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Mother charged in toddler's death



Three agencies descend on house during weekend

A Homedale mother has been charged with destruction of evidence after police investigated the suspicious death of her 2-year-old daughter this weekend. More charges are expected.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed a felony destruction of evidence charge Monday against 29-year-old Veronica T. Herrera. Herrera was taken into custody Monday. The charge carries a sentence of up to five years in prison.

The complaint filed in Third District Court in Murphy alleges Herrera bought lighter fluid and then burned her daughter's body in a burn barrel near a West Washington Avenue home sometime during the weekend.

Emery added that additional charges are anticipated

once he receives reports from the criminal and forensic investigations.

According to the probable cause statement, Herrera first informed Nampa Police that her daughter had died after striking her head on a heater after jumping off a potty-training chair. The mother also stated she had made the situation worse with her actions.

Officials from three different law enforcement agencies swarmed a Homedale neighborhood after Herrera approached Nampa Police.

Investigators first arrived at 115 W. Washington Ave. in Homedale around 7 p.m. Saturday. By noon Sunday, law enforcement officials from the Homedale Police Department, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the Idaho State Police were on scene. The county coroner and state forensics investigators also combed the property for clues and answers.

— JJG and JPB

Left: An Idaho State Police investigator removes evidence from a Homedale house on Sunday.

Bruneau-GV patrons again asked to OK levy

School district seeks \$1.4M to restore budget cuts

The to-do list is long and, supporters say, extremely vital when it comes to the potential impact of the Bruneau-Grand View School District's supplemental levy.

The school district's second attempt to pass a two-year levy for funding comes Tuesday, when polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in several different locations.

The district seeks a two-year, \$1.4 million levy, which would bring in \$700,000 in each of the next two years. A two-year, \$850,000 levy failed by 44 votes during a March election.

In the wake of the levy failure in March, school board trustees instituted employee layoffs, including bus drivers as they reduced the number of routes in the district.

According to a school district mailer, the latest levy

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Back to school ... already?



County schoolchildren back in class

Eight-year-old Jayden Rose checks out who his new teacher will be (Margo Phariss) when he starts third grade at Homedale Elementary School today.

Homedale's COSSA levy on Tuesday's ballot

Renewal of 10-year operations levy would maintain programs

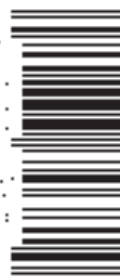
Homedale school patrons are being asked to renew a levy that district officials say helps students continue their education beyond high school and prepare for good careers.

The 10-year levy with which Homedale School District finances its participation in the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency is up for renewal in a Tuesday vote.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the school district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., for Owyhee County patrons. Canyon County patrons can cast ballots during the same time period at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

"The No. 1 priority or importance of this is this allows us to collectively provide programs that

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New reporter joins Avalanche news staff

Josh Gamble joined the staff of The Owyhee Avalanche last week as a new reporter and copy editor.

Gamble previously worked as the web editor and a columnist at the Boise State Arbiter, but first began studying journalism as a sophomore in high school.

“I’ve wanted to work at a local newspaper since I was about 14 years old, so joining the crew at The Avalanche is basically my dream job,” Gamble said.

When not at work, Gamble said he enjoys blogging and social media, heavy metal music and shooting pool.

The 21-year-old currently lives in Adrian with his wife. He has two pets, a basset hound named Ike Eisenhower and a cat named Richard Nixon.

He also has family in Boise, where he lived until this year.

Readers can contact Josh with story ideas or comments by emailing josh@owyheeavalanche.com or calling (208) 337-4681, ext. 103.



Josh Gamble

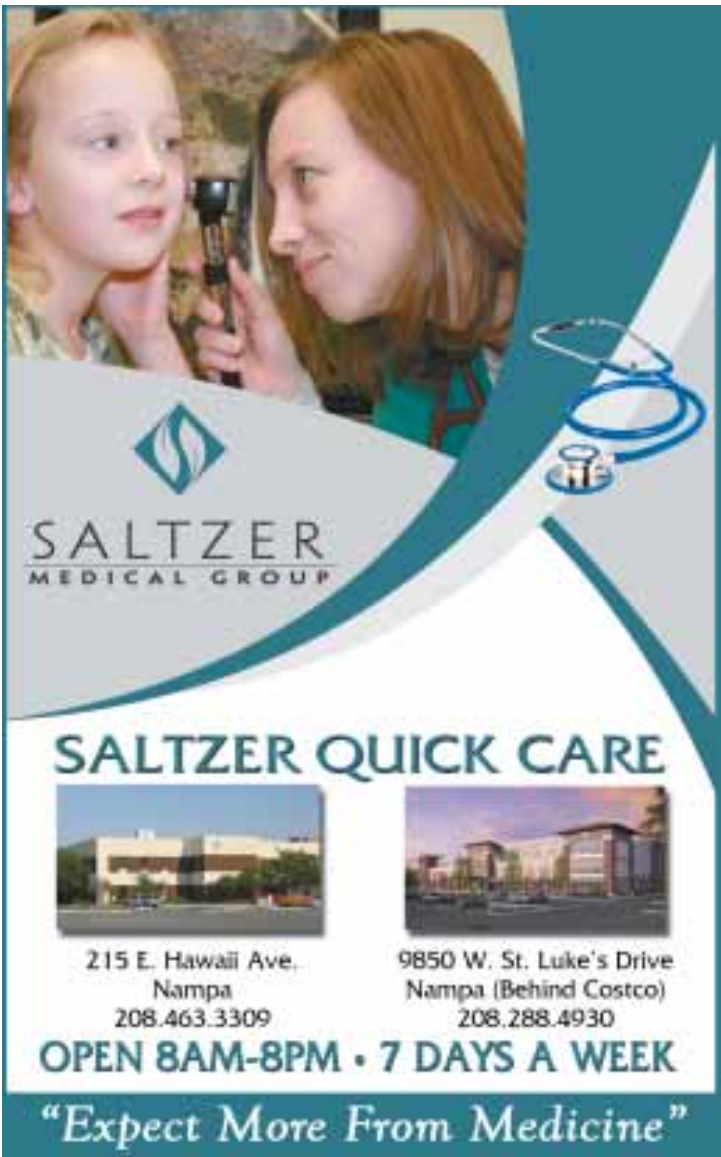
County livestock auction sets record

Fewer animals were sold than a year ago, but the 2012 Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale still broke a record.

Debbie Titus from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing reported that the Aug. 11 auction brought in more than \$198,000, which topped last year’s record sale day haul of \$184,950.


Junior exhibitors sold 183 animals. Last year, 215 were auctioned.

Titus said that add-ons will be accepted until Sept. 1, so total revenue for the 2012 sale won’t be known until next month.




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Homedale council to ratify FY13 expenses at Thursday meeting

Controlling city’s cat population to be discussed

The Homedale City Council is expected to ratify the town’s fiscal year 2013 appropriations ordinance during Thursday’s meeting.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

According to the meeting agenda, the abundance of cats in town and a property owner’s attempt to acquire some city-owned land on the east side of town also are up for discussion.

No public comment was given during the Aug. 8 hearing on the city’s FY 2013 budget, which totals just less than \$3.3 million.

There are increases in several budget lines, including more than \$180,000 for the water department, which has been set at \$816,030. The bulk of the increase — about \$132,000 — represents the coun-

cil’s intention to make an extra payment on the bond with which the city financed water system improvements after a 2006 bond election. The rest of 28.4 percent increase will be held as a contingency, city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram said.

Another \$50,000 contingency has been built into the sewer fund, which will increase about \$144,000 to \$635,155. Most of the 29.3 percent increase will be used for seepage testing at the sewer lagoons and to account for a \$50,000 Idaho Department of Environmental Quality wastewater grant.

The city also will make a \$116,800 payment on the sewer improvement bond, which also was approved by voters in 2006.

The city’s streets and highways budget will increase 47.6 percent to \$227,485 because of a rise in fuel costs as well as miscellaneous work such as seal coating and buying material such as road mix for

chip-sealing and other pavement projects. Another \$10,000 in the budget accounts for a transportation plan study grant.

The city’s ongoing master plan project or the municipal airport represents a \$19,200 increase in the airport budget.

The council has approved \$47,000 for major repairs to the city swimming pool, which has driven up the Parks budget 12.6 percent to \$124,521.

The public library budget is one of the few line items that fell. Pegram said the decline of nearly \$8,000 is because the library has spent a FY12 grant to help with digital cataloging of the library’s collection.

The city council also took action to break out annual Local Improvement District payments, which hadn’t been done previously. In FY13, the city has projected \$50,000 in LID revenue, which will be used to pay down the bond.

Community leaders, engineers, meet over future of airport

Several prominent members of the Homedale community met with engineers and a representative from the Idaho Division of Aeronautics last week to discuss the future of the Homedale Municipal Airport.

Representatives from the city at the Thursday workshop included Mayor Paul Fink, Councilman Tim Downing, Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer and Harold “Hal” Tolmie of the airport advisory board as well as local businessman Ed Leavitt.

Contracted engineers Marvin Kerbs and Martin Gergen of Riedesel Engineering, Inc., conducted the City Hall meeting, which was held to get feedback on the airport master plan.

The master plan projects 20 years out in an effort to improve and expand the existing city-owned airport facilities. If approved, projects listed in the plan will be eligible for funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

Approved projects will receive 90 percent of needed funding from the federal government, leaving the city to come up with the other 10 percent.

Melissa Kaplan, an airport planner from Idaho’s Division of Aeronautics, said the state would be willing to fund three percent of the matching cost for AIP-eligible projects. The FAA has already given the city \$92,000 to fund the development of the master plan. The plan itself is still in the works, so no details are available as to how much funding the elements of the master plan would require.

Some proposed improvements that are AIP-eligible include a new access road on the south side of the airport, security fencing, navigational aids and pavement rehabilitation, among others.

Some proposed improvements would not be AIP-eligible, such as a floatplane dock, public restrooms, a park and camping area and a fuel station. These would have to be funded without

the help of federal funds.

The plan has met with some skepticism.

Business owner Ed Leavitt, who leases a hangar at the airport, called it a “tough sell,” saying “We as a city cannot afford any surprises.” Leavitt expressed concern about cost over-runs in the projects to be included master plan.

Others were more receptive to the plan.

“I’m a big supporter of the airport and getting into the federal program,” Fink said.

According to a pamphlet published by the Idaho State Division of Aeronautics, the airport causes roughly \$5.7 million in total economic activity annually when a multiplier effect is applied.

While the presence of an airport will not necessarily bring a new business to the area, Kerbs said “lack of an airport will stop a business from coming in.”

According to the website airnav.com, the airport services about 135 flights a week. This figure is derived from a 12-month period from May 2009 to May 2010.

Kerbs and Gergen requested that those present prioritize projects on the rough plan and add any others they may like to see to a “wish list.” The feedback will be taken at the next public meeting, which is set for October, although the exact date and time have yet to be determined.

—JJG

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“Patching wasn’t solving the problem, so we have to take a stance and do something.”

— Larry Prow
Homedale Highway District
board of commissioners chair

District finalizes plan for roadwork on Nielson, Cemetery

Existing asphalt to be reconditioned through recycling next month

Officials have made up their minds on road improvement projects in the Homedale area.

Homedale Highway District officials were scheduled to review and possibly approve a contract to rotomill about two miles of problem roadways during a special meeting Monday after deadline.

Board chair Larry Prow said the idea is to grind up the existing pavement on parts of Nielson Lane and Cemetery Road and recycle the asphalt. The decision to resurface and then pave anew later came after analysis by Paragon Engineering.

“There was enough base underneath to do the rotomilling,” Prow said.

The plan is to blade out the barrow pits on about a mile each of Nielsen and Cemetery, grind up the existing surface, shape a new crown and then water and roll the recycled roadway. The contract calls for about a mile of work on Cemetery Road from Y Road west to Johnstone Road, and about a mile of Nielson from Graveyard Point Road up to the uphill curve where Nielsen turns to the west.

The work is necessary because traffic from trucks hauling manure has caused major breakup in several areas.

“Patching wasn’t solving the problem, so we have to take a stance and do something,” Prow said.

The roadway will be tilled to a depth of about eight inches and rearranged with two inches of asphalt and four inches of base. The roads won’t be completely

closed during the construction, Prow said, but there could be some traffic control.

C&A Paving of Nampa will do the work beginning in the middle of September. Prow said they were the only contractor contacted to bid on the project. At a cost of \$24,700 for the project, the district isn’t required to seek other bids.

Prow said the road commissioners hope the new pavement can be packed sufficiently to eliminate weakness in the road bed that leads to potholes. But he said that washboard road conditions could crop up, which would require grading later on.

“When you grind that up and re-roll it, that ought to take up all those soft spots where all those potholes were and repack it and make a hard base,” he said.

With a hard pack, repaving will be the next step. But that won’t happen until Fiscal Year 2013 at the earliest. The rotomill project will be funded with the FY 2012 budget, which expires on Sept. 30.

Last week, C&A Paving completed seal coat work on some other district roads.

— JPB



Loveland at the center of the action again

Evelyn Loveland reprises her role as a grand marshal when she grabs a ride with Mike Hanley again during the Jordan Valley Centennial parade Saturday. She was the 2011 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal, too.

Jordan Valley celebrates 101st anniversary Saturday

On Saturday, Jordan Valley residents are joining together to celebrate 101 years of township with their Centennial Celebration. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. and run all day. Public participation is open and encouraged. First settled in 1864 and established as an official city in 1911, Jordan Valley has played a prominent role in the history of the Owyhees.

The celebration is expected to span several historic locations around Jordan Valley, with a walking tour titled “Places of the Past.”

The tour, which is offered on foot and on wagon, stops at several historic locations in Jordan Valley, including the Methodist Church, where there will be a

quilt show and slide show from the 1959 Oregon Centennial Parade, St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, a 97-year-old building, the old school houses and the century-old city jail. Festivities will be centered at the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum at 502 Swisher Ave.

Visitors can expect to find games, such as horseshoes, live music from Pete and Sheryl Burril, and vendors selling food, crafts, leather goods, jewelry and other goods. Vendor stations are still available at no cost, and families are encouraged to participate in a town yard sale.

Other events scheduled include a car show, artisan demonstrations and recognition of the Big

Loop Rodeo winners from May’s event. Cultural demonstrations from the Shoshone Bannock and Burns Paiute tribes will involve dancing, music and an atlal, a spear-throwing tool, competition. The museum will also be showing two new exhibits, one showcases homesteaders and the other recaps the history of the Jordan Valley irrigation district.

The parade starts at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church on Yturri Boulevard, featuring Jordan Valley resident Evelyn Loveland, who also turned 100 this year, as the grand marshal.

Contact Joanne Cunningham at (541) 586-2100 with questions about participation or volunteering.

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Homedale Presbyterian Church honors retiring pianist Phelps

Judy Phelps is more than a pianist; she’s an institution. On Sunday, the Homedale Presbyterian Church chose to honor her with a special church service and reception. Phelps, who will be 91 in September, recently relocated to an assisted living facility in Parma.

Phelps grew up in New Jersey and moved to Homedale in 1952. One of the founding members of Homedale’s Presbyterian congregation, she has been playing piano every Sunday since the doors opened. If she could be described in one word, most would call Judy Phelps “reliable.”

“Maybe I kind of had the gift of music, but she enhanced it,” Rob Townsend said. “Plus, she’s an inspiration because she is so dependable.”

Townsend, who took lessons from Phelps in the early 1960s, is her successor on the church piano. He played the accompaniment to Sunday’s service on the very same piano, which Phelps gave to the church in 2007.

“Hundreds of kids learned to play on that piano,” Townsend said.

“Judy taught me for about two years, until she got disgusted with me because I was more interested in rock and roll than in classical,” he said during the service, prompting laughs from the congregation.

Virginia Phelps, daughter of Judith, was 9 years old when Homedale Presbyterian Church was built.

“She’s always been a very even, steady person. I knew I could count on her. She’s never been a dramatic or showy person. She gave me a good foundation,” Virginia said.

“With a foundation that is steady and consistent, you can make beautiful art,” she added.

Virginia, a classically trained singer, came to Homedale from Mountain View, Calif. to help her mother move to Parma.

Even the church pastor, Marianne Paul, thinks of Phelps as an integral part of the congregation.

“The thing I remember more than anything was that she was always there,” Paul said.

According the Paul, Phelps rarely missed even one or two Sundays a year. Sometimes she would come down to the church to find Phelps had walked the



Longtime Homedale Presbyterian Church pianist Judy Phelps sits with her daughter Virginia Phelps at the piano that Judy donated to the church. Submitted photo

1½-mile journey from her apartment, fearing neither heat nor snow, just to practice. The minister always loaded up Phelps’ walker and gave her a lift home.

One of the reverend’s favorite stories about Phelps revolves around the congregation’s children at bingo night. They asked where Phelps was and after being told she didn’t play bingo, decided to fetch her. Phelps asked them to give her an hour to take a nap, a request they obliged, watching the clock anxiously. After an hour passed, they successfully retrieved Phelps, taught her to play bingo and all walked her home a couple of hours later.

Former Homedale pastor John Pickerel couldn’t be present to help commemorate Phelps’ 54-year term as the congregation’s pianist, but wrote a letter expressing his fond memories of Phelps.

“I always thought I was the most fortunate pastor alive to have such good music in a little church where you might not expect it,” Pickerel wrote.

—JJG

Local author pens seventh book

Local historian Mike Hanley IV is back to the presses. Forty years after publishing his first book, “Owyhee Trails” in 1972, Hanley brings us his seventh publication chronicling the history of the Owyhee country.

“I guess I had more to say,” the author said.

In “Owyhee Graffiti Vol. 2,” Hanley presents 218 pages of anecdotes, interviews and illustrations, highlighting local history and the distinct culture of the Owyhees. From local icons and murder investigations to Hanley’s personal reflections and family stories, the book has a little of everything. According to Hanley, it is meant to be the kind of book one can pick up, read a couple of pages and come back to later.

“That’s why I call it graffiti, because it covers everything,” he said.

A product of what Hanley considers his life’s work, he believes “Owyhee Graffiti Vol. 2” to be his best effort yet. It’s his seventh published book, marking the achievement of a lifelong goal for Hanley. He said he might yet have more material to cover, but is not sure if there will be a third volume yet.

Hanley moved to Owyhee County with his parents in the

spring of 1949 at the age of 8. It was then he began chronicling the area’s history and culture. While he was the first in Owyhee County, Hanley’s family has a long history in the West. His great grandfather on his father’s side was a 49er in the California Gold Rush and moved up to southern Oregon when gold was found there. His grandfather on his mother’s side drove stagecoach along the Snake River.

For Hanley, one of the most important aspects of the region’s history is the blending of cultures. One of the main subjects in “Owyhee Graffiti Vol. 2” is a collection of immigration stories from settlers coming from the eastern United States and “The Old Country,” as well as the area’s Native Americans. Hanley also acknowledges the importance of livestock in the story of the Owyhees.

“All these people have come together now, and the culture is centered around the horse,” Hanley said. “We’ve developed a common culture.”

“Owyhee Graffiti Vol. 2” is available for order from Hanley himself or through Owyhee Publishing. Call (208) 337-4682 for more information.

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Cause of Bannock Indian War explained after OCHS trip

Historical Society visits Indian Meadows, site of pivotal skirmish

by John Larson
OCHS member

On a recent OCHS field trip, we were looking at one of the scenes of a skirmish at one of the Bannock Indian War of 1878 battle sites and one of the ladies attending asked "Why was there a war?"

It seems there were a lot of reasons. One is that there had been a historical struggle for land between the Indian and the white man. There were 131 battles that had taken place previously. Another was the reluctance of the white man to keep promises made through various peace treaties.

The incident that ignited the fuse of war was the arrest and conviction of Tambiogo. Two white men found a pair of native girls digging roots, and they decided to rape them. One was the future wife of Tambiogo, and when he found out about what had happened, he shot the violators. The Army promptly confiscated the guns of the Bannock, and Tambiogo was found guilty of attacking the white men.

Gen. George Crook states it best, saying: "It cannot be ex-



Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar, right, stands next to Rob Mackenzie and talks about the historical society's most recent field trip. Submitted photo

pected that they will stay on a reservation when there is no possible way they can get food and see their wives and children starve to death around them. We have taken their lands and deprived them of any way of making a living. Our Indian policy has resolved itself into a question of warpath or starvation, and merely being humans, many will choose the former alternative where death

shall at least be glorious."

The Bannock and sympathetic Shoshone left the reservation to get food from the camas roots in Camas Prairie only to find drifts of pigs had been driven through the area destroying the crop. Several of the younger braves attacked a party of white men with the pigs, and the war had begun.

Bannock warrior Buffalo Horn had ridden with the U.S. cavalry at

OCHS field trips

The Owyhee County Historical Society visited South Mountain and Indian Meadows last month and learned more about the Bannock Indian War of 1878.

The society's field-trippers aren't going anywhere this month, but plan a trip to the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum in September.

The field trips are open to the public.

For more information, call the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy at (208) 495-2319.

the battle of the Little Bighorn and reported how the Sioux had won the battle and escaped to Canada. Inspired by Sitting Bull's victory at Little Bighorn, the Indians had been planning a united uprising and runners went out to the neighboring tribes with word that now was the time as they might unite

and escape to Canada as well.

The war was for the large part a series of skirmishes. One with the most repercussions was the battle near Indian Meadows where Buffalo Horn was fatally wounded. The cavalry brought his head back into Boise on the tip of a lance, and his skull was on display at the Idaho State Museum for many years. The war party moved on through Oregon, and the war culminated on the hills overlooking Pendleton, Ore., with much intrigue and betrayal on both sides of the conflict.

According to George F Brimlow, the author of *Bannock Indian War of 1878*, this was the largest Indian war ever held west of the Mississippi River. Here were nine Indian tribes, U.S. Army troops under two generals, and even the U.S. Navy was involved with a blockade of the Columbia River to keep the Indians from crossing the river and joining up with the Cayuse and Yakama tribes.

The war was a tragic affair for all who were involved; the Indians who lost their chance for freedom in Canada and the whites who lost their integrity.

Oregon Food Bank wants you to eat your veggies

Jordan Valley-area commodities program continues Friday

Everyone needs to eat their fruits and vegetables, and thanks to the Oregon Food Bank, residents in and around Arock and Jordan Valley will have access to free produce on Friday.

As part of the Oregon Food Bank's Harvest Share Project, residents of Malheur and Harney counties can take home produce donated from all over the state that they might not normally have access to. Expected to be available are pears, zucchini, local onions and potatoes, and potentially berries and cherries.

The program is spearheaded by Peter Lawson, Southeast Branch Services manager for the Oregon Food Bank. Lawson said he was inspired to start the Harvest Share Project after seeing a need for more access to fresh fruits and vegetables, saying most residents would need to go into either Boise or Ontario, Ore., to get quality produce.

The first Harvest Share pickup was in October 2011, with the upcoming event being the sixth of its kind.

Based in Ontario, the Southeast Oregon branch of the Food Bank partners with food pantries in the area to bring both produce and canned food to more than 1,100 households in the area every

month.

According to Lawson, food bank personnel and volunteers distribute roughly 26,000 pounds of food annually, including 3,500 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables since the Harvest Share's inception. Lawson anticipates 500 to 600 pounds of produce will be available on Friday.

The food bank is classified as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, meaning most of its funds come from individual donations, as well as some grants. All the produce at Friday's event was donated by a collection of 22 partners across Oregon. According to Lawson, the program is run by four paid staff members and anywhere from five to 10 volunteers.

The distribution begins at 9:50 a.m. at Arock School and at 11 a.m. at the ION Heritage Museum in Jordan Valley. Only produce will be available at both sites, although officials expect to have plenty to go around.

Later that day, food bank staff will be assisting at the Jordan Valley Emergency Food Pantry from 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For information about distribution or about volunteering with the Oregon Food Bank, call the Ontario office at (541) 889-9206.

— JJG



Quilt maker Romona Andrus, left, presents the Homedale Senior Center Buckaroo Breakfast raffle prize to winner Anita Brown of Homedale.

Quilt raffle comes at right time for Homedale woman

Senior center raises close to \$3,500 with breakfast, raffle

Anita Brown was overjoyed upon winning the Homedale Senior Center's quilt raffle.

She had good reason; the Homedale woman lost all of her family heirloom quilts in a Thanksgiving Day fire that destroyed her home on West Oregon Avenue two years ago.

Brown picked up her quilt on Aug. 14, three days after her winning ticket was drawn at the end of the senior center's Buckaroo Breakfast.

The quilt, which was the 11th Romona Andrus had made for a senior center raffle, brought in \$841.50 as a fundraiser, according to center coordinator Shirley McAbee.

Another Homedale resident, Judy Purdom, won a disc grinder in a separate senior center raffle.

McAbee said the senior center made about \$2,500 off the five-day Buckaroo Breakfast, which was held during the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo week.

"I feel pretty good about it," she said. "I was disappointed with the first day, but it picked up."

"We did almost as good as last year."

The senior center still has a dollhouse raffle ongoing. The dollhouse is on display at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., and the drawing will take place during the Holiday Bazaar in the fall. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

For more information on senior center activities, call 337-4020.

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Obituary

Donald Dean Gerdes

Donald Dean Gerdes, 86 of Wilder, passed away Tuesday, August 14th at the Parma Living Center. Don was born to Ted and Mabel Gerdes on February 1, 1926 in Bruning Nebraska. At 14, amidst the Dustbowl and Great Depression, the family loaded up and moved to Greenleaf, Idaho where they worked for local farmers. Don graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy.

At 18 years old, he joined the Navy and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan during WWII, serving as a Sea Bee. When he returned home, he purchased his first John Deere 1945 “B” through a program offered to GIs. He began farming with his dad in the Central Cove area, where he farmed until his late 70s.

He met his wife of 63 years, Ila Sommers, at the Rollerdrome in Nampa. They were married on August 14, 1949 at Grace Lutheran Church in Caldwell. Together they worked the land, milked cows and raised 4 children; Pam (Fred) Kelly, Cindy Gerdes (Gary Doi), Sandy (Fred) Sarceda and Donnie (Dixie) Gerdes.

Don shared his love for the Lord with his children and grandchildren. He attended Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Homedale. He was also a member of the Homedale Lions Club and charter member of the collective bargaining group, the National Farmers Organization.

He is survived by his wife, 4



children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, brother Bob (Emmy) Gerdes, sisters-in-law Jean Gerdes and Martha Sommers and 8 special nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Duane Gerdes and brother-in-law Gilbert Sommers.

A service celebrating Don’s life was held Saturday, August 18th, 11:00 a.m. at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Homedale. Friends and family were invited to lunch at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center following the service. A private burial occurred prior to the service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (621 W. Idaho, Homedale, ID 83628). Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

- Aug. 22: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread
- Aug. 23: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, bread
- Aug. 28: Country fried steak, potatoes, gravy, peas, bread
- Aug. 29: Sausage & biscuits w/gravy, carrots, potato
- Aug. 30: Baked chicken w/rice & gravy, California blend vegetables, bread

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Aug. 22: Hamburger, French fries, peaches, cookie
- Aug. 23: Fish nuggets, green beans, apple, fruit snack
- Aug. 24: Pizza, salad, pineapple, cookie
- Aug. 27: Corn dog, mac & cheese, corn, peaches
- Aug. 28: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, mandarin oranges
- Aug. 29: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, goldfish crackers
- Aug. 30: Grilled ham/cheese, tomato soup, celery sticks, grapes
- Aug. 31: No school

Homedale Middle

- Aug. 22: Popcorn chicken, beef nuggets, broccoli, watermelon, turnover
- Aug. 23: Beef or chicken taco, corn, peaches, fruit snack
- Aug. 24: Pizza or chicken patty, salad, pineapple, cookie
- Aug. 27: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, pears, cookie
- Aug. 28: Nachos or baked potato, veggie cup, mixed fruit, bread stick
- Aug. 29: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, orange wedges, jello
- Aug. 30: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, rice, carrots, applesauce
- Aug. 31: No school

Homedale High

- Aug. 22: Hot pocket or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice, sherbet cup
- Aug. 23: Enchilada or meatball sub, mixed veggies, salad bar, fruit choice
- Aug. 24: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, corn, taco salad, fruit choice
- Aug. 27: Pizza or turkey sandwich, chef salad, fruit choice, cookie
- Aug. 28: Chicken filet or beef nuggets, mashed potatoes, salad bar, fruit choice, roll
- Aug. 29: Lasagna or popcorn chicken, carrots, salad, bar, fruit choice, french bread
- Aug. 30: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice, turnover

Marsing

- Aug. 22: Spicy chicken & rice, burritos, corn, salad bar
- Aug. 23: Rib-b-que, mac & cheese, mixed veggie, salad bar
- Aug. 27: Chicken fajita, chicken sandwich, potato wedges, carrots, salad bar
- Aug. 28: Hawaiian chicken wrap, beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed veggies, salad bar
- Aug. 29: Teriyaki chicken bowl, corn dog, veggies, salad bar
- Aug. 30: Lasagna, French bread, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar

Bruneau

- Aug. 22: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peaches
- Aug. 23: Taco, corn, applesauce
- Aug. 24: Hamburger/bun, pork beans, baby carrots, apple
- Aug. 28: Pizza, salad, pineapple
- Aug. 29: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pears, roll/jelly
- Aug. 30: Bean & cheese burrito, salad, corn, grapes
- Aug. 31: Weiner wraps, wedges, broccoli/cauliflower, oranges, cookie

COSSA

- Aug. 22: Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, mandarin oranges
- Aug. 23: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, garlic bread, grapes
- Aug. 24: Turkey wrap, baked beans, cauliflower & carrots, pears
- Aug. 27: BBQ ribblett/bun, baked fries, salad & veggie mix, watermelon
- Aug. 28: Navajo taco, refried beans, pears
- Aug. 29: Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, roll, peaches
- Aug. 30: Finger steaks, potato wedges, green beans, bread, fruit medley

News from Marsing High School

This summer, the Marsing Student Council received its first Outstanding Student Council Award from the Idaho Association of Student Councils.

In order to receive the award, the council must plan a minimum of nine different events in the categories of School Spirit, Community Service, Educational, Health and Safety, Leadership, Fundraising, Public Relations, School Recreational Project, and Interschool Project.

Students will be given recognition at the IASC State Student Council Conference at BSU in February.

Herff Jones sponsors the award.

Deidrie Briggs, Shelbi Ferdinand, and Alicia Garcia were commended and thanked for their work on the application.

Grossman wrestles to third at regionals

Marsing student Noah Grossman competed this summer at a national wrestling meet, the Cadet National Duals.

He was part of Team Idaho, which placed eighth overall in Greco Roman and 15th in Freestyle.

Grossman also finished third in the freestyle division of the Western Regionals in Pocatello.

Gun show set at county museum this weekend

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will play host to a two-day gun show this weekend.

The Owyhee County Historical Society gun show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday inside the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Vendor space costs for \$25 for each six-foot table. The limit is two tables per dealer unless special arrangements with organizers are made. Reserve a spot by calling (208) 495-2319.

There is free RV parking and food will be available.

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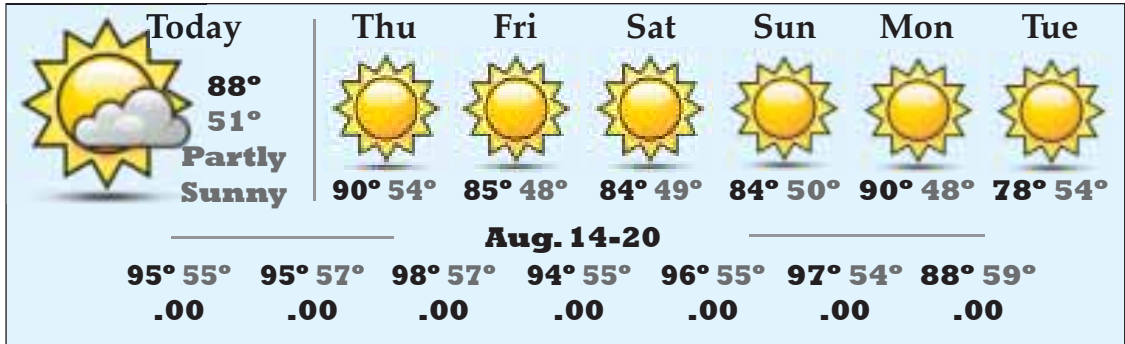
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Givens day of fun, games to help MRW

A fundraiser at Givens Hot Springs on Saturday will benefit the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer emergency services organization.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in and around the indoor swimming pool on Idaho state Highway 78, 11 miles from the junction with Idaho 55.

The band Straight Up will provide live music, and half-price swimming tickets for the indoor

pool will be available.

A barbecue dinner of pulled pork, corn on the cob, watermelon and more costs \$5 per plate, \$20 per family of four or more and \$4 for seniors 60 and older.

A silent auction will go from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the organization is seeking donations.

Proceeds from the day benefit MRW’s fire, rescue and emergency medical services divisions.

Organizers are proud of the fact

that the pig and corn are both locally grown. They also suggest that attendees bring lawn chairs and coolers with their favorite drinks.

In addition to the music and food, there will be a horseshoe tournament and casino entertainment.

A children’s bean bag toss and fishing game will be held, too.

For more information about the event and how to donate to the silent auction, call (208) 590-9967.

Calendar

Today

Preschool story time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

Thursday

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Bruneau Valley Library District board meeting

7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Saturday

Jordan Valley Centennial Celebration

ION Heritage Museum, 502 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100, (541) 586-2984 or (541) 586-2818

Gun show

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Senior center dance

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Gun show

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Wednesday

Preschool story time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

Thursday, Aug. 30

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Grand View Irrigation board meeting

11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Preschool story time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

TRIAD meeting


1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

NOCWMA meeting

7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102



Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Just a little help from the wife

Most of we ranchers out of necessity have our wives help us work on the ranch. This is anything but a pleasing situation and always results in friction as wifely advice and orders cause tempers to flare.

A neighbor and his Mrs. were working cattle, and he finally gave her heck one time too many. She rode over to him and said in a calm voice, “Listen, cowboy, if you want to work these cattle you had better keep your mouth shut because if you don’t the kids and I are going to the house.”

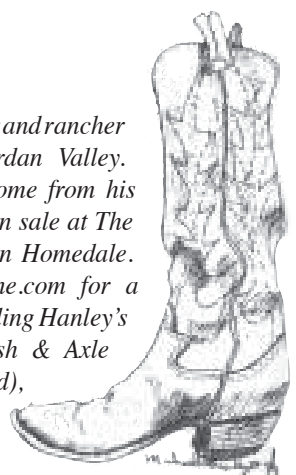
The same wife was complaining that she was having to care for the kids and help him, too, and couldn’t get anything done in the house. He told her, “I’m going to get me another woman with a rear this wide (outstretched arms) that can stand up under all this work.”

Another neighbor out of desperation told the Mrs., “Dad-burn-it, I don’t tell you how to cook, don’t tell me how to work cattle.”

Then there is the neighbor who has his wife drive while he pitches off the hay. He shows her where to go so she won’t get stuck. Well, she does OK for a while then she gets to thinking the other half doesn’t know what he’s talking about (so he says) and drives into a soft spot. He then says, “Dag-nabbit, I told you to drive around that place.” She says, “If you think you’re so darn smart get it out.”

You can’t win.

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley’s Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



Homedale grad makes his mark in college

Jarod Armenta may have moved away from his hometown, but he’s keeping up the work that earned him a Gates Millennium Scholarship while at Homedale High School.

The son of Nathan and Theresa Armenta was named to the Cornell College Dean’s List for the spring semester.

As a High Honors appointee, the freshman maintained a grade-point average between 3.8 and 3.99 at the liberal arts college based in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

He was one of 321 Cornell

students on the Dean’s List.

Earlier this year, the 2011 Homedale High School graduate took part in Cornell College’s Alternative Spring Break.

Armenta’s group, which included 19 students, spent eight days in Joplin, Mo., helping that community in its recovery from the 2011 tornado that devastated the town.

Armenta and his classmates helped with cleanup, house building and renovation and sorting donations as well as helping out other volunteers as needed.

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You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Millie Greenwood reigned supreme in Pee Wee Girls pole bending.



Shelbie Allen won barrel racing and pole bending en route to the Junior Girls all-around buckle.

Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo results

Mini Mite Girls

Mini Mite Girls All Around — Georgia King

Goats — 1. Lily Schwabauer; 2. Kyndra Williams; 3. Georgia King; 4. Meg Eiguren; 5. Madi Steele

Flags — 1. Georgia King; 2. Shailee Rutan; 3. Delaney Hipwell; 4. Bre Rose; 5. Kyndra Williams

Barrels — 1. Georgia King; 2. Shailee Rutan; 3. Denni Jo Coleman; 4. Kyndra Williams; 5. Meg Eiguren

Mini Mite Boys

Mini Mite Boys All Around — Sam Saunders

Goats — 1. Sam Saunders; 2. Trevor Rhoades; 3. Jake Greenwood; 4. Matteo Wilsey; 5. Alex Williams

Flags — 1. Sam Saunders; 2. Quintin Moffis; 3. Kash Cobb

Barrels — 1. Sam Saunders; 2. Quintin Moffis; 3. Jake Greenwood; 4. Kash Cobb

Pee Wee Girls

Pee Wee Girls All Around — Hannah

Amick

Goats — 1. Alyvia Moffis; 2. Hannah Amick; 3. Fallon Wasson; 4. Tayler Eiguren; 5. Karli Jo Griggs

Barrels — 1. Alyvia Moffis; 2. Hannah Amick; 3. Tayler Eiguren; 4. Kiana Quintero; 5. Destiny Wood

Poles — 1. Millie Greenwood; 2. Kimber Jo Augustus; 3. Hannah Amick; 4. Kiana Quintero; 5. Gwen King

Pee Wee Boys

Pee Wee Boys All Around — Donovaun Rose

Goats — 1. Tanner Steele; 2. Tommy Woodcock; 3. Donovaun Rose; 4. Gene Showalter; 5. Birch Eiguren

Flags — 1. Donovaun Rose; 2. Jace Grenke; 3. Tanner Steele; 4. Tommy Woodcock; 5. Asher Pirvu

Poles — 1. Donovaun Rose; 2. Jace Grenke; 3. Tommy Woodcock; 4. Gene Showalter

Junior Girls

Junior Girls All Around — Shelby Allen

Goats — 1. Capri Bezona; 2. Miranda McKay; 3. Shelbie Allen; 4. Hailey Amick; 5. Lena Metcalf

Barrels — 1. Shelbie Allen; 2. Capri Bezona; 3. Miranda McKay; 4. Alisha Rogers; 5. Grace King

Poles — 1. Shelbie Allen; 2. Alisha Rogers; 3. Sydney Cobb; 4. Sage Raine; 5. Lena Metcalf

Junior Boys

Junior Boys All Around — Wes Ireland and Kirk Eiguren

Flags — 1. Wes Ireland; 2. Kirk Eiguren; 3. Lan Larison; 4. T.J. Russell; 5. Bailey Brown

Calf Riding — 1. Cody Kent; 2. Kirk Eiguren; 3. Wes Ireland; 4. Connor Howard; 5. Jared Fretwell

Breakaway — 1. Rodee O. West; 2. Cole Bunker

Senior Girls

Senior Girls All Around — Bailey Bachman and Rainy Robinson

Barrels — 1. Rainy Robinson; 2. Bailey Bachman; 3. Claudia Brower; 4. Nicki

Farnsworth; 5. Ria Kent

Breakaway — 1. Josie Thurman; 2. Bailey Bachman

Poles — 1. Rainy Robinson; 2. Carey Dines; 3. Danielle Erskine; 4. Bailey Bachman; 5. Breezzi Hampton

Senior Boys

Senior Boys All Around — Tom Nelson and Bo Pickett

Calf Roping — 1. Judd Buckingham; 2. Tom Nelson; 3. Bo Pickett; 4. Nathan Easterday

Breakaway — 1. Bo Pickett; 2. Tom Nelson; 3. Nick Eiguren; 4. Nathan Easterday; 5. Lawsen Matteson

Cow Riding — 1. Cody Rouse; 2. Braden Fillmore; 3. Quinn Fillmore

Open Team Roping

1. Tyler Reay and Jeff Flenniken; 2. Tyler Reay and Judd Buckingham; 3. Nathan Duckworth and Judd Buckingham; 4. Tom Nelson and Nathan Easterday; 5. Bailey Bachman and Nathan Duckworth

Can familiarity breed success for Homedale football?

Matt Holtry surrounds himself
twith family to start fourth year

Matt Holtry got the band back together. With the arrival of his blood brother Dan Holtry and the return of his brother-in-arms Erik Johnson, the Homedale High School football coach has adopted a different role to start his fourth season at the Trojans’ helm. “Having them both back will allow me to work on the program and help on both sides of the ball and give my opinion and thoughts on both sides,” Matt Holtry said. After three years as defensive coordinator at Nampa, Dan Holtry

crosses the Snake River to assume the same duties. Johnson, meanwhile, comes back to the fold after a two-year sojourn into the 5A world at Rocky Mountain in Meridian. “The nice thing is having two people I trust call offense and call defense here,” Matt Holtry said. The reunion with Johnson is something that Holtry predicted even as his longtime friend was leaving for the challenge of a larger school. Johnson’s time with the Grizzlies will only bolster the

Trojans’ fortunes, Holtry said. “I think just with his experience with game-planning and how you go about that against the top schools and coordinators in the state, he’s going to be able to come back and apply that to our program, which is huge,” Holtry said. There is one big difference since the last time Johnson diagrammed plays for the Trojans. Homedale has a new quarterback. Senior Matt Hetrick (5 feet, 10 inches, 170 pounds) joins the varsity after sitting out his junior season. Holtry sees good things in Hetrick, even though he’s a — See Homedale, page 11

Trojans’ defensive prowess emerges during scrimmage

The new guy seems to have Homedale High School’s defense on the right page. While Trojans football fans probably entered Friday’s jamboree against county neighbor Marsing wondering about the next step for the offense, first-year defensive coordinator Dan Holtry developed a gameplan that left nothing in doubt. According to head coach Matt Holtry, Homedale’s defense limited Marsing to 28 yards on 30 plays. The visiting Huskies scored only once in the eight-play goal-line situation portion of the jamboree at Deward Bell Stadium. “Any time you give up less than a yard per play, you can’t be too disappointed,” Matt Holtry said. Offensively, Homedale moved the ball but was — See Scrimmage, page 11

Sports

Annual Caba’s volleyball tourney returns

This Saturday, Marsing residents can find cold drinks and beach volleyball without leaving town. Caba’s Restaurant and Lounge is teaming up with The Pour House to bring their sand volleyball tournament back to Marsing for the third year.

The deadline to enter is Thursday, and players must be 21 or older. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person, but no more than \$50 per team. The tournament will be four-on-four, but teams can be larger as long as only four team members play at a time.

Shea McClellin, who is now in training camp with the NFL’s Chicago Bears, and Casey Wilson led the team that won the first two championships.

Caba’s and The Pour House are having sand hauled in Thursday and Friday to set up two courts in the alleyway between the two establishments.

The games begin at 9 a.m. and run until one team is crowned champion.

Call Tim Dines at 573-3321 or Caba’s at 896-4182 for more information or to enter.

—JJG

Marsing volleyball determined to improve

Coach: Deeper hitters list gives team offensive balance

Even with a slew of key losses from last season’s late-blooming team, Loma Bittick hopes Marsing High School’s volleyball program can maintain its momentum.

One year removed for the 2A state tournament, the Huskies finished third in the 2A District III Tournament last fall.

“With four returning players from last season, we are motivated to finish better this year,” Bittick said. “Their experience will give us a jumpstart.”

Just how much of a jumpstart may become apparent as early as Friday when the Huskies open the two-day Kuna tournament.

The road doesn’t get any easier as 2A Western Idaho Conference stalwart Nampa Christian awaits for the conference opener Tuesday. Bittick sees the Trojans has only the beginning of a challenging conference campaign.

“There are some returning standouts at Nampa Christian, New Plymouth and Cole Valley (Christian), so they will play tough,” she said. “Melba had a good JV season, and McCall returns some experience.”

“This league is always very competitive; this season won’t be different.”

In addition to the experience of four returners from the 2011 squad, Bittick begins her 11th year at the Marsing helm.

Key among the players who served varsity time a year ago is senior Lacey Usabel, who will fill the slot of hitter and setter. She led the team in assists last season en route to a spot on the All-2A WIC second team.

Junior hitter Lily Bowers also is coming off a second-team selection.

Usabel is one of five seniors on

the Huskies’ roster this season. She joins Kathlyn Welch, Gloria Martinez, Mykaela Dines and Ashley Hull.

“Lacey is athletic and competitive,” Bittick said. “She will work mainly as a hitter this year after being our setter last season. That experience will make her a better hitter.”

Bowers is among four juniors who round out the nine-person roster. Libero Mariah Kinney, Morgan Hall and Kieya Buckley are the other 11th-graders for Bittick.

Bittick describes Bowers as athletic, too, and adds, “She has a great desire to excel.”

Kinney comes in a defensive specialist with the experience of two years as the JV squad’s setter.

Although she’s a first-year varsity player, Bittick sees Hull as a valuable addition to the squad as a senior who brings competitiveness and leadership.

“She is enthusiastic and willing to learn,” the coach said.

Hull comes on as a hitter, as does Buckley, giving the Huskies depth at the net.

“We will be aggressive and balanced and smart about hitting and serving,” Bittick said. “We don’t want to give up points with soft offense.”

Bittick said the abundance of hitters also means more balance in the team’s hitters, which she cites as a strength along with the players’ willingness “to do whatever it takes to excel”.

That hard work is reflected in Dines, the coach said.

“She has spent time this summer working hard to become a better player,” Bittick said.

If the work ethic permeates the team, the Huskies may benefit despite several players entering uncharted territory.

“We have new players in some key positions, and some new aspects in our offense will require time to get used to,” Bittick said.

—JPB

Marsing football, volleyball in action Friday

Huskies’ netters join Homedale in Kuna

The Marsing High School athletic year gets under way Friday with volleyball and football competition.

This fall, a new sport also will join the Huskies’ fold with the addition of a cross country team coached by Troy Blackburn.

Cross country’s season opener isn’t for another week, but the volleyball and football teams jump into things in the next few days.

Jaime Wood’s football squad travels to face former 2A juggernaut Parma in the Huskies’ season opener on Friday. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The junior varsity football team plays host to the Panthers at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Loma Bittick begins her 11th year as Marsing’s volleyball coach with a busy week.

The Huskies join Homedale in the Kuna tournament field Friday and Saturday.

“We play in the Kuna Klassic, which is a round robin format with 1A to 5A teams from around the valley,” Bittick said. “It’s an opportunity to see where we are solid and what

we need to focus on.”

Marsing then opens the home portion of its schedule on Monday against Parma. The action starts at 5 p.m. with coach Bob Dudman’s junior varsity teams playing the first two matches.

“They are a good 3A team, so we will have a big game right off,” Bittick said.

The varsity is scheduled to take the court at 7 p.m.

Marsing then travels to Nampa to open the 2A Western Idaho Conference season against Nampa Christian on Tuesday.

MARSING
HUSKIES

Marsing Coaches
Football -- Jaime Wood
Volleyball -- Loma Bittick
Cross country -- Troy Blackburn

Football

Varsity
Friday, Aug. 24 at Parma, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Aug. 23, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Cross Country

Thursday, Aug. 30 at New Plymouth Invitational,
4 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity
Friday, Aug. 24 at Kuna tournament
Saturday, Aug. 25 at Kuna tournament
Monday, Aug. 27, home vs. Parma, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Nampa Christian, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Monday, Aug. 27, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Monday, Aug. 27, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.



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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense Praise where praise is due

If there are any heroes in the Abandoned/Neglected/Abused horse quagmire, it is the folks engaged in the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse Program. The "Unintended Consequences" of Wild Horse Annie's dreams have taken the pendulum of reasonable "wild horse" management ... to the extreme.

No one who personally contributes their money or time toward the care of these animals doubts that, but many have been caught in a trap of their own making. One of the most obvious contributors to the demise and destruction of the status and value of The Horse, wild or tame (remember they are both domestic animals), are the animal rights groups. Their leader is the Humane Society of the United States. They are stumbling through the nightmare of this continuing horse-abuse landscape of their own creation, lurching like a 35-ton money-sucking tick.

The BLM is routinely bashed and criticized by both those who favor horse slaughter, and those who don't. The BLM, by law, is allowed to run a limited number of horses on federal lands. The horse slaughter advocates have always accepted this premise. Most of the animal rights, anti-slaughter advocates do not understand why overrunning the range with horses is bad for both man and beast. The animal rights groups and their supporters have declared it "illegal, immoral, and abusive" to sell unadoptable wild horses to slaughter plants. But they are of no help when the BLM has to thin the range herd.

The HSUS, whose revenue in 2010 was \$148 million, does not offer to feed, treat, care for or house the unwanted horses. The politicians who support (and, I assume, who are supported by) HSUS, take no responsibility either; like Rick Santorum, (R-Pa.), Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and Republican Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico. What's worse is that they offer no help and impede those who are trying.

So, the BLM pays ranchers to keep the unwanted horses in feedlots or pastures for the rest of their lives. Horsemen watching the BLM know that what has transpired was never Wild Horse Annie's dream. To see the carnage that has happened to The Horse in our country because of the HSUS and their allies, would make her sorely grievous.

I have deliberately connected the wild horse problem with the privately owned horse abuse crisis because their plights are entwined and laid at the feet of the same people. But my admiration goes out to those who continue to try and hold back the tidal wave of "unintended consequences"; the horse rescues, local humane societies, ranchers, farmers, deputies, vets, knowledgeable politicians and the good horsemen and women workin' for the BLM. They are like the thousands and thousands of workers still bogged down in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. They work while their foes continue to pour buckets of water over the levee, blind to the legacy they have created.

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Sen. Jim Risch



From Washington Senate must pass no treaties that harm U.S. sovereignty

Over the past few years, the U.S. Senate has seen a number of treaties come up for consideration. As a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I have a constitutional responsibility to consider them carefully and thoughtfully. Recently, the committee conducted a number of hearings on the U.N. Convention of the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST), and the Obama administration has sought to conclude a U.N. treaty on reducing firearms. Sadly, both of these treaties, as currently written, would push the U.S. away from our constitutional foundations and supplement its authority with judgments from international courts and U.N. bureaucracies.

Since the beginning of our Republic, the U.S. has used treaties to end wars, govern international affairs and improve our security. In fact, the U.S. has ratified more than 160 treaties. In and of themselves, treaties are worthwhile if they advance the interests of the U.S.

What concerns me most about these new treaties under consideration is how they seek to subject U.S. laws and citizens not to the U.S. Constitution, but to the judgments of international courts, appointed commissions and U.N. bureaucracies. Under our system, the highest law of the land is the U.S. Constitution. Often, when the U.S. Senate ratifies a treaty, Congress must rewrite our domestic laws to maintain this precedent. I will not vote for any of these treaties that encroach in any way on U.S. sovereignty.

Unfortunately, the language in many new treaties seeks to make them "self-executing," therefore bypassing the role of Congress and undermining the primacy of the U.S. Constitution. Hence, a U.N. commission could make a determination and require U.S. law to change to conform to some international commission. I will not vote to hand our

sovereignty and constitutional protections over to people who are not accountable to U.S. citizens and, in many instances, advance a liberal international agenda.

For example, in America there is general agreement a person has a right to self-defense and a right to use a gun as part of that self-defense. Conversely, U.N. organizations argue gun control is mandated by international human rights law and there is no right to self-defense. I am unwilling to approve any treaty that would jeopardize a U.S. citizen's right of self-defense.

In the case of LOST, one provision would force the U.S. to conform to international environmental agreements or be subject to lawsuits in an international court. The U.S. Senate refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, a binding U.N. agreement to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Why should we allow this to be done through the back door? LOST also requires the "sharing of wealth" from deep-sea drilling with countries such as Cuba and Venezuela, and this redistribution of wealth would be decided by a U.N. commission.

Our laws are developed through elected officials who serve with the consent of the American people within a constitutional framework. I do not believe in transferring these principles to international bodies that will ultimately undermine our system and the freedom of all Americans.

— *First-team U.S. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) serves on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where treaties are brought for consideration. He was Idaho governor for seven months in 2006 when Dirk Kempthorne resigned to become U.S. Secretary of the Interior in President George W. Bush's cabinet. Before assuming the governorship, Risch served as Kempthorne's lieutenant governor.*

Americans for Limited Govt. Central bank wakes up to debt danger

by Robert Romano

Recent research is shedding new light on just how destructive excessive debt — both public and private — can be to economic growth.

The study comes not from a right-of-center think-tank like Americans for Limited Government or the Cato Institute, but from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) — the central bank for all central banks.

The bank of who?

Housed in Basel, Switzerland, the BIS has played a significant role in the direction of monetary policy worldwide since 1930.

At first, it was set up to manage the post-World War I reparations regime against Germany, but once World War II broke out, significantly the bank declared neutrality, and continued doing business with the Third Reich, handling their deposits of gold — which were looted from other central banks.

Nowadays, the BIS is responsible for setting standards for lending worldwide. The Basel Capital Accords, now in their third manifestation, fix how much limited capital banks must hold in order to carry on lending. In practice, however, these agreements, to which the U.S. is a primary signatory, allow institutions to lend far more money than they ever hold in capital.

The standards that have been set in Basel are one of the major reasons why the U.S. — and other advanced economies — have such a high debt load. They are also the principal reason why today when there are large defaults, the entire financial system is imperiled with what policy wonks like to call systemic risk.

If banks were not allowed to lend money into existence, we wouldn't have these types of problems.

In America alone, there is more than \$54 trillion of credit outstanding, according to data published by the Federal Reserve. That includes all debts public and private, including financial sector debt, and represents about 352 percent of the entire economy. The only reason that is even possible today is because of the regime of capital requirements that was settled on in Basel.

"Beyond a certain level, debt is bad for growth"

It is then with no small irony then that a bank largely responsible for enabling such gargantuan debts to be issued now appears to be having second thoughts. The BIS has ramped up bank capital requirements since the financial crisis began in August 2007. And in its September 2011 study, "The Real Effects of Debt," it takes the view that high levels of debt can be quite damaging.

Leaving aside the paradox of an institution repudiating its apparent purpose for existing, the working paper — authored in part by economic advisor and head of Monetary and Economic Department Stephen Cecchetti — is actually quite interesting.

It found that "beyond a certain level, debt is bad for growth. For government debt, the number is about 85 percent of Gross Domestic Product [GDP]. For corporate debt, the threshold is closer to 90 percent. And for household debt, we report a threshold of around 85 percent of GDP".

Interestingly, the paper does not address debts taken on by financial institutions themselves, but leaving that detail aside, these thresholds Cecchetti lays out are simply devastating to the current state of affairs.

Based on the most recent data, the \$15.9 trillion national debt is already greater than 100 percent of the domestic

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Commentary

Financial management
Lessons for building wealth can start at an early age

Dear Dave,
What’s the best way to save or use money given to a baby as a birthday present?
— Ron



Dear Ron,
I think it depends on your financial situation along with your plans and goals. If you’re at a place where you can’t afford necessities, then there’s absolutely nothing wrong with using birthday money for food, diapers or clothes. That’s not a fun answer, but sometimes you have to do whatever it takes to properly care for your family.
If money isn’t a big issue, though, you’re left with figuring out a plan. In our case, we invested lots of it toward their college funds. Then we taught them to save for other things themselves.

For instance, we didn’t buy any of our kids their first cars. But we did agree to match whatever they saved when it came to this purchase.
There’s also nothing wrong with just setting up a simple savings account and watching it grow. As they get older, you can involve them in the process and begin to teach them about the three uses for money: spending, saving and giving. And if you start something like this when they’re really little, chances are

they’ll already have a nice pile of money already stashed away when they become old enough for those teachable moments.
The point is to have a plan. Once you have a definite idea in mind, it’s a lot easier to achieve the goal!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
Is it worth the time and effort to use coupons, or are they just a waste of time and a ploy to get you to buy things?
— Tammy

Dear Tammy,
Coupons are definitely a ploy to entice you to buy something you may not have purchased otherwise. But that doesn’t mean they’re bad things. The practical

and sensible application of coupons can definitely help you save money.
The main things to watch out for when using coupons are overbuying and spending your money on things you don’t really need. Seriously, you don’t need to hit Sam’s Club or Costco and walk out with nine gallons of mustard. I’ve even heard of people buying things they know they don’t like just because it was on sale or they had a coupon. I mean, how dumb is that?
I guess there is a time factor involved in collecting coupons, especially if you still like to clip them from the newspapers or flyers that come in the mail. Plenty of folks still do that every week. I think online coupons are a lot easier to search for and save, though. There’s a company I love called eMeals that will work with you to plan recipes and also give you information on coupons and sales in your area to make the meals.
I’m definitely not anti-coupon, but at the same time couponing alone won’t change your family tree. It’s like any other tool. If used in a smart way, it can help you save money. And that’s not a bad thing!
— Dave
— Dave has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

✓ Debt: International central bank warns high debt load can be crippling

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economy and growing, far beyond the 85 percent threshold Cecchetti warns against.

Similarly, household debt is already 95 percent of GDP as of 2010, according to the BIS report, while non-financial corporate debt stood at 76 percent.
This makes the U.S. among the worst nations in the developed world on the issue of debt. Overall, the report finds that over the past 30 years, “summing these three sectors together, the ratio of debt-to-GDP in advanced economies has risen relentlessly from 167 percent in 1980 to 314 percent today”.
That’s about 54 percent beyond the acceptable thresholds — and perhaps as much as 150 percent beyond sustainable levels — which means not just the U.S., but the entire developed world, is in big trouble.

Was Keynes wrong?
Cecchetti warns, “reducing debt to lower levels represents a severe test for the advanced economies,” noting that the demographic challenges of an aging population will “drive government expenditure up and revenue down”.
The BIS paper even takes issue with New York Times columnist and economist Paul Krugman’s analysis showing that during economic downturns, to avoid high unemployment and deflation, governments should borrow to fill the spending gap left by the private sector.
Writes Cecchetti: “[E]ven the capacity of the public sector to borrow is not unlimited. When a crisis strikes, the ability of the government to intervene depends on the amount of debt it has already accumulated as well as what its creditors perceive to be its fiscal capacity — that is, the capacity to raise tax revenues and repay the debt.”
Ouch. If only President Barack Obama and his economic team had known that back in 2009 when Congress began its spending and borrowing binge. Oh well. Whoops.
Of course, after nearly a century of the Keynesians dogmatically running the global economy — always insisting on credit expansion as the means to stimulate growth — something was bound to run amuck.
Cecchetti even comments on this historical oversight:

“As the mainstream was building and embracing the New Keynesian orthodoxy, there was a nagging concern that something had been missing from the models. On the fringe there were theoretical papers in which debt plays a key role, and empirical papers concluding that the quantity of debt makes a difference. The latest crisis has revealed the deficiencies of the mainstream approach and the value of joining those once seen as inhabiting the margin.”
In other words, as an academic and policy matter, the total level of debt has been largely ignored as a significant factor affecting the economy since Keynes. Again, whoops.
How could this happen?
But how did we get here? Even Cecchetti acknowledges that “from the late 1970s onwards, restrictions on financial market activity and lending had been progressively and systematically removed, increasing opportunities to borrow,” although he is unspecific about which policies were adopted.
The BIS also cites the roaring 1980s as a contributing factor that helped convince everyone it was OK to go into debt: “Believing the world to be a safer place, borrowers borrowed more, lenders lent more”.
Cecchetti also points to low interest rates since the mid-1990s, but also to tax policies, which have both further incentivized lending and borrowing.
These things are all true, but they somewhat dance around the problem.
Very plainly, after the fall of the gold exchange standard in 1971, banks have been lending money into existence at a far faster pace than at any point in human history. And if they simply were not allowed to do so, nobody would care how interest rates or tax policies affected credit binges — because there would not be any credit binges.
Cecchetti does not explicitly acknowledge that creating debt out of thin air is the problem, but hey, we’re making progress here. Still, he takes the view that “financial deepening and rising debt go hand-in-hand with improvements in economic well-being. Without debt, economies cannot grow and macroeconomic volatility would also be greater than desirable.”

That is a controversial claim, but then again, whether economies could or could not grow without debt, nobody is arguing for the abolition of all forms of credit.
So, now what?
I would agree with Cecchetti that lending should be limited, because I agree that “debt can mean disruptive financial cycles in which economies alternate between credit-fueled booms and default-driven busts.”
I also agree that “[t]o prevent further deterioration, [heavily indebted] countries will need to implement drastic policy changes that reduce current deficits, as well as future contingent and implicit liabilities.”
It is somewhat gratifying to read a BIS paper that declares “the debt problems facing advanced economies are even worse than we thought,” indicating a sweeping change of doctrine. The study even anticipates its findings being mishandled by politicians, and warns policymakers against using its “finding of a threshold for the effects of public debt on growth” to mean that “authorities should aim at stabilizing their debt at this level.”
Cecchetti continues, “On the contrary, since governments never know when an extraordinary shock will hit, it is wise to aim at keeping debt at levels well below this threshold,” adding, “advanced countries with high debt must act quickly and decisively to address their looming fiscal problems. The longer they wait, the bigger the negative impact will be on growth, and the harder it will be to adjust.”
The paper concludes, “Current efforts focus on raising the cost of credit and making funding less readily available to would-be borrowers. Maybe we should go further, reducing both direct government subsidies and the preferential treatment debt receives. In the end, the only way out is to increase saving.”
Coming from a central banker, that’s saying something. After a century of telling us savings and fiscal prudence was the enemy, we have come full circle, and now the banking cartel is declaring that all of the debt it has issued may have not been such a good idea after all.
Oh well. Better late than never. But better never late.

Letter
to the
editor

Family grateful for community’s support during fire

A very special thank you to everyone that came the evening of July 27 when lightning started a fire much too close to our home and ranch buildings:
Friends, neighbors, strangers, Oregon State Police Trooper Ryan Mills, making sure we knew we had a fire. The Jordan Valley Rural Fire Department, Juntura water truck, Oregon and Idaho pumper trucks.
The number of people that came with water tanks on pickups, four-wheelers with sprayers, and the quickness

they came was absolutely amazing.
Because of these people, the fire was soon knocked down.
Please know we are very thankful and grateful for each and every one of you for your hard work, kindness and concern.
Thank you.
Allen Baltzor Family
Jordan Valley

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 27, 1987

Ag awards presented

Owyhee County Agricultural Demonstrations were held July 30 at the Extension Office in Marsing. The winners in each division will receive a trophy sponsored by Perkins Beefmasters of Bruneau. The top three demonstrators from each division are also eligible to compete at the Western Idaho State Fair. The club with the most members participating in demonstrations will also win a \$25 cash award sponsored by the Silver City Lodge No. 13, AF&AM, of Homedale.

Novice: Blue – Melanie Burrie, Trina Hipwell, Mandy Elsberry, Amanda McDaniels, Ross Cameron, Dennis Rutan, Sara Cameron, Patrick Rahn, Shaun Bush, Jessica Bates, Jason Hall, Becky Miller, Jule Rubelt, Smokey Doramus.

Junior: Blue – Amy Burrie, Jodie Brandau, Shannon Jayo, Aimee Qualls, Alayna Malmberg, Ryan Dines and Dawn Rae; Red - Becky Floyd, Kathy Thomas, Gina Alexander, Tanya Reynolds, and Marty Black.

Intermediate: Blue – Natalie Burrie, Heather Good, Chris Collett, Angie Menchaca, Tim Dines; Red – Cindy Floyd and Jamie Rubelt.

Senior: Blue – Alison Gibbens, Adam Edmiston, Jennie Travis; Red – Diana Menchaca and Wessley Travis.

Attend Whittenberger Project

Three Homedale High School juniors, Blas Uberauga, Kelli Kent and Tony Freeburg, who recently moved to Homedale from McCall, attended the 1987 Whittenberger ISDE/IHC Summer Project in Humanities on The College of Idaho campus, Caldwell, held July 5-18. The seventy high school juniors and seniors from throughout the state, who were in attendance, were chosen from over 160 applicants.

The two-week seminar involved several aspects of English, including classes instructed by Sandra Scofield, Joe and Lucy Milner, Wes Hansen and Russ Heller. Skills covered obtaining ideas for stories and story development, exploring language and grammar, differences between revising and editing examination of kinds of writing such as poetry, essays, parables, etc. One class was an in-depth study of Alexis de Tocquerille’s “Democracy in America”.

The group attended the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise where they saw “Comedy of Errors” and “Romeo and Juliet”.

Although they spent most of their time doing homework, they found time to play volleyball and tennis, take some trips to Karcher Mall and made some lasting friendships.

The project was a very beneficial experience for all involved, Kelli Kent reports.

Symms commends winner of awards

Sen. Steve Symms last week commended Pembroke T. and Mary Rathbone of Marsing for their contributions to soil and water conservation. The Rathbones are the Idaho winners of the National Soil and Water Conservation Award for 1987.

“P.T. and Mary are some of Idaho’s most responsible farmers,” Symms said after hearing of the award. “And their concerns for conservation have set the example for the rest of Idaho for years. I commend them for that example.”

A winner has been selected in each state for the last five years by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation — a private, non-profit organization — and the DuPont Company, whose grant makes the award program possible. Last year’s winner was Delbert Winterfeld of Swan Valley.

The award was given the Rathbones because of their innovation in irrigation and cropping systems. They were selected by a committee comprised of public and private representatives from Idaho agriculture. A national committee will select 10 finalists from the 50 states, three of whom will receive national awards.

The 10 finalists, to be selected in late September, will receive all-expense-paid trips to a special awards ceremony in Minneapolis October 25.

50 years ago

August 30, 1962

Governor, mayors attend Old-Timers barbecue

Many visitors attended the Owyhee County Fair and participated in the parade and the Chamber of Commerce Old Timers’ Day barbeque.

A coffee hour was held in the patio room at the A.E. “Spud” Murphy residence preceding the parade.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie and mayors and wives of a number of Idaho cities gathered at the Murphy residence where they were greeted by Mrs. Orville Soper on behalf of Mayor Soper, who is ill and was unable to take part in the parade and barbecue activities. A get-well card was signed to present to Mayor Soper.

Mayors and their wives who attended the fair and later rode in open jeeps in the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Starr, Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birmingham, Marsing, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reed, Ontario, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merritt, Fruitland; Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Harvey, New Plymouth, and L. J. Josephson, Payette. Arriving late for the barbecue were Mayor and Mrs. George Yost, Emmett.

Other guests were former Mayor and Mrs. Joe Eiguren, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tolmie and Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Colley. Mrs. Morse Bidwell assisted her mother, Mrs. Murphy, with serving guests coffee, juice, and rolls.

Governor Smylie, seated in a red convertible, led the mayor’s procession in the parade.

Owyhee County Rodeo Queen named

Rayola Black, Grand View, reigns as queen of the Owyhee County Rodeo. She and her princess, Corinne Barberis of Murphy, were introduced by Ivan Pollard, rodeo announcer from Star. These girls were chosen by the Owyhee County Posse.

62½ cents per pound paid for reserve champion steer

The top price of the 1962 Owyhee County Fair paid Saturday for a steer was 62½ cents per pound on the 1,000-pound reserve champion, a Black Angus shown by Steve Yarbrough of Grand View. The Mountain Home Merc purchased the animal.

The Idaho First National Bank of Boise bought the champion steer of the show, a 1,034-pound Black Angus shown by Karen Kushlan of Homedale. The price was 60 cents per pound.

The top scramble hog of the fair, shown by Craig Malmberg of Marsing, was purchased by the Owyhee Tractor Company for 80 cents a pound. The animal weighed 226 pounds.

The fair’s grand champion hog, 234 pounds, consigned by Carl Van Slyke of Wilder, was bought by the Davis Meat Company of Boise for 87½ cents per pound.

Historical Society holds picnic At Givens Springs

The Owyhee County Historical Society held its annual picnic at Givens Springs Sunday, August 26 with 75 people attending.

Mrs. Victor Ford was master of ceremonies. Granville Givens gave a brief history of the founding of Givens Springs in the year 1879 but went on to Middleton.

Returning the next year he built a house. His only means of existence was catching sturgeon, some of which weighed 500 pounds. He sold them at Silver City. Mail came in three times a week by Enterprise ferry.

The first bath house built where the water came from the ground was a 12 x 14 ft. pool, but it was so hot one could not stay in it very long.

There were Indians on Reynolds Creek who went on a rampage and killed seven Chinese. In fact, all but one of the Chinese there were killed. He was an old one.

The late Tim Shirley found the “opal” mine in Owyhee County and at one time there was a two-story hotel at the mine. This was built by an Eastern concern.

The next bath house was a larger one of 25 x 50 ft. and 3 feet deep at the other. Finally a large pool of cement was built and that was the one that Jerry Jensen, the present owner, bought.

140 years ago

August 24, 1872

DREAMS. The following are medical signs of dreams as published in a medical work:

Lively dreams are, in general, a sign of nervous action. Soft dreams a sign of slight irritation of the brain; often in nervous fever, announcing the approach of a favorable crisis. Frightful dreams are a sign of determination of blood to the head. Dreams about blood and red objects are signs of inflammatory conditions. Dreams about rain and water are often signs of diseased mucous membranes and dropsy. Dreams of distorted forms are frequently signs of abdominal obstructions and disorders of the liver. Dreams in which the patient sees any part of the body especially suffering, indicates disease in that part. Dreams about death often precede apoplexy, which is connected with determination of blood to the chest.

AN OBSERVATORY IN THE SIERRAS. A famous telescope maker, Alvin Clarke of Cambridgeport, Mass., is now engaged in constructing a 27-inch refracting telescope for the U.S. Government, at a cost of about \$50,000. It is designed that this instrument shall be set up at some point of high elevation, either on the Rocky Mountains or the Sierra Nevada, and Prof. Young, the well-known astronomer of Dartmouth College, and Prof. Davidson of the Pacific Coast Survey have been employed to select the proper site. After an examination of both regions, it is understood that a point near where the Central Pacific Railroad crosses the summit of the Sierras, the elevation of which is about 10,000 feet above the sea level, will probably be selected as the site for the new observatory.

DEFALCATION. (From the Idaho Statesman of August 20th.) Several weeks ago there was a rumor that a government officer had been here to look after the affairs of J.C. Geer, Internal Revenue Collector. On inquiry we learned that such an officer had been here and gone away; that he claimed Geer was behind \$30,000, and demanded of him to deposit the amount in the First National Bank; that Geer deposited \$12,000, and said that he had no more money — pretended not to know that he was a defaulter, did not know how his books were, but thought he could make a clean showing if he could have time to have his books straightened up, and asked for time to do so. We also understand his books were placed in the hands of H.E. Prickett to be overhauled and straightened up if there was anything wrong — Geer claiming all the time that he was not a defaulter, and that he would be able to show it as soon as his books were straightened up. While the books were being overhauled there were heard many stories; some to the effect that he would be able to show a clean sheet, and others that he was a defaulter in a large sum. Saturday we called on Mr. Geer to know how his matters stood. He told us that he was behind \$15,000, that Prickett had overhauled his books and this amount stood against him. He didn’t know but they might find some errors that would reduce it, but he was not sure they would. He claimed he did not have the money, and he was not able to pay it, and that his bondsmen would have to settle it. He talked about his deputies and clerks, but he would not charge them with anything wrong because he could not tell from his books how they stood. He pleaded entire ignorance as to what had become of the money.

We understand his bondsmen are perfectly good. He says his accounts were correct up to 1869. This may or may not be so. It is not much in his favor. If he knew how to keep his books straight the first two or three years, he ought to have continued to do so. We make no apology for Mr. Geer, or any other man who turns up a defaulter. He injures his friends, disgraces his party, and commits a crime against his government — and cannot expect to escape punishment and obloquy. Mr. Geer has no right to the office, and he should be removed at once. As the matter now stands, unless the money is forthwith deposited, it is a subject for the Prosecuting Attorney of the Territory.

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**SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2012**

Approved payment of bills: Current Expense \$81,298, Road & Bridge \$3,998, District Court \$2,310, County Fair \$97, Fair Building \$649, Probation \$2,661, Health District \$4,275, Museum \$657, Indigent & Charity \$24,475, Revaluation \$1,290, Solid Waste \$1,978, Tort \$3,436, Weed \$502, 911 \$1,800, Vessel \$13,417.

Designation of Polling Places for the August 28th Election.

Approved tuition assistance for students attending CSI and CWI.

Adopted Resolution 12-15 Sale of Surplus Property.

Approved alcohol license for Davis Creek L.L.C.

Approved publication of 2013 budget in the amount of \$8,162,301.

Held a public hearing on validation of the Jacks Creek Road, took matter under advisement.

Approved Sub-Recipient Agreement with Bruneau American Legion for Block Grant.

Approved the purchase of narrowband communication equipment to be paid out of 911 fees.

Approved MOU with Western Alliance.

Letter approved to be sent to the Idaho Delegation regarding Sage Grouse.

Indigent & Charity #12-30 lien placed and applicant approved. #12-22 applicant approved with reimbursement. #12-23 denied IC 31-3505(4)(b). #12-27 applicant denied IC 31-3505(4)(b).

The complete minutes can be viewed at owyheecounty.net or in the clerk's office.

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**OWYHEE COUNTY
NOTICE OF CANDIDATE
FILING DEADLINE**

Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1404, notice is hereby given for the candidate filing deadline for taxing districts that will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County on November 6, 2012. In order to appear on the Elections ballot, a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the office of said districts. Declaration of Candidacy forms can be obtained at the district's office or the Owyhee County Courthouse at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho. Forms are also available at the Owyhee County web site at www.owyheecounty.net.

Declarations of Candidacy must be submitted to the Clerk or Secretary of the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 9th Friday before the Election (September 7, 2012). Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 45th day prior to the Election (September 21, 2012).

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**NOTICE OF
RE-SCHEDULED
TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506A Today's date: July 20, 2012 File No.: 7021.28568 Sale date and time (local time): September 04, 2012 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 9652 Hardtrigger Rd Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997

**NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
BRUNEAU – GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365**

ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO,

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau – Grand View School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a supplemental levy election will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, in the Bruneau – Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00am - 8:00pm for the question "Shall the Board of Trustees of the Bruneau – Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code in the amount \$700,000.00 (seven hundred thousand dollars) each year for 2 (two) years for a total of \$1,400,000.00 for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014."

Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code. 8/15,22/12

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**BRUNEAU – GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 365**

**ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY
AUGUST 28, 2012**

**TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**OF THE BRUNEAU – GRAND VIEW JOINT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365,
ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY**

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Bruneau – Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code in the amount \$700,000.00 (seven hundred thousand dollars) each year for 2 (two) years for a total of \$1,400,000.00 for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014.

Instructions: To vote in favor of the Supplemental Levy for Bruneau – Grand View School District No. 365, mark an "X" next to the word YES. To vote against the Supplemental Levy for Bruneau – Grand View School District No. 365, mark an "X" next to the word NO.

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY OF \$700,000.00 for each of 2 (two) years

YES.....☐

NO.....☐

Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Sean R. Hardy and Kassandra A. Hardy, husband and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC dba Idahowide Mortgage Recording date: April 23, 2007 Recorder's instrument number: 260695 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of July 20, 2012: \$186,369.91 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when

due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: The North one-half of the following described land: A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, the True Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 59' West along the South section line of said Section 12 a distance of 1,340.5 feet to the West boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;

**NOTICE OF COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGENCY LEVY
ELECTION**

**HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO,**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, that a Cooperative Service Agency levy election will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, in the Homedale Joint School District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00am - 8:00pm for the question "Shall the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District No. 370 be authorized and empowered to levy a Cooperative Service Agency levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-317, Idaho Code in the estimated amount of \$185,000.00 (due to fluctuations in market value, a more accurate amount is unattainable), but not to exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the school district market value beginning with the fiscal years of 2012-2013 for a period not to exceed 10 (ten) years, as provided for in Section 33-317, Idaho Code, said levy to be used to pay for the Homedale School District's share of the total costs for operation of the Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) of which Homedale School District is a member?"

Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code. 8/15,22/12

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO
TO LEVY A COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGENCY
LEVY
AUGUST 28, 2012**

**TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**OF HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
370,
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO,
TO LEVY A COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGENCY
LEVY**

Shall the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District No. 370 be authorized and empowered to levy a Cooperative Service Agency levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-317, Idaho Code in the estimated amount of \$185,000.00 (due to fluctuations in market value, a more accurate amount is unattainable), but not to exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the school district market value beginning with the fiscal years of 2012-2013 for a period not to exceed 10 (ten) years, as provided for in Section 33-317, Idaho Code, said levy to be used to pay for the Homedale School District's share of the total costs for operation of the Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) of which Homedale School District is a member?

Instructions: To vote in favor of the Cooperative Service Agency Levy for School District No. 370, mark an "X" next to the word YES. To vote against the Cooperative Service Agency Levy for School District No. 370, mark an "X" next to the word NO.

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGENCY LEVY
YES.....☐

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGENCY LEVY
NO.....☐

thence North along the West boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 264 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 59' East on a line parallel to the South section line, and 264 feet North thereof, for a distance of 1,340.5 feet to an iron pin on the East boundary line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South along the East boundary line of said Southwest

Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 264 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7021.28568) 1002.201725-File No. 8/1,8,15,22/12



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 8009610356 T.S. No.: 12-00585-3 On December 12, 2012 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, NA, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: THE NORTH 110 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 3, BLOCK 7, AMENDED TOWN-SITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE OR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. APN#RP A0010007001A A The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 501 WEST MONTANA AVENUE, HOMEDALE, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by RICARDO LOPEZ AND VERONICA LOPEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as original grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF NAMPA, as original beneficiary, dated as of October 27, 1995, and recorded October 27, 1995, as Instrument No. 217041 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. **Assignment of DOT to Wells Fargo Bank, NA recorded October 28, 2011 as Instrument No. 275881** Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4) (A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Wells Fargo Bank, NA, (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated October 27, 1995 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$597.29 due from October 1, 2011, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 29th at 8 p.m. at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2012 – 2013.

The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the office of the district, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Terri Uria, Secretary/Treasurer
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

ANTICIPATED INCOME	
Beginning Fund Balance	92,815.26
Highway Users	390,000.00
Ag Replacement Tax	2,492.00
Property Taxes	68,215.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	10,000.00
Misc. Revenue	2,000.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$565,522.26
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	
Commissioner’s Salaries	14,976.00
Salaries	99,432.00
Mileage	400.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	40,000.00
Utilities	3,000.00
Professional Fees/Audit	5,000.00
Attorney Fees	15,000.00
Engineer Fees	15,000.00
General Supplies and Misc.	1,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	8,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	14,000.00
Materials/Construction/Right of Way Acquisitions	200,000.00
Sign Expense	800.00
Insurance (General)	6,057.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Weed Control	18,000.00
Equipment Lease	20,629.11
Phone Expense	2,500.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Transfers and Adjustments	11,000.00
Misc. Expense & Convention	4,500.00
Workers Compensation	5,009.00
Ending Fund Balance	50,719.15
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$565,522.26
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2012-2013 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 8:00 PM on Friday, August 24, 2012. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2012

Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2013	
Anticipated Beginning Balance:	419,794.00
Anticipated Revenue:	
County and Local Revenue:	
Property Tax including penalties & interest	45,000.00
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	2,112.00
Sales Tax	9,800.00
Interest	500.00
Miscellaneous	75,000.00
State Revenue:	
Highway Users Fund	300,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue:	\$ 432,412.00
Anticipated Budget Balance:	\$ 852,206.00
Anticipated Expenditures:	
Dues & Publications	1,500.00
Gas, Oil & Tires	20,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	10,000.00
Labor & Salaries	\$ 95,000.00
Lease	60,000.00
Office Expense	3,500.00
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	25,000.00
Legal & Accounting	7,100.00
Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00
Roads & Bridges	225,000.00
Shop Expense	3,200.00
Utilities	8,500.00
Weed Control	25,000.00
Contingency	100,000.00
Total Anticipated Expenditures:	\$ 593,800.00
Anticipated Ending Budget Balance:	\$ 258,406.00
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Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer	
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owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$44,772.98, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.50000% per annum from September 1, 2011. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the

trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: July 19, 2012 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 135 Main Street, Suite 1900, San Francisco, CA 94105 415-247-2450 Mariah Booker, Authorized Signature
SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4277179
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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CITY OF MARSING
ORDINANCE A-184

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,936,627.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

SECTION 1: That the sum of \$1,930,627.00 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012.

SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUNDS:	
Administrative	\$401,994.00
Streets & Highways	\$168,578.00
Parks & Recreation	\$22,080.00
Planning & Zoning	\$20,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$613,152.00
SPECIAL FUNDS:	
Water	\$707,000.00
Sewer	\$471,400.00
Irrigation	\$54,025.00
Sanitation	\$85,050.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$1,317,475.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	\$1,930,627.00
SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012.	
SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.	
SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.	
PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 8 th day of August 2012.	
ATTEST: /s/Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer	
/s/Keith D. Green, Mayor	
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District have tentatively adopted a budget for the 2013 fiscal year, for said district, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget, at the office for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Road, Marsing, ID 83639 at 8:00 p.m. on the day of August 27, 2012. The budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the cemetery office.

**PROPOSED BUDGET DATED AUGUST 6TH 2012
OCTOBER 1ST 2012 TO OCTOBER 1ST 2013**

Fund balance carry forward	\$16,744.00
REVENUE:	
Burial Lots	12,000.00
County Warrants	34,601.00
Farm Rental	3,812.00
Labor (opening & closing)	15,000.00
Total Revenue	65,413.00
All Total	\$82,157.00
Anticipated Disbursement	
Salaries:	
Sexton	\$33,500.00
Farm Oversight	7,000.00
Part-time Help	6,000.00
Total	\$46,500.00
Expenses:	
Gas & Oil	\$2,500.00
Idaho Power	3,000.00
Irrigation	2,600.00
Repair grounds	3,500.00
Repair Equipment	3,500.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Sanitation	550.00
Property Insurance	2,300.00
Bond Insurance	125.00
Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Legal Notices	1,100.00
Travel & Meals	600.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Workmans Comp	3,000.00
Chemical & Fertilizer	2,200.00
Persi	4,000.00
Deeds	600.00
Property Tax	100.00
Total	\$34,175.00
Salaries	\$46,500.00
Capital Expenditures	\$1,482.00
All Total	\$82,157.00
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Bruce Benson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sexton	
Marsing- Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District	
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NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

Notice is given of draft permit(s) allowing the operation of an injection well as per provisions of Title 42, Chapter 39, Idaho Code for the following injection well(s) listed in this format // Well Number, Location, Operator, Injectate //: // 57-W-002-001, T3N-R5W-S9-SWNENE, Owyhee Motor Sales, aquifer remediation solution //. Copies can be requested from the Idaho Department of Water Resources at (208) 287-4800. Comments or requests for fact-finding hearings must be filed with the Department within 30 days of the initial publication date of this notice. Gary Spackman, Director. Published on 8-22-12 and 8-29-12.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2012-02616 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON G. KING, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: August 8, 2012.

ROSE M. KING, Personal Representative c/o Joseph H. Uberuaga, II, Eberle, Berlin, Kading, Tumbow & McKlveen, Chtd., PO Box 1368, Boise, Idaho 83701. Telephone: (208) 344-8535 8/15,22,29/12

the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Candice D. Cooper, as Grantor(s) with First Horizon Home Loan Corporation as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded December 8, 2003, as Instrument No. 246090, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank, recorded August 1, 2008, as Instrument No. 265787, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$417.02 for the months of October 2011 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$57868.00 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.125% from September 1, 2011, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2012.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On December 14, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

PARCEL I

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter and a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 21; thence South 0° 00’14” West 1,327.13 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin marking the Northwest corner

of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 21; thence continuing along said Westerly boundary of said Section 21, South 0° 00’47” West 1,078.75 feet to a point on the centerline of the Opaline Ditch, said point being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of said Section 21 and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances:

South 35° 19’26” East 304.55 feet to a point; thence South 24° 33’43” East 196.79 feet to a point; thence South 36° 35’28” East 212.90 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch North 89° 57’01” East 939.94 feet to an iron pin marking the Easterly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, North 0° 05’32” East 349.18 feet to an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence continuing along said Easterly boundary North 0° 04’36” East 249.57 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21 South 89° 57’01” West 1,325.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II

A 28 foot ingress-egress, public utilities, drainage and irrigation easement lying 28 feet Northeasterly of and adjacent to the above described irrigation easement and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 0° 00’14” West 719.88 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin; thence leaving said Westerly boundary South 52° 19’53” West 300.74

feet to an iron pin; thence South 31° 22’37” West 297.49 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68° 14’05” West 150.64 feet to a point said point being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 68° 14’05” West 28.00 feet to a point; thence South 21° 08’38” East 110.28 feet along a line 25 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence South 22° 01’07” East 324.12 feet to a point; thence South 34° 26’13” East 301.98 feet to a point; thence South 23° 29’44” East 470.35 feet to a point; thence South 35° 19’26” East 120.39 feet to a point; thence leaving said parallel line North 89° 57’01” East 34.30 feet to a point; thence North 35° 19’26” West 137.30 feet on a line 53 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence North 23° 29’44” West 470.13 feet to a point; North 34° 26’13” West 301.61 feet to a point; thence North 22° 01’07” West 320.86 feet to a point; thence North 21° 08’38” West 110.37 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **HC 79 Box 733, Melba, ID aka 10426 Mustang Lane, Melba, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding

title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by David M. Lucas, a single person, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 30, 2002, as Instrument No. 240768, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded February 16, 2008, as Instrument No. 276807. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank recorded February 16, 2012 as Instrument No. 276807, in the records of said county.., in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,021.91 for the months of February 2012 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$78,559.56 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.375% from January 1, 2012, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2012.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Friday, November 16, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., (recognized local time), in front of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, G. Troy Parkinson, a member of the Idaho State Bar, as Successor Trustee, will cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent) in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN COUNTY OF OWYHEE AND STATE OF IDAHO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL OF BLOCK “B” OF THE TAYLOR ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, IN OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, AND FROM THIS POINT, RUNNING; EAST 242.5, FEET; THENCE NORTH 533 FEET; THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE C. DITCH, 259 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 619 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING FOUR PARCELS:

EXCEPTED PARCEL I: A PART OF “B” BLOCK OF THE TAYLOR ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE COUNTY OF OWYHEE, IDAHO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9 OF TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH OF RANGE 5 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH OF RANGE 5 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN IDAHO, THENCE EAST 242.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 269 FEET; THENCE WEST 242.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 269 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTED PARCEL II BEGINNING AT A POINT 269 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST [Previously Shown in Error as RANGE 6 WEST], BOISE MERIDIAN; THENCE EAST 242.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 FEET; THENCE WEST 242.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 75

FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTED PARCEL III: BEGINNING AT A POINT 419 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST [Previously Shown in Error as RANGE 6 WEST], BOISE MERIDIAN; THENCE EAST 242.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 FEET; THENCE WEST 242.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 75 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTED PARCEL IV: A PART OF BLOCK B OF THE TAYLOR ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF [THE] SOUTHEAST QUARTER [OF THE] NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 344 FEET TO A TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST 242.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 FEET; THENCE WEST 75 FEET TO THE [TRUE] POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, water rights and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that, according to the County Assessor’s Office, the address of 411 South 1st Street West, Homedale, Idaho 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by BILL L. PAGE, as the Grantors, for the

benefit and security of ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, as Beneficiary, recorded July 2, 2009, as Instrument No. 268583, in the records of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, State of Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION (45-1506) (4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is that a breach of the obligation for transfer in security has occurred, the nature of such breach being the death of the borrower and the failure to make payments when due. The principal balance owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$74,184.79 and interest has accrued, and continues to accrue, on the principal balance at the rate of \$11.19 *Per Diem*. All amounts are now due, together with all accruing monthly payments and interest, late charges, service charges, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorneys’ fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure.

All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing monthly payments and interest, accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Any and all personal property described in the Deed of Trust may be sold with the Property pursuant to Idaho Code §28-9-604.

The Successor Trustee has duly recorded a Notice of Default (which Notice was recorded on June 29, 2012, as Instrument No. 277992, Records of Owyhee County, Idaho) and has mailed a copy of said Notice, accompanied by the canary yellow Notice Required By Idaho Law, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all persons entitled to notice.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2012.

G. Troy Parkinson, Successor Trustee, Attorney for Beneficiary (801) 524-1000 PYG File No. 7486-1474

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✓ COSSA: Programs help students go past high school in myriad ways

individually as a district that we may not be able to offer our students,” Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer said.

The COSSA operations levy cannot exceed 1/10th of one percent of the taxable market value of property in the school district. Property owners will pay \$10 each year for every \$10,000 in taxable value.

Based on the current taxable value of the school district, the levy generated more than \$130,000 from Owyhee County properties this year.

The revenue fluctuates each year, however, with the change in property assessments.

District business manager Faith Olsen said that the projected revenue from the first year of a renewed levy would be about \$185,000.

During their Aug. 13 meeting, school board trustees approved new cooperative service agency agreements with COSSA. Homedale will pay \$130,635 for professional-technical education, and the district will spend another \$463,305 for the exceptional child (Gifted and Talented) portion of the COSSA curriculum.

COSSA provides Homedale students with professional-technical education such as nursing, engineering, welding and auto mechanics, most aspects of which are taught at the consortium’s Regional Technical Center in Wilder. Homedale patrons recently saw the expiration of a two-year supplemental levy to help fund construction of the complex.

Additionally, Homedale students in the special education and gifted and talented programs receive instruction from the COSSA program.

According to a brochure mailed to district patrons last week, 174 Homedale students took advantage of COSSA professional-technical programs during the 2011-12 school year. Sixty-two children were enrolled in the gifted and talented program, and 103 took part in COSSA special education services.

Sauer said COSSA’s professional-technical offerings help give students post-secondary educational and career options.

COSSA also can be a tool to prevent a student from dropping out of high school.

“Some of the specific values are student engagement and identifying areas where students are interested and can be actively engaged,” Sauer said. “But (the program is about) also preparing them for career opportunities, and professional-technical does that for many of our students.

“It provides them an opportunity to get training and have skills that otherwise they wouldn’t be afforded.”

COSSA Academy also provides alternative high school education, but Sauer said that phase of the program is funded directly from the State Department of Education.

Homedale is one of five school districts in the COSSA consortium, joining Marsing, Notus, Wilder and Parma. Marsing recently renewed its 10-year levy.

Having a group of smaller districts band together also helps with the financial commitment that comes with trying to offer comprehensive educational themes.

“The goal is to make sure our students are college- and career-ready, and the PT programs are a vital part of that,” Sauer said.

“And when you do it within a consortium or within a region, you’re able to leverage that and provide a lot more opportunities than you would otherwise.”

— JPB

✓ Bruneau-Grand View: New levy larger than March’s failed measure

is earmarked to restore cuts in several programs and also fund additional expenditures.

Among the additional expenditures is about \$101,000 — the largest single expenditure — to replenish the district’s contingency fund. Trustees have been forced to draw down the contingency fund to make up for shortfalls in the budget caused by less support from the State Department of Education and falling property values.

If the levy passes, bus routes won’t be completely restored. School board chair Dixie Black said routes would be reorganized based on the most efficient use of the resources.

If passed, the levy would cost property owners about \$3.31 per month for every \$10,000 in taxable property value. For example, a home valued at \$100,000 after the homeowners exemption would be taxed less than \$400 a year.

The district’s brochure to patrons warns that failure of the levy would result in cuts such as Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS or home economics), Business and Technology, distance learning classes, sports and music.

The district claims that 80 percent of the district’s student body participates in at least one sport or extracurricular activity.

Levy revenue would restore cuts to the following:

- Music program — \$31,750
- Elementary physical education — \$15,965
- FCS — \$42,696
- Extracurricular programs, including athletics — \$55,520
- Building maintenance — \$56,245
- Busing — \$53,988
- Business and Technology program — \$31,750
- Textbooks for elementary — \$15,381
- Other expenditures — \$44,015

Additionally, new expenditures would include:

- \$75,000 for servers and computers
- \$63,500 to reclassify two teachers
- \$39,630 for districtwide consumables such as copying supplies, paper, pens, etc.
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Chaulky Butte fire contained thanks to swift response

The human-caused fire that started on Upper Reynolds Creek Road last Wednesday was fully contained within 36 hours, thanks to the quick response from fire crews.

Fueled largely by grass and sagebrush, the Chaulky Butte Fire, consumed 400 acres before it was contained around 1 p.m. on Thursday.

According to the Brandon Hampton of Boise BLM, controlling the blaze was business-as-usual, with air support assisting with areas the fire trucks were unable to reach.

While more investigation is needed, the fire is believed to have been started by a gunshot at about 10:30 a.m. last Wednesday.

— JJG

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