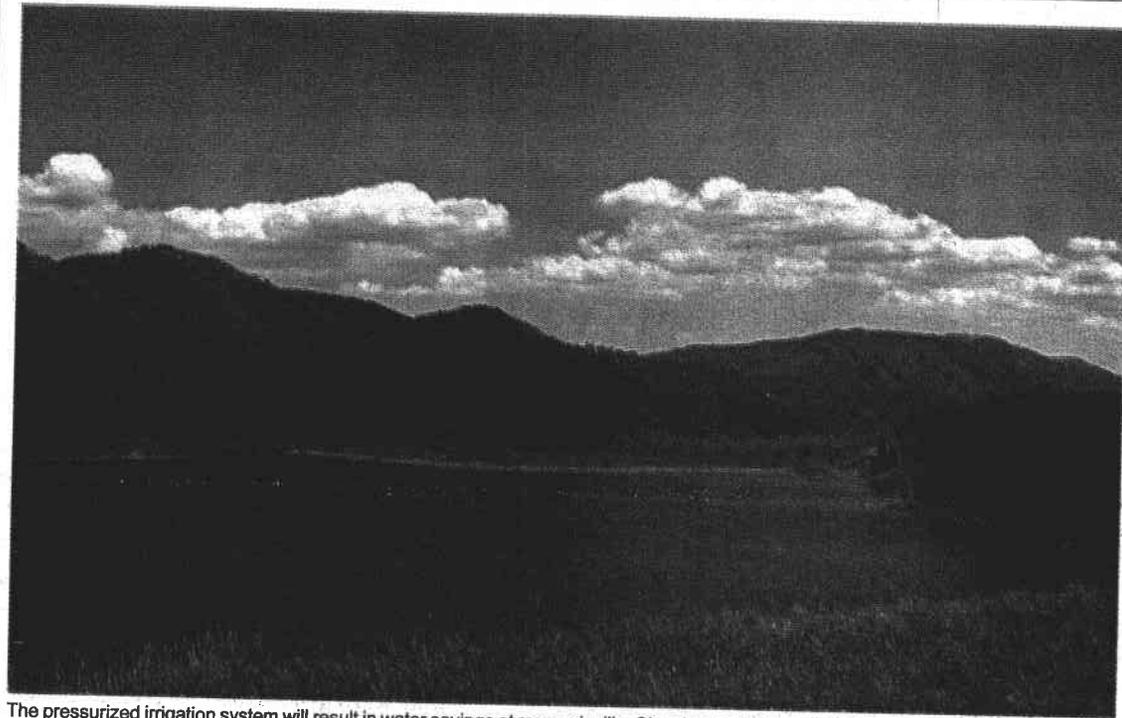


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The pressurized irrigation system will result in water savings at reservoirs like Cleveland and others in the Huntington/Cleveland irrigation system.

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## Huntington/Cleveland Irrigation accepts new \$64 million irrigation project



Lee McElprang listens to details of the agreement.

Photo by Ted Curtis

### HCIC shareholders vote to approve

By COREY BLUEMEL, Staff Writer

On July 9, Huntington Cleveland Irrigation Company shareholders voted to accept agreements with several agencies and proceed with installation of a pressurized irrigation system. HCIC includes shareholders from Lawrence, Cleveland, Elmo and Huntington. The board of

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Craig Smith, water attorney, Dennis Ward and Eugene Winder, count votes at the meeting to consider entering into the agreements. The final vote count was 80 percent of the shares were voted, and 93 percent were in favor of accepting the agreements.

### BRIEFLY

## County Gears up for July 24

### Cleveland Days

Cleveland Days will be begin July 19 at 5 p.m. with a family barbeque, sidewalk art contest, and a friendly basketball game in the park; July 20 at 6 p.m. in the park, 10 or 20 mile sidewalk race, and a youth dance featuring Al Shakespaere; July 21 at 4 p.m. a trap shoot at Shen Jensen's, and at 6 p.m. co-ed softball at the park; July 22 at 5 p.m. bike races for all ages at the park, 6 p.m. a pot luck lamb fry, and at 8:30 p.m. a free dance featuring Keele N'Time; July 23 at 9 a.m. a flag raising ceremony at the park, 7:30-9:30 a.m. breakfast; 10 a.m. a children's parade, 10:30 a.m. the big parade, noon will be games, races, waterslide, horseshoes, lunch, volleyball, and much more in the park; at 7 p.m. a karaoke contest and music by Encore in the school yard; then to top off the week, fireworks at dusk. New this year, a traveling trophy and bragging rights, to be awarded to the family with the most members present, who sign the registration book, on July 23 at Cleveland Days. To sign up for the sidewalk race call Kim Player at 653-2440, and to sign up for softball call Tara Hurst at 653-2365.

### Orangeville Day- July 23

Orangeville Day will be held July 23. The theme is "Back to the Good Ole' Days." Flag ceremony-6:45 a.m.; breakfast following flag ceremony; 9:30 a.m.-childrens parade; big parade at 10 a.m.; in the park following the parade, will be games for all ages, concessions, and a lot of fun. The famous Humphrey Brothers lamb fry will begin at 5 p.m. and entertainment will be

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directors for HCIC represents 600 members, and have been working on this project for several years.

The main driving force behind the project is salinity control in the Colorado River. It is estimated that with the installation of pressurized irrigation, the amount of salt introduced into the Colorado River will be reduced by 70,000 tons annually. This project will be known as the Huntington Cleveland Irrigation Company Salinity Control Project.

Historically, water to irrigate crops in the valley was delivered from the reservoirs, through

series of canals, and into the fields. The system has worked, although inefficiently, for many years. This new pressurized irrigation system will make delivery and application of water more efficient. Other irrigation companies in the area have converted to pressurized systems, including Ferron, Price and parts of Miller Creek. The most noticeable benefit from these systems is the more efficient use of existing water.

During drought years, the system is expected to better utilize the available water for irrigators to use on their fields. The pressurized system will significantly reduce conveyance losses, the amount of water lost due to absorption in the canal system. Another benefit from the changeover will be in-

creased crop yield, due to the better and more efficient placement of the water.

Ted Curtis, HCIC board member, stated, "This project is expected to cost \$64 million dollars over the next 5-10 years. Bids will be let out soon for the construction phase of the project. HCIC has hired JUB Engineering to act as the project engineer. Our target date to begin construction of the project is Spring of 2006."

Several agencies and businesses are involved with the funding or organization of the salinity control project. They are: the Utah State Office of Water Resources, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Water Conservancy District, Colorado River Salinity Forum, HCIC

shareholders, PacifiCorp, and the Utah State Engineer's Office. The NRCS, the BOR, PacifiCorp, and the HCIC are funding the \$64 million dollar project.

"There are still a lot of details to work out and some obstacles to overcome. This project has the potential to impact HCIC shareholders more than anything since the construction of the reservoirs and the canal system. We are literally building a new infrastructure. We also anticipate that this project will have long and short term economic impact on the area," said Curtis. "Everyone involved with this project has put in a lot of hours, and much hard work. I really appreciate everyone's involvement, including the board of directors, for the time and effort put into this project."



Dennis Ward, HCIC, and Cody Allred, water resource engineer for PacifiCorp, at the vote in Huntington.

Photo by Ted Curtis

# Fire

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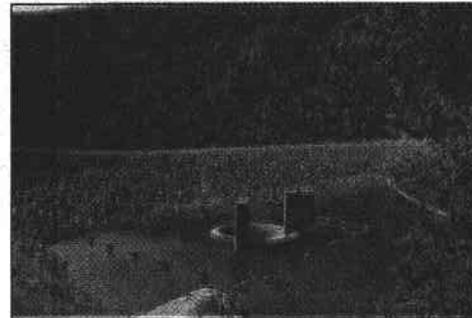
Hoffman. "It is burning the dead trees and downed timber. The area will regenerate with aspens, grasses, and natural shrubs. We are monitoring this fire carefully, and safety is the first thing we evaluate. There is no danger to structures or private lands in the area," Hoffman added.

Joe's Valley water info

Water in Joe's Valley Reservoir began spilling on June 6 and continued to spill until July 5. The reservoir capacity is 62,464 acre feet of water.

As of July 18, the reservoir outlet flow was 211 cubic feet per second. Water coming into the reservoir from Lowry Water is 44 CFS and the inflow from Seely Creek 8.88 CFS.

A recent attempt to monitor the water in the transmountain tunnel was delayed because the amount of snow still in the higher elevations prohibited entry into the area.



Joe's Valley reservoir is still almost full.

# Emery

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Bret Tennant reports to the Emery Town council on the youth council activities.

Photos by Corey Bluemel

unit rate, and when the 20,000 gallon limit is reached, to apply a \$15 overage fee for each 10,000 gallons of water used. For secondary water, the standard fee will be charged.

Councilman Eric Anderson reported that he is investigating the installation of dumpsters in Emery for the town residents to use. He said that other towns in Emery County are doing this as a benefit to their residents. One

mounted on the rock, the winners will also receive a cash prize.

Emery Town is accepting bids for the removal and trimming of trees in the town's cemetery. Only one written bid has been received, so the council approved to table any action on this item until more bids are received.

Several other bids are anticipated

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