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Superintendent focused on coaching staff

Rosandick optimistic about Homedale's future

With only five weeks left before fall sports practices begin, Homedale is without three assistant coaches for football and head coaches for the volleyball and cross country teams. But

newly hired district superintendent Tim Rosandick said last week he is optimistic that the district will have enough coaches to begin the season on time.

As of Friday, 16 varsity and

junior varsity coaching positions and the athletic director job remained open because the school board did not renew the contracts of some athletic department personnel and the resignation of several coaches.

But Rosandick said Thursday

that the crisis is not as bad as it seems.

"I am working closely with high school principal Mike Williams to fill the positions," Rosandick said.

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Potter moves on

Celebrate GV Days this week

Grand View residents will spend this weekend celebrating the town during homecoming days. The annual celebration begins at 6 Friday night at the Lions Park with a pit barbecue cooked and served by the Grand View volunteer firemen.

The community pulls together every year to celebrate homecoming days, which ends Sunday morning with a cleanup and breakfast donated by the Grand View Lions Club. The cleanup begins at 6:30 a.m., and the breakfast will be served 8 a.m. at the Lions Park.

Saturday's events kick off with a parade. Lineup for the parade begins at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. The parade begins at 10 a.m., and will be

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Getting ready for school

George Lesperance from Curtis Clean Sweep out of Gardeny City paints striping on a newly asphalted parking lot at Homedale High School last week. The \$45,000 project was completed on Friday.

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Marsing to hold bond meetings

The first of two water bond election information meetings will be held this month in Marsing at the Community Center. The first meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, and the second takes place at 7 p.m. on July 19.

Officials hope that voters in the city will pass a \$1.7 million water bond during an Aug. 2 bond election, the second such election this year. In February, the bond election was defeated when the city asked voters to approve a \$1.55 million bond. Marsing mayor Don Osterhoudt said informing the community of the importance of the water project is crucial to the bond's passage.

February's bond failed by a vote of 76-42.

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Officials scramble to finish projects as Owyhee fair, rodeo nears

Some of the planned improvements may not be completed in time, but there is no shortage of enthusiasm for the upcoming Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

"It's a good little county event, and it draws a lot of people from neighboring counties as well," said Teri Nielsen, the manager/secretary of the fair.

The fair will run from Aug. 8 to Aug. 13 at the fair and rodeo grounds in Homedale with a ton of new contests and attractions for fairgoers to enjoy.

On Thursday, the county fair board had one of its last meetings before this year's festivities.

"We didn't have any major issues," Nielsen said. "But the board tells me that means things

are going smooth."

There is the issue of some of the board's pet projects running up against a deadline, though.

"We're having a hard time getting everything done that we want," Nielsen said. "The concrete shortage is affecting us."

Among the projects that are being hampered is the construction of a handicap seating area next to

the covered grandstand at the rodeo grounds. This year's rodeo runs from Aug. 10 to Aug. 13.

Nielsen said that no companies have submitted bids to do the work.

"Several contractors have been contacted, but there have been no bites because of the concrete shortage and scheduling," she said.

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County gets \$716,000 in federal PILT money

Owyhee County has received \$716,258 in federal Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program funds as part of a record-setting year for reimbursements. Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton announced recently that more than \$226.4 million is being distributed this year to approximately 1,850 local governments whose jurisdictions contain tax-exempt federal lands.

Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the county is putting the money into current expenses to fund the budget. She said the county received its payment in June.

The funds, which are channeled to localities under the PILT program, total \$2.1 million more than the \$224.3 million paid in 2004.

"We are pleased to provide these payments that help states offset the loss of tax revenues to counties that contain federal lands," Norton said. "This money will help pay for essential services such as firefighting, search-and-rescue operations and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services."

The money distributed to Idaho will go to 44 counties eligible

under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction.

"These dollars are an important contribution that benefits Idaho citizens and visitors alike," BLM Idaho State Director K Lynn Bennett said. "Improvements to local schools, water and road systems and recreation sites are just a few areas that gain from annual PILT distributions."

The Idaho counties receiving the largest payments are Elmore, Cassia and Blaine, which received more than \$1 million each.

The amount appropriated for the PILT program in Fiscal Year 2005 is the largest ever provided to counties and other local jurisdictions for PILT.

In 2005, the Interior Department will collect revenues of approximately \$12.9 billion from commercial and recreational activities on federal lands. Commercial activities include oil and gas leasing, livestock grazing and timber harvesting. A significant portion of these revenues is shared with states and local governments. The balance is deposited in the general fund of the U.S. Treasury to pay for a broad array of federal activities,

including payments to counties.

The Interior Department was scheduled to disburse 2005 PILT payments around June 24. For the fourth consecutive year, Norton is sending the payments out in advance of the end of the counties' fiscal year, June 30.

"The Department's efforts to provide timely payments are important to the counties and help us to advance the partnerships that we have with these local jurisdictions that are host to the nation's parks, refuges and other public lands," Norton said.

The PILT payments may be used for any governmental purpose. Payment eligibility is reserved for local governments (usually counties) that provide services such as those related to public safety, environment, housing, social services and transportation, and that contain nontaxable federal lands.

Payments under PILT are made for federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the USDA Forest Service, Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation water projects, and some military installations.

Ousted athletic director applies for Nampa job

Following a controversial and emotional school year, former Homedale High School Athletic Director Randy Potter is calling it quits, to the whole district.

New superintendent Tim Rosandick confirmed Monday that indeed Potter had turned in a letter of resignation from the district, but said since the board had not met on the matter by press time, he could not give further comment.

Potter came under fire in November when the board, consisting of chairman Benita Miller, vice chair Ric Uria, trustee Nick Shanley and trustee Alan Hays, did not re-issue Potter's athletic director contract or his boys basketball contract. Since Potter's removal as athletic director, several other coaching positions have opened because of resignations, non-reissuance of contracts or coaches choosing not to return.

As of Monday — before that night's school board meeting — 16 coaching positions and the athletic director position were still open. Rosandick said Thursday that he was optimistic the positions would be filled



Randy Potter

before the fall sports season begins next month.

Tahna Larsen, information specialist from the Nampa School District, confirmed that Potter was on the agenda for the Nampa school board meeting held Tuesday night. Results of that meeting were not available at press time.

She said that he had applied for a technology teaching position within the district, but an athletic director position would not open until next year.

Potter was not available for comment.

— CB

Central committee seeks applicants for county treasurer

The Republican Central Committee will be meeting on July 26 in Murphy to consider all applicants for the office of Owyhee County Treasurer. The position will be vacated on Sept. 30 Barbara Wright, who is resigning early and going into retirement.

Anyone interested in the treasurer post can submit a resume to the secretary-treasurer of the Republican Central Committee, Charlotte Sherburn. Resumes must be sent to P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

The deadline to turn in a resume to the committee is July 22.

Council elections planned in county this year

Cities are preparing for upcoming elections this fall with city council seats open in all three major Owyhee County municipalities. Homedale and Grand View will have three seats open. There will be two positions up for grabs in Marsing.

Idaho sets most municipal elections in odd-numbered years. However, it will likely be the end of the summer before much official campaigning takes shape.

State law sets the filing period for city offices as the two weeks between Friday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 30.

Seats in Homedale will be Dave Downum, who was appointed to

replace Charles Garrison who was called to serve his country in Iraq.

Councilperson Cindy Sims' seat will be up for election as will the position held by longtime councilman Kevin Barlow. Downum's seat is a two-year term, and Barlow and Sims' seats are four-year terms.

In Marsing, two council seats will be open for election as both are filled by appointed councilpersons. Rob Howarth and Tony Purtell hold four-year terms. Howarth was appointed to replace current mayor Don Osterhoudt. Purtell was appointed after councilperson Jennifer

Finlay resigned.

In Grand View, three council seats will be up for election. Derron Frederick's term has expired, and two appointed positions will be elected.

Josh Pittsley resigned from the council in June and as of press time an appointment had not been made.

Pittsley replaced Frieda Mathews, who moved in February 2004.

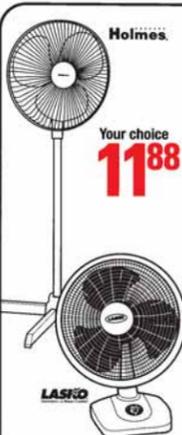
Pat Price, who replaced George Martin, was appointed in February and will have to run for election to keep the position. All three are four-year terms.

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Heat turns on this week

Temperatures are expected to soar this week, climbing into the triple digits and expecting to stay that way for some time. Wednesday is expected to be the hottest day so far this year, with temperatures climbing near 105 degrees.

The National Weather Service is expecting sunny conditions today with highs 105 degrees. Wednesday night through Friday should be mostly clear with lows from 61 to 63 degrees and highs in the upper 90s to low 100s. Friday through Saturday, expect partly cloudy skies with lows 59 degrees and highs in the low 100s.

Saturday night should be clear, and it should be sunny during the day through Monday. Highs are expected to be between 97 and 102 degrees and lows from 59 to 61 degrees.

Owyhee Reservoir was at 84 percent full on Monday with 598,208 acre-feet of water. Two hundred ninety-nine cubic feet per second was entering the reservoir at Rome, Ore., and 220 cfs was being released at Owyhee Dam.

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	Precipitation
	(inches)
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07/06	21.3
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07/09	21.3
07/10	21.5
07/11	21.5
South Mountain	
07/05	33.9
07/06	33.9
07/07	33.9
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07/11	33.9
Mud Flat	
07/05	18.2
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July 11	98	51	.10

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Grand View to host Potato Congress

Simplot farm site of show's first visit to United States

World Potato Congress organizers announced their partnership with Simplot Land and Livestock to host a major outdoor farm exhibit and demonstration show in conjunction with the 2006 World Potato Congress. Known as the World Potato Congress Farm Show, the event will be held on several hundred acres of a Simplot farm just east of Grand View, in the fertile Snake River Valley.

"Hosting this very prestigious

event in partnership with one of the largest potato producers in the U.S. in one of the most productive potato-producing regions in the U.S. is a natural fit," said Tim O'Connor, President & CEO of the United States Potato Board. "We hope this will be a very successful component of the World Potato Congress, which comes to the U.S. for the first time in August, 2006," O'Connor said.

The World Potato Congress will be held Aug. 20-26, 2006, with the first portion of the program set at the Centre on the Grove in Boise.

The program shifts to the World Potato Congress Farm Show on

Aug. 24-26, 2006

The World Potato Congress Farm Show will feature a hands-on view of a wide variety of equipment and crop management systems featuring the latest concepts and technology available to potato producers. The event combines an outdoor trade show exhibit area with working field demonstrations and plots showcasing everything from the latest genetics to the most modern equipment to cutting-edge crop protection and irrigation systems.

Simplot Land & Livestock is responsible for more than 40,000 acres of cropland in Idaho and another 42,000

acres in Washington State. The operation also consists of 14 ranches and two cattle feedlots, including the Grand View lot with a capacity of 150,000 head—one of the largest in the world.

"We look forward to hosting this show," said Tom Basabe, Simplot Land & Livestock President. "I think attendees will be favorably impressed by the productivity and diversity of this agricultural area."

The World Potato Congress Farm Show is expected to attract several hundred companies and thousands of attendees from many potato-producing countries for this one-time world-class event.



Homedale High's parking lot resurfaced

One of the biggest work projects this year for the Homedale School District was completed last week when King Excavation of Caldwell and its subcontractors installed a new parking lot at Homedale High School.

Idaho Sand and Gravel laid the asphalt Thursday. Curtis Clean Sweep of Garden City painted the striping for the lot's parking stalls Friday to complete the job, according to King Excavation owner Greg King.

King Excavation, one of four contractors to submit bids, began removing the old lot on June 30.

New Homedale school superintendent Tim Rosandick said Thursday that the project had a price tag of \$45,000. He said it was one of a handful of projects scheduled in the district.

Also scheduled is \$30,000 to repair roofs on some district buildings and a \$6,000 carpeting job at the elementary school.

The money for these projects was mandated by the recent passage of the plant facilities levy.

— JB

New lot shapes up

Donna Lish of Nampa's Idaho Sand and Gravel, checks her work as she rolls over the new layer of asphalt applied to the parking lot at Homedale High School on Thursday.



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Sage grouse subcommittee continues toward a plan

Since the April 13 Sage grouse Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, the SAC Planning Subcommittee has met for a total of seven days. The subcommittee has identified a set of milestones and agreed to target dates for each milestone to complete a new draft statewide plan.

The subcommittee is developing a draft plan that will provide tools, recommendations and guidance to all local work groups (LWGs) to assist them in the development of locally derived and site-specific LWG plans. To accomplish this, the subcommittee is reviewing each chapter of the plan, reorganizing sections, rewriting sections and seeking ways to make the plan more valuable to LWGs.

Through Sept. 27, the subcommittee plans to complete a revised draft statewide plan. On Sept. 27, subcommittee members plans to present the revised draft statewide proposal to the full SAC and explain the approach, decisions and consensus process used to develop the document. IDFG Director Steve Huffaker, BLM State Director K Lynn Bennett, and state Office of Species Conservation Administrator Jim Caswell plan to attend.

From Sept. 27 to Oct. 25, SAC members plan to review the revised draft Statewide Plan and on Oct. 25, the SAC will meet to discuss and possibly recommend the draft Statewide Plan for release to all local working groups and the general public for review and comment.

From Oct. 25 to Dec. 13, the public will be able to review the Statewide Plan, and a six-week comment period will allow LWGs time to meet as needed to carefully review the plan. Subcommittee members will be available to meet with LWGs to answer questions about the draft plan.

In December 2005 and January 2006, the subcommittee will review and incorporate comments from the public into the draft plan.

In early 2006, the full SAC will meet to review the final state plan with the directors.

The state Office of Species Conservation has confirmed that Idaho has received another \$300,000 federal grant for sage grouse conservation work. The 2005 grant application period runs through Aug. 31 with SAC funding recommendations occurring at either the September or October SAC meeting.

On Feb. 1-2, 2005, the Idaho

Sage Grouse Science Panel was convened at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center in Boise. Steve Morey of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bob Ruesink, retired USFWS, facilitated the panel, which consisted of six scientists with expertise in sage grouse, range, fire and landscape ecology.

Panelists included Dr. Steve Bunting, a professor in the University of Idaho's Department of Range Science; Dr. Jack Connelly, the principal wildlife research biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Dr. Steve Knick, of the U.S. Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division; Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, chairperson of the Department of Range Science at U of I; Dr. Kerry Reese, a professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at U of I; and Dr. Mike Scott, the leader of the University of Idaho's Cooperative Fisheries and Wildlife Research Unit. Others in attendance included Huffaker, Caswell, Bennett, Ruth Monahan, supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest, and several agency staff members.



New equipment

Members of the South Mountain 4-H Club build a piece of playground equipment that would later be installed in the Jordan Valley park. The club built equipment and installed sand at the park as part of its community service project. FFA advisor Adam Ineck works on the top of the structure while South Mountain club members Bailey Kershner, left, and Breann Hipwell, right, provide assistance.

S. Mountain 4-H refurbishes Jordan Valley playground

The South Mountain 4-H Club held weigh-ins for pigs and sheep and completed its community service project in recent weeks as preparation continues for the fair.

A sheep weigh-in was held June 10, with club members Michelle Elsner, Tyler Elsner, Nathan Elsner and Tad Jones weighing their animals and having them sheared.

On May 6, South Mountain member Jordan Jones weighed-in his pigs, Oscar and Lucy.

South Mountain 4-H Club's community service project included painted the rodeo grounds ticket booths and building and installing new playground equipment for the Jordan Valley park.

The club also hauled in sand for the playground.

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✓ Coaches

“We are working together to do as much recruiting and getting the word out so these positions can be filled. Frankly, I think that we are seeing some interest in the jobs.”

But Rosandick said some of the problem comes from the district having few teaching positions open. He said that there are advantages to having head coaches on staff, because of the benefits that are not offered to “walk-on” coaches — those coaches who run teams but don’t work on campus.

“If you don’t have the teaching positions open, you are relying on walk-on coaches or relying on teachers from other districts to come over and coach. It presents some challenges,” Rosandick said. “There is an expectation that when we have an instructional position

open that we are going to hire the very best teacher we can hire. So it is bouncing all those interests and needs that can make it fairly challenging. But I have faith, and I am optimistic that we are going to get this resolved in a way that will serve children well.”

Rosandick said Thursday that he did not have any recommendations that would be presented to the board Monday. He said if people are hired or recommendations are made, a special board meeting could be called before the regular meeting in August.

“I am optimistic, as to all I can be at this time, that we will get some good people on board,” he said. “If I am pessimistic, I would think, ‘Boy, we are in trouble there.’ But I am going to remain optimistic.”

Williams said at this point he has only been talking to people about the position. He said he has received numerous phone calls

and e-mails about the coaching positions, but the athletic director position has not been as popular.

“We have been doing this in a bit of a backwards process,” Williams said. “We are talking to people and encouraging them to apply then we can set up a formal interview committee and interview some candidates. It is sort of backwards as we are recruiting them and then getting them to apply.”

Williams said the application period is the slow part of the process. He said the applications have to be mailed, filled out and returned. At the time of his interview with the Avalanche last week, Williams said he had no recommendation to make for Monday’s meeting.

July is considered late in the year for teachers to apply for positions. Williams said most have already set their fall schedule. Williams said he would normally like the

athletic director to be involved in the hiring process, but that is not possible at this time.

“Some of it was because of natural turnover,” Williams said. “Some is because teachers held more positions than teacher and one coach position. When Mr. (Troy) Sullivan (Homedale’s former track and field coach) left, he opened a teaching position and two slots in coaching. When Mr. Fullwood resigned, it opened a junior varsity boys basketball. It is has been those types of things we are dealing with.”

People are starting to call about the job openings, but Williams said he was concerned before those calls started trickling in.

“It’s like this week, OK we will have some people to interview,” Williams commented.

As for the rest of the district, Rosandick said he has some changes planned, but nothing that will be “earth-shaking.”

“It is premature for me to talk about some changes, because like any new administrator, I have to take time to really assess conditions, and I am in the process of doing that,” Rosandick said. “I have some changes and recommendations that I will make to the board on Monday, but they are not earth-shaking changes. There are some personnel benefits that will be of no cost to the district that I will recommend and will help attract and retain. I will continue to look for those kinds of things to recommend to the board.

“The people here have been very open and encouraging, and we have some very good people working here and in this community. The expectations for me need to be high, and I am confident that with their support I can live up to their expectations.”

— CB

MSD to increase lunch fees

Meals in the Marsing School District will cost a little more this fall as the district plans a food service fee increase of up to 25 percent. A hearing on the increases was held on Tuesday, but results of that hearing were not available at press time.

Currently, breakfast costs students 60 cents, elementary lunch is \$1 and middle school and high school lunch fees are \$1.25.

The district plans to increase the fees to 75 cents for breakfast, \$1.15 for elementary school lunch and \$1.40 for middle and high school lunches.

The last student lunch fee increase in the district was in 1997.

— CB

✓ Fair

The fair board is banking on the community’s enthusiasm for the fair to perhaps unearth a contractor to complete the job by the first week of August.

“It would be a nice improvement and a nice addition,” Nielsen said.

No notice of bid has been released because the expected price of the job is below the amount that would require the county to publish a legal notice.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said a project does not have to be bid if the cost is under \$25,000. She said the last project the fair board has bid was the Idaho Power project for lighting in the fair grounds last year.

Other improvement projects that are expected to be done include a defined pathway between the parking lot and the fair office, a new chain-link fence and a new sign at the fair’s main entrance.

While the capital improvements hum along — for the most part — preparation also continues for the aspects of the fair that everyone

likes. Admission to all fair events — except the rodeo — is free.

The rodeo will be held at 8 p.m. each night from Aug. 10 to Aug. 13. Admission is \$9 for the covered grandstand and \$7 general admission. Children’s seating is \$5. Tickets are available at Madison’s Phillips 66 in downtown Homedale. Call 377-4664 for more information on tickets. For information on the rodeo, contact rodeo secretary Ilene Canning at 455-7922.

Entries will be taken for the parade in downtown Homedale beginning at 8:30 on the morning of Aug. 13, also the day of the parade. Call parade coordinator Mary Tibbett for more information.

On Friday, Aug. 12, the light horse and mule driving event will be held in the rodeo arena.

Entries for the open class exhibit in the armory will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Aug. 9.

For more information on fair events, contests and entertainment, call the fair office at 337-3888.

— JB

✓ GV Days

followed by a community water fight with the Grand View Fire Department. Event coordinators said water barrels will be provided and participants can bring the “weapon” of their choice.

Booths will open at noon, and many free events for children as well as adults will be part of the festivities. A hole-in-one golf tournament, a cow chip bingo contest, mud volleyball, a street dance with live music, a softball tournament and fireworks at dark will highlight events.

Pie, cake and ice cream will be served by members of the Rimrock Senior Center, and music for the street dance will be provided by the Jeff Palmer Band. To sign up for the softball tournament, call Dale Gray or Tracy Fisher at 834-3061. Registration is \$10 per player, and games begin at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Snake River Livestock 4-H Club will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts in place of

Cherry Meyers, who was unable to sell her homemade doughnuts this year. The 4-Hers’ booth will be set up in the park. Members of the 4-H club said they would like to thank Meyers for letting them sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts as a fund-raiser.

The doughnuts will sell for the same price as they sold last year, \$7.20 per dozen or \$.60 a piece. To order doughnuts, call Verla Merrick at 834-2641.

The 4-H club also will be selling raffle tickets for a handmade jewelry box, made by Joe Merrick. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The Main Street Market Place will be added on Main Street along with the parade, food booths and annual entertainment.

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Marsing storage hearing canceled

A public hearing on proposed storage sheds in Marsing scheduled for today has been canceled.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi said the public hearing in front of the City Council was canceled at the request of the applicant, Jann Ertl.

The proposed hearing was to consider a special use permit to place storage units on the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive in Marsing.

The hearing has not been rescheduled.

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√ Bond

Osterhoudt sent a letter to every water user in the city stating that the existing municipal water system has served the community well, but several issues have arose that "must be addressed now."

"The comprehensive water plan utilizes and incorporates those parts of the existing system, which are still functional," Osterhoudt said in his letter to the community. "However, as you will learn from this information we do not have to deal with a single update issue, rather, the items have to be addressed now."

Osterhoudt says that fire code issues and funding issues are the main components of the bond. He said most of the city's distribution system does not meet state fire code, which calls for 6-inch main pipe in the ground and hydrants. He said this is the largest and most expensive item in the plan.

"If you resolve the distribution issue but do not address storage, which is the new proposed ground level water storage tank with pressure pumps to increase ordinary water pressure and be able to ramp up and service the distribution system during a fire, you have solved nothing," Osterhoudt said. "According to Bob Malmberg, representing the fire department, the fire engines can literally suck the existing

storage dry in 30 minutes."

Osterhoudt said the city does not have enough money to pay for the items, so the bond is crucial. He said in February the city asked for \$1.55 million, with a 25 percent cost match coming from the city's lender, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency. The cost-match amount from the federal government for the 2006 fiscal year has slipped to 20 percent, forcing the city to increase the amount of the new bond by \$150,000.

"The net result is we have to now bond for \$1.7 million to accomplish the same items as was voted down in February," Osterhoudt said.

"We are advised that this RDA grant amount is our minimum amount if we pass in 2006 and possible additional RDA grant funds may be available if other communities do not use their allocations for '06 grant funds. Therefore, if RDA, at year end, has unused grant funds, we may be able to recapture the \$150,000 ... and reduce our bond amount to the original \$1.55 million. There is no guarantee this may happen, and we need to fund all the necessary items in the comprehensive water plan, hence the \$1.7 million bond resolution."

Osterhoudt said that in light of the changes, the city has been "forced to take in replacement

of the Canyon side wells, fire protection and good quality drinking water for the citizens of Marsing."

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 2. The bond is expected to be used for construction, installation of improvements and betterments to the city's domestic water system. It will include a new well, treatment facilities, booster station, water storage tank and standby power and distribution improvements as well as related upgrades and costs.

The council has not approved any increases in the water fees that will pertain to the upcoming bond, Osterhoudt said. The council did approve an \$18-per-home increase in January, but if the bond passes an additional increase in fees is not expected. Osterhoudt said any increase would be minimal.

The city has an existing indebtedness of \$653,961. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 4.5 percent per year and the range of anticipated rates is from 4 percent to 10 percent. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds with principal and interest is estimated at \$3,131,400.

The bond will need a majority vote to pass. It will mature over a period, which may be less than but not more than 30 years.

— CB



Melissa Roberts and Ben McClure

Roberts and McClure to marry July 23 in Caldwell

Melissa Roberts of Homedale and Ben McClure of Caldwell will marry July 23, 2005, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., in Caldwell.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jolyn and Mike VanWassenhove of Homedale and the late Richard Roberts.

The bride-to-be is a 2000

graduate of Homedale High School and currently a student at Boise State University.

The groom-elect is the son of Dan and Chris McClure of Caldwell.

He is a 2000 graduate of Vallivue High School and is a student in the Electrical program at Boise State. He is employed by Challenger Electric.

Fair and Rodeo queen entries open

Young ladies, who have lived in Idaho for the past year, are invited to compete for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen title.

Contestants must be 16 to 23 years old and unmarried. Competition and judging will be Aug. 8-13 and will include horsemanship, personality and appearance.

Debbie Shearn, at 16308

Farmway Road, Caldwell, ID 83607, is now accepting applications.

The application deadline is July 23.

Prizes will be awarded to the queen, first runner-up, second runner-up, Miss Congeniality, and in horsemanship.

For more information, call Shearn at 455-7917.

Senior news

Homedale Senior Center

July 14: Salisbury steak, mashed potato, carrots, roll, milk.

July 16: Senior dance with Woody Purdom & Band playing; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$3 at door.

July 18: Foot Clinic. Call or come in to sign up.

July 19: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll, milk.

July 20: BBQ rib on bun, baked potato, spinach, milk.

Marsing Senior Center

July 14: Tamale pie, corn, carrots, cabbage/pineapple salad,

soup, dessert, beverage.

July 18: Fish, potato, hamburger, gravy, spinach, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

July 19: Goulash, mixed veggies, fruit salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

July 20: Chicken/ham, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, split pea soup, applesauce, dessert, beverage.

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Boys State governorship has perks for Wilder teen

Stuart Miyasako may have had his own reasons for running for governor at Gem Boys State, but the Homedale High School student knows how important participation in the summertime learning experience is.

"It looks great on a college transcript, and shows you have leadership skills," said Stuart, the nephew of new Homedale School District trustee Kevin Miyasako.

Stuart added to the selling power of attending Boys State when he won the election for governor during the June 5-11 event held at Gowen Field in Boise.

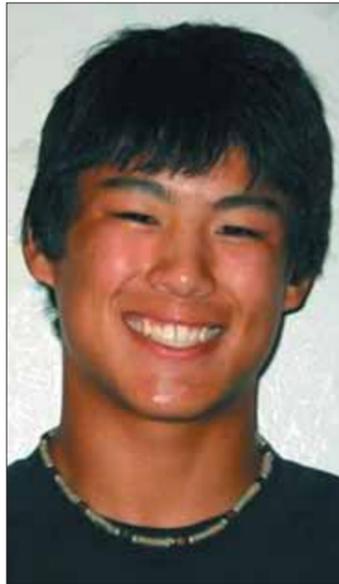
But winning the Gem Boys State governorship meant more than veto power to Stuart.

"The main thing is that the governor got to go to Girls State for the dinner," Stuart said, referring to the dinner at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa during Syringa Girls State. He said no other Boys State participants were allowed at the event.

But in actuality, the Wilder resident — one of four Owyhee County-area high school juniors to attend Boys State — signed up for Boys State to perpetuate what has become a family tradition.

"Pretty much my whole family has been doing it," Stuart said.

Stuart's father, Randy, was an alternate for Boys State, and his mother, Chris, and sisters,



Stuart Miyasako

Melissa and Danessa, were Girls State participants. Two of Stuart's cousins also took part in Girls State.

The other Owyhee area students to attend 2005 Boys State were Justin Aman of Murphy and Bruneau teenagers Anthony Hofer and Blake Welsh.

Stuart's participation in Boys State was rooted in the fictional town of Spalding, which is in the not-so-fictional county of Owyhee.

He lost a bid to become Spalding's mayor as a Gold Party candidate. But he rebounded to win his party's nomination for governor by just two votes in a runoff election.



Justin Aman

In the general gubernatorial election, Stuart's margin of victory was narrow, too. He said five to 10 votes separated he and his opponent.

After failing to win the mayoral election, Stuart served as treasurer for Spalding and Owyhee County.

But even with the perks of being governor — he got to meet Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and check out his motorcycle — Stuart has no desire to head into politics.

"It's pretty stressful," he said.

Now Stuart is looking toward his senior year at Homedale and beyond — meaning college, probably on the East Coast.

His dream school would be

either Harvard or New York University, but he said he's also considering Arizona State, where his uncle, Kevin, attended.

In the meantime, Stuart will focus on his athletics — he's a wrestler, cross country runner and a golfer — and working on the family farm this summer with his dad and his uncles, Kevin and Danny.

While Stuart seemed to be following a family trail to Boys State, Justin Aman found himself walking in his father's footsteps.

Justin, the son of Trina Aman and Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, began his political career at Boys State as deputy sheriff — of the fictional Owyhee County. The Melba High School senior-to-be lost the Silver Party's primary election for sheriff.

Although he tasted success by winning a seat in the House of Representatives, Justin doesn't see himself getting very big in politics.

"I don't think I'll run for anything in the state," he said of any future aspirations. "Maybe in the county someday."

If you're wondering what office he may go after, take a clue from his desired field of study in college — criminal law.

In addition to being a member of the House, Justin served as a city councilman in the city of Roosevelt.

But during his campaigning for any office, he couldn't run on the fact that he was the son of the real Owyhee County sheriff.

"The only gave us 30 seconds, and we couldn't tell about our previous experiences or knowledge," the 17-year-old said.

Justin, who works part-time at Dan's Ferry Service and Cleo's Ferry Museum at Walter's Ferry in Marsing, played a vital role in law and order at Boys State.

As a councilman, he helped enact ordinances for Roosevelt.

As a deputy, he helped enforce laws. One collar he made was of a person suspected of entering Owyhee County without doing a legally required dance. The charge carried a \$50 fine.

In the House, Justin authored an unsuccessful bill to create a penal colony for murderers and sex offenders. The process included debating and voting on the proposal.

"I learned a lot about how government works on the city, county and state level," he said. "And I got a better appreciation for the veterans and what they did for us."

The American Legion has been staging Boys State since 1935. The program at Gowen Field included flag raising and flag retirement ceremonies.

— JB

Idaho beef producers complete Beef 2020 quality workshop

*County Agent
Scott Jensen
among graduates*

Seventeen Idaho beef producers, including Marsing's Scott Jensen, representing various segments of the industry recently completed the fourth annual Beef 2020 program designed to educate producers about the end product they produce — beef for the consumer. The three-day event was sponsored by the Idaho Beef Council and hosted by BYU-Idaho in Rexburg in cooperation with the University of Idaho.

The program kicked off with live cattle evaluation and an ultrasound demonstration, followed by classroom discussions on basic muscle biology and beef's role in a healthy diet. After a slaughter demonstration to begin the second day, participants moved into the coolers to quality and yield grade carcasses and fabricate selected carcasses into wholesale and retail cuts.

Following fabrication, participants learned about the new Beef Value Cuts and

watched a cutting demonstration on obtaining flat iron, shoulder tender, ranch cut, and western griller steaks.

The third day featured sessions on Idaho's Beef Quality Assurance program, retail cut identification, factors that affect meat quality and determining carcass value.

Participants in this year's program included:

Dallas Dupree, Salmon; Joel Packham, Paris; Felimon Arteaga, Jr., Parma; Ricardo Arteaga, Parma; Steven Harrison, Soda Springs; David Rollheiser, Rupert; Shayne Hamilton, Blackfoot; Jim Playfair, Lemhi; June Playfair, Lemhi; Rachel Rheuby, Tendoy; Andy Prescott, Jerome; Michael Archibald, American Falls; Rod Traughber, American Falls;

Laurie Lickley, Jerome; Katie Colyer, Boise; and Chester Southwick, Jerome.

Beef 2020 presenters included:

Ron Richard and Annette Olson, University of Idaho Vandal Brand Meats; Robert Dickson, Oregon State University Singletree Meats; Lynn Mickelson, Mickelson Pack; Dr. Benton Glaze and Dr. Jason Ahola, University of Idaho Beef Extension Specialists; Scott Nash and Ruhn Panting, University of Idaho Extension Educators; Jim Lamb, BYU-Idaho Animal Science Department; and Sarah Baker, Idaho Beef Council.

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North Fork Angus joins AAA

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U of I Extension office hires 4-H assistants

Rita Gillespie and Judith McShane have joined the staff of the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office as the two new 4-H program assistants.

Gillespie and McShane will replace former coordinator Tara Rowland, who resigned this year shortly after the birth of her first child.

The positions are part-time. Gillespie will coordinate 4-H efforts in the Grand View area and McShane will coordinate 4-H programs in the Marsing-Homedale area.

Gillespie, who is from Bruneau, attended Treasure Valley Community College and is certified in equine sport therapy. She has worked in a



Rita Gillespie

veterinary clinic in Mountain Home and spent a year working with children in the Glens Ferry



Judith McShane

School District.

She enjoys team roping, training horses, hiking, spending time with

her two children and attending their sports and activities events. She is a volunteer for the Bruneau Junior Rodeo, little league basketball, the Idaho Barrel Racing Futurity and has coached individuals in rodeo events.

"I believe 4-H is a beneficial organization that teaches children responsibility and self-esteem," Gillespie said. "These qualities make this an interesting job opportunity."

Gillespie said as a child she was involved in 4-H in Elmore County. She participated with sheep, beef, swine and horse projects from age 9 to 16. As an adult, Gillespie was a leader for horse 4-H.

McShane is from Caldwell and attended Boise State University and University

Center in Minnesota. She has worked for the University of Idaho since 2003 as a Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Program assistant and has volunteered as a 4-H coordinator for school districts in Parma and Nampa.

She enjoys gardening, art, skiing, fishing, hiking, bicycling and spending time with her family. She also enjoys being involved in scouting and 4-H activities.

"I enjoy the challenge of working with youth in the 4-H program," McShane said.

"I feel this position would be a good application of my desire and ability to organize and assist youth and adults in developing 4-H leadership and life skills."

— CB

Marsing FFA carries busy summer load

Scott and Kallie Roeser recently returned from the Idaho State High School Rodeo Finals in Pocatello where they qualified to represent Idaho at the National Finals. The national rodeo will be held in Gillette, Wyo.

Scott will be competing in steer wrestling, while Kallie will compete in the team-roping event with her partner, Katlen Schimmelpfennig from Eagle.

FFA Advisor Jason Nettleton recently attended the summer vocational conference in Idaho Falls, where all the vocational divisions within the state meet. During the conference, the Idaho Agriculture Instructors met to address state business, share ideas and visit some of the nearby industries.

The committee discussed the Idaho State Standards and how agriculture education can stay on the leading edge to the implementation of the educational standards. To accomplish this, the current curriculum resources for the state will need to be updated. The state Professional Technology Division is working with teachers to find a resource to articulate standards with the curriculum taught in the ag classroom.

Teachers also visited Idaho Supreme, a potato processing plant that primarily makes dehydrated potato products. Most of the company's products go out in the form of dehydrated mashed potatoes, but the firm also produces other goods such as au gratin potatoes and potato buds.

The second tour was of the Budweiser Malting Plant in Idaho Falls. This plant produces 11 boxcar-loads of malt barley each day, and that malt is used in the beer-making process. The malt produced in Idaho Falls is put on rail cars and shipped to one of the Budweiser breweries back east. Nettleton said it is quite amazing to stand on top of one of the many 150-foot tall silos used to store barley before it goes into the

germination and malting process.

The chapter officers again have teamed up with the Rimrock FFA to spend three days of leadership training, chapter planning and team building during the officers' retreat on July 25-27 in Pine.

"This is such a great time to get to know your fellow officers and build from the strengths of the team," Nettleton said. "They will spend the first day setting dates on the calendar for the year ahead, establishing the roles and duties of each officer position, as well as, getting the Ag Department ready for FFA members to come back."

On Day 2 and 3, the members will camp out on the Boise River in Pine, where the advisors will continue their leadership training through work with district and state FFA officers to develop a solid base for the year ahead.

Upcoming events include the summer vocational in-service in Magic Valley, which started Monday and runs through Friday; National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, Wyo., from July 17 to July 24; Snake River Stampede calf scramble in Nampa on July 19 and July 23; the Canyon County Fair in Caldwell from July 27 to Aug. 1 and the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo from Aug. 8 to Aug. 13.

— CB

Marsing center raffle winners announced

A recent raffle raised more than \$100 for the Marsing Resource Center.

The raffle winners, all reportedly from Marsing, included Harold Shockley (Red Flyer bicycle donated by Marsing Hardware); Theresa Cates (dinner for two from Cooky's Restaurant); Sadie Clover (fishing pole from Snake River Mart); and Janet Martinez (pizza from Pepe's Pizza).

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Sports

Homedale grad passes up star status for future

A momentary misunderstanding cost Nick Williams a chance to strut his stuff against the best Idaho high school football talent Saturday, but it could mean something much greater than one night of glory for the Homedale High School graduate.

Williams was to be one of only three 3A Snake River Valley conference football players to play in the inaugural All-State All-Star High School Football Game on Saturday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Instead, he sat out the game, taking a break from a summer job as a coach in the NBC basketball camps at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Ore.

"It was disappointing, but it was something I had to do for basketball," Williams said, who also passed up football offers from four-year colleges to attend Treasure Valley Community College and concentrate on basketball.

"It was really tough during the year to decide which one I wanted to do more," Williams said. "But I love basketball, so I kind of put football aside."

That attitude perhaps lessened the sting of not being able to compete as one of only three wide receivers scheduled to play for Team Treasure Valley against Team Idaho in Saturday's game. Because of the possibility that he would be an integral part of the all-star offense, Williams' presence would have been required for the entire week, not just the three days that he spent getting ready for the District III East-West Shrine Game last year.



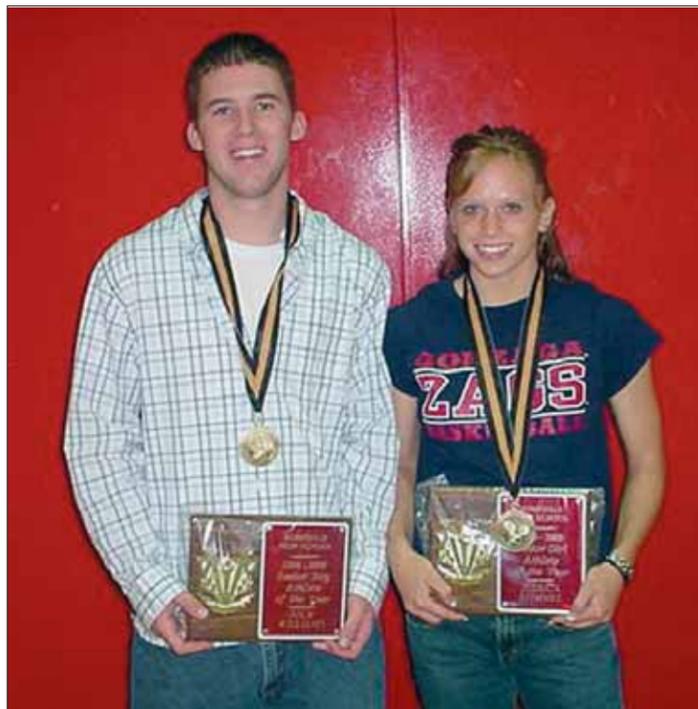
Nick Williams

As it turned out, Team Treasure Valley didn't use the pass too much in Saturday's 20-6 victory over Team Idaho. The local prep all-stars only collected 111 of their more than 350 yards total offense through the air.

Originally thinking he only needed to practice three days with Team Treasure Valley, the record-setting Trojan athlete — the son of Mike (Homedale High's principal) and Mary Williams — followed through on an opportunity that was presented to him when he attended an NBC camp two years ago.

After winning his camp's Most Valuable Player award in the summer of 2003, Nick Williams was approached by NBC's La Grande camp director, Bob McMillian, who suggested he apply for a coaching position at a camp in the future.

He committed to serve as a



Athletes of the year

Homedale High School students Nick Williams, left, and Jessica Stimmel were named the school's male and female athletes of the year after a vote by coaches at the end of the school year. Williams was an all-state selection in football and basketball while setting school records in both sports. Stimmel competed in cross country, volleyball, girls basketball and track and field. She appeared in the District III all-star basketball game and won four track championships at the District III meet.

coach and referee for the camp series at EOU, and -- according to his mother -- that also gave him a chance to play pickup games with college players when the work was through.

There are more camps this summer for Williams, but he doesn't mind because there's a possibility that this could be a full-time summer job in the years to come.

That would suit the 18-year-old

just fine.

"I've been playing basketball since I could probably crawl," said the 5-foot-11, 170-pounder who set career records in 3-point shots made and steals as a four-year letterman for the basketball team.

"It's been instilled in me — the love and passion for basketball."

That passion and dedication resulted in an All-State selection following a senior season in

which he served as team captain and wrapped up his career with 1,183 points scored.

But he was also an All-State football pick and set the single-season receiving yards record for Homedale (1,109 yards and 14 touchdowns on 67 receptions) as a senior.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Williams, who was named the high school's male athlete of the year in the spring. "I talked to quite a few colleges about both sports."

In the end, basketball won — maybe for more reasons other than just the love of it.

Williams heard of the difficulty to be in top basketball condition at the start of the season. The differences in body type between a football player and a basketball player is difficult to transform in time to play effectively in the winter.

"Instead of being in basketball shape, you're about five weeks behind," he said. "I'd rather concentrate on being the best I can in basketball."

But why not play at a four-year college straight out of high school?

"I talked to three or four four-year schools," Williams said. "I liked them, but I felt that (TVCC coach) Derrick Boles was a better fit for me and the style I like to play."

Staying close to home will have its advantages when his two years of eligibility with the Chukars are complete.

"(Boles is) good at sending kids to four-year schools."

That's Williams: Always thinking ahead.

— JB

Homedale golfer takes third in state am flight

Bideganeta brothers finish in pack in championship flight on Twin Falls course

Gavin Parker finished third in the second flight of the Idaho Golf Association's men's state amateur during the weekend to lead the play of three Homedale residents.

Jason Bideganeta, who shot a 7-over-par 223, and his brother, John (230), finished back in the pack in the championship flight behind champion Joe Panzeri of Boise. Panzeri won the tournament with a three-round score of 9-under 207 on the par-72 Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls.

Parker was eight shots off the winning pace set by Gordon Barry of Twin Falls, who carded a three-round score of 2-over 218. Parker sat at 226, edging Eagle's Carl Funk (227) for third place.

Homedale team wins youth softball tourney

The Homedale Dust Devils U-14 softball team went undefeated in five games recently to win the 2005 GALS Tournament in Caldwell.

The road to the title game was littered with close games, but the Dust Devils drilled the Orange Crush, 9-1, in a tournament final halted after five innings.

Homedale, which is scheduled to play in at least two more summer tournaments, knocked off the top-seeded Bullets 6-4 in the Homedale team's third game in Caldwell to set the tone for the rest of the event.

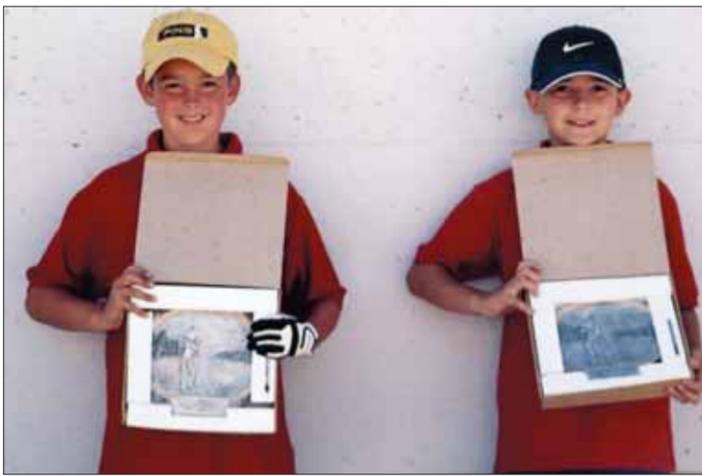
Other victories for the Dust Devils, who are coached by Larry Corta, included a 5-1 win over Field of Dreams out of Ontario, Ore.

Homedale also beat Coldwell Banker, 6-5, and the Mystics 3-2.



Softball champions

The Homedale Dust Devils softball team was all smiles after winning the U-14 division of the 2005 GALS Tournament in Caldwell. The team included: Front row, left to right, Sierra Aberasturi, Ashley Thomson, Cortnee Krzesnik, Hannah Johnson and Taryn Corta. Back row, left to right, assistant coach Kurt Shanley, assistant coach Kelly Aberasturi, Cory Hall, Mandy Brasher, Terra Rust, Mikal MacKenzie, Paige Branstiter, Kendall Rupp, Erika Shanley and head coach Larry Corta.



Junior golf champions

Riley Maggard Qualls, left, and Gabriel Maurer, both of Homedale, show off their trophies after the completion of the Boys 8-9 flight of the American Legion-sponsored River Bend Junior Golf Association tournament Thursday in Wilder. Maggard Qualls won the flight, while Maurer finished third.

Homedale juniors roll at River Bend tourney

Homedale junior golfers dominated again at Thursday's American Legion-sponsored tournament for the River Bend Junior Golf Association.

Five of the six division championships were claimed by Homedale golfers.

Wilder's Elizabeth Mauer, 12, won the nine-hole Girls 12-and-older flight to prevent a Homedale sweep.

She shot a 56.

Grant Sweet, 14, of Homedale fired a 40 over nine holes to edged two other Homedale golfers in the Boys 13-and-older class.

Jordan Pegram, 15, was two shots back.

Homedale 12-year-old Tanner Lair carded a 43 for a nine-shot victory over fellow Homedale golfer Phillip Moulton, 12, in the Boys 10-12 division.

In the Girls 8-9-10 five-hole tournament, medalist 8-year-old Miranda Miklancic led a Homedale sweep with a score of 26.

Riley Maggard Qualls, 9, of Homedale scored a 25 over five holes for a three-shot Boys 8-9 tourney win over Homedale 9-year-old Reed Jeppe.

In the youngest division, the three-hole Girls 6-7 group, Madison Fisher of Homedale needed a putt-off to beat fellow 7-year-old Paige Takasugi.

Both girls shot a 26 during the three-hole regulation tournament.

River Bend Junior Golf Association American Legion tournament, Friday

Boys 13-and-older (9 holes) — 1. Grant Sweet, 14, Homedale, 40; 2. Jordan Pegram, 15, Homedale, 42; 3. Rowdy Lair, 14, Homedale, 49

Girls 12-and-older (9 holes) — 1. Elizabeth Mauer, 12, Wilder, 56; 2. Megan Quintana, 13, Homedale, 76; 3. Kali Roche, 12, Parma, 54 (ineligible for title because of lack of witness)

Boys 10-12 (9 holes) — 1. Tanner Lair, 12, Homedale, 43; 2. Phillip Moulton, 13, Homedale, 52; 3. Ethan Knapp, 12, Parma, 55 (beat Nathan Maurer, 11, Wilder in a putt-off)

Girls 8-9-10 (5 holes) — 1. Miranda Miklancic, 8, Homedale, 26; 2. Erica Miklancic, 10, Homedale, 37; 3. Emylee Obregon, 9, Homedale, 41

Boys 8-9 (5 holes) — 1. Riley Maggard Qualls, 9, Homedale, 25; 2. Reed Jeppe, 9, Homedale, 28; 3. Gabriel Maurer, 9, Wilder, 29

Girls 6-7 (3 holes) — 1. Madison Fisher, 7, Homedale, 26; 2. Paige Takasugi, 7, Wilder, 26. (Fisher won championship in putt-off)



Clean sweep

Homedale golfers, from left to right, Emylee Obregon, Miranda Miklancic and Erica Miklancic pose with their trophies Thursday at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder after the completion of the Girls 8-9-10 flight of the American Legion-sponsored junior tournament. Erica won the championship, with Miranda second and Obregon third.



Everyone is a winner

Garret Briggs, Ashley Loucks, Emily Loucks, Audra Kendall, Sam Monson and Morgan Monson participated in the cloverbud horse show competition last month.

Horse show results announced

The results of the casual dress horse show hosted by the Poison Creek Posse on June 12 were announced last week. Showmanship, western Equestrian, bareback, reining, trail and cloverbud stick horse classifications were judged. Judges were Tass Heim, Mandy Volk, and Lori Nettleton. The ring steward was Deidrie Briggs.

Here are the results:

Senior showmanship — 1. Kori AginBatten; 2. Lacey Kershner; 3. Kinzie Reuck; 4. Jessica Will; 5. Alysha Bahem; 6. Amanda Geary.

Intermediate showmanship — 1. Catie Kershner; 2. Danyel Barnard; 3. Kortney Bahem; 4. Brittney Meyers; 5. Todd Bahem; 6. Rachel Williams.

Junior showmanship — 1. Kate Blackstock; 2. Lacey Usabel; 3. Elizabeth Gramps; 4. Kelsey Pease; 5. Carrissa Lirgg; 6. Brittany Rahier; 7. Stephanie Hylton.

Novice showmanship — 1. Carlie Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Malina Geertson; 4. Sydney Combs; 5. Tryston Hylton; 6. Shenise Williams.

Adult showmanship — 1. Sandy Waggnar; 2. Amber Will; 3. Wes Barnard

Senior western equestrian — 1. Kori AginBatten; 2. Amanda Geary; 3. Kinzie Reuck; 4. Alysha Bahem; 5. Lacey Kershner; 6. Andrew Eubanks; 7. Jessica Will.

Intermediate western equestrian — 1. Sierra Ridley; 2. Kortney Bahem; 3. Brittney Meyers; 4. Katie Kershner; 5. Todd Bahem; 6. Danyel Barnard; 7. Rachel Williams.

Junior western equestrian — 1. Brittany Rahier; 2. Lacey Usabel; 3. Kate Blackstock; 4. Kelsey Pease; 5. Carrissa Lirgg; 6. Elizabeth Gramps; 7. Stephanie Hylton.

Novice western equestrian — 1. Carli Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Tryston Hylton; 4. Malina Geertson; 5. Sydney Combs; 6. Shanise Williams.

Adult western equestrian — 1. Sandy Waggnar; 2. Wes Barnard; 3. Amber Will.

Senior bareback equestrian — 1. Kinzie Reuck; 2. Andrew Eubanks; 3. Kori AginBatten; 4. Lacey Kershner.

Intermediate bareback equestrian — 1. Kortney Bahem; 2. Katie Kershner; 3. Sierra Ridley; 4. Brittney Meyers.



Mail call

Ashley Loucks checks the mail on her stick horse during the cloverbud stick horse competition last month.

Junior bareback equestrian — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Kate Blackstock; 3. Brittany Rahier; 4. Carrissa Lirgg.

Novice bareback equestrian — 1. Carli Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Sydney Combs.

Adult bareback equestrian — 1. Wes Barnard

Senior reining — 1. Andrew Eubanks; 2. Lacey Kershner; 3. Kinzie Reuck; 4. Kori AginBatten; 5. Jessica Will; 6. Alysha Bahem; 7. Amanda Geary.

Intermediate reining — 1. Kortney Bahem; 2. Brittney Meyers; 3. Danyel Barnard; 4. Sierra Ridley and fifth, Katie Kershner.

Junior reining — 1. Kate Blackstock; 2. Brittany Rahier; 3. Carrissa Lirgg; 4. Lacey Usabel; 5. Elizabeth Gramps; 6. Stephanie Hylton; 7. Kelsey Pease.

Novice reining — 1. Sydney Combs; 2. Jackie Phillips.

Adult reining — 1. Amber Will; 2. Wes Barnard.

Senior trail — 1. Kori

AginBatten; 2. Jessica Will; 3. Kinzie Reuck; 4. Alysha Bahem; 5. Lacey Kershner; 6. Amanda Geary; 7. Andrew Eubanks.

Intermediate trail — 1. Katie Kershner; 2. Sierra Ridley, third Kortney Bahem; 4. Danyel Barnard; 5. Brittney Meyers; 6. Rachel Williams.

Junior trail — 1. Kate Blackstock; 2. Brittany Rahier; 3. Lacey Usabel; 4. Kelsey Pease; 5. Elizabeth Gramps; 6. Carrissa Lirgg; 7. Stephanie Hylton.

Novice trail — 1. Carli Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Shenise Williams; 4. Sydney Combs; 5. Malina Geertson; 6. Tryston Hylton.

Adult trail — 1. Amber Will; 2. Sandy Wegganar; 3. Wes Barnard.

The cloverbuds stick horse competition included western Equestrian, trail and figure 8 pattern. Garret Briggs, Audra Kendall, Emily Loucks, Ashley Loucks, Sam Monson Morgan Monson all received ribbons and prizes.



Mini Cookie Collection

Hold on, Sweetie! — Cookies and childhood go hand in hand. Maybe that's why you can't help but feel like a kid again when you enjoy a home-baked cookie paired with a glass of cold milk. These are particularly irresistible during back-to-school season.

Mini Chocolate Chippers: Heat oven to 350°F. Make 1 pouch Betty Crocker chocolate chip cookie mix as directed. Drop dough by rounded 1/2 teaspoonfuls 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet. *9 1/2 dozen cookies*

Mini Peanut Blossom Cookies: Heat oven to 350°F. Make 1 pouch Betty Crocker peanut butter cookie mix as directed. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place balls 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately press 1 miniature chocolate candy drop for baking (from 10-ounce bag) on top of each cookie. Cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet. *9 1/2 dozen cookies*

Snickers Do-Littles: Heat oven to 350°F. Make 1 pouch Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix as directed. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls. Mix 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Roll dough balls in sugar mixture. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet. *9 1/2 dozen cookies*

dessert of the month

Go ahead and add your own creativity to the mix when baking treats and sweets for loved ones



Banana Split Cake

Take the Cake — Need a dessert to go? This Banana Split Cake featured as September's Dessert of the Month travels well in a bake-and-take pan. If you're really in a pinch for time, try Betty Crocker Pour & Frost, which can be used to frost a warm-from-the-oven cake.

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist white cake mix
- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for in cake mix directions for Whole-Egg Recipe
- 1 cup mashed bananas (2 medium)
- 3/4 cup Hershey's miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 container (15 ounces) Betty Crocker Pour & Frost chocolate frosting

Banana slices, whipped topping, candy sprinkles and cherries, if desired

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease or spray bottom only of 13 x 9-inch rectangular pan.
2. In large bowl, beat cake mix, water, oil, eggs and mashed bananas on low speed 30 seconds; beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into pan.
3. Bake 38 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes. Microwave frosting uncovered on High 20 seconds. Stir thoroughly or until smooth. Pour over warm cake; spread evenly. If desired, serve each piece with banana slices, whipped topping, candy sprinkles and a cherry.

16 servings

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

For many home bakers, there's an added amount of personal satisfaction that comes with perfecting delicious desserts. Finessing recipes — both old favorites and new finds — enables bakers to put their own signature touches on one-of-a-kind desserts.

Now, the world of baking just got better for those who enjoy expressing themselves through measuring, mixing, frosting and decorating! A new Dessert of the Month recipe source delivers a foolproof and fabulous dessert idea to your computer in-box at the beginning of every month. Helpful tips, baking hints, seasonal features and fun suggestions add up to dozens of great ideas suited for today's confection connoisseurs. And, hold on to your oven mitt ... it's free.

Betty Crocker Dessert of the Month may be the perfect complement to your kitchen creativity. Versatile, kitchen-tested recipes call for easy-to-find ingredients and are sure to impress — especially when you add a dash of personal flair to the ingredient list. Visit www.BettyCrocker.com, select Baking, scroll down and click on Dessert of the Month to expand your recipe repertoire.

Sweet Success — Month After Month

Keep these shortcuts handy to ensure sweet baking success even when time is tight.

- **Fix a mix** — Don't shy away from using a baking mix — they're versatile and often deliver the quality and taste you expect from scratch.
- **Divide & conquer** — Recruit family members to help. Even the littlest hands can help place drop cookies onto a baking sheet.
- **Secret pal** — Keep a trusted cookbook within reach, and bookmark a favorite Web site for reliable and delicious recipes.

Easy Brownie Torte

Big on Brownies — Warm up the oven when the fall weather sets in, and surprise the chocolate lovers in your family with a beautiful, rich brownie torte. Or, top it off with orange- and yellow-colored sugars or jimmies for a terrific Halloween treat.

- 1 box Betty Crocker chocolate chunk or triple chocolate chunk brownie mix
- Water, oil and eggs called for on brownie mix package
- 1 container (15 ounces) Betty Crocker Pour & Frost chocolate frosting
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped chocolate-covered peanut butter cup candies

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line 13 x 9-inch pan with foil so foil extends about 2 inches over sides of pan. Spray foil with cooking spray.
2. Make brownies as directed on package for 13 x 9-inch pan. Cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove from pan by lifting foil; peel foil away. Cut brownie in half lengthwise; place one half on serving plate.
3. Microwave frosting uncovered on High 20 seconds. Stir thoroughly or until smooth. Pour half of frosting over half of brownie on plate. Place other half of brownie on top; pour remaining frosting on top. Sprinkle with candies. Refrigerate 30 minutes to set. Store loosely covered.

8 servings



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

50 years ago

July 14, 1955

Hotshots win one, lose one as first half ends

The Homedale Hotshots wound up the first half of the Border league season Tuesday night when they lost a 6-3 game to Payette at Wilder.

Krzesnik, lead-off man, hit a double and Pounds garnered a double in the eighth.

At Weiser last Friday night the locals walloped the Prospectors 30-1.

Krzesnik whacked a triple in the first inning to start the slaughter Friday night. Johnstone got a triple in the first inning to start the slaughter Friday night. Johnstone got a triple in the ninth. Weiser threw in five pitchers while Mecham hurled the complete game for Homedale.

The Hotshots also played a practice game with the Homedale labor camp team Wednesday night, July 6, winning 12-6.

The Hotshots played another practice game with the Labor camp team Wednesday night, winning 13-3.

School trustees meet; attorney clerk rehired

O. D. Douglas was hired as clerk of the school board at a salary of \$100 per month, and R. B. Eismann retained as attorney for the coming year at a regular meeting of the board of School District 370 Monday night.

The annual trustees report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 was submitted by Mr. Douglas. Regular monthly bills were paid.

Disposal plant report heard by city council

Two councilmen, the mayor and one attorney were present at a meeting of the council Monday evening to hear a report on sewer disposal system and treatment plant by Early Reynolds of Boise representing Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Marryfield, engineers.

Discussion was held on oiling more streets in Homedale. The last oiling of streets was paid for by the city. There were 78 blocks oiled and the discussion was held on the need to lay another coat over the present oiled streets and to oil additional streets. To make this possible a bond would have to be voted.

Other matters discussed were the "slow" signs to be put up on streets in West Homedale and "speed limit strictly enforced" signs to be put up at each city entrance; the new drain ditch being constructed in West Homedale on the railroad right-of-way.

Celebrates birthday

A birthday party was held at the Harold Markley home last Thursday afternoon for their daughter Judy who was eight years old. Guests were Rose Taylor, Pam and Wendy Elliott, Dianne Carson, Donilyn Swan, Becky McLaughlin, Kay Bright, Carol Parker and Jeanie Evans. Favors of dressed up balloons, candy necklaces and jack sets were presented to each guest. In the evening several aunts, uncles and cousins from Nampa and Givens Springs came for supper to wish her a happy birthday.

News about town

Mrs. H. L. Reynolds spent the week end at Reno, Nev., visiting her brother-in-law and niece, J. F. Booth and Donna.

Old friends of the H. L. Reynolds from Pocatello Tuesday and Wednesday at the Reynolds home. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Walling and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eells are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, July 6, at the Memorial hospital, Caldwell. She weighed 9 1/2 pounds at birth and was named Pammy Lynn.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Merkley and son Dorn of Blackfoot were guests of the Howard Bergeson. Mrs. Merkley is Mr. Bergeson's sister.

Beth Carson visited Tuesday through Friday at Boise with Shirley Haylett and Mary Starman.

138 years ago

July 13, 1867

NEZ PERCE INDIAN COUNCIL. This convocation met at Lapwai June 17, 1867. The Lewiston Journal says "sixteen chiefs only were present with their bands, Governor Ballard (ex-Officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs), Capt. Porter (Sec'y to Governor), Agents O'Neil and Hough, Interpreter Whitman, Dr. Newell, Co. Craig, Maj. Truxx, the Post Surgeon and several citizens with ladies were also present.

There was considerable "talk" during the several days consumed in explaining "how" matters stood on both sides. Indian Timothy prayed some – no singling is reported. Governor Ballard submitted to the Chiefs a very sensible address, in which it is promised that the treaty stipulations on the part of Government shall be strictly enforced and fulfilled. The Governor says to them to keep the treaty in good faith and the Government will, and by way of apology and encouragement, says:

It is true your reservation is reduced in size, but it now comprises an area of about nine hundred and sixty thousand acres; your people number about three thousand souls, you own about thirteen thousand head of stock. This statement exhibits a very great quantity of land, compared with the number of inhabitants and stock owned; perhaps more than you will ever require for homes, farms and grazing.

In the treaty stipulations of 1863, the Government agrees to pay you, besides the annuities provided by the treaty of June 11th, 1855, and the goods, &c., distributed at the time, the sum of two hundred dollars, which is to be expended in removing you with in the lines of the reservation, building school houses, churches, saw mills and grist mills, shops, houses, hospitals &c., and purchasing tools and implements of husbandry; in fact, placing you in a position of happiness, competency and independence.

Judge Houghand Spotted Eagle, Akah-To-nin (Palouse Indian), Lawyer, Ute-si-milium, Tip-poo-hect and others make "talks". The Judge talked good and bad Indians and whites, and said many things which he said the President desized communicated. Ex-Governors Wallace and Lyon could not have felt much complimented had they been there. A "heap" of fine promises were made by both parties. One chief made a small speech in which he tells what effect treaties have upon their religious nature:

Even before I knew anything of law and treaties – from my elders, even as long ago as that – I had a law by which to govern my conduct. After that time the treaty was made with me, and then I heard of law. I was told by Gov. Stevens that there was an overruling power overhead. We had thoughts about something of that kind previous of knowing anything about treaties. These people that I see sitting here (Palouse and Lapwais), their seniors used to talk of an overruling Power. I'm old myself, and from that fact can say they had thoughts as to an overruling power. I don't know, though, how many years it has been since they let go thinking about it. I do not know how many years ago it was, but thinking of anything Heavenly was dropped; since which time I have been their laughing stock. This is the first time I have spoken to these people in the manner I do. I am a God-fearing man. I do not know how many years ago it was, but thinking of anything Heavenly was "dropped", is pretty good for an Indian. His ideas of "law" and "treaties" are somewhat satirical – if we are not mistaken.

THE MILITARY preparations of the United States troops against the Indians are not regarded as very efficient. The settlers characterize Costar's raids by saying that they are like hunting wild ducks with a brass band.

MAXIMILIAN SHOT. There seems to be not doubt that the would be Emperor of Mexico has been executed by the victorious Mexicans. A very cursory review of Maximilian's career while trying to establish his Empire will be convincing that such a fate must befall him in case of failure while persisting in fighting.

Following is the dispatch giving the news:

The Tribune says an official dispatch notifying the Austrian Minister of the execution of Maximilian, has been received.

Juarez refuses to give up the body of the Emperor of Austria. Napoleon has been notified through the Cable. The event produced great excitement among the foreign Ministers. Nearly all called on County Cydenderck to condole with him. Captain Rae of the steamer Tacony, telegraphs to the Navy Department to the same effect. It is believed that Juarez consented reluctantly to the execution of Maximilian. He informed a messenger of our Government that he was disposed to spare his life, but the pressure of the Mexican leaders and people was too great to withstand.

INDIANS made their appearance a few miles south of Silver on Tuesday night and drove off several head of stock and killed one animal. The tail was followed and found to bear south in the direction of where Col. Jennings and party has their fight about one year ago. The redskins are supposed to be in the vicinity now. If we are correctly informed the Commanding Officer will start about a hundred men up the Owyhee next week, from Camp Winthrop, so Mr. Indian will be looked after in that as well as half a dozen other directions very soon.

ORO FINO. The ore in the shaft of this mine at a depth of sixty feet from the old lower works is improving. The Morning Star mill has been supplied from it regularly. This mill will probably crash ten tuns the coming week from the Glenbrook – a ledge owned by A. J. Sands and others. Mr. Sands showed us a small brick of the assayed veins of \$19.83, which was obtained from ten pounds of Glenbrook ore. We shall visit this ledge during the coming week, and note the points more particularly.

THE COSMOS MILL is grinding away on Silver Cord ore, and with favorable products. Mr. Lewis intends to substitute barrels for the pans as soon as possible, as the trails already made have convinced him of their great superiority in grinding and bringing all the pulp in contact with the quicksilver.

THE WEBFOOT MILL has been employed for over a week on ore from the Woodstock. It will not be long till this mine will supply a small mill constantly. The quality of the ore is improving – which is encouraging to the owners as well as to the public generally.

ROBBED. On the night of July 7th, the sluices of Wm. Duncan and others were robbed of some \$200. The thieves must have known that the parties had been working some days without cleaning up the boxes.

CHANGED AGAIN. Mr. Robert has bought the City Drug Store from Dr. Beckett, and is fixing it up in tasty style. He has increased the stock and being experienced in the business will give public satisfaction.

SOME mischievous wags one night pulled down's turner's sign and put it over a lawyer's door. In the morning it read: "All sorts of turning and twisting done here."

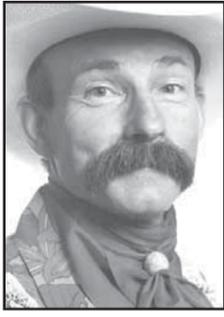
HERD & FRASER are again proprietors of the Sawmill above town, and will be happy to attend to all orders for lumber entrusted to them promptly and satisfactorily. Their institution is in a affine timber section for making lumber.

THE TELEGRAPH has reported no news for several days. Among the latest Cable news we observe that a premium was awarded at the Paris Exposition to W. D. Walbridge, of the Owyhee Company, for Idaho mineral specimens – the same being from the Poorman, though not so mentioned in the report. It is somewhat a matter of local pride, however, that Idaho stands head in this respect.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Cowboy spirit evokes pride

I went to the Miles City annual Buckin' Horse Sale. I hadn't seen Montana so green since Noah ran aground!

It takes one back to when the West was not civilized. Today, in a time when athletes and audiences are coddled, one is reminded that many modern sports have evolved from more primitive survival skills, i.e., rock throwing to baseball, sword fighting to pool, spear to javelin, cannibalism to chili cook-off, alligator wrestling to bull dogging. More than 200 broncs and bulls were bucked out over two days. After each ride, rodeo stock contractors bid on the stock. The riders were young men who were competing for a purse.

Many of us have adjusted to the glamorization of rodeo. Clothing and gear furnished by sponsors. Shirts, chaps, jackets, horse trailers, pickups, boots, hats, vests displaying product logos mimicking NASCAR pilots. Television coverage, glossy magazines with ads glorifying the sport! All for the good of rodeo.

As I look back on the few years that I rode bulls, time has made the memory fuzzy. I had come to envision myself as a dashing, mature buckle bunny magnet, sort of a witty Ty Murray or a tall Larry Mahan. As I watched the 50 or 60 bull and bronc riders behind the chutes at Miles City, the truth came back. Most were 18- to 22-year-old testosterone machines, fueled by each other's machismo.

Few had ever qualified for a pro rodeo card, but they were champs in the making. A gumbo stew boiling, one bubbling to the top every minute to strap himself on a beast, look fear in the eye, and say "Gimme your best shot." After their first, then second, then third rides, the glamour was replaced by grit.

Truth is, most had second-hand equipment, well-worn clothes and not much meat on their bones. Their boots duct-taped, jeans patched, vehicles borrowed. As the afternoon wore on, the muddy arena played havoc with any fashion statement they might have intended. Hats were crumpled, shirts torn and bodies pounded. I realized they were me. When I began, I had no chaps, no Crocket spurs, only one hat, baggy jeans and a borrowed bull rope. I could taste the mud and dust, smell the slick brahma hair and feel the adrenaline.

Saturday night at the street dance on Main, interspersed among the 2,500 reeling spectators, I could spot the contestants. They had cleaned up a little, but not much. You knew the slick cowboy with the clean black hat, starched jeans and shiny boots had spent the afternoon in the grandstands!

But our heroes — who had to be sore — were surrounded by admirers (many female), reliving each ride and not looking beyond this night's party. And the longer the evening wore on the more glamorous they became.

That would be the feeling that prevailed and carried them to the next rodeo. I could feel it with them. Made me proud to be a cowboy!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest



She joined our family during a 1990 visit to the Los Angeles area. We named the 8-week-old Himalayan kitten "Wicket's Ewok Lovey Be Mine." The "Ewok" came from her resemblance to the furry little creatures in a Star Wars movie. Her large, round blue eyes gave her a perpetual "deer-in-the-headlights" look. The "Be Mine" was because she was born on Valentine's Day.

Visitors usually referred to Lovey as the "Ghost Cat." That's because the only glimpse strangers usually got of her was a white ball of fur slinking off to a hiding place. That fur, similar in texture to cotton, coated everything, and she produced enough of it in a year to knit a large sweater. Another bad point was she sometimes had a hard time hitting her litter box.

When only family was around, Lovey would appear. If you said "hello" she responded with a "MEEEOOW" much louder than what you would expect from a cat her size. And if you asked her nicely, she would flop on the floor and roll over. She was a one-trick cat, but it was a good one. Lovey wasn't like our other cats. Our daughters sometimes referred to her affectionately as "Poor, dumb Lovey." But we all knew she wasn't dumb. She was simply a different breed of cat who marched to a different drummer.

Lovey was strictly a house cat with no real "cat" skills. Once, after dark, she slipped out a partially open door and disappeared. We hunted high and low for her with no success. I figured if she met one real cat she would be toast. Suddenly, an idea hit me. I recruited Annie the Beagle and put her at the doorway. Annie let out a yelp, put her nose to the ground and in about 2 minutes tracked down Lovey, who was hiding under a bush.

Lovey arrived when our kids were pretty well grown. She had no experience with little children. Therefore, we were surprised when she formed an attachment to Amazing Grace, our first grandchild. The cat put up with overenthusiastic pats and shouts that would have sent her scurrying for cover if delivered by an adult.

A month ago, we went on vacation. When we returned we discovered Lovey wasn't eating solid food. We tried tempting her with everything from gourmet cat food to steak and bacon (her favorites), but she refused to eat. She would only sip a little milk and water. She lost weight. Last Saturday, I noticed she seemed wobbly. I told my partner in life it was time, and she reluctantly agreed.

The vet asked if someone wanted to be with Lovey. I didn't, but I couldn't let her be alone with strangers. They put us in a small examination cubicle while my mate remained in the waiting room. I held Lovey on my lap, petted her and scratched her under her chin. We sat there for nearly 20 minutes. When she became restless, I told her what a fine cat she was and sang her an old song from the 1950s — "The Cat Came Back." She seemed to like it.

The vet, a young woman, came in.

After some preparations, I put Lovey on a sheepskin pad on a table and stroked her fur. The vet pushed a plunger. Lovey laid her head on her paws, closed her eyes, made a low purring sound and was gone.

Sara joined us. We stood there — petting Wicket's Ewok Lovey Be Mine — crying over a cat who was seldom seen and could only do one trick.

Researchers claim having a pet around can make you healthier.

Losing a pet can break your heart.

Accuracy in media

Why Judith Miller should stay in jail

Something doesn't add up about why Judith Miller went to jail. The New York Times reporter didn't write a story about the Valerie Plame case and had a waiver from her source in order to talk about it to the grand jury. But she insisted on going to jail anyway. Speculation is mounting that Miller is protecting herself — that Miller was herself a source of information about Plame that made it to several Bush administration officials and was then recycled to columnist Robert Novak. He, then, disclosed Plame's employment by the CIA and her role in arranging for her husband Joe Wilson's mission to Africa to investigate the Iraq-uranium link.

This would help explain why Miller didn't write a story about the case. It would be difficult for Miller to write a story when she was so deeply involved in how it developed. Disclosure of her role then or now would be extremely embarrassing.

Wilson had written a column for the Times bashing the administration's Iraq policy and it would have been natural for Miller to write something when Novak's column was published. But Miller didn't write anything. Why? Defenders of the Times have used this fact to allege that the special counsel, Patrick Fitzgerald, is out of control and that free-press rights are in danger. But there could be another explanation of Miller's behavior and why Fitzgerald wants her testimony. She could be the key to exonerating Bush administration officials of possible violations of the law against knowingly disclosing the identities of covert intelligence agents. If they were simply passing along information from Miller or some other journalist about Joseph Wilson's wife, then they can't be accused of deliberately disclosing classified information about Plame's identity.

The assumption all along has been that Miller is going

to jail to protect a source. This doesn't make sense because her "source" provided a waiver, releasing Miller from any promise of confidentiality. These waivers have enabled several reporters to testify in the case. Why should Miller be any different, unless her relationship with her "source" is different? In other words, what if the "source" was an official who may have given some information to Miller but received some important information in return and then passed it on to others already questioned by Fitzgerald? This would explain why Miller, who didn't write a story, got dragged into the case.

The more likely explanation is that Miller is protecting private discussions with administration officials, and that during those discussions she provided or confirmed information about Plame's identity. This would make sense. Both Miller and Plame covered the subject of weapons of mass destruction and it was likely that they knew one another, or at least were aware of each other's work in this field.

This speculation may be unfair to Miller but it is fed by her silence and reports in the press. The Washington Post reported that "Sources close to the investigation say there is evidence in some instances that some reporters may have told government officials—not the other way around—that Wilson was married to Plame, a CIA employee."

What's abundantly clear, at the very least, is that the Times is caught in a major case of hypocrisy. The paper editorialized on December 31, 2003, in favor of Fitzgerald's investigation, on the grounds that it was imperative to find out "who violated federal law by

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Commentary

Liberty matters

'Get off our Land!'

Draft ESA Bill Leaked

California Republican Congressman Richard Pombo's draft Endangered Species Act bill has been leaked out to select media sources. The draft is entitled "Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005." This bill could be filed within the next two weeks, and it doesn't look good for property rights.

Two items causing concern are:

(1) A 50 percent trigger for compensation. You have to prove the act has taken more than 50 percent of your land before you can pursue compensation, yet the draft doesn't adequately fix the issue of ripeness. People will still be in limbo for years before agencies issue final decisions, all the while not able to use their land. With a trigger in place, if you do get into court, it becomes an argument among experts over percentages; and,

(2) Invasive Species Protection. Some have called this the ESA on steroids. Broadening the ESA to include invasive species will allow government to regulate every piece of land, every yard and every garden. For instance, tall fescue, a grass commonly used by homeowners for their lawns, could qualify as an invasive species and be regulated by the federal government. The bill, which has the potential of being more damaging than the current act, is being tightly guarded by House Resource Committee staffers. Rumors are that the bill will not be filed or released to landowners until some time next week or the following week where secretive festivities are being planned to bring selected property rights groups to Washington to discuss political strategy.

Property Rights Groups Organize

Late last year, Pombo informed a group of natural resource users that he would be pushing to reauthorize the ESA while strengthening it to achieve meaningful recovery of species.

The property rights advocates were admonished not to inject the term "property rights" into the effort because

he said it would kill any opportunity they had to get meaningful reform.

That is when a handful of national property rights organizations mobilized and began working together to make sure property rights were not left out of the debate.

These core groups include the American Land Foundation, American Policy Center, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Liberty Matters, National Center for Public Policy Research and Stewards of the Range. Liberty Matters collected hundreds of "Property Rights First" letters and forwarded them to Pombo and other key legislators. Then, a letter organized by the National Center for Public Policy Research was sent to the congressman originally signed by 53 major organizations (now up to 64), which reiterated the many reasons property rights must be protected in any ESA legislation. As a result, Congressman Pombo held a meeting with several of the signers of this letter during which, for the first time in this debate, a strong property rights message was delivered personally to Rep. Pombo. "Property Rights First!" has become the adopted name of the campaign by these organizations.

Pombo's Options

There is no debate that the ESA has been a miserable failure at recovering endangered species. However, it has accomplished one great thing — the regulation of humans and their private property.

In fact, it has done it so well that it has replaced the Fifth Amendment with a concept known as mitigation that requires landowners to pay the government to use their own land. Landowners have to give up a portion or all of their land so species can live unencumbered.

Species (even cave bugs) have more protection than humans as decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in *GDF Realty v. Gale Norton*. The act was misnamed. It should have been called "The Regulation of Humans and Private Property for the Protection of Endangered Species." At least that would have been an honest approach.

So, if the act is a failure and has not saved any species in

a meaningful way, but it has taken and destroyed thousands of human's lives, businesses, families and private property, then why not consider a few legitimate options. The first, and most obvious is "repeal." The environmentalists have had 30-plus years to prove their way works. It has failed. So now it is our turn and we say, "Get off our land!"

The second option is to exempt private property from the act. There are other ways to preserve species while upholding the rights of millions of Americans and their property. By exempting private property, you take away the heavy-handed government approach to protecting species and provide landowners with the security our U.S. Supreme Court has just destroyed in *Kelo v. City of New London*.

Let Pombo have his warm-and-fuzzy reform programs, give industry groups their improved permit system and peer-reviewed science, and let environmentalists have their way with the land they have already taken off the tax rolls. However, leave private property out of the act's regulatory control, unless express permission is given by the individual landowner and common-sense incentives are used, such as a lease.

The third option is to dust off the Shadegg Bill, through which the details of a voluntary, incentive-based approach had been ironed out and was widely supported by landowners, while providing a way for meaningful species recovery.

After the decision on *Kelo*, Mr. Pombo said: "If your investment in private property is not protected from the whims of government, how much individual liberty do you really have?" Shouldn't we hold that same standard to the Endangered Species Act?

Pombo has options other than his current draft bill that could achieve a win-win situation for species, private property rights and liberty.

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√ Accuracy

giving the name of the undercover intelligence operative to Novak for publication in his column." But what if the name was provided to Novak by an administration official who got it from Miller?

In its editorial hailing the appointment of Fitzgerald, a "respected career prosecutor," the paper advocated that he exercise "true operational independence" and use the "full powers of a special counsel, including the ability to seek Congressional intervention if he finds his investigation blocked by a government official or agency."

Now, however, Fitzgerald finds his investigation blocked by the Times. The Times' curious position is that the paper wanted a special counsel investigation but doesn't want to cooperate with it. This shows how the probe has boomeranged on the Times. Initially, the Times believed that an inquiry would reveal some plot involving administration officials using the Novak column to damage Wilson by going after his wife. This is what many on the liberal-left suspected, and that is why then-Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle called for a special-counsel investigation.

Lately, however, the Times has been questioning whether there was a violation of the law in the first place. What explains this flip-flop on what seemed like such a clear-cut case? The explanation lies in the Times' acquired belief that Miller is deeply involved in this story, and not just in the sense of having gotten information from a source for a story she didn't write.

When that editorial was published, the Times was obviously unaware of Miller's possible role in providing information about Plame to the administration. But when she refused to testify about a story she didn't write and about a source who granted her a waiver of confidentiality, the Times must have feared the worst. The possible truth about her role could backfire not only on her but on the Times itself. So now the Times

is engaging in a cover-up under the banner of protecting the First Amendment.

Turning the case upside down, Times executive editor Bill Keller insists, with a straight face, that, by going to jail, Miller is affirming the ability of the press to expose government cover-ups and wrongdoing. Keller charged that Miller's jailing is "likely to serve future cover-ups of information. Anybody who believes government should be aggressively watched feels a chill up their spine today." In fact, Miller is refusing to testify in a case that the Times said was about alleged criminal activity by government officials. By the Times own account, Miller is covering up for an official suspected of violating the law. This is why David Ignatius of the Washington Post wrote, in a column entitled, "Bad Case for a Fight," that "This is a case in which the sources weren't disclosing wrongdoing by others but were allegedly doing wrong themselves by blowing the cover of a CIA officer."

Still, Ignatius says he's "angry" that Miller is in jail. This reflects the "we are above the law" attitude taken by so many in the liberal press.

The Times' sophisticated public relations campaign, which also includes biased coverage in favor of federal shield laws to protect other Judith Millers, has convinced liberal Republican Senator Arlen Specter to hold emergency hearings on July 20 in front of his Senate Judiciary Committee about the need for new legislation to protect the press.

Before the Congress is stampeded into giving the press special rights and protections, our elected representatives need to know all the facts about the Valerie Plame case. If administration officials engaged in illegal behavior, they should be held accountable. But the press should not escape accountability either.

The truth could very well be that Judith Miller is protecting a "source" all right—Miller herself. She may have known the truth about Plame all along but didn't write a story because of that fact. So, instead, she passed that information on to the administration.

Under ordinary circumstances there is nothing sinister in this. Conversations take place between journalists

and officials all the time. This is how the business of journalism is conducted. But when the conversations involve alleged violations of the law, as defined by the Times itself, journalists have a legal obligation to provide evidence. The paper's defense of Miller is untenable. The paper isn't protecting a source; it is protecting its own reporter's curious conduct in a special-counsel investigation that the Times brought on itself.

If this is what this case is ultimately all about, then the Times and its fellow Bush-bashers will have egg all over their faces, and they will owe the administration and the public a big apology.

In any case, under no circumstances should the Congress give the press an exemption from revealing evidence in a federal proceeding. Federal media-shield laws should not be passed to reward or justify law breaking by the press.

Let's hope that Fitzgerald stands his ground and gets to the bottom of this. Miller should remain in jail until she provides some answers. It's not too much to ask or demand from journalists who affirm the public's right to know.

— Cliff Kincaid is Editor of the AIM Report.

Letters to the editor policy

We welcome letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally-written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed, and include the writer's address and a day phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Deadline is Friday noon.

The Owyhee Avalanche

337-4681

Public notices

CITY OF HOMEDALE

Quarterly Expenditure Report
3rd Fiscal Quarter, FY2005
Apr, 2005 to Jun, 2005

FUND	PERSONNEL	Overhead / Maintenance	CAP IMP	QTR TOTAL	Fiscal Year to Date Total	BUDGET AMOUNT	PERCENT of BUDGET USED
01 General	\$65,195.97	\$45,131.51	\$0.00	\$110,327.48	\$304,420.11	\$462,475.99	65.8%
02 Streets & Highways	\$9,043.68	\$11,858.28	\$0.00	\$20,901.96	\$58,640.12	\$101,850.00	57.6%
03 Parks	\$10,560.29	\$22,180.56	\$0.00	\$32,740.85	\$56,869.65	\$90,885.00	62.6%
04 Library	\$6,427.08	\$1,982.47	\$6,277.69	\$14,687.24	\$33,893.81	\$44,734.00	75.8%
30 Airport	\$0.00	\$2,265.75	\$0.00	\$2,265.75	\$23,782.11	\$20,850.00	114.1%
60 Irrigation	\$9,512.64	\$9,833.23	\$0.00	\$19,345.87	\$65,172.98	\$79,150.00	82.3%
<i>Special Funds Total</i>	\$100,739.66	\$93,251.80	\$6,277.69	\$200,269.15	\$542,778.78	\$799,944.99	67.9%
25 Water	\$18,613.60	\$15,658.51	\$5,384.21	\$39,656.32	\$179,801.97	\$177,645.00	101.2%
26 Sewer	\$13,533.14	\$21,442.33	\$0.00	\$34,975.47	\$76,644.14	\$96,414.31	79.5%
27 Sanitation	\$0.00	\$21,255.52	\$0.00	\$21,255.52	\$48,189.43	\$73,950.00	65.2%
<i>En. Funds Totals</i>	\$32,146.74	\$58,356.36	\$5,384.21	\$95,887.31	\$304,635.54	\$348,009.31	87.5%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$132,886.40	\$151,608.16	\$11,661.90	\$296,156.46	\$847,414.32	\$1,147,954.30	73.8%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.

Publish: July 13, 2005

Signed: *Susan Mansisidor*
City Clerk-Treasurer

Owyhee County quarterly expenditure report

FROM 04/01/2005 TO 06/30/2005

THIRD QUARTER

*** FUNDS WITH NO ACTIVITY WILL NOT APPEAR ON REPORT ***

Fund	TREASURER'S CASH				Outstanding Warrants	Available Cash Balance
	Beginning Balance	Receipts and Transfers	Disbursements and Transfers	Ending Balance		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS						
0001 CURRENT EXPENSE	733,885.89	1,202,526.79	707,559.01	1,228,853.67	12,472.40	1,216,381.27
0002 ROAD AND BRIDGE	703,761.58	284,526.68	268,633.36	719,654.90	7,038.25	712,616.65
0003 AIRPORT	70,534.64	71.77	477.13	70,129.28		70,129.28
0005 BOND REDEMPTION	245,691.34	6,746.38	500.00	251,937.72		251,937.72
0006 DISTRICT COURT	79,811.59	23,189.12	24,399.17	78,601.54	8,660.09	69,941.45
0007 FAIR, COUNTY	48,395.13	3,755.28	5,000.00	47,150.41		47,150.41
0009 FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	55,876.08	5,367.94	14,030.95	47,213.07		47,213.07
0010 PROBATION	60,757.61	25,646.40	43,428.83	42,975.18	1,510.65	41,464.53
0011 HEALTH DISTRICT	20,802.64	6,969.79	17,003.32	10,769.11		10,769.11
0012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	31,403.99	6,211.58	10,885.39	26,730.18	79.65	26,650.53
0016 INDIGENT AND CHARITY	139,456.43	31,972.14	39,821.99	131,606.58	1,693.68	129,912.90
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	83,014.16	6,531.70	500.00	89,045.86		89,045.86
0019 PEST	6,755.90	406.70	2,800.00	4,362.60		4,362.60
0020 REVALUATION	91,047.44	17,791.89	36,981.86	71,857.47	477.67	71,379.80
0023 SOLID WASTE	391,167.55	25,260.52	131,812.08	284,615.99	949.05	283,666.94
0024 TORT	104,611.23	8,286.46	31,639.75	81,257.94		81,257.94
0025 VETERANS MEMORIAL	1,230.34	133.42		1,363.76		1,363.76
0026 WARRANT REDEMPTION	43,247.06			43,247.06		43,247.06
0027 WEEDS	84,927.68	18,933.41	41,388.13	62,472.96	463.93	62,009.03
0028 911	58,225.64		10,334.58	47,891.06		47,891.06
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS TOTALS	3,054,603.92	1,674,327.97	1,387,195.55	3,341,736.34	33,345.37	3,308,390.97
AGENCY FUNDS	4,300.08	516,245.70	468,691.51	51,854.27	16,461.04	35,393.23
TRUST FUNDS	1,679,321.81	422,168.43	313,815.12	1,787,675.12	6,742.43	1,780,932.69
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	4,738,225.81	2,612,742.10	2,169,702.18	5,181,265.73	56,548.84	5,124,716.89

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE

5th DAY OF July 2005

Barbara Wright
BARBARA WRIGHT
TREASURER, OWYHEE COUNTY

Charlotte Sherburn
CHARLOTTE SHERBURN
AUDITOR, OWYHEE COUNTY

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JUNE 27th 2005 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner Tolmie, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Wright, Fred Grant and Jim Desmond.

The Board approved amending the agenda to include tax cancellations.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board moved into executive session on a personnel issue. At 10:25 a.m. the Board moved out of executive session. No action was taken.

Barbara Wright presented the Board with tax cancellation requests for Parcel No PP5901588 and Parcel No RPB00000031750. The Board approved cancellations in the amount of \$489.50 for 2004 taxes.

The Board approved taking of tax deed on Parcel No. RP 00920001012B Canyon Estates Subdivision. The Board then approved deeding the parcel back to the Canyon Estates Homeowners Association.

The Board approved and faxed a letter to the Dept of Justice regarding the SCAPP funds allocated for housing illegal aliens in the county jail.

The Board approved and sent a letter to the BLM withdrawing the request to align a section of Roland Road between Grasmere and Mountain City, Nevada made by Road District III.

At 11:00 a.m. the Chairman called for an executive session. At 11:15 a.m. the Board moved out of executive session. The Board approved an order issued to the Historic Preservation Committee.

The Board approved a letter and sent it to the BLM confirming the abandonment of the fencing project at Hemingway Butte.

The Board approved a letter to the BLM requesting the continuation of grazing in the Hardtrigger Allotment.

The Board approved a lien on Indigent & Charity case #05-33.

A telephonic hearing was on Indigent & Charity case #05-21. The Board moved to deny the reconsideration request. The applicant had not complied, therefore the application was incomplete.

The Board approved the minutes for the last meeting.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office.

s.s./Harold Tolmie,
Attest s.s./Charlotte Sherburn
7/13/05

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Commission will hold its next general meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Sheriff's department located at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650.

Tiffany Hipwell, Secretary
MURPHY-REYNOLDS-WILSON Fire District
7/6,13/05

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-05-05070 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Marcella Glisson
A petition by Marcella, born on 9-21-58 in Torrance, California,

now residing at 220 W. Montana #5, Homedale, proposing a change in name to Marcella Howard has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being, I got married.

The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the petitioner's near relatives are: Shirley DeAugustine, PO Box 2103, Homedale, Id. 83628

Such petition will be heard at 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 8, 2005, in courtroom number 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 1st day of July, 2005.

By s.s./Lena Johnson, Clerk
7/13,20,27:8/3/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 72726250 T.S. No. ARCH-04-01770-HE On 10/28/2005, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica Default Services will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Owyhee State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 16 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 412 W CALIFORNIA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DONALD L. LIDDELL AND VIOLA F. LIDDELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor/Trustor, in which TMS MORTGAGE INC., DBA THE MONEY STORE, is named as Beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., A DELAWARE CORPORATION as Trustee and recorded 12/26/1995 as Instrument No. 217646 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/19/1995. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$700.40, due per month for the months of 12/1/2003 through 2/25/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale

or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,610.93 together with interest thereon at the current rate of per cent (%) per annum from 11/1/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 6/27/05 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company By: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP710200 7/6,13,20,27/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 28, 2005, at the hour of eleven o'clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

See attached Exhibit "A"

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 12601 ROCKY TOP LANE, MELBA, IDAHO, 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 JEFF E. THIES, an unmarried person, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., successor by merger to THE AMERICAN LAND TITLE CO., INC., as Trustee, and JOHN H. HAMMOND and NELL HAMMOND, husband and wife, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on August 19, 1996, as Instrument No. 219634, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was assigned to HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, L.L.C., a Limited Liability Company, "as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series "A" Debenture Holders," by an Assignment of Deed of Trust and Endorsement of Promissory Note dated June 7, 2001, and recorded on June 8, 2001, as Instrument No. 236124, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no

monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated August 15, 1996, in the amount of \$342.98 per month, including both principal and interest, for March 2005 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges in the amount of \$50.00 per month for March 2005 and each month thereafter until paid, plus a property tax advance in the amount of \$255.00, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$19,518.50 in principal, plus accrued interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from March 9, 2005, plus a property tax advance in the amount of \$255.00, plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 21 day of June, 2005.

WILLIAM R. SNYDER & ASSOCIATES

A Professional Association
By: s.s./Mark D. Perison, of the Firm Attorneys for Trustee
Mark D. Perison
William R. Snyder & Associates, P.A.

P.O. Box 2338
Boise, ID 83701-2338
(208) 336-9080
Exhibit A
Parcel I:

A parcel of land being a portion of the West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14, also, said aluminum cap being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the Westerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14,

South 00° 37'50" West 333.99 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 89° 16'37" East 663.50 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 00° 39'50" East 333.70 feet to an iron pin on the Northerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14; thence along said Northerly boundary North 89° 15'07" West

(formerly South 89° 14'45" East) 663.70 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A ROAD EASEMENT being 25.00 feet left of and 25.00 feet right of the following described centerline lying in the West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian;

Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Section 14

South 00° 37'50" West 276.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 42° 18'04" East 129.10 feet to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the left 202.53 feet, said curve having a radius of 381.30 feet a central angle 30° 26'02"; tangents of 103.72 feet and a long chord of 200.16 feet bearing

North 27° 05'03" East, to a point on the Northerly boundary of said Section 14, said point being the POINT OF ENDING of the above described Road Easement, also said point being

South 89° 15'07" East 175.00 feet from said Northwest corner of Section 14.

Subject to a Road Easement being the Easterly 25.00 feet of the above described parcel.

Parcel II:

A parcel of land being a portion of West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14; thence along the Westerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14;

South 00° 37'50" West 333.99 feet to an iron pin being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

South 00° 37'50" West 333.99 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 89° 18'06" East 663.31 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 00° 39'50" East 333.70 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 89° 16'37" West 663.50 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to a Road Easement being the Easterly 25.00 feet of the above described parcel.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: T05-18284 Loan No.: 0050549169 A.P.N.: 5610319 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fidelity National Title Insurance Company c/o Town & Country Title Services, Inc., the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 10/24/2005 at 11:00 AM, OF SAID DAY, at in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located on the corner of 20381 Hwy 78, Murphy, Owyhee County Idaho 83650, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to wit: This parcel is a portion of the Southwest Quarter Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence North 00°33'42" West along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 522.70 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing North 00°33'42" West along said West boundary a distance of 436.70 feet; thence North 83°25'40" East a distance of 209.54 feet; thence South 82°49'04" East a distance of 49.55 feet; thence South 55°43'40" East a distance of 51.59 feet; thence South 39°03'10" East a distance of 90.59 feet; thence South 32°25'56" East a distance of 185.69 feet; thence South 13°59'44" East a distance of 151.43 feet, to a point of curvature; thence along a curve to the left with an arc length of 95.07 feet, a radius of 171.31 feet, a central angle of 31°47'54", and a long chord which bears North 83°05'55" West a distance of 93.86 feet; thence South 81°00'06" West a distance of 400.71 feet to the true point of beginning. Together with and including the use of a 30.00 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence North 89°42'13" East along the North boundary of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 30.00 feet; thence South 00°37'15" East parallel with the West boundary of

said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 1205.85 feet; thence South 04°30'18" East a distance of 162.79 feet; thence South 11°32'25" East a distance of 255.93 feet; thence South 23°51'36" East a distance of 52.66 feet; thence South 83°25'40" West a distance of 31.42 feet; thence North 23°51'36" West a distance of 46.56 feet; thence North 11°32'25" West a distance of 261.02 feet; thence North 04°30'18" West a distance of 165.64 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence North 00°37'15" West along the said West boundary a distance of 1207.05 feet to the point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 6183 Howard Rd, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Michael T. Trochie, a single man, As grantors, To: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, as Beneficiary, dated 8/6/2003, recorded 8/12/2003, as Instrument No. 244655, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$107,632.55. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. c/o Town & Country Title Services, Inc (888) 485-9191 (916) 387-7728 Andy Fragassi, Vice President ASAP708451 6/29;7/6,13,20/05

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