



Jan Seda of Boise, Id. and David Bergh of Mountain Home, Id. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Salle Bergh, to Dale Hentzell, son of Denis and Kitty Hentzell of Eagle Lake. A small family wedding is planned for early September in Boise, Id.

USDA Promoting Rural Broadband Growth

Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr recently announced the publication of new proposed rules designed to facilitate the further deployment of broadband services to rural communities nationwide.

"These proposed changes will improve broadband coverage in rural America," said Dorr.

"Refining eligibility and coverage areas, along with increased emphasis on reaching areas with limited service are priorities within these proposed rule changes."

Dorr outlined several key elements of the proposed rules: Promoting deployment to rural areas with little or no service; Ensuring that residents in funded areas get broadband access more quickly; Limiting funding in urban areas and areas where a significant share of the market is served by incumbent providers;

Clarifying and streamlining equity and marketing survey requirements; increasing the transparency of the application process, including legal notice requirements, to make more informed lending/borrowing decisions;

Promoting a better understanding of all application require-

ments, including market survey, competitive analysis, business plan, and system design requirements; and ensuring that projects funding are keeping pace with increasing demand for bandwidth.

Dorr noted that significant progress has been made in facilitating rural broadband deployment since the program began.

Over 70 loans have been made totaling \$1.2 billion for broadband deployment projects headquartered in 36 states.

Through these loans, more than half a million households in more than 1,000 rural communities will receive broadband service.

Over 60 percent of these communities had little or no broadband service at the time.

In addition, as part of its 2007 Farm Bill proposal, the USDA has requested re-authorization of the broadband program through 2012.

Because of broadband technology, to an unprecedented degree, people have choices about where to live and how to work.

From a rural development perspective, this allows rural residents to live locally and compete globally.

Broadband is eliminating the barriers of distance, remoteness,

and time that face rural businesses, teachers, and physicians.

Children growing up on farms, ranches and in small towns can have the same access to the best education our nation can provide.

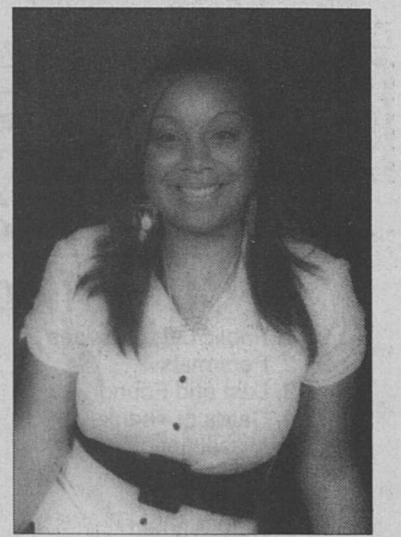
Rural citizens are offered access to health care and rural economies prosper and grow with new markets only a computer screen away.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents.

As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$76.8 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

As a result, over 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or on the web. www.usda/rurdev.gov.

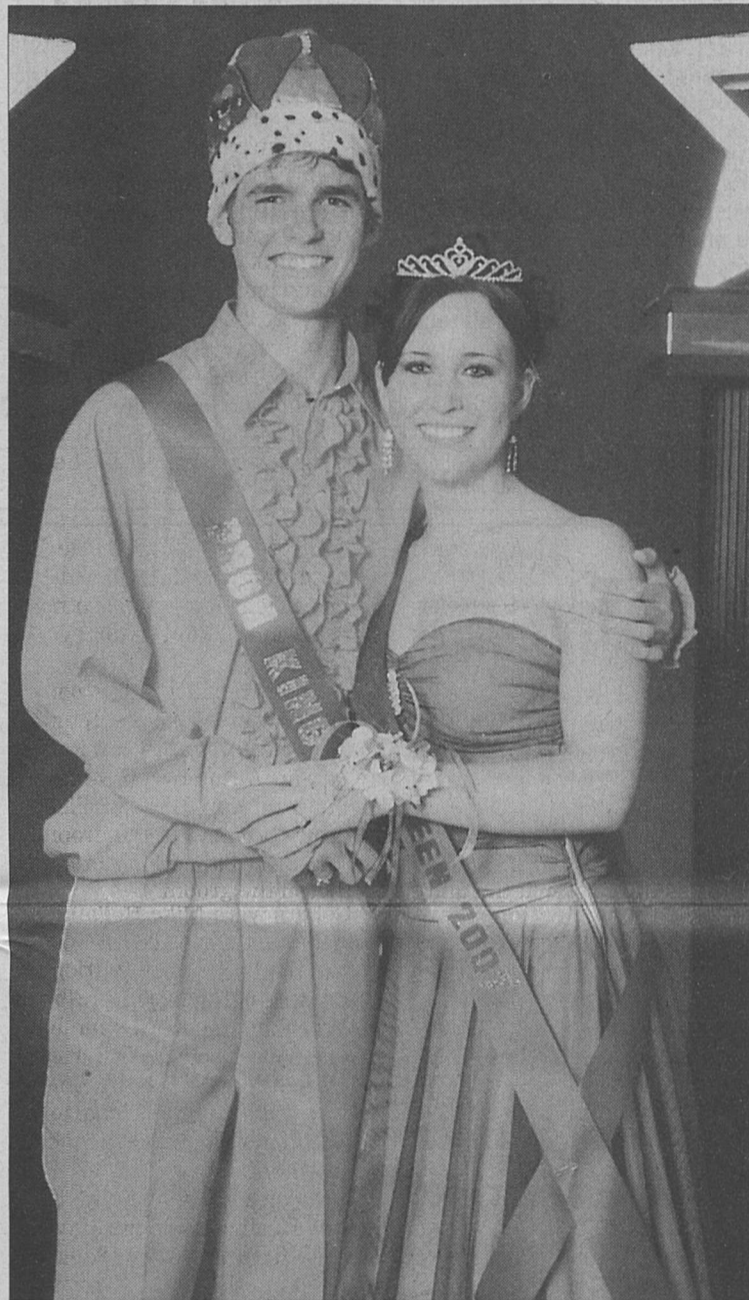


Ashley Lemons will graduate Friday, May 25 from El Campo High School.

She is the daughter of Peggy L. Manciaz of Eagle Lake, formerly of El Campo, and Ernest Lemons, Jr., of Hawaii, formerly of Eagle Lake.

Ashley plans to further her education by attending A&M University, Prairie View to major in Nursing.

**Want Ads
Work
Wonders**



Clayton Bowen and Kandi Gertson were named 2007 Prom King and Queen.

RHS Holds Junior-Senior Prom

By Kacie Smith

The 2007 Junior - Senior Prom had a Hollywood theme, equipped with a red carpet, giant movie clapper, and paparazzi. The decorations provided the backdrop for a star crazed night.

"I really liked the D.J. He played music that was easy to dance to," said senior Morgan Dumont.

Ending the night, seniors Clayton Bowen and Kandi Gertson were crowned Prom King and Queen.



The Lenten Luncheons held from Feb. through April helped raise over \$1600 for the Eagle Lake Food Pantry. Pantry workers in the community stop by each Monday morning to help those in need help themselves. Just a few of the workers pictured above are from left to right, Delores Grammer, Jean Cranford, Sarah Urdiales, Virginia Bauer, Kathryn Mehner, Helen Supak, Mary Rodriguez, and Sandra Bengé.



KIDS' corner

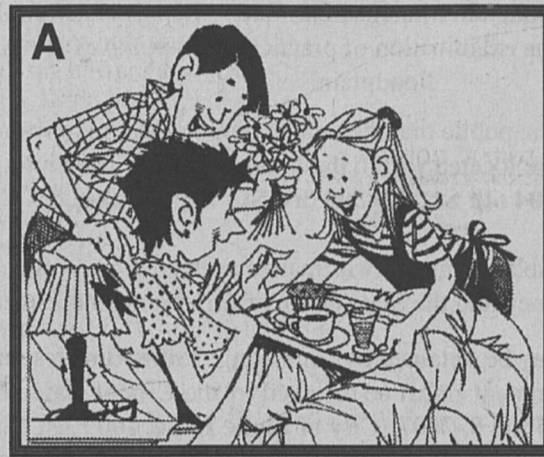
People FACT:

ADOPTION CAN BE A WAY TO EXPAND A FAMILY IN A LOVING WAY. ROUGHLY HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED EACH YEAR?

ANSWER: 100,000

What's the Difference?

There are six things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Son's shirt is black. 2. Eyes/glasses missing from right hand. 3. Mom's coffee cup has steam. 4. Mitten missing from right hand. 5. Mitten missing from left hand. 6. Daughter has her hair coming out of ponytail.

THIS DAY IN...

May 25

HISTORY

- 1935: TRACK STAR JESSE OWENS SET THREE WORLD RECORDS IN A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR.
- 1935: BABE RUTH HIT HIS 74TH AND FINAL HOME RUN, A RECORD THAT WAS BROKEN 39 YEARS LATER BY HANK AARON.
- 2001: SHERMAN BULL, 64, BECAME THE OLDEST PERSON TO REACH THE SUMMIT OF MT. EVEREST.

new word

paternal

belonging to or inherited from one's father

How they SAY it in...

English: FAMILY

Spanish: FAMILIA

Italian: FAMIGLIA

French: FAMILLE

German: FAMILIE

Did YOU KNOW?

FAMILIES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES, AND DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO INCLUDE A MOTHER, FATHER AND CHILD.

get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is featured here?

ANSWER: BABY TAKING BATH

Grad Party Given For Dumonts

Morgan and Mallory Dumont, daughters of Brad and Clarice Dumont of Eagle Lake were honored Sunday May 19 with a Graduation Luncheon held at Nancy's Restaurant in Columbus.

Morgan and Mallory and their friends enjoyed seeing pictures of

the twins when they were born... and enjoyed seeing pictures of how much the girls have changed. A fun time was enjoyed by all.

The luncheon was given in their honor by their grandmother Mrs. George Dumont of Kenedy.

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