Approved Indigent and Charity cases 15-13 and 15-16.
July 13
Approved a letter to the BLM regarding ROW IDI-20274 and IDI-36820.
4,826
Approved Owyhee Initiative Executive Director hire of Mitch Jaurena.
Approved a vent system from Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$5,545.00.
Approved 2 furnaces from Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$18,186.00. Received and opened 3 sealed bids for the roof replacement and repair. Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 15-18. Approved Indigent & Charity case 15-12.
Approved hiring of James Doucet to the jail.
July 20
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:
Current Expense \$61,386 Road and Bridge 8,231 District Court 6,528 Fair, County 22,363 Probation 1,105 Health District 4,531 Historical Society / Museum 1,091 Indigent and Charity 26,147 Revaluation 1,327 Solid Waste 10,764 Tort 3 Weeds 8,676 911 4,300 County Vessel 2,722 Waterways 1,266 Off Highway Vehicle 201 Taxing District 1,557 Economic Development 712
Approved a MOU with the Idaho Department of Commerce. Approved the Idaho Emergency Communications grant application. Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 15-20. Approved Indigent & Charity case 15-20.
Approved a MOU with Elmore County for law enforcement services at the music festival. Approved a letter to US Dept. of Interior regarding an extension. Approved a letter to the BLM regarding a motion to intervene. Approved a letter to USDAAPHIS regarding predator damage and conflict.
Approved funds for emergency services batteries for Silver City Fire and Rescue.
July 27
Approved catering permits for

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CITY OF MARSING ORDINANCE A-189

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,961,731.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.
SECTION 1: That the sum of \$2,961,731.00 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.
SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:
GENERAL FUNDS:
Administrative \$655,859.00
Streets & Highways \$170,450.00
Parks & Recreation \$513,597.00
Planning & Zoning \$ 35,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS: \$1,375,406.00
SPECIAL FUNDS:
Water \$886,060.00
Sewer \$570,200.00
Irrigation \$ 43,015.00
Sanitation \$ 87,050.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS: \$1,586,325.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$2,961,731.00
SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.
SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.
PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 12th day of August 2015.
Keith D. Green, Mayor
ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer
8/19/15

American Legion Post #32 for the Owyhee County Rodeo.
Approved Resolution 2015-15; accepting sealed bids for the roof repair and replacement from Osmus Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$43,275.00.
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-21. Approved Indigent and Charity case 15-17.
Added appendices to Professional Grant Agreement for the Western Alliance for Economic Development previously approved by the Board.
Approved Resolution 2015-14; Destruction of Records from the building department for years 2005 – 2008.
Approved a request from the Bruneau Fire District for radio batteries.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
8/19/15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Homedale City Council will hold a public hearing at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue, Homedale Idaho on 27 August 2015 at 6:00 pm to consider whether to repeal Chapters 2.16 and 17.12 of the Homedale Municipal Code thereby disbanding the planning and zoning commission and repealing the corresponding ordinance provisions detailing the respective duties of the Commission and of the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments accepted at City Hall until 5:00pm on 26 August 2015.
Any person with a disability

may request a reasonable accommodation to make it easier to use City facilities or programs, or request that the City provide information in a different way. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Homedale City Hall 2 (two) days prior to the meeting.
Alice Pegram, City Clerk
8/12,19/15

CITY OF HOMEDALE ORDINANCE # 409
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDHAO;
SECTION 1. MAYOR COMPENSTION
Commencing January 1, 2016, the salary of the Mayor of Homedale shall be as follows:
The mayor shall receive an annual salary of \$8,400.00 to be paid on a monthly basis of \$700.00. (Seven Hundred and no cents.)
SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.
All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE
The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance as a legal notice in the Owyhee Avalanche, the official city newspaper.
This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2016 following its

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 26, 2015 at noon, at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Terri Uria, Secretary/Treasurer
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS *Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016*
Balance Carryover FY 2014 – 2015 145,000.00
Agricultural Replacement 2,492.00
Highway User Funds 540,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees 4,000.00
Sales Tax/Surplus 11,000.00
Penalties and Interest 500.00
Property Tax 76,168.00
Transfers and Adjustments - 11,000.00
Rental Income 2,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE 770,160.00
BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES
Professional Fees: Legal 3,000.00
Commissioner’s Salary 14,976.00
Contingency Fund 30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD) 2,900.00
Engineering Fees 3,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase 35,000.00
Equipment Rental 2,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires 20,000.00
Insurance [General] 5,340.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses 7,000.00
Materials/Construction 235,000.00
Mileage 1,000.00
Office Supplies 600.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes 36,000.00
Health/Dental Insurance 25,000.00
Phone Expense 2,800.00
Professional Fees: Audit 5,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools 16,000.00
Salaries and Wages 136,000.00
Signs 4,300.00
Utilities 2,500.00
Weed Control and Dust Control 20,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation 6,500.00
Advertising Expense 1,000.00
Training and Education 550.00
Ending Fund Balance 154,694.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 770,160.00
Post August 12th, 2015 8/12,19/15

publication as provided by law.
Enacted by the City Council as an ordinance of the City of Homedale, on the 12th day of August, 2015.
Approved by the Mayor on the 12th day of August, 2015.
Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
Attest: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
8/19/15

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be held in and for the City of Marsing, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held for the purpose of electing the following offices for the specified Term:
Mayor 4 year term
Two Council seats 4 year terms
Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U. S. citizen, the candidate’s primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate’s voter registration must match the

residence address provided on the candidate’s declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk’s office. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk at Marsing City Hall From August 21, 2015-August 28, 2015 the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
8/19,26/15

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Area Agency on Aging for Planning and Service Area III
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Idaho Commission on Aging will accept proposals from units of general purpose local governments to serve as an Area Agency on Aging for Planning and Service Area III. A “Request for Qualifications” is available at the Idaho Commission on Aging website at www.aging.idaho.gov or office located at 341 W. Washington, Boise, ID 83702. Units of general purpose local governments must submit a mandatory Letter of Intent by Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Proposals must be submitted to the Idaho Commission on Aging on or before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2015, Idaho Commission on Aging
8/19/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801)
CASE NO. CV-2015-638-A IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLEO JEAN KUBOSUMI, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four 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 in care of Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 23 day of July, 2015.

Kim Kubosumi c/o Russell G. Metcalf, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 (208) 337-4945
8/19,26;9/2,9/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: July 13, 2015 File No.: 7037.106825 Sale date and time (local time): November 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 409 West Montana Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 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: Jacob G. Hyer & Kacey Hyer, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns Recording date: 04/29/2009 Recorder’s instrument number: 268038 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of July 13, 2015: \$83,190.46 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: Lots 5 and 6 of Block 20 as shown on the amended plat of the Homedale Townsite on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. 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# 7037.106825) 1002.281832-File No. 8/5,12,19,26/15

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE UNDER WRIT OF EXECUTION AND GARNISHMENT Consolidated with: CV 12-2595-M

Case No. CV 12-2571-M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Defendants.

SILVER FALCON MINING, INC. Plaintiff, vs. EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., WILLIAM EARLL, Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of Judgment and Writ of Execution and Garnishment issued out of the District Court for the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, in the suit of Earll Excavation, Inc., Plaintiff, against Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., Defendant, Case No. CV 12-2571-M (Consolidated with: CV 12-2595-M), on the 14th day of October, 2014, duly attested the 3rd day of August, 2015, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. (Defendant) as of the 3rd day of August, 2015, in and to that real property situate in Owyhee County, Idaho, legally described as follows:

1. All mineral, mining and access rights in and to the Cumberland Lode Patented Load in the French Mining District, Owyhee County, Idaho, containing an area of 5.927 acres, more or less, surveyed October 14, 1897, Mineral Survey No. 1263, United States Patent No. 1074 on War Eagle Mountain. More particularly described as:

From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, it is South 43 degrees 31 minutes West a distance of 4,183 feet to the common corner of Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17 of Township 5 South, Range 3 West Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, thence North 7 degrees 25 minutes West a distance of 1,500 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 85 decrees 30 minutes East a distance of 180 feet to Corner No. 3; thence

South 7 degrees 25 minutes East a distance of 1,500 feet to Corner No. 4; thence South 85 degrees 30 minutes West a distance of 180 feet back to Corner No. 1; except property included in South Oro Fino Lode Claim, United States Patent No. 1369 according to the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

2. All mineral, mining and access rights in and to the Louisiana Lode Patented Load Mining Claim in the French Mining District, Owyhee County, Idaho, containing an area of 12.950 acres, more or less. Surveyed by Mineral Survey No. 1415, United States Patent No. 1217 on War Eagle Mountain. More particularly described as:

From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, it is South 37 degrees 32 minutes West a distance of 4850.5 feet to the common corner of Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17 of Township 5 South, Range 3 West Boise Meridian, South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian,

From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, thence North 7 degrees 25 minutes West a distance of 694 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 85 decrees 30 minutes East a distance of 116 feet to Corner No. 3; thence North 4 degrees 30 minutes West a distance of 449.5 feet to Corner No. 4; thence North 74 degrees East a distance of 460 feet to Corner No. 5; thence South 7 degrees 25 minutes East a distance of 1116 feet back to Corner No. 6; thence South 74 degrees West a distance of 600 feet to Corner No. 1.

3. Sinker #1, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172885 in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

4. Sinker #2, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172884, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

5. Sinker #3, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172883, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

6. Sinker #4, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172882, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

7. Sinker Tunnel #1, a Tunnel Site Location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172886, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise, Meridian, Idaho.

More in depth descriptions are available for the sinker tunnels upon request. Please call the Owyhee County Sheriff’s office at 208-495-1154 for that information.

Pursuant to I.C. §60-113 the

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District have tentatively adopted a budget for the 2016 fiscal year, for said district, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget, at the office for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Road, Marsing, ID 83639 at 2:00 p.m. on the day of August 24th, 2015. The budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Cemetery Office.

PROPOSED BUDGET DATED AUGUST 3, 2015
BUDGET TERM: OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 31, 2016

Fund Balance Carry Forward	\$24,621.00
REVENUE	
Burial Lots	10,000.00
County Warrants	38,607.00
Farm Rental	3,812.00
Labor (Opening & Closing)	12,000.00
Override Levy	30,000.00
Total Revenue	94,419.00
All Total	\$119,040.00
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENT	
Salaries	
Sexton	35,000.00
Farm Oversight	7,000.00
Part Time Help	10,000.00
Total	\$52,000.00
EXPENSES	
Gas & Oil	4,500.00
Idaho Power	3,000.00
Irrigation	3,000.00
Repair Grounds	8,000.00
Repair Equipment	3,300.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Sanitation	600.00
Property Insurance	2,500.00
Bond Insurance	125.00
Payroll Taxes	3,300.00
Legal Notices	3,500.00
Travel& Meals	600.00
Office Supplies	800.00
Workman’s Comp.	3,200.00
Chemical & Fertilizer	3,200.00
Persi	5,000.00
Deeds	600.00
Property Tax	100.00
Special Meeting	2,000.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	
(Equipment)	18,215.00
(Grounds)	0.00
Total	67,040.00
Total Disbursement	\$119,040.00
Total Budget	\$119,040.00
Bruce Benson, Secretary-Treasurer-Sexton Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District 8/12,19/15	

real property described above is believed to be located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho, and information concerning the location of the property may be obtained from Paul J. Augustine, 1004 West Fort Street, P.O. Box 1521, Boise, Idaho 83701, telephone: (208) 367-9400, attorney for Plaintiff Earll Excavation, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 8th day of September, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the following location, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, I will sell all the aforementioned property interest at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in legal currency of the United States, to satisfy said execution and all costs.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of August, 2015.
Perry Grant, Sheriff
By: Teri Naito, Civil Deputy
8/12,19,26/15

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11842

JONATHAN SKINNER, 5000 NW 1ST AVE, NEW PLYMOUTH, ID 83655
Point of Diversion NENW S13 T06S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/15 to 11/15 1.48 CFS
Total Diversion: 1.48 CFS
Date Filed: 9/11/2013

Place of Use: IRRIGATION
T06S R01W S12 SESW SWSE
T06S R01W S13 NWNE NENW NWNW
T06S R01W S14 SENE
Total Acres: 74
Water bearing zone to be appropriated is from 200 to 250 feet.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 9-7-2015. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
8/19,26/15

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650,

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

All that part of Government Lot 6 lying South and West of State Highway No. 78 in Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT

THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 10977 State Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Scott D. Jensen a single person , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Selene Finance LP as Successor Beneficiary, recorded January 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 267246, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$120,772.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.5000% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 15, 2009. Payments are in default

for the months of August 2012 through and including June 2015 in the amount of \$834.81 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of June 16, 2015 is \$114,534.55 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.5000% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$114,534.55, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: July 30, 2015

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone: 208-947-1553 File No.: 274305/ 1509 JENSEN /FC50125

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

8/12,19,26;9/2/15

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River front home with over 4900 sq.ft, 7 bdrms, 5 bths on 8+ acres and over 700 ft of river frontage, \$549,000. Call Clay @ 880-1623 Clayton L. Brown RE, LLC

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HELP WANTED

Owyhee County, job opening for a Property Appraiser. Full time job with benefits. Job description down loaded from the Owyhee County website. Applications submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 4th to the Assessor's office at the Owyhee County Courthouse.

Owyhee County is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement. This position is full time, 37.5 hours a week. Salary range of \$15.94 – \$18.00 depending on experience. All applicants will be subject to a background check. Job description and applications are available at the Owyhee County Clerk's Office in Murphy, Idaho. Applicants must be able to read and interpret building plans and construction drawings, and possess knowledge of building codes. Applicants must have the ability to work independently under general policy direction; work effectively with staff at all levels; possess excellent written and verbal communication skills; ability to exercise independent judgment when appropriate; and knowledge of current office software systems. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2015. Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.



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Thank you to each and everyone who assisted in saving homes in the recent fire. Your quick response and expertise saved my home. Thank you Homedale Fire Department for all your hard work. Rob Paasch

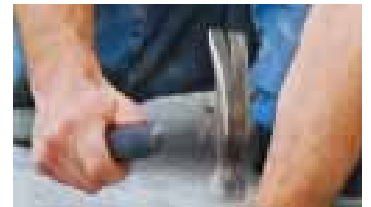
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A great big Thank You to all the firefighters for your quick response last Wednesday. We especially want to thank Homedale's volunteer firefighters. You saved our home! Rob, Bridget, Lydia, Megan and Ryan Aman

We wish to express our appreciation to the Homedale Fire Department for its quick action in stopping the fire at our home and in the neighborhood. You guys are the best! Joe and Jan Aman

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JV 4-H'er to sell fair project at Logans

Consumers will have the opportunity to buy the end product of a Jordan Valley-area boy's fair project Saturday.

Kort Skinner's 1,310-pound Red Angus steer sold during the Malheur County Fair junior livestock auction on Aug. 1.

Logan's Market purchased the steer, and Kort will be on hand at the Marsing store at 9 a.m. Saturday to sell the beef.

The 13-year-old son of Tracy and Silas Skinner thanked those who made the purchase of his steer possible.

"4-H has taught me that hard work goes a long ways in life, the responsibility of taking care of an animal and managing money," Skinner said.

Skinner and Logans butcher Jeff Percifield will cut and wrap the beef on Friday.

Kort is the seventh generation of his family on the ranch 15 miles west of Jordan Valley in Danner, Ore.

He is an eighth-grader at Jordan Valley Middle School.

Left: Kort Skinner will help cut and wrap the steer he'll sell Saturday at Logans. Submitted photo

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Man put on mental hold after Marsing car crash

A Caldwell man will likely face a driving under the influence charge after a crash Aug. 13 in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Deputy Chris Even responded to the scene of a wreck at Pascoe and Edison just after 6:21 p.m.

Marco Rodriguez Quintero, 23, had slammed his 1996 Dodge Intrepid into a power pole.

Quintero was not seriously injured in the crash, but witnesses described Quintero as suicidal and said he was trying to stab himself with a screwdriver.

The witnesses said Quintero told them he had been arguing with his girlfriend earlier in the day.

Even smelled alcohol on the suspect's breath, Bowman said. Quintero was taken to a hospital on a mental hold and was given misdemeanor citations for failure to purchase a driver's license and failing to purchase insurance.

The sheriff's office will now issue a subpoena for Quintero's blood sample to charge him with a DUI, Bowman said.

Bowman could not determine how long Quintero was kept on the mental hold.

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