AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
>From the Desk of Idaho Senator Mike Crapo

"Hometowns held parades, and people gathered in community buildings and parks for speeches and picnics. A standing-room only crowd in the St. Anthony City Building paid tribute to Company C and heard one speaker declare that "old-fashioned patriotism had not disappeared in Idaho..." Public schools dismissed children who joined the citizens of the town [Idaho Falls] in paying their respects to the departing battalion." Documented in "The History of the Idaho National Guard," these events occurred in 1968 when the 116th Engineer Combat Battalion deployed to Vietnam. That was almost four decades ago, and as is often the case, history is repeating itself as hundreds of Idaho National Guard troops prepare for deployment.

This summer, Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne called Idaho National Guard troops prepare for deployment.

Since that time, civilians remaining behind in Idaho are continuing the Idaho tradition of "old-fashioned patriotism" and they are calling on us to help them.

Since the first overseas deployment of Idaho's National Guard to the Spanish-American War in 1898, civilian individuals and organizations have been on hand to offer assistance. This year is no different. Across Idaho, people have come together to help Operation Iraqi Freedom soldiers in a variety of ways.

When the members of the 116th Brigade Combat Team complete their training this fall, they are expected to receive approximately two weeks of leave. This is a great time for them to return to visit with family and friends before they depart for the war. Unfortunately, many of these people may not have enough financial resources to fly back to Idaho. The "Call to Duty Fund" was formed to collect and distribute funds to Idaho citizen soldiers and/or their families. Operating under the auspices of the Idaho Foodbank, it is collecting money in order to provide financial assistance for air fare and phone cards.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 63 in Boise is continuing a long-standing effort to raise money to purchase phone cards for soldiers called "Operation Up-link." Another organization, the Barbarian Wives Club, is accepting donations to help soldiers in Bravo Company, Second Battalion.

We can take the initiative to help our fellow Idahoans as they prepare for combat. They need to know that we support them and their mission to defend our freedom and liberty. Just as these soldiers are continuing a strong Idaho military tradition, civilians can also take their place in history by standing behind our troops here at home.

If you are aware of other organizations in Idaho who are receiving contributions for deployed or deploying service members, please share that information with friends and local media. Together, we can spread the word and support our brave soldiers and their families.

Inside This Issue:

Cross Country Shoe Sale

The annual Fall Running shoe sale was held last Friday at the High School Library. Sponsored by Bandanna Running & Walking Shop & Internet Truckstop, the sale provided good shoes for runners at a decent price.

BIG CROSS COUNTRY RACE
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

The 18th annual XC race will begin at 4 pm by the football field. 16 schools have indicated they plan to attend. No charge for admission! Come see our kids race. Maps of the course are on page: ___

Chances to fire a cannon will be sold at Renaissance Faire

John Randers has volunteered to allow $20 donors to the Cannon Carriage Fund to fire his replica “Parrot gun” at the Payette’s Renaissance Faire on Saturday, Sept. 18. According to Randers, the firing of the “piece” will be done, “weather permitting” from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The firing will be strictly regulated by Randers.

The Payette County Historical Society has mounted a drive to raise approximately $10,000 to place an appropriate carriage under the city’s “one-of-a-kind” cannon. The 1861 bronze 6-pounder Confederate Civil War Cannon was built by the A.M. Paxton Co., Vicksburg, Mississippi. The company apparently made only 14 of the guns before burning down. This cannon is the only one left, according to the Encyclopedia of Civil War Artillery.

The Grand Army of the Republic organization in 1912 brought the gun to Payette. The government offered obsolete cannon’s to cities for their parks as statuary. A public call went out to raise the money for it’s purchase. The cannon sat in Central Park for over 90 years until it was placed on loan at the Payette County Museum.

Payette’s Renaissance Faire will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 at Central Park. There will be booths, food, a costume parade, two bands to entertain and a whole lot of fun.

Vendor booklets are available at the Payette County Museum, Payette Library and Payette Chamber of Commerce. Anyone with questions can contact Ann at 642-4883 or 642-3812.
FOOTBALL! IT’S GAME TIME

New Plymouth High School head football coach Josh White granted an interview with the New Plymoutth News after last Friday’s game at Wendell, which the Pilgrims lost 12-26.

NPN: Coach, what were you feelings about the opening game of the year?

JW: I am glad that we had Wendell instead of other teams we have opened against in the past. We usually roll over our opening opponents and as a result we don’t know if there are things that we need to fix because we usually win the games easily. So this year we opened against one heck of a team and found out some things we need to fix right off the bat. We found some problems that in the second half we came out and played really well. I think the only thing that cost us the game was the turnovers. We had more yards than they had. Our offense picked up in the second half and we marched the ball around, we just need to fix a few things here and there.

NPN: What is the make up of the team this year? It seems to be a pretty seasoned team.

JW: We have 18 go-round guys and 14 of those guys are seniors this year. Our summer was outstanding. We went to Gatorade team camp and were voted by the 5A and 4A coaches as the outstanding team of the camp. That gave us a good indication of what we can do. We also did passing league this summer. In this first game I think we just had some first-game jitters. We missed a few assignments and those will be taken care of, so I think we are going to be very successful.

NPN: Wendell was last year’s state champion. Have they dropped off this year?

JW: They may have lost 2 or 3 guys, but the guys they have back are really tough. They have the younger brothers of the 2A state player of the year and he ran for them and is just an outstanding kid. Wendell’s tough. I knew it would be a good measure or barometer of where we were going to be. We are actually very disappointed in the loss and in some of the things that happened, especially with the offensive line, but as bad as some things looked, it is amazing that we did so well. We outgained them and we did a lot of things even though we weren’t really playing to our potential. So that was a good thing to see and showed us where we can be.

NPN: So do you think that Wendell is on the path to repeat as state champions?

JW: No, because they would have to go through us again! They will definitely win their conference and go deep into the state playoffs. They are a very tough team and very well coached. When we saw how they played in this first game of the year, you could see how they run hard and what a good team they are.

NPN: Next up is Fruitland. That is on Friday September 3rd at 7pm in Fruitland. What is your take on that game?

JW: Fruitland looked really good versus Emmett last Friday. Emmett made some great adjustments through their coach, but offensively Fruitland just went up and down the field. If our offense comes together, I think we will go up and down the field and I think our defense if better than Emmett’s. Our defense did a great job in the Wendell game and the only reason Wendell had 200 yards on offense was because of 2 big plays where we were n’t in the right spots. If we get our kids in the right spot then those plays don’t happen. We played high caliber competition this summer with these kids playing the defense and did well. I am really pleased with how well the defense is playing. So this is going to be a heck of a game!

NPN: Offense or Defense, which one is clicking better at the moment?

JW: I think defense is clicking just a little bit better because of some of the mistakes happening in the offensive line. Once the offensive line gets going then it will be a closer race to see who is executing better. But the offensive line just didn’t show up ready for the Wendell game. Defensively we had some screw ups, just not as many as the offensive line had.

NPN: Turnovers seemed to be the story of the game. How many turnovers did you have?

JW: Six! We had one on a kick off we fumbled gave them the ball 10 yards from the goal line. We fumbled one on a screen pass that gave them the ball 15 yards from the goal line. We fumbled another kick return that gave them the ball 15 yards from the goal line. And then we fumbled inside the 5 yard line as we were going in for a score. So three of our turnovers gave them 15 yards or less to go for a score and the I took a scoring opportunity away from us. So if you take away the 18 points we gave them and give us the 6 points we should have had you can see that the game would have had a different outcome! Turnovers were the name of that game.

Stats from the Game

Score 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
N.P. 6 6 0 0 12
Wendell 6 14 0 6 26

Team Stats

NP 1st downs 11 5
Total Yards 279 268
Rushing 105 212
Passing 177 56
Turnovers 6 1
Penalties 4-20 7-55

Individual Passing

Edmunson: 11-23-177 2 Ints, 2 TDs
Jess Painter: 0-1-0 1 Int

Individual Rushing:

Josh White: 6-30
Dane Edmonson: 14-(-4)
Khris Karpatt: 11-52

Defense:

Jess Painter: 5-27
Khris Karpatt: 11-52

It was a cool, rainy day last Thursday for the JV team’s first home game. The JV team won their game 14-12. Sorry we have no photos of the Varsity game this week!

Next XC Meet:

• Snake River Invitational at Homedale football field Thursday Sept 9th.
• JV boys & girls race together at 4 pm.
• Varsity Girls follow at about 4:30, with the Varsity boys after that.
• Awards: JV - ribbons for top 6 finishers. Varsity—medals for top 3, ribbons for places 4-10.
• Remember, this is cross country = come earlier because the race schedule could change unexpectedly

Cross Country News

By Head Coach Anne Moscrip

It’s not too late to join the team! High School practices are after school. Meet in the multipurpose room (the lunchroom). You must complete 10 practices before you will be allowed to officially compete in a meet.

Middle School practice begins promptly at 3:15 pm. Bring your bikes/backpacks directly to Coach Anne’s carport and get started with warm-up and stretching with your team.

The mosquitoes are still out there. Bring repellent!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help with the New Plymouth Invitational on September 2nd here in New Plymouth. I hope we see many of the towns people out to watch our young people run!

High School Volleyball Update

By Head Coach Craig Mefford

We will be playing our first home match this Thursday, September 2nd against Payette. The Freshman game starts at 5 pm with the JV following about 20 minutes after the Freshman game is over. The Varsity will start play between 7:30 and 8 pm. The freshman team is a talented group with many players who played club ball last spring and played in the summer tournaments. The JV squad is a mixture of sophomores, juniors and one freshman, who, when they get some time playing together, should be a good team. The Varsity only has four returning players, but it is loaded with juniors from the champion JV team from last year. They should compete well this year in the 2A WIC. We played our first match last Thursday in Homedale where the freshman won their match in two games. The JV lost in three, and the Varsity decided to play the whole night and lost the first two games and then came back to win the last three to win the match. BreAnn Jones lead in kills with 14; her sister Becky had 7. The setters split responsibilities and Ashley Coombs had 16 assists and Brandie Nelson had 14, Niki Forsburg had 13 digs, and Ashley Warren had 3 aces.

How much does it cost to attend New Plymouth High School home games?

Cost to attend the games is $5 for adults, $3 for elementary students, $3 for high school & middle school students with ASB cards, $5 for high school & middle school students WITHOUT ASB cards, $3 for Senior Citizens. Season Passes for all New Plymouth home games are available from the office for $200 for family pass, $100 for individual.
This new weekly feature holds all the spelling words for the elementary grade levels. The students are encouraged to find their spelling words in the puzzles. It is hoped that this will be an aide to help the students learn their words each week. Happy hunting!

This Week’s Spelling Words’ Puzzles

Created by Scott Moscrip

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CREAM      REACH
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EAST       SHAPE
FIELD      STEAK
GAIN       STEEP
GLASS      SWEET
GRACEFUL   WEST
GRAY

CLASS    SEND
DISH     SMELL
EMPTY    STICK
FRIEND  TEST
GLANCE   THAN
HEAD     THEM
LAST     THICK
LEFT     THIN
MILK     UNUSUAL
MIX      WORRIED

A light crowd attended the JV football game last week, but the photographer was impressed with the support the Varsity footballers gave their younger teammates. There were also many, many other students in attendance.
The Civil War cannon was fired after each NPHS score, to the approval of the youngsters in the crowd!

The JV Cheerleaders didn’t let the rain dampen their spirits! They had a successful first game, enduring comments from classmates as well as photos & video cameras from parents and news reporters.

School Lunch Menu

Wed Sept 1
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, parmesan bread sticks, salad, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.

Thurs Sept 2
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, cottage cheese pineapple, trail mix, chocolate pudding, milk

Fri Sept 3
Tacos w/trimmings, corn, strawberries & shortcake, milk

Mon Sept 6
NO SCHOOL

Tues Sept 7
Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Corn, Chocolate Cake, Rosy Applesauce, Milk

Free breakfast is served for any student at each of the school buildings before school starts each morning!

Children's Choir
Ages 6-12 (untrained voices only)
Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Beginning September 8th
High School Choir Room
$5.00 per month
Basic vocal techniques, rhythm instructions, music appreciation, group participation and fun can be expected.
Fall, Winter and Spring Concerts.
Please contact Ron and Lisa Bantler
At 278-3095 or rbantler@jim.com for more information.
Mr. Wiggles has escaped from the Library! He is about 6 feet long, green and wears purple glasses. He was last seen headed downtown. If anyone gets a glimpse of him please come to the Library and let Librarian Talya know where you have spied him. There is a reward being offered to anyone who can tell me where he is hiding!

School is in session and the kids are coming home with homework! The Library is open until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday for your homework convenience. We have a variety of books to help your child with their projects and if you need something we don’t have we can borrow it from another library. We also have two computers to use for research, writing papers, and of course playing a game or two. Then when you are all finished with your homework and ready to relax there are a variety of video and some new DVD’s to check out. There are also a variety of free magazines and paperback books to choose from.

If you were notified that you won a book in the drawing from the fair don’t forget to stop by and pick up your winning book. The Library will be closing at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 2nd and remained closed until Tuesday, September 7. Be sure to stop by September 7th and see what’s new at Armoral Tuttle Public Library!

High School Counselor’s Corner

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-from the High School Years newsletter

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Junior Pre-college Calendar & Checklist
September:
• Identify sources of college and career information at your school. Start looking through guidance publications, college catalogs, and guidebooks.
• Put together a list of ten colleges that you would like to attend. Plan to apply to at least three to five schools.
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Senior Pre-college Calendar & Checklist
September:
• Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school
• Make a list of test names, dates, fees, registration deadlines, and deadlines for college admissions and financial aid applications.
• Remember you must take tests like the SAT and ACT at least six weeks before the deadline for scores to be submitted to colleges
• Begin asking teachers, guidance counselors, and employers for letters of recommendation to include with your admissions and/or scholarship applications.

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The Charming Dachshund Puppy
Part 2
By Von Hamilton

Editors note: Last week we got to meet Junior, the blind dachshund dog who walks through our town each day. This week we get a glimpse of Junior as a pup.

Junior was born during the first week of January 1995 in back of a swap meet van along the infamous Apache Trail in Mesa, Arizona. His father Rusty, a sleek, rusty-colored dachshund, was in attendance. Rusty gazed proudly on 5 little female puppies and one male pup. The mama dog was gorgeous.

Paul & I lost our 14-year-old dachshund Tajma to back problems four years previously. We had dearly loved Tajma and Paul had insisted, “No more dogs!” I agreed, but who can resist a dachshund puppy? I asked the owners of the newborn pups to bring the male pup to our home when he was ready to leave his mom. I figured I’d put him on my husband’s lap and see what would happen. Oh, and I didn’t tell Paul he was coming.

Paul was tilted back in his recliner when the new pup arrived. I took the little fellow and laid him on Paul’s chest. Paul smiled, so naturally the pup scrambled up to Paul’s face and began to lick him in an excited fashion. Paul’s supper must have been on his breath (we’d had steak) Paul looked over the top of the puppy’s head and croaked, “How much?” I replied, “Just a hundred dollars.” He reached his free hand into his pocket and paid the man.

Three hours later, the two were still snoozing peacefully. Junior was curled up in the crook of Paul’s elbow. I snapped a charming photo!

This was our introduction to the funny little critter who has given us many chuckles over the past years. His antics and adventures have been recorded in letters to our children. They all enjoy an update on Junior. He’s had a romance with a kitten, a stand-off with a coyote, his first and only taste of blood from a ground squirrel kill, a baby-sitting job, attacks by large dogs, and much more. We miss his puppy scrappiness, but he still makes us laugh every day as he tosses his squeak toy all over the living room as if he can still see it.

There is a magnet on our fridge that states, “This establishment is operated solely for the care and comfort of our dog.” Oh, yes, sometimes, he’s a nuisance – especially when he decides it’s time for me to wake up and take him out while I’m still stalling for those last few winks. A day is ruined, though, when there is nothing to laugh about. Junior gives us plenty to laugh about!

Senior Center Menu

Thursday September 2
Sweet & Sour Chicken over white rice, sliced butter carrots, Chinese cabbage salad, pudding & juice, bread & butter. Coffee, tea or milk.

Tuesday September 7
Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut, macaroni & cheese, green beans, vegetable Jello salad, fruit cup, bread & butter. Coffee, tea or milk.

The Senior Corner

The New Plymouth Senior Center.
- We have meals on Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Breakfast on Fridays 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- If you are in need of “Meals on Wheels” call before 10:30 am. We deliver 5 days a week.
- Every 2nd Tuesday is the foot clinic, which is provided by Holy Rosary Medical Center.
- Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar testing is on the last Thursday of the month, which is provided by Sun Bridge of Payette.
- Also starting on Tuesdays we have Adult Day Care service which is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm every Tuesday.
- We will be planning some day trips with the bus soon. Keeps watching the Center and the paper for those upcoming dates and times.

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Canyon County Stars
Do you like to dance? Come and join us every Monday night, starting October 4th.
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- Mainstream dance from 8:30 - 10 pm.

The dance location is at the Fort Boise Restaurant at 4808 East Cleveland Blvd (between Caldwell and Nampa). For additional information, please call Ben or Patty Steen-son at 453-9939.
Renaissance Faire booth space available

Payette’s Renaissance Faire committee is working to pull this year’s event, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 at Central Park, together.

The booklets containing entry blanks for booths are in stores and public spaces throughout the county. If anyone, or group, is interested and can’t find a booklet they can call 642-4883 or 642-3812. They are available at the Payette County Museum from Wednesday through Saturday of each week. Deadline is Sept. 11 for a space reservation.

Any food vendor needs to have proof of a Southwest Health District permit, as well as, insurance coverage. Please call SWHD for rules and regulations.

Cost for the event is $10 for a 12’x12’ space; electricity is an additional $5. Commercial spaces are $25 each.

The space map will be available on Friday afternoon at the museum.

Vendors can begin to set up either Friday evening or early Saturday morning. The Faire will begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m.

Again this year the vendors will be voting on the best “theme” booth. The winner will receive a prize. Participants and spectators are encouraged to wear a costume to the Faire. It adds fun to the day and helps with the ambiance of the event.

Two bands are scheduled to perform during the day. A king and queen will be crowned and a costume parade again is on the agenda.

Plan on bringing the entire family and spending time in the age of Camelot.

Payette’s Renaissance Faire is sponsored by the “Friends of the Payette Library,” Payette Chamber of Commerce and Payette County Museum.

Drunk driving patrols increase beginning last Friday (Aug. 27)

BOISE -- Beginning this weekend, law enforcement officers in Idaho and across the country will work overtime to take drunk drivers off the roads. The stepped-up patrols are part of the “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose!” nationwide campaign, which runs Aug. 27-Sept. 12.

This is the first coordinated enforcement effort since all 50 States and the District of Columbia passed .08 percent Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) laws for impaired driving. Uniform BAC laws strengthen the hand of law enforcement to arrest and prosecute dangerous drunk drivers to the fullest extent of the law, said Kevin Bechen of the Idaho Transportation Department’s Office of Traffic and Highway Safety (OTHS).

“Your message is clear - you drink, you drive, you lose,” Bechen said. “Law enforcement officers will devote overtime hours to a DUI crackdown, especially during the Labor Day weekend.”

For the first time, the crackdown will take place during the Labor Day period to target the end-of-summer impaired driving problem.

“Chances are, if you drive drunk, you will get caught. Don’t turn your holiday into a jail stay,” he said.

Refusal of a sobriety test results in loss of a driver license on the spot, Bechen added.

The “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose” crackdown, which began in 1999, combines highly visible law enforcement with a $14 million national advertising campaign - the largest amount of paid media in the campaign’s history. Advertising highlights the law enforcement component that will enforce drunk driving laws during the three-week period.

In Idaho, extra patrols are funded by an OTHS grant using federal highway funds.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) studies show that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. Americans support tougher enforcement and rank drunk driving ahead of healthcare, poverty, the environment and gun control as an important social issue.

In Idaho, 115 people were killed in collisions involving a driver impaired by drugs or alcohol during 2003. Nationwide, an estimated 17,400 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes in 2003, according to NHTSA.

Drivers are reminded to plan ahead and to designate a sober driver before celebrating. If you’re feeling “buzzed,” you are most likely impaired, Bechen said.

He offers the following tips to motorists:

Be responsible and don't risk it ... you will be caught.

If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out.

Take a taxi or ask a sober friend to drive you home.

Spend the night where the activity is held.

Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

Always buckle up - it is your best defense against an impaired driver.

For more information about the crackdown or alcohol-related crash statistics, visit: http://www.idot.idaho.gov/ohts/index.htm.

CRAPO RELEASES

FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

Matrix details regulatory support of reform proposals

Washington, DC – Idaho Senator Mike Crapo, who is heading up a financial services regulatory reform effort for the Senate Banking Committee, today released a matrix detailing a lengthy list of proposals and the support or opposition from a number of regulatory agencies. The matrix lists more than 130 proposals that were part of a June 2004 Senate Banking Committee hearing. It should be noted that not every proposal lists support or opposition from the federal and state regulators involved with the review.

During the June hearing, Crapo agreed to coordinate the effort to find consensus on financial services regulatory relief. This matrix is part of that effort, and Crapo expects to collect similar data from the financial services industry.

In releasing this information today, Crapo reiterated his concerns about burdensome regulations faced in today’s financial services industry. “While there are no definitive studies on the total cost of banking regulation, estimates run between $26 billion and $40 billion annually to comply with banking regulatory requirements. Too many of those regulations are outdated, ineffective, or unduly burdensome and therefore no longer justified in today’s market. Consumers no doubt bear additional costs from these regulations. When regulatory burdens are excessive and fail to add net value, they take a toll on the competitiveness of our financial system and squander scarce resources that could otherwise be devoted to productive activities, such as making loans and extending credit to small businesses and potential homeowners.”

“I appreciate the cooperation and hard work of so many involved, particularly FDIC Vice Chairman John Reich who spearheaded this effort on my behalf. It is imperative that we enact enough meaningful reforms so that the cost of change isn’t a burden in and of itself. While finding a consensus on these issues may be difficult, I look forward to continuing that process and working with interested parties to put together a regulatory relief proposal before Congress adjourns for the year.”

The matrix is available on the internet at the following address: http://crapo.senate.gov/media/2004/August/Reg_Relief_Matrix.pdf. The file is quite large at 3.7 MB and may take some time to download. If you wish a hard copy to be faxed to you, please contact Susan Wheeler at 202-224-5150.

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The Neighbor’s Cat

By Scott Moscrip

In 1988 my family was living in Florence, Oregon and had just moved into a small two-story house just on the fringe of town. To help make our family complete, mom started taking care of a stray cat that had wandered by the house one day. Being very creative, the family called him “The Neighbor Cat,” which eventually became his name: “Neighbor.” Neighbor was a smart cat (he knew a free meal was better than scrounging) and grew to be quite a “husky” male cat. He never meowed and he didn’t like being petted except by my younger brother Mark. Mark and Neighbor really got along well.

Mark lived on the second floor of the house. Neighbor would climb up on the deck railing then jump the 4 or 5 feet up on to the small roof just outside of Mark’s bedroom window. He would then scratch on the window until Mark let him in.

In the summer of 1988, I was home from college working in the drugstore with dad. We came home from work one evening, and, as was often the case on the Oregon Coast, it was raining. This evening in particular, it was raining pretty hard when we arrived home, and we saw Neighbor sitting out in the rain on the small roof in front of Mark’s window. We found out that Mark wasn’t home and his door was locked so no one could get into the room to open the window and let Neighbor in. Mom told us that he had been on the roof for quite a while and that she couldn’t convince him to come down. She had tried calling, opening his favorite can of catfood (easiest way to find a cat — they seem to know what the sound of an electric can opener means), and leaving the kitchen door open to encourage him to come down but nothing worked. Dad told her, “I have never seen a cat skeleton on a roof so not to worry. That the cat will eventually find his way down.”

We went in, sat down, and had dinner. After dinner we were putting things away in the kitchen when we heard a scraping sound on the little roof. We turned just in time to see Neighbor come sliding over the edge of the roof and catch himself on the edge of the roof and hang there by his front paws. It was about an 8 foot drop from there to the wood deck below, but he refused to drop. He tried doing some chin-ups to pull himself up, but after a few attempts he determined that he wasn’t going to make it back up that way. He then tried to swing his lower legs and get them back up to the roof, but that didn’t work either. He then tried to chin himself up again. Dad, Diana, Michael, and I were in the kitchen watching all this and were busting up laughing (you have to understand that Neighbor wouldn’t let any of us pet him). Mom then came into the kitchen and saw what was happening and were bursting up laughing (you have to understand that Neighbor wouldn’t let any of us pet him). Mom then came into the kitchen and saw what was happening and after stifling a small laugh at seeing this soaked cat (the water running off the roof had finished the job the rain had started), ordered Dad to go out and rescue the cat. Looking at the rain and the cat, dad thought, “No way!” but mom gave him that look of “Yes way!” So he went out and tried to grab the cat. When he reached up for the cat, it struggled even more and was impossible to grab so dad came back inside and we watched and waited. Neighbor continued to hang and chin himself up but the attempts became weaker and weaker. Finally he just hung there. By this point we were laughing so hard that even mom had to give in and laugh. After hanging there for about a minute longer, Neighbor decided that there was only one thing left to do, so he dropped down to the deck.

We opened the door and he came right in, wet and pathetic looking. He went over to his food bowl and ate, looking at us like we were the biggest traitors in the world. But from that point on he knew how to get down from the roof (other than through the window), so when Mark wasn’t home he didn’t get stuck up on the roof anymore.

There are many morals to this story but my favorite is when the easy road isn’t available don’t be afraid to accept a little help and if you refuse to accept help just do what needs to be done!
Idaho Fish and Game News

Leftover Tags Went on Sale
August 25

Big game controlled hunt permits left over after the second drawing went on sale August 25 at 10 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

More than 600 deer and 500 elk permits remain available after two application periods and computerized drawings. All antelope and controlled black bear hunts were filled, leaving none of those tags. Hunters can check the availability of these tags on the Fish and Game website.

Those permits will be sold over the counter on a first-come, first-served basis. The tags may be purchased at license vendors, Fish and Game offices, by telephone at 1-800-554-8685 or on the Internet at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Phone and Internet purchases require the use of a credit card and a convenience fee is charged by the contractor handling the transaction.

Residents May Buy Nonresident Tags

Resident and nonresident hunters can begin buying nonresident general season leftover deer and elk tags as a second tag on August 28. These tags are sold at the nonresident prices.

Supertag Winner Anticipates Big Game Hunt

Mike Marchant of Meridian could hunt deer this fall in any open hunt across Idaho, but one spot on the map has held his imagination for a long time.

Marchant has his autumn planned, right up until the late buck hunt in Unit 45*. Well known among mule deer hunters for well up until the late buck hunt in Unit 45*. The bull trout and the coastal Dolly Varden are considered the same species until just a few years ago. Bull trout have a green to blue-gray back, with only the head and neck having a different, more common color. Dolly Varden have a black line and a white line on the leading edge of their wings so distinct it frequently can be seen while they are swimming. Bull trout lack that black edge. Brook trout also have white lines on their dorsal fin. Rainbow and cutthroat trout have light-colored bodies with black spots on them. The historic state record for bull trout is 32 pounds but they are more commonly found up to 10 pounds.

Fish and Game has placed signs near waters where bull trout are common. Brochures describing them are usually available at or near fishing areas. The Fish and Game web site contains a fish description page with pictures at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Students can help anglers to be able to identify bull trout. Business card-sized handouts showing bull trout in clear full color are also available in many fishing stores and license vendors.

A group of anglers recently presented a fish at the Fish and Game office in Boise. They said they had been told by other anglers that the fish, about 24 inches long, was a brook trout that might be a record. The fish was taken at Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains near Stanley. Upon inspection by one of Idaho’s senior fish biologists, the prize catch turned out to be a bull trout, much to the consternation of the angler who caught the fish and his companions. Because there was obviously no intent to violate the law, only a warning ticket was issued and the fish was confiscated, however the angler could have been cited and fined $200 or more.

No Spots on Fin, Leave It In

Anglers need to take a second careful look at the trout they catch this fall to avoid conflict with the law protecting bull trout. An angler might catch a bull trout in almost any region of Idaho. They are widespread, though not abundant, in most waters that are clean and cold enough for them. If a fall spawner, bull trout become more aggressive and are easily caught this time of year. Bull trout are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act and are protected by Idaho law as well. No bull trout can be kept and must be returned immediately unharmed to the water.

Bull trout are easily distinguished from rainbow and cutthroat trout but are more commonly confused with brook trout or lake trout. Bull, brook, Dolly Varden and lake trout are members of the char family. The bull trout and the coastal Dolly Varden are close relatives and are native to western United States. In fact, they are so similar that the name bull trout and Dolly Varden were considered the same species until just a few years ago. Bull trout have a green to blue-gray back, with dark gray sides. They and the other char have darker-colored spots than the bull trout. They do not have spots on the dorsal fin, the single big fin in the middle of the back. Yellow, orange or red spots dot its sides. The pelvic, pectoral and anal fins have a white leading edge.

Brook trout have a black line and a white line on the leading edge of their fins so distinct it frequently can be seen while they are swimming. Bull trout lack that black edge. Brook trout also have wavy black lines on their dorsal fin. Rainbow and cutthroat trout have light-colored bodies with black spots on them.

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Draw Results Listed Online

Big game permits left from the second drawing for controlled hunts are listed on the Idaho Fish and Game Internet web site along with the last leftover tags that will be available this year.

A link is to the second controlled hunt draw results is the first selection found on the “Featured Pages” section of all home pages of the site. The direct address is <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/hunt/ch/deab_lft.cfm>.

Successful applicants in the first big game controlled hunt drawing were required to claim their tags by August 1. There is no deadline for picking up tags for those who were successful in the second drawing.

Ask Fish and Game

Q. Why haven’t I seen a report on this year’s chukar hunt?

A. You will be seeing that report soon but you are a little early. Flights are being scheduled now but will have to be conducted on days that bring a slight number for counting. Keep an eye on the Fish and Game web site <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov> where results will be posted as soon as they are available.

Duck Hunters Have Long Season, Smaller Bag

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission decided on the maximum allowable duck season but trimmed the bag limit that usually goes with a long season when it met by telephone conference call August 24.

The Commission voted unanimously to set the length of the season at 107 days with nights used in the September 25-26 youth hunt. That is the maximum number of days for duck hunting allowed under the federal season framework. The federal framework allowed a bag limit of seven ducks per day but the Commission cut that number to five.

Goose hunting will run concurrently with the same bag limits as last year.

Goose populations have generally continued to hold their own locally with good numbers seen in Alberta where most of Idaho’s geese originate.

The outlook for ducks is less cheery. Although duck numbers remain high on a continental basis, the area of the Canadian prairie that supplies most Idaho’s northern flights suffered another year of drought. Nesting areas included in the pond index declined from 3.5 million to 2.5 million from 2003 to 2004.

Waterfowl manager Tom Henker told the Commission that duck limits would have to be reduced to two birds per day to make a biological difference but the Commission agreed with Commissioner Marcus Gibbs of Grace that a seven-bird limit would send hunters a wrong message about the status of ducks in Idaho.

Hunters will have 105 days plus the two-day youth hunt, a maximum five ducks per day with only one of those being a hen mallard, and a 60-day pintail and canvasback season beginning at the start of hunting.

Idaho is split into two duck hunting zones that include the Southwest Region and part of the Magic Valley in one and the rest of the state in the other. The Southwest season runs from October 9 to January 21 and the rest of the state from October 2 through January 14.

The September 25-26 youth hunt is open to licensed hunters 15 years old or younger.

Bats and People Can Be Good Neighbors

By Diane Evans Mack, Nongame Wildlife Biologist

Idaho Department of Fish and Game – Southwest Region

Bats are among the most misunderstood and maligned of our native wildlife, despite the very positive role they play in reducing mosquitoes and other insects and in pollinating important food plants. They are mysterious creatures of the night, swooping elegantly through the dusk and communicating beyond the capacity of our human ears to hear. They roost by day in the smallest of crevices, not to be creepy but to find a secure place, safe from their natural predators, where they can rest and bear their young. But what if that place is your home?

Of the 14 species of bats found in Idaho, little brown and big brown bats are the two most likely to take up residence in buildings during the summer. These bats arrive in late April or May. Young are born in June and remain flightless until late July or early August. Most bats depart during September for their winter roost sites know as hibernacula.

You may not know immediately if bats have selected your chimney, eaves or attic as their summer residence. Bats typically live together in colonies, but groups can be small and inconspicuous. Once established at a location, bats are likely to return to the same site year after year. In many cases, the roost is isolated from the inside of the home, allowing bats and humans to coexist. But if you are faced with unwelcome houseguests, September through October is the appropriate time to secure your home. Because Idaho’s bats are listed as protected nongame wildlife, they cannot be harmed unless for protection of life or property. Thus, hanging the “no vacancy” sign should occur after bats have departed, not during the summer maternity season when you risk entombing the young bats.

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Congressman Butch Otter joined about 30 people in New Plymouth last week. People who came to give him a piece of their mind, chat or listen to his views on issues facing the nation.

Celebrity Rodeo Challenge: Congressman Otter led a three-member team to victory this past weekend in the Idaho Cowboys Association's inaugural Celebrity Rodeo Challenge. The competition on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds, during the ICA Championship Finals, featured Congressman Otter's team and competitors from KIVI-TV, 6 On Your Side in Nampa. The Congressman's team was made up of former Miss Rodeo Idaho and Miss Rodeo America Shelly Williams of Kuna, and renowned Western photographer David Stoecklein of Hailey. Lindsey Roberts of KIVI led the other team. She was joined by Will Hoenike and Brandi Smith of 6 On Your Side. They competed in breakaway roping and barrel racing events. Entry fees for the event were donated to charity. Congressman Otter's team participated to benefit horse programs at the Idaho Youth Ranch, and the KIVI team benefited the Boys and Girls Clubs.

IDAHO TO RECEIVE SAGE GROUSE MANAGEMENT FUNDS

Crapo, Craig praise recognition of Western sage grouse conservation programs

Washington, DC – Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Larry Craig applauded today's U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announcement of $500,000 to fund Idaho sage grouse habitat protection efforts. The funds are part of $2 million the USDA will make available in Idaho, Utah, Washington and Colorado for special projects to help protect sage grouse habitat. State and local partnerships will provide technical and additional financial assistance for the projects.

"Private landowners, state wildlife managers, and other partners in Idaho and across the West are making special efforts to manage the sage grouse," said Crapo, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act. "The partnership of the federal government is welcome, and I appreciate this latest in a series of helpful moves. Recent statistics show that populations of this game bird have shrunk but now appear to be stable. Idaho will use this help to bring numbers back up."

"This money will help to further enhance sage grouse habitat while ensuring the economic viability of Idaho’s rural communities," Craig said. "Listing the sage grouse would have devastating impacts across the Intermountain West, and this work is another step in demonstrating we can manage sage grouse habitat without being hog-tied by the Endangered Species Act."

Crapo and Craig have both taken part in a western coalition supporting sage grouse. Each Senator holds oversight jurisdiction on important aspects of sage grouse management. Crapo, through the federal wildlife management program, and Craig, through the public lands system.

Idaho has been a leader in sage grouse recovery efforts. Starting with a management plan in 1997, Idaho now has Local Working Groups and a statewide task force to advise Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation on coordinated endangered or threatened species activities across Idaho. This effort – led by many landowners – has begun producing identifiable results such as the reseeding of sage brush that is key to sage grouse survival. This effort has been coordinated across state lines in partnership with Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Nevada.

The funds come as part of the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). GRP is a voluntary conservation program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency that helps preserve and enhance grassland, rangeland, shrubland and certain other lands. Through GRP, agricultural producers can help protect and enhance habitat for sage grouse and other grassland-dependent species with declining populations.

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Removing bats from a location, also called “exclusion,” is not trapping nor extermination. It involves sealing entries and providing an escape route for any lingering bats that may still be using the roost. During August, watch for bats to emerge in the evening and attempt to identify all possible exits. Look especially around attic windows and chimneys. In September, after bats have departed for the winter and there is no risk of trapping young before they can fly, seal all possible entries to the roost. During this process, erect an excluder, a tube that allows bats to fly out but prevents them from getting back in.

There are companies that offer professional assistance with this. If you’d like to provide an alternative home on your property for these remarkable creatures, erect a bat house early in summer before the bats have departed so they become familiar with it. When they return next spring to discover they’ve been evicted, they will be more likely to adopt the house.

For more information regarding bats, bat houses, and safe bat control, contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or visit Bat Conservation International’s web site at www.batcon.org. Remember, a single little brown bat can catch 1,200 mosquitoes-sized insects in just one hour. For us, that equates to many sting-free dinners on the deck.

Idaho is home to 14 bat species, including this long-eared myotis. All of Idaho's bats are insect eaters, making them extremely beneficial to humans. Photo credit: Evin Oneale, IDFG
The Treasure Valley Riders are a local Special Olympics Equestrian group that practices right here in New Plymouth. We use horses to help build confidence, self-respect and character in individuals with disabilities. The group presently has 24 athletes from all over the Treasure Valley. We have been an active group for the past 8 years. The athletes take lessons weekly from April to October. They will be competing September 11th at the Payette Valley Riding Club arena in Payette for area games. They will then qualify to go to Boise to compete at Fall games in October at the Idaho Equestrian Center in Nampa. The athletes participate in Equitation, Showmanship, Trail, Relay, Barrels and Poles.


If you would like to find out more about this group, volunteer or to donate contact Denise Mengon at 278-3812.

New Plymouth resident Eric Blodgett is on Sahmon practicing at Double M Quarterhorse in New Plymouth.
NPHS’s newest Espanol maestro Rosemary Spurling keeps students talking

By Naomi Olivera

“Popcorn!” “Palomitas!” Mrs. Rosemary Spurling shouts as she desperately tries to get her stone-still students to get up and mingle. At the word popcorn, they immediately form into groups and begin to study. “I can’t get them to move unless I say popcorn,” she says.

Mrs. Spurling is new to the high school and middle school. She teaches Spanish and ESL.

She’s been teaching for 21 years. Teaching wasn’t her intent when she first started going to college. “I didn’t choose to teach, it just happened.”

She has taught at many different schools including North Clayton Junior High and Middle School, Marrow Middle School, and Marrow High School in another state.

She has two children. Divina, 19, and Joshua “Big Red” age 17. “Big Red” is a well placed name. Standing at an easy 6’4 with a shock of red hair, classmates easily find him striding through the Pilgrim halls.

Her father hails from Puerto Rico and her mother, Cuba. The Spanish language is in her blood. Her favorite part of teaching is being able to share her culture and language.

What does she think of students here? At that question, she burst out laughing. “It’s been fun. They are neat.” That’s all she said.

Currently, she has a Spanish I and a Spanish II class. By next year she would like to have two of each of those classes. The year after that, she wants a Spanish III class, and the year after THAT, she wants an AP Spanish class.

Spanish isn’t actually a hard language to learn. All you have to do is practice. “If you see a cockroach, you better say ‘Buenos Dias’ as you smash it!”

Mrs. Spurling explains her background in teaching Spanish: “I was department chair of foreign languages and Spanish Club sponsor” in her middle school in Georgia.

“I taught the Spanish III National College Board Pacesetter program and was the first teacher of AP Spanish in Clayton County, Georgia.”

She also taught a staff development class in Spanish communication and helped write the curriculum for foreign language (Spanish) in that county.

She moved here because she recently married Tom Spurling, an alumni of this high school and he wanted to move back here.

Students recognize that she really wants this program to grow here. Khris Karpati told Mrs. Esplin recently that Spanish was “a lot different from last year.” He agreed that it was going to be fun, but added, “It will be a lot of work.”

Her final summary of her plans for NP was, “I really want the program to grow. I like to have fun in everything I do.”

Then she added her appreciation for being here. “Everyone has made me feel welcome here and I want to thank you.”

Freshmen flood halls, fill lunch room, and jam lockers as new Pilgrims at the high school

By Katie Cutts

Darting eyes, skittish feet, sweaty hands, and nervous laughs. It’s their first day of high school. A freshman is easy to pick out of a crowd on the first week.

High school is a whole new world. Freshmen get introduced to things they never knew existed in school. They don’t know where anything is. The lunch ladies are their best friends. Classes get harder. Teachers get meaner. Upper classmen, and older siblings want to beat them up.

Were you scared on the first day?

Nick Young: “Yes, because I’m not the smartest one of the bunch.”
Christina Colvin: “Yes, because I didn’t know where the classes where.”

Dean Jones: “I was afraid “Big Red” would beat me up.”

Tyler Holis: “Yes, because my sister’s a senior and she scares me.”

Robin Erickson: “Because my sister’s a senior and she scares me.”

JJ Claypool: “I was just scared of getting my (tushie) kicked by my older brother.”

High school returns to seven period day

By Megan de Laloe

New Plymouth High School has a new class schedule! Now, instead of the four classes a day, there are seven. Before, students enjoyed the leisurely pace of class where they could learn and do their homework in class, but now they have fifty-nine minutes to get instructions, do their homework, and still take home a bus load of books to do homework that is most likely due the next day. A few of the NPHS students interviewed struggled with this change, but a most indicated that there were some definite perks. The teachers may have the greatest adjustment.

Mr. Edmunson – “I don’t like it at all. As a teacher, there’s more stress and less time to prepare.”

Dani Henry – “No, I don’t like the change. There’s not enough class time and too much homework now, and we only get four minutes to get to classes. It’s not enough.”

Randee Erickson – “I like it because this is how the schedule was in Payette, and I’m used to it. Besides, the classes go by faster now.”

Tiffany Verkiak – “It’s okay.”

Sandra Colvin – “I like that I get more classes in a day.”

Mrs. Gaskins – “The good thing about the schedule is that the students get to see their teachers every day, and I’m hoping that the ISAT and overall classroom scores improve. I think that it’s hard to fit everybody in the schedule, though. It’s a tighter schedule and some classes are overloaded.”
MARKET ANIMAL SALE

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Blue: Autumn Zuidema, Pay; Jack Boulter, Frt; Garrett Wright, Frt; Tim Ledington, Frt; Garrett Wright, Frt. Red: Sam Meeker, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt; Eric Erin Hemenway, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt.

Market Beef Steer #5
Blue: Jalen Bellegarde, JF; Dale Christensen, Frt; Emily Fisher, Frt; Kaylee Fugate, Pay; Josh Hinson, NP; Cody King, NP. Red: Sam Meeker, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt; Eric Erin Hemenway, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt.

Market Beef Steer #6
Blue: Jalen Bellegarde, JF; Dale Christensen, Frt; Emily Fisher, Frt; Kaylee Fugate, Pay; Josh Hinson, NP; Cody King, NP. Red: Sam Meeker, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt; Eric Erin Hemenway, Frt; Jake Fabricius, Frt.

4H SWINE

Class #1
Blue: Colton Stowe, Ontario; Tyler Bullington, Frt. Red: Jonathon Barret, Pay; Rawilings, Frt; Marie Fabricius, Frt; Danielle Mecham, Pay.

Class #2
Blue: Emma Weaver, NP; Stephanie Ritchie, Pay; Shane Atherry, Pay; Matea Gabiola, Pay; Brandi Bellegante, Pay; Taylor Little, Pay; Kathy Hawker, NP; Candice Stevens, NP.

Class #3
Markita Williams, Pay; Josie Hoshaw, Pay; Katie Hoxie, Pay; Bridger Bellegante, Pay; Brandi Bellegante, Pay; Taylor Little, Pay; Kathy Hawker, NP; Candice Stevens, NP.

Class #4
Markita Williams, Pay; Josie Hoshaw, Pay; Katie Hoxie, Pay; Bridger Bellegante, Pay; Brandi Bellegante, Pay; Taylor Little, Pay; Kathy Hawker, NP; Candice Stevens, NP.

Class #5
Blue: Colton Stowe, Ontario; Tyler Bullington, Frt. Red: Jonathon Barret, Pay; Rawilings, Frt; Marie Fabricius, Frt; Danielle Mecham, Pay.

Overall Fitting and Showing Reserve Champion: Matea Gabiola, Pay; Brandi Bellegante, Pay; Taylor Little, Pay; Kathy Hawker, NP; Candice Stevens, NP.

Class #1
Blue: Jamie Chapman, NP; Colton Stowe, Ontario; Tyler Ford, NP; Taylor Knapp, NP; Avalon Boudreaux, NP; Danielle Mecham, Pay; Rawilings, Frt; Marie Fabricius, Frt; Danielle Mecham, Pay.

Class #2
Blue: Jessica Ingle, Pay; Jeanne Jeffries, Pay; Brittany Sturdivant, Pay; Rebekah Daves, Alish Wells, Pay; Ashley Miller, Pay; Reba Daves, Pay; Anthony LeWellen, Pay; Olive Barlow, Frt.

Intermediate Showmanship

12-14 years
Blue: Lauren Aguas, Pay; Tyson Flannery, Pay; Jack Creel, NP; Nathan Collingsworth, NP; Alexander Valentine, NP; Sondra Conlin, NP; KJ O'Leary, Frt; Oakley Frey, Frt.

Class #3
Blue: Emma Weaver, NP; Jamie Chapman, NP; Colton Stowe, Ontario; Tyler Ford, NP; Taylor Knapp, NP; Avalon Boudreaux, NP; Danielle Mecham, Pay; Rawilings, Frt; Marie Fabricius, Frt; Danielle Mecham, Pay.

Class #4
Blue: Jessica Ingle, Pay; Jeanne Jeffries, Pay; Brittany Sturdivant, Pay; Rebekah Daves, Alish Wells, Pay; Ashley Miller, Pay; Reba Daves, Pay; Anthony LeWellen, Pay; Olive Barlow, Frt.

Grand Reserve Champion: Jenna Jeffries, Pay; Reserve Champion: Brinley Sturdivant, Pay; 3rd. Megan Sturdivant, Pay; 4th Willy Frey, Pay; 5th Rebah Daves, Pay

Pen of 2
Grand Champion: Reba Daves, Alish Wells, Pay; Reserve Champion, KJ O'Leary, Pay.

BREEDING SWINES


Class #1
Blue: Emma Weaver, NP; Jamie Chapman, NP; Colton Stowe, Ontario; Tyler Ford, NP; Taylor Knapp, NP; Avalon Boudreaux, NP; Danielle Mecham, Pay; Rawilings, Frt; Marie Fabricius, Frt; Danielle Mecham, Pay.

Class #2
Blue: Jessica Ingle, Pay; Jeanne Jeffries, Pay; Brittany Sturdivant, Pay; Rebekah Daves, Alish Wells, Pay; Ashley Miller, Pay; Reba Daves, Pay; Anthony LeWellen, Pay; Olive Barlow, Frt.

Intermediate Showmanship

12-14 years
Blue: Lauren Aguas, Pay; Tyson Flannery, Pay; Jack Creel, NP; Nathan Collingsworth, NP; Alexander Valentine, NP; Sondra Conlin, NP; KJ O'Leary, Frt; Oakley Frey, Frt.
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Haines, NP
Overall Grand Champion: Gabrielle Kovach, Ontario
Brown Swiss
Chase VanWeedhuizen, Frt.
FFA/4H Champion Female
Pat Haines, NP
Showmanship

Novice
Blue: Shandra Campbell, Frt; Gabrielle Kovach, Ontario
Red: Evan Eilers, NP; Chase VanWeedhuizen, NP

Junior
Blue: Benson Sternberg, NP
Senior: Pat Haines, NP
Overall Champion: Pat Haines, NP
Overall Reserve: Gabrielle Kovach, Ontario

4H RABBITS
Showmanship

Novice
Blue: Ashlie Miller, Pay; Heather Renfro, Parma; Carly Iwasa, Pay
Red: Thericia Wallace, Pay; Beretta Hilliard, Pay

Quality
Blue: Thericia Wallace, Pay; Ashley Miller, Pay; Kori Agin-Batten, Pay; Carly Iwasa, Pay; Jacob Van Beek, Frt; Danielle Champagne, NP; James Champagne, NP; Karen Hawks, Parma; Whitney Hodges, NP; Lauren Aguas, Pay; Chelsea Belvoir, Pay; Heather Renfro, Parma; Ashley Renfro, Parma; Beretta Hilliard, Pay; Derek Perren, Frt.
Red: Rachel Hieter, Frt; James Champagne, NP; Scott Curbith, Frt; Kori Agin-Batten, Pay; Derek Perren, Frt; Nick Prescott, NP; Chelsea Belvoir, Pay; Casey Prescott, NP; White: Latrissa Heeter, Frt; Derek Perren, Frt.

Intermediate Showmanship
Blue: Ashley Renfro, Frt; Casey Prescott, Parma
Red: Jacob VanBeek, Frt; Derek Perren, Frt.

Intermediate Showmanship
Blue: Nick Prescott, Parma
Red: James Champagne, NP; Chelsea Belvoir, Pay; Latrissa Heeter, Frt; Karen Hawks, Parma; Scott Curbith, NP; Whitney Hodges, NP.

Senior Showmanship
Blue: Kori Agin-Batten, Pay
Red: Rachel Hieter, Frt.

Grand Champion: Danielle Champagne, NP
Reserve: Lauren Aguas, Pay

CLOVERBUDFITTING&SHOWING

Cavy Cloverbuds
Blue: Kayla Burns, Frt; Stormi Slate; Courntey Mio, Frt
Rabbit Cloverbuds
Blue: Charlina Lancaster, Dusty Goff; Dakotta Lancaster, Nick Morales, Dustin Williamson, Kaylie Stowe, Sierra Miller, Kurstan Caviness, Taylor Young, Garrett Caviness

4H GOATS – PYGMY

Quality
Milking yearling
Blue: Jacque Scott, NP; Jessie Scott, NP
2 yr Doe
Blue: Sabrina Brase, NP
3 yr Doe
Blue: Diamond Preston, NP; Oscar Preston, NP; Isaac Preston, NP
Doe, Kid
Blue: Jessie Scott, NP

Weather Kid
Blue: Raelene Babb, Beretta Hilliard, Thericia Wallace, Jacque Scott
Weather 2-yr
Blue: Sabrina Brase, NP
Weather 3-yr
Blue: Shelby Young, Carly Wells, Frt.
Weather aged
Blue: Raelene Babb

Weather, Yearling
Alisha Wells, Frt.

4H GOATS
Showmanship

Novice
Blue: Titania Preston, Frt; Beretta Hilliard, Thericia Wallace
Junior
Blue: Sabrina Brase, NP; Oscar Preston, Frt; Jessie Scott, NP.
Red: Elisha Thomas, Frt; Alisha Wells, Frt; Carly Wells, Frt.
Intermediate
Blue: Diamond Preston, Frt; Jacque Scott, NP
Red: Jessica Thomas

Market & Breeding Stock
Novice
Blue: Titania Preston, Frt
Intermediate
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay; Devon Durfee, NP
Red: Andrew Durfee, NP

Weather
Blue: Oscar Preston, Frt; Kaitlan Hartung, Frt; Erica Wilson, NP

Working Pack
Blue: Erica Wilson, NP; Richard Smith, Nicole Smith, Raelene Babbb.
Red: Zack Couandies, Pay; Sabrina Brase, NP; Tyler Garcia, Jessica Scott, NP; Oscar Preston, Frt; Titania Preston, Frt.

Pack String
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay

Market Breeding Stock
Doe Yearling
Blue: Andrew Durfee, NP; Titania Preston, Frt; Oscar Preston, Frt
Blue: Devon Durfee, NP; Red: Oscar Preston, Frt

Milking, 2 yrs
Blue: Devon Durfee, NP; Red: Oscar Preston, Frt

DAM/Daughter
Blue: Andrew Durfee, NP; Isaac Preston, Frt

Weathers
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay; Andrew Durfee, NP

4H PIGEONS

Doves Quality
Blue: Christina Colvin, NP
Pigeons
Blue: Oscar Preston, Parma; Titania Preston, Parma; Devon Durfee, NP
Intermediate Fitting and Showing
Blue: William Babbb, Caldwell; Devon Durfee, NP
Junior Fitting and Showing
Blue: Oscar Preston, Parma
Novice Fitting and Showing
Blue: Titania Preston, Parma
Grand Champion: Christina Colvin, NP
Reserve Champion: Diamond Preston, Parma

Homer Quality
Blue: Devon Durfee, NP

3-5 yr
Blue: Kaitlan Hartung, Frt; Andrew Durfee, NP
Dairy – Quality
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay; Steven Behnke, Frt.
Red: Isaac Preston, Frt

Doe Aged
Blue: Steven Behnke, Frt
Doe Dam/Daughter
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay; Steven Behnke, Frt

Dairy Herd
Blue: Steven Behnke, Frt

Dairy, Breeding Stock
Intermediate
Blue: Zack Couandies, Pay; Diamond Preston, Frt; Nicole Smith, Frt
Red: Devon Durfee, NP; Richard Smith, Frt.

Junior
Blue: Erica Wilson, NP; Oscar Preston, Frt.

Senior
Blue: Chantelle Durfee, NP

Alpine X
Novice
Blue: Seth Stevens, Frt; Titania Preston, NP

BEST OF SHOW 4H Zack Couandies, Pay

FFA PIGEONS

Jansen Quality
Blue: Katie Green, Frt
Fitting and Showing
Blue: Katie Green, Frt.

2004 PAYETTE COUNTY FAIR – Special Awards

FOOD DIVISION – Adults
Altristra (Ball/Kerr Co.) Awards to:
Fruits
1st: Wendy Chaffin, Pay
2nd: Blanche Lyle, Emmett

Vegetables
1st: Carla Levaner, NP
2nd: Dorothy Horn, NP

Pickles
1st: Tracey Eckhart, Ontario
2nd: Irene Thomas, Pay

Soft Spreads
1st: Jeanette Piper, NP
2nd: Irene Thomas, Pay

BEST OF SHOW

FOOD DIVISION

BEST OF SHOW (Open Class)
House plants: Becky Settlage, NP
Cut Flowers: Shirley Eastlick, Council Arrangements: Faye Walters, NP

BEST OF SHOW (Junior Class)
Cut Flowers: Paige Gaibiola, Pay Arrangements: Sadie Stutman, Frt


FAIR FUN RUN

Youth Division
1st: Cohen Hoch, NP
2nd: Connor White, NP
3rd: Chase White, NP

Adult Division
1st: Tim Davis, Pay
2nd: Isaac Preston, NP
3rd: Cohen Hoch, NP
4th: Garrett Brunen, Pay

SPIPHN TUBE CONTEST

BOYS/GIRLS 11 yrs & Under: Preston Fisher, NP

BOYS/GIRLS, 12-15 yrs
1st Chad Allen, NP
2nd Zack Fabricius, Frt
3rd Josh Fisher, NP

MEN’S OPEN
Kevin Border, NP
Teams
Kevin Border & Julie Fisher, NP

PET PARADE

Best In Original Entry
Brad Miller, Snake; Rory Wetzeld, Dog “Gandolf”
Original Entry
Allison Burns, Lab/Duckhunting; Nick Lake, Dog/Duckhunting

Best of Show
Spencer Manery, Black Lab; Mary Espino, Horse
**Classified Advertisements**

**CRITTERS:**
1 male goat, 1 nanny goat for sale $50.00 each call 278-5898 9/1
Pure black kittens. about 2 months old. Free. (208)249-2405 9/1
Husky puppies $100.00 each, 4 females, 1 male, ready to take home now. leave a message 278-5679 8/25
4 dachshunds puppies 6 weeks old $150.00 Call 278-3762 8/25
Free black Lab puppies call evenings 278-5397 ask for Marty or Jamie 8/18
Purebred Shorthorn Bull Calves 400 to 700 lbs call 230-4956 8/18
Free kittens. Mom's a great gopher hunter. Tame. Variety of colors. Some free stuff. 278-5687 after 6pm or leave message. 8/25

**JOBS:**
VISTA VOLUNTEER POSITION
The Payette County Extension is seeking a VISTA Volunteer to assist in Payette in the area of 4-H Youth Development. Tasks include working with schools, After School Programs, conducting needs assessments and assisting communities in finding resources to support needed programs for positive youth development. Preferred qualifications includes, experience in working with youth audiences, volunteer programs, and interest in youth and community development. VISTA Volunteers receive health insurance, life insurance, and a cost of living allowance. To apply for this position call for application at 642-6022 or leave message. 8/25

**STUFF:**
Standing Oval Mirror $30, Double Bookcase Headboard $20, Little Tykes 8 in 1 757-7348, 278-5365 9/1
Black Hills Gold Earrings & Necklace $75.00 call 278-9833 9/1
message table & accessories $200.00 call 278-9833 9/1
Ridged Heddle Loom $75.00 call 278-9833 9/1
Set me up outside to clean fish in or use me to replace one that's cracked! Double (white) kitchen sink. $20.00 and I come with some free stuff. 278-5687 after 6pm or leave message. 8/25
Set a wild bird on your table! A loon-y 4 place setting. Black rim Stoneware w/ Loon & chick. Lg plates, Lg bowls, desert plates, and Lg mugs. $40.00. After 6pm or leave message, 278-5687. 8/25

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Specials: Wed Meat loaf, Thursday Tacos, Friday Hen House Burger, Saturday Patty Melt, Sunday Roast Beef Serving Breakfast all day long! Now serving Shakes, Sundaes, and Homemade pies

121 N Plymouth Ave
278-3833
Open Tuesday - Saturday 7 am-4 pm
Sunday 7:30 am- 3 pm

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Call to schedule an appointment today. 300 N. Plymouth Ave * New Plymouth, ID 83655 (across from City Hall) Open M-F from 8-5. New Patients and Walk-ins are always welcome. VFHC is a non-profit Community Health Center

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For Sale 9 to 10 acres with building site out on 1 1/2 Avenue. call 278-3318 for more information 8/4

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1981 Ford Econoline Van. 8 Passenger or seats remove. for hauling. $750 OBO. 278-5856 leave message 9/1

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New Plymouth Junior Class Sold
“Nasty Nachos” at
THE BIG NASTY HILLCLIMB!

The New Plymouth High School Junior Class thanks the following businesses and individuals who helped make this event successful:

Double Diamond, Brent & JoAnne, for the use of your trailer
Purdum’s, Rick & Robin—for the onions.
Lauri, Jeff, Jennifer, and Cole Dennett
Kelly & Lauri Howell
Tom Pence & Kim Christensen
Kerry & Jolene Shipley
Nancy Adams
Lori Frederick.

Class workers: Joel Shipley, Jake Welch, Logan Slate, Kyle York, Jeremy Howell, Breanne Jones, Ashley Hellinga, Hilary Ziegler.

If you donated salsa, sour scream, onions or tomatoes, you help is also appreciated! THANK YOU! Great job, class of 2006! You made $1,146 for two days of hard work!

Photo credit: Jolene Shipley
The Kiwanis Club of New Plymouth met Monday August 30 for a regular meeting. High School Counselor Tammy Gaskins and her daughter Talley were our guests. Talley was our speaker.

Important note: there will be no Kiwanis meeting next week on the 6th because of Labor Day.

Second important note: The meeting on September 13th will take place AT THE SENIOR CENTER AT 7 PM for the new officer installation. Incoming President is Randy Frates. Vice President is Faye Walters. Second Vice President is Elaine Larson. The Secretary & Treasurer positions remain the same, with Jeannette Mayer and Gordon Collinsworth in those jobs, respectively. Our Lt. Governor Rod Emery will be in attendance. We hope every Kiwanian will attend. You must be present to enter the drawing for the Bragging Can money!

Talley Gaskins spoke to the Club about her attendance at the HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth) Leadership Conference at BSU. Talley was selected out of last year’s sophomore class to attend the conference. She joined about 130 other students from across the state for 3 days of activities.

Talley said that the first thing the conference did was take her outside her comfort-zone. She was dropped into the middle of a bunch of people she didn’t know and had to introduce herself and start getting to know the other attendees. She said it didn’t take her long before she had a whole bunch of new friends.

During the conference, they had several powerful speakers, such as the TCBY founder in our area and Mrs. Idaho. The neat thing, she said, was that they all got to meet the speakers in a small group setting, so they got to ask questions and just talk.

For part of the conference, all the attendees participated in service projects. Talley’s group went to a Senior Citizens’ Home and put on a mini carnival. The Seniors had a wonderful time. Talley said that some of the seniors were in wheelchairs, so the kids got to push them around to the different activities at the carnival. She said it was a great experience for her to see and interact with the senior citizens, to see the needs of that age group & issues they deal with that she had no idea they had. She also met a little old lady who loves Elvis Presley just like Talley herself does. It was neat to meet someone so much older than herself with the same interests.

The HOBY conference changed her perspective on life and increased her appreciation for the people who help her in her life.

The most important things she learned from the conference: to have confidence in herself, not to be afraid of stating her beliefs, and to treat others with respect.

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer
German philosopher (1788 - 1860)

White Way Courts is almost ready to become the New Plymouth Fire Station.
The Church section was under-filled this week, so the editor chose the words of a hymn she likes and inserted them here. Enjoy.

How Firm A Foundation

In every condition — in sickness, in health, In poverty’s vale or abound ing in wealth. At home or abroad, on the lad or the seas — as they days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not thee o’erflow, for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless. And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials they way shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be they supply, The flame shall not hurt thee; I only deliver, I will not, I cannot, desert for repose, I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!

Catholic Faith Classes Offered

In September, Corpus Christi Catholic Church will begin inquiry classes for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. These classes provide participants with information and allow them to ask questions. Those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church can continue in The Rite of the Christian Initiation for Adults, later in the year.

There will be an informational meeting Monday, August 30th at 7pm at Holy Faith Hall, 1212 1st Ave. South in Payette. If you are interested in these classes, contact the church office at 642-2261.

Registration for Catholic Religious Education Classes

Classes will begin in September. Kindergarten – 5th grade will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm in both New Plymouth and Payette. Grades 6th – 8th will meet Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in both New Plymouth and Payette. High School Youth will meet Sunday evening 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the hall in Payette. Registration forms are available in both chapels. If you have any questions please contact the office 642-2261.

LDS News

1st & 2nd ward: Picnic on Labor Day, September 6th. Enjoy the shade under the trees at the church. Bring a side dish to share. We will have hamburgers & ice cream. Activities for all ages. Bring your family & friends.

2nd Ward
September 18: Mother-Daughter Hawaiian Luau 10 am to noon. For ALL women of ALL ages (we’re all someone’s daughter, after all). “Come join us for a Tropical Treat and some sand in your feet.” Lunch will be served.

Bar-B-Que at Lois Moss’ home for Laura and Daniel Dewey Saturday Sept 4th from 6 – “until everyone leaves.”

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Attention Church Public Relations Officers: Put your most important announcements first. I’ll print as much as we have space. We have plenty of space. Send to editor@newplymouthnews.com. Or call 278-0171. Leave a message!

You can call or email Church News items on Sunday after church!

Church Directory

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Assembly of God
278-5711
Worship: 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Family night Wednesday 7:00 pm
Sunday School all ages 10 am
Pastor: Elden Issak

Bible Faith Fellowship
278-3125
Worship: 11:00 am
Evening Worship: 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Pastor Jim Mayes

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1st Ward 278-3663
Sacrament Meeting 11:00 am
Bishop Lane Austin
2nd Ward 278-3880
Sacrament Meeting 9:00 am
Bishop Gordon Topham
Seminary David Ferrara 278-9290
Youth Activity Wednesday 7:00 pm

Church of the Nazarene
278-0494
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship: 11:00 am
Evening Evangelistic Hour: 6:30 pm
Wednesday Midweek Service: 6:30 pm
Pastor Rod Tegedoff

Community of Christ
278-5817
Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Fellowship: 9:45 am
Pastor Wilda Brock

First Baptist Church
278-3233
Worship: 9:30 & 11:00 am
Evening Prayer service 7 pm
Youth Fellowship 5:30 pm
Wednesday Adventure Club 3:30-5:00 pm
Pastor Phil Pittman, Jr.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
278-3800
Sunday School & Adult Class 10:00 am
Worship: 11:00 am
Mid-Week Class Tuesday 7:00 pm
Ladies League 3rd Saturday 2 pm
Pastor Robert Rowley

Living Waters Christian Fellowship
452-3119
At New Plymouth Grange - Maple St.
Sun 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Wed 7:30 pm

Plymouth Congregational Church UCC
278-3577
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Pastor Susan Howe

Seventh-day Adventist
278-3813
Worship: 11:00
Vespers: Saturday 5:30 pm
Prayer meeting Wednesday: 7:00 pm
Pastor Allan Payne

Corpus Christi Catholic Community St Aloysius Catholic Church
642-2261
Mass Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Wednesday at noon
Father Calvin L. Blankinship Jr.

Treasure Valley Mennonite Church
4110 SW 1st Ave
278-3769
COMMUNITY NOTICES

The New Plymouth High School & Middle School Cross Country Teams are hosting a cross country meet in New Plymouth on Thursday September 2nd at 4 pm. We will be completely done BEFORE 6 pm because the JV football team has a game that night, too.

We will be using the streets at the south end of town, including the boulevard where it branches off Plymouth Ave and SW 2nd Ave between the Middle School and football field, and just about everywhere in between. Please be aware that runners will be on the streets and use caution and common sense if you need to drive in that area during the races.

Ontario Family Support Program offers support to all families of soldiers serving in the US Armed Forces, no matter what Unit their soldier is from. Contact Vickie Sissel 541-212-1942 or Jeannette Mayer 208-278-0161

Send letters to the editor:
If you want your letter to be considered for publication, include your name, address, and phone number. Email editor@newplymouthnews.com or mail to PO Box 10, NP 83655

LETTERS

Dear Editor

I am writing as a friend of Paula Ballantyne and her husband John. John is a registered nurse for the State of Idaho. He also works two part-time jobs. They have six children from the ages of 3-13. Paula is a stay-at-home mom. The family has lived in New Plymouth for over nine years.

Paula had childhood osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer). Her leg was amputated above the knee when she was 5 years old. She is now 33. Twenty-five years ago there was only a 5% cure rate for this type of cancer. She was very blessed to have defeated this terrible disease. Nevertheless, she was left without a leg. When a person is a small child, there are many organizations to help provide prosthetic limbs as needed. For an adult, there are few resources.

Paula has been on crutches for the past 24 months because the prosthetic leg she had no longer fits. Her orthopedic doctor said that her leg and hip are deteriorating and if she does not get a new prosthesis soon, she may never be able to wear one at all. In fact, her doctor wants to fuse her hip and get her into a wheelchair as soon as possible. Her armpits are numb from nerve damage from using crutches for so long. The bone and muscle that was left in her leg are almost gone (from disuse). John & Paula thought they had plenty of time to get a new prosthetic leg. But the time is gone.

As I visited with the Paula recently, I realized that she is frightened, losing hope, and getting angry with her circumstances. I cannot imagine myself on crutches for that long, while running a household of six very-active children.

The new prosthetic leg she needs will cost over $45,000. Paula’s insurance will not pay for any of it because the new prosthesis has not been out in the market long enough (it is still considered “experimental”).

If she can get this new prosthetic leg, then she will also need extensive physical therapy to reprogram her to walk correctly.

Even though John is working three jobs, they – like many of us – are barely getting by, with every dime going for past and present medical bills and household needs. Paula is a young woman who seems to have been lost in the governmental system because her family earns too much to qualify for aid yet is not earning enough to meet her needs.

As a friend of the family, my heart weeps both for Paula and for her family. My hope is that we as a community will be able to assist them in raising the funds needed for the new prosthetic as well as the physical therapy. One of Paula’s neighbors has set up a bank account at Zions Bank for donations to the family’s needs. If you feel so moved to make a donation, please go to Zions Bank. The account is under the name “The Paula Ballantyne Prosthetic Fund.”

Sincerely,
A close friend of the family From New Plymouth

Hello, I would like to submit an article for your consideration.

My name is Denise Mengon and I coach the Treasure Valley riders Special Olympics Equestrian Team. We have been practicing at my arena in New Plymouth for the past 7 years. I would like for the residents to be aware of the program we offer for disabled individuals and hopefully take advantage of it. We currently have 24 riders, 4 of which are New Plymouth residents, the others coming from all over the Treasure Valley due to the closing of programs like this in Boise. We practice on Wednesdays evenings and can always use volunteers.

We have our upcoming area games on September 11th in Payette at the Payette Valley Riding club arena on S. 6th Ave. in Payette. We are planning on having a fun-filled day with cotton candy, sno cones and free horse rides for kids beginning at 11. The horse show begins at 10 with opening ceremonies at 9:30. We encourage people to come out and support local athletes.

If you have any questions please contact me via email or home phone 278-3812. thank you

Denise Mengon

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In conjunction with the Music Festival, the Council Chamber of Commerce held a Music Festival Window Decorating Contest. The participants were: Adams County Real Estate, Coldwell Banker, Johnson & Company, Seven Devils Café, One Eye Jack’s & The Adams County Record.

The windows were judged on their effort, diversity, originality, along with theme. Since we only had five entries this year, we awarded a first & second place. First place received “four free passes to the Music Festival and $25 cash.” The cash donation came from the Council Chamber of Commerce. Second place received “two free passes” to the Music Festival.

First place was awarded to the Seven Devils Café and Second Place went to One Eye Jacks. Congratulations, and thank you all so much for your participation!

I would like to thank the following Business’s for advertising on their reader boards: Council Mountain Golf Course & Sylvia’s Kitchen, Council Food & Fuel - Shell Station, Council School District, Burgers & More, Council Floral & Garden, and Richard’s Snowmobile & Machine. (I heard tell that one of the bands, participating in the festival, thought it was great that our town was so well decorated for the occasion.)

I would like to thank the many newspapers, radio and television stations that added our Music Festival to their “calendar of events.” A big thanks to our surrounding Chamber of Commerce organizations that posted fliers and sent e-mails to their members. This was a great addition to our advertising this year and reached a new crowd of Music lovers. Saturday brought a record crowd to our town!

You are all very much appreciated! Hope to see you next year, and don’t forget to bring a friend!

Sincerely, Linda Rogers, President of “Your Council Chamber of Commerce”

A Heartfelt Thanks to Council Music Festival Promoters and Supporters!

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I am writing as a friend of Paula Ballantyne and her husband John. John is a registered nurse for the State of Idaho. He also works two part-time jobs. They have six children from the ages of 3-13. Paula is a stay-at-home mom. The family has lived in New Plymouth for over nine years.

Paula had childhood osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer). Her leg was amputated above the knee when she was 5 years old. She is now 33. Twenty-five years ago there was only a 5% cure rate for this type of cancer. She was very blessed to have defeated this terrible disease. Nevertheless, she was left without a leg. When a person is a small child, there are many organizations to help provide prosthetic limbs as needed. For an adult, there are few resources.

Paula has been on crutches for the past 24 months because the prosthetic leg she had no longer fits. Her orthopedic doctor said that her leg and hip are deteriorating and if she does not get a new prosthesis soon, she may never be able to wear one at all. In fact, her doctor wants to fuse her hip and get her into a wheelchair as soon as possible. Her armpits are numb from nerve damage from using crutches for so long. The bone and muscle that was left in her leg are almost gone (from disuse). John & Paula thought they had plenty of time to get a new prosthetic leg. But the time is gone.

As I visited with the Paula recently, I realized that she is frightened, losing hope, and getting angry with her circumstances. I cannot imagine myself on crutches for that long, while running a household of six very-active children.

The new prosthetic leg she needs will cost over $45,000. Paula’s insurance will not pay for any of it because the new prosthesis has not been out in the market long enough (it is still considered “experimental”).

If she can get this new prosthetic leg, then she will also need extensive physical therapy to reprogram her to walk correctly.

Even though John is working three jobs, they – like many of us – are barely getting by, with every dime going for past and present medical bills and household needs. Paula is a young woman who seems to have been lost in the governmental system because her family earns too much to qualify for aid yet is not earning enough to meet her needs.

As a friend of the family, my heart weeps both for Paula and for her family. My hope is that we as a community will be able to assist them in raising the funds needed for the new prosthetic as well as the physical therapy. One of Paula’s neighbors has set up a bank account at Zions Bank for donations to the family’s needs. If you feel so moved to make a donation, please go to Zions Bank. The account is under the name “The Paula Ballantyne Prosthetic Fund.”

Sincerely,
A close friend of the family From New Plymouth

Hello, I would like to submit an article for your consideration.

My name is Denise Mengon and I coach the Treasure Valley riders Special Olympics Equestrian Team. We have been practicing at my arena in New Plymouth for the past 7 years. I would like for the residents to be aware of the program we offer for disabled individuals and hopefully take advantage of it. We currently have 24 riders, 4 of which are New Plymouth residents, the others coming from all over the Treasure Valley due to the closing of programs like this in Boise. We practice on Wednesdays evenings and can always use volunteers.

We have our upcoming area games on September 11th in Payette at the Payette Valley Riding club arena on S. 6th Ave. in Payette. We are planning on having a fun-filled day with cotton candy, sno cones and free horse rides for kids beginning at 11. The horse show begins at 10 with opening ceremonies at 9:30. We encourage people to come out and support local athletes.

If you have any questions please contact me via email or home phone 278-3812. thank you

Denise Mengon

For all area residents, a note of thanks to all of you who supported the 2004 Payette County Fair in anyway - by your attendance, by your work in assisting the 4H & FFA exhibitors as parents or leaders, by supporting our vendor and of course by watching one of the top rodeos in the state. We appreciate you staying with us through days of stifling heat, especially during our annual market sale which again was successful due to the great support of area businesses and individuals.

We hope you noticed the improvements and "fix-ups" by Herman Braun, Groundskeepers; Tena Mecham Mainte-
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Remember that Big Nasty Motorcycle Hillclimb? Well, here’s a couple pictures of the hill the motorcyclists climbed! Thanks to Jolene Shipley for the photos.

See page 16 for a few more photos from the Hillclimb.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
6-7 pm Open Meeting
Sunday nights at Kiwanis Park
New Plymouth

Contact Bruce 278-5455