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Homedale Highway District seeks levy hike

Commissioners: Increase necessary to get roads back in shape

Saying the district doesn't have enough revenue to keep up with its responsibilities, Homedale Highway commissioners have

proposed increasing the district's tax levy by 2.5 times.

In a unanimous resolution, commissioners decided to put a levy increase question to the voters in a May 21 election.

"We have capital projects that need to be done plus maintenance, and we don't have the revenue for that," Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui said.

Based on the district's current market value of \$144.7 million, the proposed levy increase would generate \$175,000 more in revenue annually. Of the total \$243,000 levy, the City of Homedale would receive about \$38,000 for its streets department.

The total impact on property owners is estimated to be \$168 per \$100,000 in assessed, non-exempt value, or an increase of about \$121 per \$100,000 over what property owners are paying currently.

Homedale Highway District derived \$68,215 from property tax revenue for fiscal year 2013, which accounts for 12 percent of its current \$565,522 budget. About 15.3 percent of that, or \$10,500,

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Basque heritage unfurled



Big crowd enjoys Txoko Ona dance at new venue

Kaden Henry of Marsing swings the flag during Herribatza Dantzariak's performance of the Ikurina dance inside Badiola Arena on Saturday. Kaden is the son of Isaac and Camille Henry. For more photos of the 13th annual Homedale Basque Dance, see **Page 13**.

Nominations being taken for May elections

School, library and highway districts could see votes

May could be a busy time for the Owyhee County elections office.

No fewer than 14 taxing districts could have board elections May 21.

March 22 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to file candidacy papers to either the county elections office in Murphy or the secretary of the appropriate district. The write-in candidacy declaration deadline is 5 p.m. on April 5.

Early voter registration ends at 5 p.m. on April 26. The mail-in absentee ballot request deadline is 5 p.m. on May 15.

that potentially could appear on the May 21 ballot. If only one candidate declares for an available position, no election will be held.

Potential school board positions, which carry four-year terms, include:

 Homedale — Zone 2 Trustee and board chair Tim Quintana.

Zone 3 Trustee and vice-chair There are several positions Kevin Miyasako and Zone 4 Trustee Todd Kelly.

• Marsing — Chair Joe Usabel (Zone 1), vice-chair Clay Sauer (Zone 5) and Zone 3 Trustee Betty Ackerman

• Bruneau-Grand View — Chair Marie Robertson (Zone 1), vice-chair Lori Bennett

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Seismic testing begins this week

Company looking for oil and gas on Market Road

A gas and oil exploration group will conduct seismic testing operations in the area along Market Road in Homedale.

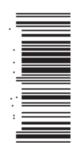
The group, which includes Trendwell Energy, West Bay Geophysical and Western Land Services, will conduct testing for the next two weeks, according to Western Land Services Rockies Region senior manager Shawn

Testing was done in Malheur County earlier this year.

"We will be looking for oil and gas structures (pockets) for possible future development," Burd said. "The short-term benefits are that the crews will be spending money at local businesses, and in the long term, if resources are developed, the local economy could also benefit."

Property owners along the

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Bruneau P.O. hours could change in April

Branch slated to be open four hours a day

An overwhelming majority of customers responding to a survey support changes at the Bruneau Post Office.

In the middle of next month, the Post Office hours are expected to change. Window hours will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no change in route deliveries, although the U.S. Postal Service has announced plans to end Saturday delivery nationwide in August.

Results from the customer survey were revealed during a March 5 public meeting in Bruneau. Nearly 300 surveys were issued, and USPS received 115 responses.

According to information shared at the meeting, 93 percent of the respondents favored the realignment of hours. Two percent favored their mail carrier also being a source for retail services such as stamps, and another two percent liked the idea of a village post office, in which a postal station would be housed in an area

One percent said they would favor using another post office nearby, such as the Grand View branch. Three percent of the surveys received made no selec-

Grand View city council meets tonight

The city of Grand View and the Grand View Water and Sewer Association Board meeting will take place tonight at 6 at the City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

There will be an update on the fiscal year 2011 audit from Pulliam & Associates from Boise, which is a routine, independent study required by law.

As part of city beautification and economic development, new "Welcome to Grand View" signs will also be discussed. Currently, there are no welcome signs at the entrances to Grand View.

Dogs at large are still problematic for the small town, and the roving canines have apparently bitten some people. The city has sent letters to dog owners asking for compliance.

New business discussions will include an Idaho Rural Business Enterprise grant opportunity, setting the date for the city, street and roads budget public hearing and the DEQ Report for the Goodman Oil site. The use of that site is still undecided. At one time the site was being considered for RVs.



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Two calls in two days for firefighters



Field fire burns about three acres Thursday

Above: Homedale volunteer firefighters manning the department's brush truck spray water on a field fire sparked on Johnstone Road when the wind shifted. Below: Brandon DeMond, with hose puts down water on another area of the blaze, which was the second call in two days for HFD. On Wednesday, crews responded to the report of chimney fire on Mule Springs Road off Thompson Road.



Marsing council to meet tonight

The Marsing City Council will meet tonight at 7 at City Hall.

There are no public hearings scheduled. There are no plans to discuss resolutions or ordinances either.

Old business includes an update by the city engineer Amy Woodruff on the methane grant

Other updates include: The Local Highway Technical Assistance ness items on the agenda.

Council (LHTAC) transportation planning grant, the security fence project, and the waterways grant

There are no tabled or new busi-

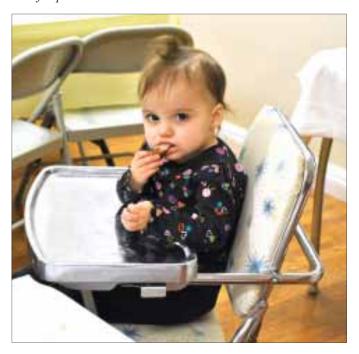


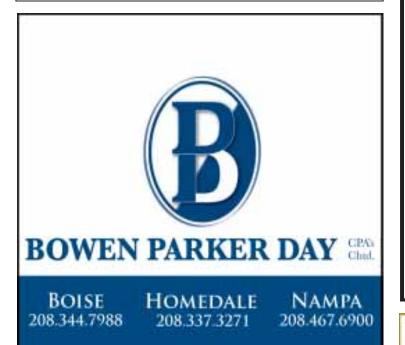
Masons serve breakfast



Semi-annual meal draws a crowd

Above: Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 member Blake Titus applies a special glaze to the ham for Sunday's Scholarship Breakfast in Homedale. Below: Patricia Foster, the 20-monthold daughter of Caldwell residents Amanda Foster and Ronald Moser, enjoys a sausage link. Patricia's grandfather, Wayne Foster of Wilder, was the guy who dished up the sausage and ham for patrons.





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Residents complain about Sundance softball tourney

Silver Sage couple to address Homedale council tonight

Sundance Park neighbors have voiced concerns about problems related to the fundraiser tournament held there each summer.

Gary and Kristy Evans have requested to speak at tonight's Homedale City Council meeting regarding the Conner Landa-Daniel Miller memorial softball tournament, which is slated for July.

The first meeting of the month begins at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Also on the agenda tonight is a resolution establishing penalties for beginning construction without a building permit.

The Evanses' property in the Silver Sage subdivision is separated from Sundance's north parking lot by a private access road.

In their request to be heard, Ev-

ans said tournament participants parked and camped less than 20 feet from his property for two nights during the tournament.

"We observed alcohol and drug use," the couple wrote in a sevenpage request. "They played loud music and conversed loudly late into the night. We asked to turn it down. They did."

The couple also contends music that was supposed to be silent by midnight played until 3 a.m.

Another concern involves traffic congestion and excess dust and noise that they say comes from motorists in RVs and other vehicles making their way without the aid of directional signs.

The Evanses said participants using the parking lot as a "raceway" also generated noise and dust.

They also said that campers and participants trespassed, using his property as a "go-through" and leaving gates open, litter and tearing up signs.

"We believe at some point in time tournament sponsors stated they would fence the north parking area, allowing access by individual users to park," the couple wrote.

"Three years later, there's no fence and we'd like to know why as it would alleviate a lot of the problems."

The couple said past requests for the city to put up signs of fencing have gone unanswered, and they are renewing their requests.

"We would like the council to know we do not have anything personal against the tournament or anyone connected with it," the Evans family wrote. "We feel it is an asset to the community."

— JPB



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Free water screening at SWDH on Tuesday

Owyhee County homeowners can test for nitrates

Southwest District Health is offering free private water well testing Tuesday.

Free nitrate screening for Owyhee County residents will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the district's Caldwell headquarters, 13307 Miami Lane, near the corner of Florida Avenue and Idaho highway 55.

The day of free testing was incorrectly reported in an earlier edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Homeowners should bring a same-day water sample in a widemouth canning jar or food-grade container.

Samples dropped off last Saturday at the SWDH office are no longer viable for testing. so homeowners who brought samples during the weekend are asked to resubmit fresh, same-day

For more information on water contaminants or how to get a certified test for well water. contact SWDH at (208) 455-5400 or visit www.swdh.org.

Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire - Rescue - EMS

2nd Annual FIRE HOUSE Chili COOK - OFF

16 March 2013

Owyhee County Museum, Murphy, ID. (On the lawn outside, In conjunction with the Murphy Spring Bazaar)

> Entry Fee: \$15 (For 1stEntry) \$5 (For Additional Entries)

Chili Tasting open to the public at 11:00 AM

For entry forms, rules or information contact Louis (MRW538@gmail.com) Or phone 208-495-2154

Awards for 1st place in each of 4 categories and the "Peoples Choice"

(If you would like to be a cook-off judge use the contact info above and volunteer)

Name change in store for Marsing's Farmers Market

Now monthly, Sunday event will be more inclusive

Marsing Farmers Market organizers have announced changes for the 2013 season.

The biggest changes include making the market a monthly event and renaming it The Sunday Market.

The Marsing Farmers Market, dba The Sunday Market, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Sunday each month beginning on Mothers Day. Previously, the market was open each Sunday in the spring and summer.

Market dates include May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8. The market continues at Island Park.

There also will be a special market day on Thursday, July 3 to coincide with Marsing's Celebration of Our Nation.

A vendors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 inside Marsing City Hall. The meeting originally was scheduled for the Lizard Butte Library.

Marsing Farmers Market president Jolyn Green the market will be open to anyone who has something to sell.

"The market will be available and open to anyone who wants to sell anything (as long as it is legal)," Green wrote in an email announcing the changes. "Handmade, repurposed, or yard sale (items) are all welcome at the

Green also announced themes for each of the days the market is open:

- May 12 Celebration of Spring and Mothers Day
- June 9 Fishing and Fathers Day with a Dutch oven cook-off open to anyone
- July 3 (special Thursday) Celebration of Our Nation with fireworks over the Snake River at sunset. The Marsing Lions Club also will hold its annual barbecue in City Park.
- July 14 Idaho's Famous Redneck Market
- Aug. 11 Fair and Rodeo
- Sept. 8 Grandparents Day and Back to School event, which will include a chili cook-off

HPD chief asks riders to stay safe

More cyclists coming out with warmer weather

With warmer weather, more recreationalists and bicyclists may be emerging from a long winter away

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller has friendly reminders for the folks who may be pulling their bicycles out of storage or still longing to take a run up in the hills on their ATV.

Namely, be prepared and wear a helmet.

Eidemiller said that even though the days are warmer, nighttime temperatures still reach the freezing point or lower.

ATV riders need to have plenty of warm clothing and supplies to make it through a cold night whether they're camping or run into the misfortune of breaking down while out on the trail, he

As for bicyclists, all proper safety gear needs to be worn, including elbow pads, knee pads and a helmet.

Eidemiller said bicyclists need to be alert, too.

"Even though (cyclists) have the right-of-way, a lot of time drivers don't see them," he said.

Children and adult riders alike can enhance their safety by obeying all traffic laws, too.

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OCSO buys three new patrol trucks

new patrol trucks, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office budget has money left over after a successful auction earlier this

The Board of County Commissioners recently approved the acquisition of three new 2013 Dodge Ram trucks. Sheriff Perry Grant said the total cost was \$71,250.63.

Two of the trucks replace higher-mileage vehicles that had been in the fleet and were sold at the Baker Auction Co. event in Homedale on March 2. That sale netted \$6,000 for the two vehicles, Grant said.

The third new Ram truck replaces the Dodge Charger that was totaled after Deputy David Green

Even with the purchase of three lost control on icy roads while responding to a call in February. According to records, the county received a \$21,983.88 insurance settlement after deductible.

> The Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$55,000 for fiscal year 2013 vehicles purchases. The addition of the auction proceeds and settlement payment brought the budget line to \$82,983.88 before the purchase.

> There is more than \$11,000 left in the budget.

"The addition of the monies brought in from the auction will allow us to purchase Tonneau covers and brush guards for the new vehicles," Grant said. "The money will also equip our 700mhz radios."





Ann Mueller, left, and Lori Otley are the new owners of Owyhee Veterinary Clinic, which is located at 1 W. Kansas Ave., in Homedale.

Owyhee Vet Clinic changes hands

Cegnar and Bean to remain at Homedale office part-time

The Owyhee Veterinary Clinic (OVC) recently announced ownership changes. The current team of veterinary professionals will not change despite new owners taking the reins.

Lori Otley, DVM and Ann E. Mueller, DVM, who are currently at the clinic, are the new owners and

will be taking over the practice from Bill Cegnar, DVM and Randy Bean, DVM. Cegnar and Bean have owned and operated the rural, mixed animal practice for more than 30 years.

"We love Owyhee County and the surrounding area, have enioved living and working here, and are now ready to commit to the community for the long haul as the new owners of Owyhee Veterinary Clinic,' Otley and Mueller said.

The new owners said they are pleased that most of the current staff will still be part of the team

Otley has worked as an associate veterinarian at OVC since 2007. She graduated from Oregon State College of Veterinary Medicine and Bill Cegnar became interested in veterinary

medicine at an early age while growing up on her

at OVC since graduating from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May. For the past few years, she has interned with the veterinarians at OVC, and she said she is excited to continue to work with the community she has grown fond of. She grew up in a small town in Northern

About Owyhee Veterinary Clinic

The Owyhee Veterinary Clinic provides medical care for large and small animals primarily in Owyhee, Canyon, and Malheur Counties. They are located at 1 Kansas Ave., in Homedale. Veterinarians and staff serve clients Monday through Saturday in the Homedale clinic or at the ranch/farm.

Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A veterinarian is also on-call for emergencies after hours and on Sundays.

You can reach the office at (208) 337-

Idaho and said she knew veterinary medicine was for her after hours of watching her childhood veterinarian help not only the animals, but also their people.

Although Cegnar and Bean will be taking time to enjoy their families and other interests, they will still be working as veterinarians at OVC. After more than 30 years at the helm, the two men have seen changes over time at the clinic.

"We've seen it change from a predominantly large animal practice to 70 percent small animals," Cegnar said. "Most of our clients were longtime locals and owners of small homesteads. Today, the clients come from all over the valley and there are fewer small dairies."

No matter the changes, Cegnar and Bean say they still love coming to work.

"I look forward to seeing all the wonderful animals and their owners that visit us at OVC, but on a little less hectic schedule," Bean said. "I am very happy that the tradition of OVC can continue with Otley and Mueller."

An open house at OVC is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 13

--AS

Deputy cited after on-duty car accident

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy who received minor injuries in a car accident while responding to another wreck has been cited.

Idaho State Police Trooper Scott Tulleners cited Deputy David Green after the OCSO deputy crashed his Dodge Charger at the scene of another accident on U.S. Highway 95 on Feb. 3.

According to court records, Green was cited for operating his patrol car "without due regard for the safety of all persons," according to Idaho Code 49-623(4).

Green wrecked his patrol car when he was unable to stop while braking on an icy road and crashed into a jack-knifed semi that was blocking both lanes of travel at milepost 15.

Court records indicate Green, who reportedly suffered whiplash in the collision, received no penalties for the infraction.

OCHS spring bazaar slated for Saturday

MRW serves up chili cook-off

More than 20 vendors will be on hand Saturday for the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring

The bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St. in Murphy.

The bazaar will feature local arts, handcrafted items, home accessories and homemade pies.

Donations of homemade pies are still being accepted.

For more information on any

aspect of the bazaar, call the museum at (208) 495-2319

The second annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department chili cook-off coincides with Saturday's bazaar.

Awards are up for grabs in each of four categories. There also will be a people's choice.

It costs \$15 for the first cook-off entry and \$5 for additional entries. The public can sample all of the entries for \$5. Tasting will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

For chili cook-off entry forms, rules, or information, contact Louis Monson at MRW538@ gmail.com or (208) 495-2154.



family's ranch in southeastern Oregon. Mueller has worked as an associate veterinarian

From page

Elections: 3 school board seats each in Homedale, Marsing up for vote

(Zone 3) and Zone 5 Trustee Howard Field

- Pleasant Valley Zone 3 Todd Gluch, who is board chair
- Three Creek Zone 3 Gus Brackett

Potential library board slots,

which carry six-year terms, are:

- Lizard Butte Teri Belle Smit (Canyon County) and Wendy Stansell (Owyhee County)
- Eastern Owyhee Frances Field, Kermit Tate and Nancy Law, who assumed a board seat

when Barbara Lindquist resigned one year into her term last spring. Law must stand for re-election this year.

• Bruneau Valley — Kathy Mori and Denise Stewart

Highway district four-year

terms that could be on the ballot include:

- Homedale Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar, who last week said he will not seek re-election.
 - Gem Subdistrict 1

Commissioner Morris Giedd and Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Jeff Percifield

• Three Creek — Chet Brackett, chair, and Robert Taylor

Terms for the incumbents end

Obituary

Barbara Jean Sircin

Barbara Jean Sircin, 78, a resident of Moses Lake, Wash., since 1958, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Samaritan Hospital. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Kayser's Chapel in Moses Lake. Interment followed at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Born April 5, 1934 in Marsing, Idaho to parents Bessie Tipton Larsen and James Larsen.

She has surviving siblings William James and Bette Mae. She was very close to her Grandmother Annie.

She wore high top shoes that laced up and her hair was very long down the length of her back but she wore it tied up in a bun. She too was famous for her sugar cookies. Barb was also very close to her Dad and considered herself a tomboy. Her father taught her



how to throw a ball, hunt and fish

After Barb graduated from high school she went to work at the ION grocery store and played ball after work. She was a good athlete and got a college scholarship but still could not afford tuition. She won a contest at the movie theater to help her through school.

She met Harold (Pete) Sircin during the school years. After he returned from the service, they were married in 1955. They shared a love of wood working together and created many holiday

decorations that Pete would cut out with a scroll saw and Barb would paint.

The family business started out with cattle ranching and then eventually to farming. The family farm is still an active, viable business today. In her later years, Barb grew wonderful roses in her yard. She has over 100 varieties and was on the Moses Lake garden tour a few years ago.

She is survived by children Sandy Sircin (partner Peg Parker) from Kent, WA, Debbie Lemley from Spokane, WA and Jim Sircin (wife Pam Sircin) from Ephrata, WA. She has 6 grandchildren, Heather Foss, Mathew Sherrard, Jessica Lemley, Chris Lemley, Tate Sircin, Alec Sircin and 5 great-grandchildren, Landon, Joe, Shelby and Jakob Foss, Connor Lemley. Close friend Janet Johnson has been by her side and an important part of her life as well.

Pete Sircin preceded Barb in death in 1997.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 13: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn, baby carrots

March 14: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, pineapple, roll

March 15: Beef nuggets, steamed broccoli, cucumber, strawberries

March 18: Hamburger, French fries, baby carrots, peaches

March 19: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed fruit, roll

March 20: Bean dip w/tortilla chips, cheese stick, fresh veggies, pears March 21-29: No school

Homedale Middle

March 13: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, oranges

March 14: Beef or chicken taco, corn, pears

March 15: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, tossed salad, pineapple

March 18: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, peaches

March 19: Nachos or baked potato w/cookie, veggies, applesauce

March 20: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, apple

March 21: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, carrots, mandarin oranges

March 22-29: No school

Homedale High

March 13: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

March 14: Malibu or grilled chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

March 15: Pulled Pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice

March 18: Pizza or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

March 19: Teriyaki chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice

March 20: Lasagna w/French bread or Rib-b-que, mixed veggies, salad bar, fruit choice

March 21: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

March 22-29: No school

Engagement

Ashlynne Uria, Tanner Harris schedule June 22 wedding

Ashlynne Danese Uria of Homedale and Tanner Patrick Gabiola Harris of Caldwell announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dennis and Teri Uria. She is a 2010 graduate of Homedale High School and a 2012 graduate of the College of Western Idaho. She is employed by Meridian Dental.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Tony and Lisa Weitz and Kerry Harris. He is a 2007 graduate of Vallivue High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Valley Construction.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the bride's home. The newlyweds will make their home in Caldwell.



Ashlynne Uria and Tanner Harris

Bruneau-Grand View March 13: Roast turkey, mash

March 13: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll, fruit

March 14: Soft taco, black beans/salsa, romaine & tomato, fruit

March 15: BBQ pork, cauliflower, fresh fruit, jello

March 19: Stromboli, garden spinach salad, green beans, fruit March 20: Baked potato bar, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit

March 21: Nachos, salsa & whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans, corn fruit

March 22: Tuna fish sandwich, tots, baby carrots, apple wedges, brownie

March 26-29: No school

GV community dinner slated

A St. Patrick's Day-themed dinner will help raise funds for the American Legion Post 134 Hall in Grand View that also serves as the community's meeting place.

Planned improvements to the Legion Hall include a 20-foot-by-30-foot concrete patio with a louvered roof that will let the sun in, as well as sheetrock, insulation and paint.

The dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday at

the Legion Hall, 410 Roosevelt St.

Last year, approximately 80 people turned out for the dinner, and it is hoped that even more will attend this year.

• Dinner is comprised of: pit roast beef, corned beef and cabbage, baked potato, veggie, salad, roll and dessert.

• Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10, and children 3 and younger will

be admitted free of charge. One raffle ticket will come with each dinner purchased.

• Raffle tickets are available for \$1 a piece or six for \$5. Raffle items include a quarter of a beef, a gas grill, gift basket and more. Raffle prizes will be drawn every half-hour.

For more information, call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

—AS

Marsing

March 13: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar (6-12)

March 14: Lasagna & breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans

March 18: PBJ & potato chips or stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, salad bar (6-12)

March 19: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada & rice, baked sweet

potatoes, salad bar (6-12)

March 20: Hamburger or chicken nuggets, potato wedges, salad

bar (6-12)
March 21: Malibu chicken or pork taco, green beans, salad bar

(6-12)

March 25-28: No school

Death notice

JOSEPH C. FRYE, 65, of Homedale, died Monday, March 4, 2013, at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Senior menu

Rimrock Senior Center

March 14: Corned beef and cabbage

March 19: Swedish meat balls

March 21: Salmon or tuna patties March 26: Oven fried chicken

March 28: Swiss steak

COSSA March 1

March 13: Navajo taco, lettuce, cheese, tomato, refried beans, peaches

March 14: BBQ chicken, corn, cheesy bread

March 15: Pizza, salad w/tomato, corn, pineapple

March 18: Chicken nachos, tomato, lettuce, refried beans, peaches

March 19: Meatball sub, green beans, apple & oranges

March 20: Chicken wrap w/lettuce, cheese, tomato, broccoli salad, grapes

March 21: Finger steaks, potato wedges, bread, applesauce

March 22: Chicken sandwich w/lettuce, pickle, tomato, baked fries, pears

March 25-29: No school

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Calendar

Today

Bruneau Valley Library preschool

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Senior center board meeting

1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Christian Life Club

3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Lenten Soup Suppers

6 p.m. free meal, 7 p.m. service, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Three Creek School Board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School multipurpose room, Three Creek

Thursday

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting

1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 459-2860

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Homedale Idol

7 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Free concert

7 p.m., free or love offering, Refiner's Fire, Lizard Butte Baptist Church, 117 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Saturday

Homedale Senior Center breakfast

7 a.m. to 10 a.m., open to public, \$6 all-you-caneat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Running Club

8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

OCHS spring bazaar

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-

MRW Fire-Rescue-EMS chili cook-off

11 a.m., \$15 to enter, \$5 to taste all entries, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2154 or mrw538@gmail.com

Homedale Youth Sports fundraiser

6 p.m. poker tournament, 6:30 p.m., Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. auranga@ marvell.com or shanebrown@micron.com

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Property tax reduction assistance

9 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

El-Ada commodity distribution

1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Wednesday

Bruneau Valley Library preschool

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

Noon, RSVP by Monday, March 18, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Christian Life Club

3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Boy Scouts chili feed

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Lenten Soup Suppers

6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. service, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

Job's Daughters Bethel 31 meeting

7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

Thursday, March 21

Property tax reduction assistance

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

Friends of Lizard Butte Library board meeting 6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W.,

Marsing, ID 83639 Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday, March 22

Story Time at Homedale Public Library

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, March 23

Homedale Running Club

8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Monday, March 25

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday, March 26

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

Lizard Butte Library board meeting

4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

Wednesday, March 27

Bruneau Valley Library preschool

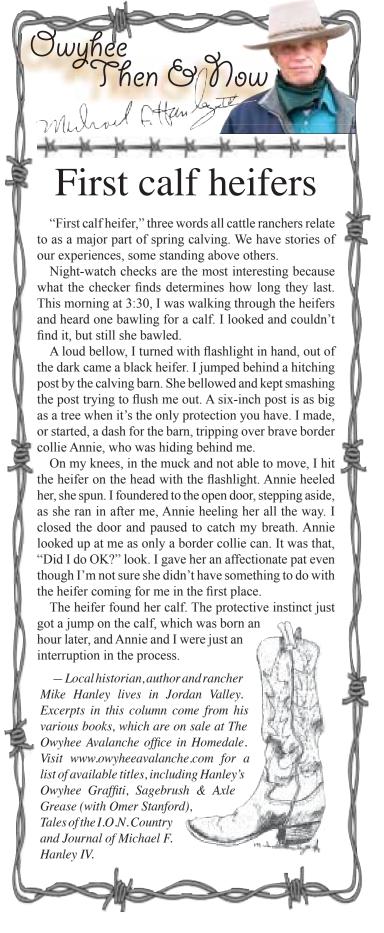
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Homedale Idol talent contest returns to HHS

Students will be showing off their talents for the judges Thursday during the second annual Homedale Idol.

The Homedale High School be held at 7 p.m. inside the HHS Meridian and Subway.

old gymnasium.

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Eastern Owyhee Library plans teen night with activities centered on book

The Eastern Owyhee County Library will hold a teen activity next week.

Activities are based on Veronica Roth's young adults novel "Divergent," which is the first of a trilogy.

The event, open to ages 12-18, will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

For more information, call the library at (208) 834-2785.

The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View. It's open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Left: Refiner's Fire includes, from left, Jacob, Craig and Nancy Harris. Above: Sarah Badinger is a recent addition to the band that will perform Friday in Marsing. Submitted photos

Oregon-based Refiner's Fire to play Marsing concert Friday

Christian ministry visits Lizard Butte Baptist

Craig Harris & Refiner's Fire are in a concert at Lizard Butte Baptist Church in Marsing on Friday.

Refiner's Fire will perform at the church, 117 S. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken to support the group's Christian music ministry.

"Our ministry tends to be towards those who are off the beaten track, but still could use encouragement and would enjoy a high-quality event at a price they can afford," bandleader Craig Harris said.

The group is traveling all across the United States as well as going overseas for concerts in London and Kiev, Ukraine, along with a week of Missions work in the Ukraine.

Refiner's Fire features powerful Jazz, Blues, Contemporary

Worship and Traditional styling, performed on Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar as well as tight harmonizing vocals. The group performs original music as well as time honored contemporary and traditional standards.

The four-person band features the Harris family, including Craig, his wife Nancy and their 14-yearold son Jacob. Sarah Badinger, 20, also has joined the band.

The Harris family lives in Medford, Ore., while Badinger hails from Dayton, Nev.

Harris has been in ministry for more than 30 years as a pastor, musician, educator and community leader.

He provides vocals and performs on guitar, piano, bass, trombone, trumpet, banjo and mandolin.

Harris writes all the materials for Refiner's Fire, including both originals and time-honored favorites in their repertoire.

He has sung as a guest artist with The Legendary Stamps Quartet (Elvis Presley's former back-up group) and performed as a backup musician for many other groups.

Jacob plays bass, ukulele and guitar and also provides vocals.

Craig Harris said he and his son have a lot of fun during performances, and that comes through in the father's sense of humor.

"He is also is my biggest critic, but thankfully he loves old people, all this gray hair I am getting over him will soon bring his sympathy to the forefront," he said.

Nancy sings with the band and serves as the point of contact for the churches at which the group performs. She also has provided original lyrics for several songs as is the author of the inspirational book "Needle Points."

"She shares the (master of ceremonies) responsibilities with me and usually rolls her eyes at Jacob and myself when we get out of hand," Harris said.

Badinger plays bass, drums, guitar and piano. She may also pick up the mandolin during Friday's show, Harris said.

Witty Extension agent speaks in Bruneau next week

Bruneau and Beyond garden program set

A longtime University of Idaho Extension agent will discuss how to landscape with minimal water usage during next week's Bruneau and Beyond spring garden talk.

Elmore County Extension Professor Mir Seyedbagheri of Mountain Home will talk about xeriscaping during next Wednesday's free luncheon and presentation at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St.

Anyone interested in attending Seyedbagheri's talk should RSVP by Monday to ensure that enough food is prepared. Call (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345.

If an overflow crowd is expected, the event will be moved to the community church. Organizers warn that the spring garden show is always well-attended.

Seyedbagheri has been the Extension Agent/Professor of Soil Science, Agronomy, and Biometerology at the University of Idaho since 1984. According to a Bruneau and Beyond press release, he has a reputation for excellence in his work with the

Cooperative Extension Service with over 20 years' experience.

Seyedbagheri's applied research in soil, plant and water relationships has gained international recognition. As a good steward of the land, Mir teaches gardeners and growers the importance of understanding and building healthy soil, using water-saving cultural practices, and promoting the restoration of land into a sustainable living system.

Sprinkling humor with information, he recently discussed soil at the Extension's Living on the Land small-acreage farming classes in the Treasure Valley. He also spoke on West Nile Virus at the 2009 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting.

Prior to the program, there will be a light luncheon served at noon at the library in downtown Bruneau at 32073 Ruth Street. There is no charge for either; however, the library requests that anyone wishing to attend either the program or the luncheon should contact the library by Monday, March 18.

The spring garden program has always been well attended, so it is especially important for the library to know how many to expect.







El-Ada plans free HIV screening

Free HIV screenings are available Tuesday at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office.

No needle sticks or blood is involved with the screening process, which will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. at the organization's office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

The office can be reached at 337-4812

An oral sample is taken from the gum line for the screening.

Results are ready in 20 minutes, and the screening is confidential.

Free condoms and safer sex products will be provided and also available free at El-Ada on an on-going basis.

El-Ada reports that the number of people infected with HIV the virus that causes AIDS — in Idaho is on the rise. Twenty-one percent of all persons infected with HIV are women, and 79 percent are men. Fifteen percent of infections occurred through

heterosexual contact.

Nationally, it is estimated that 25 percent of the people infected have not been diagnosed and do not know they have HIV. The Center for Disease Control recommends annual HIV testing for everyone.

For more information about the screening process, HIV in Idaho or safer sex practices call Kituta Asimba or Robert at El-Ada Community Action Partnership at (208) 345-8994.

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Suicidal man with shotgun deterred at Jump Creek Falls

OCSO speeding citation leads to warrant pickup

Authorities talked down a suicidal subject during a brief encounter at Jump Creek Falls last week.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman was among the deputies and officers to respond to the call outside Marsing at 4:11 p.m. on March 5.

"It was called in as a suspicious person with a gun," Bowman said. "When (the reporting parties) came back, they found him rolling around on the ground near his vehicle."

Deputy David Green requested backup after he arrived on scene and found a 51-year-old Meridian man holding a shotgun.

Sheriff Perry Grant, Posse members and Homedale Police officers responded to scene. Bowman said that within 18 minutes, the man relinquished the shotgun.

"We got the guy to lay the gun down and detained him for a mental hold," Bowman said.

Marsing Ambulance transported

the man, who was not identified by authorities, to a local hospital.

Speeding leads to arrest

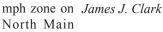
A speeding ticket landed a Caldwell man in jail on a probation violation last week.

OCSO Deputy Chris Even arrested 29-year-old James

Julian Clark on a \$1,000 warrant out of Canyon County on March 5.

Evenpulled Clark over at 4:38 a.m. for going 48 mph in a 25

Street.



A subsequent check on Clark revealed that a \$1,000 warrant had been issued stemming from a probation violation related to 2009 domestic violence conviction out of Canyon County.

Clark remains housed in Canyon County Jail in Caldwell. His probation violation hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday before Magistrate Judge James A. Schiller in Caldwell.

— JPB

Marsing resident sentenced for DUI

A Marsing man has been ordered into a treatment program after his conviction last month for driving under the influence.

Jeremy Donald Townsend, who was born in 1980, was sentenced for misdemeanor DUI by Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on Feb. 25 in Murphy.

Townsend received credit for four days served in jail and had an additional 170 days of a 180-day jail sentence suspended.

Grober also ordered \$850 in court costs and fees.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green arrested Townsend for DUI on Jan. 18.

Nampan placed on felony probation for drug conviction

A Nampa man has avoided additional prison time after his Owyhee County conviction on a felony drug possession charge.

James Henry Alley, who was born in 1959, must serve three years' supervised probation, though.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan sentenced Alley late last month after the defendant entered a guilty plea to a felony controlled substance possession charge. Alley must pay \$580.50 in fines and court fees.

A prison term of up to seven years was suspended.

According to Canyon County court documents, Alley was already on probation for a 2011 drug possession charge out of Nampa.

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Volunteer judge Forrest Griggs, left, watches Sam Galligan explain the rotation of a basketball at his station outlining the science of the free throw at the March 5 Marsing Middle School eighth-grade Science Fair inside the elementary school gymnasium.

Science fair's top marks

Results from the Marsing Middle School Science Fair:

Best in Show

First place — "Crazy Curls:" Zoe Kish compared how long different types of non-heat curls will last in hair.

Second place — "Shot or Not:" Sam Galligan compared three different release points of a basketball and shots made.

Third place— "Sugar Crystals:" Rosalba Jacobo compared the area of sugar crystals grown using different types of water.

Health

First place — "Don't Smooch Your Pooch:" Elaine Perry compared bacteria from a dog's mouth to that from a human mouth.

Honorable mention — "Bacteria on Water Fountains:" Brynn Breshears compared bacteria from the button to that found on the spout.

Beauty

First place — "Experimenting with Mascara," Avery Villa **Honorable mention** — "Aerosal Ball," Esmeralda Robles

Chemistry

First place — "Boo Bubbles:" Riley Bryant made dry ice bubbles using different types of soap.

Honorable mention — "Color My Flame:" Tristan Hill tested the flame color of different salt compounds.

Sports and Electronics

First place — "Soldered and Soundless:" Angela Draper attempted to solder wires together to make two sets of headphones produce sound

Honorable mention — "Leather vs. Synthetic Soccer Balls:" Misael Alvarez-Moreno repeated Repeated tests to see which ball went farther

Engineering, Environmental and Electricity

First place — "Battery Life:" Taylor Jerome tested different brands of batteries to see which last longer.

Honorable mention — "Volts are Electricity:" Michael Burtchett tested a variety of objects to determine which conducts the most

Animal Behavior

First place — "You Heard What?" Britney Robison tested how dogs and cats react to different sounds.

Honorable mention — "A Video Game Experiment from a Nongamer:" Kendall Freelove tested reaction rates of gamers versus

Biology/Microbiology/Forensics

First place — "DNA Extraction:" Malachi Caley extracted DNA from different types of fruit.

Honorable mention — "Cool Blue Light:" Arturo Gutierrez compared the brightness of luminol, a chemical used to detect blood at crime scenes, when mixed with warm and cold water.

Marsing eighth-graders embrace science during fair

From basketballs to makeup, students draw their own conclusions

experiments were displayed during last week's Science Fair in Marsing.

Organized by Deidra Little, the eighth-grade Science Fair was held March 5 inside the Marsing Elementary School gymnasium.

Each of the 68 entries was graded by a volunteer judge who examined the work, read the data on poster boards in each booth and then interviewed the young

Forrest Grigg, a geologist, learned about Sam Galligan's work about what makes for a successful foul shot in basketball.

It was a fitting experiment for Galligan, even if he didn't get too many opportunities to shoot free throws during the eighth-grade boys' basketball season.

"I didn't get too many fouls, but they seemed to call a lot on me," he said.

For his experiment, which was carried out inside the MMS

More than five dozen gymnasium, Galligan enlisted the help of Justin Hiatt, Clay King and Karl Isert, who were teammates on the Huskies' 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament runnerup team. The group tried three different release points when taking free throws.

> The experiment's conclusion: Where you release the basketball during your shot affects whether or not the ball will go through the hoop.

Galligan "Shot or Not" entry finished second in Best in Show.

Other eighth-graders embarked on purely scientific studies for their fair entries.

Malachi Caley extracted DNA from different types of fruit, including strawberry, blueberry, kiwi and banana. His entry won the Biology/Microbiology/ Forensics championship.

Volunteer Pete Smit evaluated Calev's entry last week as the eighth-grader demonstrated how to extract genetic material from

Tre Ponce compared the energy source of four candles to the energy produced from the heat of four flashlights when he built

Ponce placed a candle in each corner of a square piece of wood in the middle of which was anchored the small windmill. Cut-up playing cards served as the blades for his windmill.

Ponce said he found out that candles burning on the four corners under the blades creates enough energy to spin the windmill 10 to 16 times per minute.

Flashlights, on the other, produced insufficient energy to spin the device even once.

Jacky King, who works in the Marsing High School office and is the mother of an eighth-grader, also served as a volunteer judge.

She judged Luisa Gonzalez's experiment, which analyzed which type of eyeliner was best in the makeup world for longevity.

Gonzalez said her tests revealed that a liquid-based eyeliner lasts longer than any other type.



Volunteer judge Pete Smit looks on as Malachi Caley examines a test tube filled with blueberry extract. Caley's experiment was extracting DNA from fruits, including strawberries, kiwis, bananas and blueberries.



Tre Ponce explains how he used candlepower — literally the heat from four candles playing card blades on his windmill.



Assistant director of admission at The College of Idaho Danessa Miyasako Christensen, a 2001 Homedale High School graduate, listens to Esteban Lejardi's question during last week's "Go On" seminar.

HHS juniors learn value of "Go On"

Latest assembly funded by grant shows what college degrees can reap

About 90 juniors received some sobering news to kick off Higher Education Day at Homedale High School

Christian Busnardo from the Idaho Department of Labor's Career Information System told students March 5 that only 10 percent of freshmen entering high school will graduate from college with a degree or a certificate.

Busnardo's Power Point presentation kicked off an hourlong event for HHS juniors March 5 inside the school's old gymnasium.

Higher Education Day is part of the ongoing Go On program for which the high school has received a grant.

Students also heard from Micron academic program manager Michelle Burks, an HHS graduate. They also were able to meet with representatives from colleges and other post-secondary-related organizations.

The bottom line during the presentation: A degree beyond a high school diploma is the key to success and higher wages.

"Make the most of today," Busnardo said. "Look and listen today and then go home and do some research on colleges."

A day after Abraham Lincoln was at the forefront of Idahoans' conscience because of the territorial sesquicentennial, Busnardo challenged the students through the story of Lincoln's mother and what she told young Abe while she was on her death bed — "Be somebody."

"Be somebody who goes on after high school and reaches their full potential," Busnardo said.

Burks drove home the point that a college education is vital for today's students to earn good salaries and realize their dreams in their careers and life in general.

A Micron employee since 1994, the Homedale resident outlined how the workforce at the Boise firm has been altered by technological advances. Where a person once could get a job at Micron with little more than a high school diploma, she said, now all the jobs require some type of college degree — the highest-

paying jobs go to those who have engineering degrees.

She said that attending a school in a place like Homedale is a good building block for future success, though.

"What I learned at Homedale, and I know that you've learned here, is that you're hard-working students with integrity," Burks said

After the presentations, the juniors met with representatives from most of the state's colleges as well as a U.S. Navy representative.

One of the college reps was another local — 2001 HHS graduate Danessa Miyasako Christensen, who is the assistant director of admission at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Other colleges represented included the College of Western Idaho, the College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, the University of Idaho in Moscow, Boise State University, BYU-Idaho from Rexburg, Idaho State University in Pocatello, which also has a campus in Meridian, Nampa's Northwest Nazarene University and Boise Bible College.

— JP1

Car show added to May's Angel Walk fundraiser event

Candidate deadline is Friday

Saying that the event would be a good way to bring folks to town, the Homedale City Council has unanimously backed a May classic car show set for downtown.

Organizers anticipate scores of classic car enthusiasts will bring their vehicles to event, which will coincide with the third annual Angel Walk 5-kilometer fundraiser on Saturday, May 11.

All proceeds from the car show will go to the Angel Walk fund.

"I think this will be a great event for the city and will bring some people into town," Mayor Paul Fink said.

Vehicles will be displayed along West Idaho Avenue beginning just past Main Street.

Organizers want to use the event to promote local businesses, too, and hope that people from around the valley will flock to Homedale for the Angel Walk and then stick around to view the cars and take part in other activities.

The first block of South 1st Street West will be closed to make room for food booths and music and games and activities for all ages. The street also will be used as a staging lane to bring classic cars on to West Idaho Avenue for parking.

Angel Walk organizers also attended Wednesday's meeting to support the addition of the car show

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced that he has devised a new route for the Angel Walk that will keep participants off Idaho Avenue and take them past Homedale Elementary School. The route was revised with safety in mind, but also to prevent truck congestion on the westernmost end of the route near the Idaho

Avenue and Johnstone Road intersection where the walkers turned to go to the middle school in the past years.

The Angel Walk committee continues its search for this year's honoree.

Qualifying candidates must be a youth within the local community and have substantial financial demands in relation to a medical or physical condition. Candidates must also be available to make a public appearance at Angel Walk at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale or have a family representative attend in their place.

To nominate an individual, contact Michelle Larzelier at (208) 941-4163 or Marcy Hibbs at (208) 353-6024 or email angelwalk2011@gmail. com to obtain an application. Forms also can be downloaded from the event's website http://homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com/

All qualifying applicants will be considered and will go before a review board for final selection. The application deadline is Friday, and the chosen recipient will be notified in person on or before March 31.

Forms to enter the 5K run, walk or stroll also will be available on the website as well as at Homedale Elementary School and at the Homedale Friends Community Church.

Organizers also are seeking business sponsorships. Any business establishing a sponsorship of \$200 or more will have a logo placed on the back of the T-shirts handed out to participants and available to others for \$7 each.

Registration cost is \$15 per person and each entry includes at T-shirt and \$40 per family. The family package includes five T-shirts.

— JPE

Homedale Story Time studies why tacos are good for dragons, but salsa isn't

Preschoolers will learn what it takes to throw a party for dragons during Story Time.

"Dragons Love Tacos" by Adam Rubin will be read at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee

In order to throw a proper party for a dragon, you need all sorts of tacos, but hold the salsa. Find out why Friday.

Children will be able to make their own "craft taco," and there will be songs and snacks, too.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



Homedale resident Audrey Brown smiles as she reads her original story to preschoolers Friday at Homedale Public Library.

Homedale seniors serve breakfast Saturday

The Homedale Senior Center's fundraising efforts continue each month with dances and a breakfast.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$6.

The second dance of the month is scheduled between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Dances are held on the second and

fourth Saturdays each month.

The dances are open to the public. The cost is \$4, and participants are asked to bring finger food.

The senior center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave. For more information, call the senior center at 337-3020. The senior center is open Tuesday through Thursday each week.

Boy Scouts plan chili feed

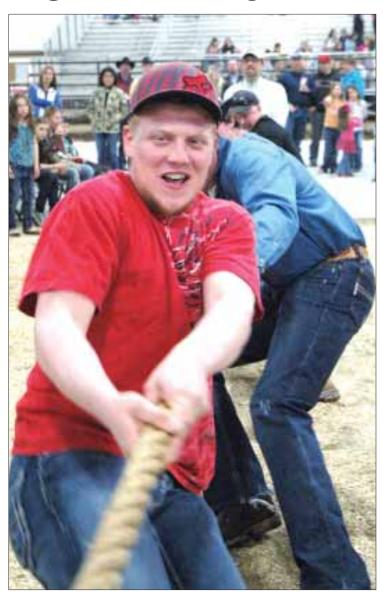
Boy Scout Troop 409 will hold a chili feed next Wednesday.

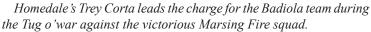
The chili feed and silent auction is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Homedale LDS

Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

Tickets are \$20 per family, \$10 for a couple, \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children younger than 12.

13TH ANNUAL HOMEDALE BASQUE DANCE









Above: Basilio Sausaeta, center, poses for a family portrait with the children of Walt and Kiley Miller, including from left, Olivia Miller, Madison Miller, Basilio Cash Miller on great-granddad's lap, Ellie Miller and Mackenzie Miller.

Left: Tim Dines of Marsing, center, points out a bid during Saturday's auction at Badiola

Circuit Breaker tax help offered

Assessor's staff plans senior center visits again

Owyhee County Assessor's Office staffers will embark on their annual tour to help citizens with property tax reduction services next week.

April 15 is the application deadline for the Idaho Property Tax Reduction Program, more commonly known as Circuit Breaker.

Qualified property owners can file for the program. Assessor Brett Endicott encourages anyone who thinks they may qualify to come fill out an application.

Endicott and his staff will be out in the county's communities several times over the next few weeks, beginning Tuesday at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St.

Circuit Breaker help will be available from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Tuesday, March 26 at the Marsing Senior Center.

Assessor's office staff will visit the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. three Thursdays in a row (March 21, March 28 and April 4).

On Tuesday, April 2, staff will be at the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., in Grand View from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Help also will be available at the Bruneau Valley Public

Circuit Breaker schedule

Tuesday — Marsing Senior Center, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 21 — Homedale Senior Center, 1 p.m. to

Tuesday, March 26 — Marsing Senior Center, 9 a.m. to

Thursday, March 28 — Homedale Senior Center, 1 p.m. to

Tuesday, April 2 — Rimrock Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. to

Tuesday April 2 — Bruneau Valley Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 — Homedale Senior Center, 1 p.m. to 4

Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. Bruneau

Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on April

Home visits also may be arranged by calling the assessor's office in Murphy at (208) 495-2817. Call the assessor's office with any questions.

Property owners may qualify for the program if they meet the following requirements:

- Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that was a primary residence before April 15, 2013 (People may qualify if they lived in a care facility or nursing home.)
- Earned an income for 2013 of \$28,000 or less

- · Belonged to one of the following categories as of Jan.
 - Age 65 or older
 - Widow or widower
 - Blind
 - Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age
 - Former prisoner of war/ hostage
 - Veteran with 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a VA pension for a nonserviceconnected disability
 - Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service

Do you like my hat?



Children turn out for Dr. Seuss party Madison Bauer, 11, tries on her Cat in the Hat creation during "A Festival of Fun with Dr. Seuss" on March 5 at Marsing Elementary School.

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Marsing 8th-graders edged in title game

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Trout stocked in Owyhee waters

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Homedale graduate 12th at NCAA indoors heptathlon

UM's Emry climbs as high as sixth in Arkansas

Austin Emry's first appearance in the NCAA indoor track and field championships resulted in a

12th heptathlon finish.

The 2009 Homedale High School graduate, who is a junior at the University of Montana, sat as high as sixth in the event standings in Fayetteville, Ark., before slipping to his finishing spot.

Emry finished with 5,486 points, 73 points behind Big Sky

Conference nemesis Jeff Mohl of Montana State. The Bobcats senior finished 11th.

"What I hope Austin takes away from this experience is that he's as talented as anyone out here," Grizzlies head coach Brian Schweyen said. "The difference between the athletes who make it this far is how hard they compete and how they use adrenaline when they are competing."

Arkansas junior Kevin Lazas won the national title on his home turf with 6,175 points.

Emry began Saturday's second day in seventh place and rose to sixth after his best individualevent finish on the meet in the 60meter hurdles. The son of Stuart and Lori Emry finished third in the fifth of the heptathlon's seven events in 8.17 seconds Saturday morning.

Emry again encountered the

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Trojans, Huskies split rivalry diamond games

Two-time state softball runner-up Homedale collects 22 hits on road

The Homedale High School softball team seems primed for another run deep into the postseason.

The Trojans, who have finished second to Fruitland in each of the past two 3A state tournaments, plastered mercy-rule losses on their first two opponents of the season last week.

One day after pummeling New Plymouth, 16-2, in a five-inning non-conference game at Sundance Park, coach Larry Corta's squad traveled to Marsing on Friday and rode a seven-run fourth inning to an 18-6 blowout.

The game was called after the sixth inning because of the 10-run rule.

The Huskies (0-1) scored four runs in the first three innings, but Homedale never trailed.

The Trojans (2-0) posted four runs in the top of the first inning against Marissa Hardy, but Marsing rallied with a pair of runs during their first turn at-bat this season.

Morgan Nash picked up her second victory in as many days, scattering nine hits. She also went 4-for-5 from the plate.

Homedale pounded 22 hits, including doubles from Destiny Long (who also was 4-for-5), Tori Nash, Katie Deal and Hailee Aberasturi, who notched four RBI.

Mariah Kinney was 3-for-3 with a home run for Marsing, while teammate Lacey Usabel went 2-for-3.



Marsing first baseman Josh Larsen awaits the throw from pitcher Austin Williams as Homedale's Drew Beckman dives back into the bag safely during Friday's non-conference contest.

Marsing holds off Homedale's late charge in baseball

Latter-innings power propels Marsing at home

Austin Williams and Lane Sevy homered Friday, giving Marsing High School enough cushion to win its baseball opener.

Sevy survived Homedale's four-run uprising in the seventh inning to sew up the Huskies' 9-6 non-conference victory at home.

"I give the Homedale kids credit for battling back that last inning," Marsing coach Jerry Stacy said. "It's really easy to lay down when you're down by seven headed to the 7th inning."

Williams started the game for Marsing, scat-

tering two runs on four hits in six innings.

In the second inning, he struck out Trojans catcher Mike Mavey to work his way out of a bases-loaded jam.

Marsing's bats showed early-season life against Homedale starter Caleb Oviedo and a Trojans relief pitcher. Oviedo allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings, while the Huskies erupted for five runs on three hits over the sixth and seventh innings.

"Oviedo pitched a really good game and gave Homedale a chance to win by keeping it close," Stacy said.

The Trojans rallied to tie the game, 2-2, when Jakobee Osborn drilled a double to bring in Drew Beckman. Beckman had knocked in Blake Patten with Homedale's first run earlier

in the inning with a bloop single down the left-field line.

Beckman and Patten had a pair of hits for Homedale.

Marsing regained the lead in the bottom of the third inning when Charlie Galvez knocked in Williams.

Galvez went 3-for-3 with a double. Logan Jarvis, who played for the Trojans last spring, also had three hits for the Huskies, while Williams finished with a pair of hits.

"Both teams had some early-season miscues on defense, but overall it was a well-played game by both teams," Stacy said.

"We hit the ball well at times, but we absolutely have to cut down on strikeouts — especially going down watching third strikes."

Huskies ready to write next chapter of track history

Coach sees great things on horizon for sprints, distance

Several athletes from last year's history-making squad have graduated, but Marsing High School track and field coach Jim Eisentrager still brims with confidence.

"I am looking forward to this season," the fifth-year coach said.

"We have a lot of talent that we need to get ready, and if they are ready when meets come we will be unstoppable in many events."

Marsing's first action comes at 4 p.m. Thursday when the Homedale Invitational pushes off at Deward Bell Stadium. Four top-eight finishers from last year's 2A state meet have graduated, and other graduation losses have resulted in a 24-person team this year.

"Last season saw the most successful season in the history of Marsing track," Eisentrager said. "We took more athletes to State and came home with more medals than ever before.

"We hope to ride the wave of success into this season."

Miguel Leon is one of the state-

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Sports

Marsing 8th-graders come up short in 2OT

Huskies finish as boys' basketball runners-up after earning tourney's top seed

Marsing Middle School's eighth-grade boys' basketball team won a regular-season championship and earned the top seed in the postseason.

But the Huskies couldn't shake New Plymouth.

Coached by Bryan Marquardt, Marsing fell to the visiting Pilgrims, 37-36, in double overtime in last month's 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament final.

"We had a very successful season this year. Each player improved their basketball skills and decision making with the basketball as the season went on," Marquardt said. "I am pleased with the effort that the players put into practice and into the games."

Marsing went 8-2, including winning seven of eight regularseason games to finish tied with Nyssa, Ore., atop the 2A WIC standings.

Marsing beat Nyssa, 32-26,



to the start the season and kick off a six-game winning streak. It wasn't known at the time, but that victory would secure home-court advantage for the conference tournament.

The winning streak ended in the second-to-last regular-season game when New Plymouth rolled to a 27-17 victory.

"This is a great bunch of kids to coach as they work hard, listen to what I am teaching and trying to do it exactly as I taught them," Marquardt said. "As a whole, they really love the game of baskethall." Marsing clobbered Vale, Ore., 35-24, in the first round of the conference tournament.

The Huskies held the lead in the championship game until the final seconds of regulation when New Plymouth tied the game, 28-28.

"The championship game was a very hard-fought game with both teams playing their hearts out to win the game," Marquardt said.

Both teams took a defensive stance in the first overtime and finished tied, 30-30.

New Plymouth held the lead late in the second overtime. Marsing's shot off a set play from an inbounds pass under its own basket fell short with less than a second to go.

"It was a great atmosphere as the crowd for both teams was loud and very supportive of their teams," Marquardt said.

Marsing rolled past most opponents during the regular season,

beating Payette Lakes of McCall (45-12) and North Star Charter of Eagle (46-15) by more than 30 points.

The Huskies drilled Nampa Christian (46-30), Melba (41-25) and Cole Valley Christian (30-18). They also handled Vale, 26-20, during the regular season.

The team included Nick Lankow, Dakota Hardy, Marco Quebrado, Clay King, Jose Ponce, Sam Galligan, Kendall Freelove and Arturo Guiterrez.

"One of my favorite things this season, and it happened multiple times by everybody on the team at least once, was (for them) to come up to me after a game that we won and ask what can they work on to get better," Marquardt said.

"With the attitude that we can always get better and we continue to work on those things this group of players will have a very successful career in high school."

Raiders to start spring sports

The Rimrock High School spring sports season is scheduled to start Thursday with the baseball and track and field teams in action.

The track and field squad competes with Homedale and Marsing at the Homedale Invitational, which begins at 4 p.m. at Deward Bell Stadium.

The Raiders' baseball team also is on the road, facing Glenns Ferry in its non-conference season opener.

Mike Chandler's softball team isn't scheduled to start its season until an April 2 game in Bruneau against Horseshoe Bend.

The baseball team is scheduled to compete in the Trojan Invitational, a March 21-23 tournament hosted by Homedale's junior varsity team and also featuring teams from Wilder, Horseshoe Bend as well as JV squads from Caldwell and Emmett.

√ Huskies: Junior Bowers eyes success after 2012 run cut short by injury



Miguel Leon

From Page 14 caliber athletes returning to the fold.

"Senior Miguel Leon will be competitive in the 800 meters," Eisentrager said. "He is a multisport athlete who is hungry to improve on his state performance last year."

With freshman Alexandre Heidt joining a team that already features sprinters Tristan Jacobi, a junior, and senior Mariano Estrada, Eisentrager sees the sprints as a team strength, too.

"We are returning almost all of our sprints and relays from last year," the coach said. "We will be especially strong in the relays at 4-by-100 meters and medley."

Jacobi and Estrada will be contributors in the relay teams.

The distance team is bolstered by the return of senior Dillon Danner and Ofelia Herrera on the girls' side.

"We were able to implement a cross country program last fall, and that has increased our number of athletes threefold," Eisentrager said. "I expect to see a big improvement in that area."

Huskies cross country coach Troy Blackburn will handle the distance and pole vault duties in the spring. New to the coaching staff are Krista Dornfeld for the hurdles and 2012 state meet qualifying Pedro Carillo for the throws. Carillo finished sixth in the 2A state shot put before graduating a year ago.

Junior Lily Bowers carries the Huskies' best hope in the throws this season. Last year, an injury sidelined her prior to the state meet.

"She will be back and ready to improve her ninth-place performance at State in the shot as a freshman," Eisentrager said.



Lily Bowers

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Austin Williams, jr., baseball

The Play — The right-hander got the Huskies' season off to a good start on Friday, lading the way to a 9-6 win over county rival Homedale. Williams struck out five and walked one in five innings of work to get the win on the mound. He was 2-for-2 with a solo home run, too.

Baseball

Thursday, March 14 at Payette, 5 p.m. Friday, March 15 at Homedale, Sundance Park, 5 p.m.

Monday, March 18, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.



Thursday, March 14 at Payette, 5 p.m. Friday, March 15 at Homedale, Sundance Park, 5 p.m. Monday, March 18, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.

Track & Field

Thursday, March 14 at Homedale Invitational, Deward Bell Stadium track, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 home meet at Nampa Christian, 3 p.m.

Go Huskies!











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Homedale pitcher Morgan Nash fires to first base as teammate Destiny Long looks on Friday against Marsing. Nash is 2-0 from the circle this season.

Trojans softball pummels Pilgrims

Two pitchers combined on a two-hitter Thursday as Homedale High School opened the softball season with an easy victory.

Morgan Nash went 2-for-3 and doubled twice in the Trojans' lopsided 16-2 non-conference win over New Plymouth at Sundance

The game was stopped after five innings because of the 10run rule.

Nash started in the pitching circle and was backed up by reliever Katie Deal.

Homedale owned a 13-1 lead after three innings with Nash and Destiny Long driving in three runs each.

Gabby Nash was 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Tori Nash tripled and drove in a run.

Baseball game suspended

The Trojans were unable to complete their season opener against New Plymouth. The score was tied, 4-4, when officials suspended play because of darkness on Thursday.

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. fundraiser set for Saturday

Poker tournament, silent auction planned at Txoko Ona

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. is looking for help with its annual fundraiser.

The HYS benefit poker tournament will be held Saturday inside the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and tournament registration will last until first deal at 6:30

There are 120 slots available for the

tournament. Entry fee is by donation, but previously registrants have given \$30.

HYS is looking for donations of gift baskets, gift packages or other items for the night's silent auction.

Prizes also are being sought for the tournament's top placers as well as to be used as raffle giveaways.

Busineses, corporations and individuals wishing to donate to the fundraiser or to sponsor teams during the HYS baseball, football and basketball seasons

For more information on the tournament or helping out HYS, contact Tony Uranga at auranga@marvell.com or Shane Brown at shanebrown@micron.com.

√ NCAA: Emry, Grizzlies start outdoor season at home on March 29-30

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pole vault needing a good showing to help his title chances. Two weeks earlier, at the Big Sky Conference championships, he no-heighted to derail his hopes for the crown.

Wanting to lock in some type of a score, Emry was the only athlete Saturday to take attempts at 12 feet, 11/2 inches and 12-91/2, both of which he cleared in one attempt. He passed

at $13-1\frac{1}{2}$, then missed three times at a time of 2:51.67 in the 1,000 meters, 13-51/4.

"Austin wanted to come in low today, and he was vaulting well," Schweyen said.

"He was over 13-5 by two feet on his final attempt, but he didn't throw the pole back far enough and it knocked the bar off."

Emry finished 16th in the event and earned just 590 points. He closed with

which ranked 14th. His time was within a second of his PR.

"Austin ran hard and ran a good race, but I don't think his heart was in it as much as it would have been had he been in a higher position in the standings," Schweyen said.

Emry ended Friday's first day hanging on to seventh place after solid marks in all four events.

He finished 13th out of 16 in the 60 meters (7.16), sixth in the long jump(24-1/4), eighth in the shot put (42-9½) and fourth in the high jump

Emry's 3,209 points on Day 1 was 37 off his opening-day best.

The Grizzlies open their outdoor season March 29-30 back home in Missoula with the Al Manuel Invitational.



Austin Emry





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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Morgan Nash, so., softball

The Play — Nash propelled the Trojans to an 2-0 start to the season with her right arm and her bat. In Thursday's season-opening 16-2 thrashing of New Plymouth, Nash hit two doubles, drove in three runs and pitched the first four innings in the five-inning victory. She went 4-for-5 with two RBI and struck out seven in Friday's complete-game effort during an 18-6, six-inning win over Marsing.



Thursday, March 14 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m. Friday, March 15, home vs. Marsing, 5 p.m. Monday, March 18, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Melba, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity Thursday, March 14 home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m. Monday, March 18 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Melba, 5 p.m.

Track and field Thursday, March 14, home for Homedale Invitational, Deward Bell Stadium track, 4 p.m.

Tennis

Thursday, March 14, home vs. Vallivue, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.

Softball Varsity

Friday, March 15, home vs. Marsing, Sundance Park, 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 16 at Emmett (2), 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Melba, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, March 14, home vs. Notus, Sundance Park, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 16, home vs. Emmett (2), Sundance Park, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 18 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m/

Golf

Wednesday, March 13, home for Homedale Ice Breaker, TimberStone GC, 11 a.m.











Sports

American Legion baseball meeting slated

will be held Friday for anyone interested in their sons playing for the Owyhee Rivercats.

Jerry Stacy, who coaches the American Legion summer baseball team, announced the

A parents and players meeting brief meeting will take place in Homedale at the conclusion of the non-conference high school game between Marsing and Homedale, which begins at 5 p.m.

For more information, call Stacy at (208) 629-9625.



Idaho Power crews planted trout throughout its fishery in the Mid-Snake River, including C.J. Strike Reservoir and Centennial Park in Twin Falls.

Let the fishing begin: Trout released into Owyhee waters

Fishery managers are gearing up for the spring with rainbow trout plants in Owyhee County.

Last week, both Idaho Power and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game released fish into county waters frequently by anglers.

Idaho Power placed 50,000 rainbow trout at the Cottonwood and Jack's Creek accesses for C.J. Strike Reservoir. The plant was part of 72,000 fish released in the Mid-Snake River between Twin Falls and Grand View.

The fish released are about 10 inches long and were reared at a private hatchery in the Hagerman Valley.

Fishermen are asked to report any tagged fish they catch by recording the tag number, date, the reward value (if any) and the approximate location where it planned for October.

was caught. Call (800) 388-6011 to report the tags and provide information that includes their name, mailing address, telephone number and whether the fish was kept or released.

All anglers who reported tagged catches are entered in a drawing for \$1,000

The IDFG released 450 catchable-size rainbow trout into the Island Park pond in Marsing on March 4. It was part of a plant of about 15,000 trout from the agency's Nampa Hatchery into waters through Southwest Idaho.

Idaho Power also released fish in the Lower Salmon Falls Reservoir near Bell Rapids, at Centennial Park near Twin Falls and below Bliss Dam.

A second Idaho Power plant is



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Assembly of God Church Homedale

15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm

Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale

17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell

1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church **Homedale**

Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests

Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing

Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale

708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm

Homedale Baptist Church Homedale

212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls

Wilder Church of God Wilder

205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wiilder

26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00

MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY

Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español

lglesia Evangelica Wilder

317 3rd st. Pastor Ramiro Reves 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual

Marsing Church of Christ **Marsing** 932 Franklin, Marsing

Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am

Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626

Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45

Bible Missionary Church Homedale

West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30

Assembly of God Church Marsing

139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing

Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

Nazarene Church Marsing

896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West

Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups

Trinity Holiness Church Homedale

119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints **Marsing** 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151

Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry

Vision Community Church Marsing

221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church Wilder

Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Dave Raines Sunday Services 9:30am

First Presbyterian Church Homedale

320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am

Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon

Seventh Day Adventist Homédale

16613 Garnet Rd., 453-9289 Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm

Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale

711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2013 Mass Schedule

the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 - Mar. 23 - Apr. 27 - May 11 June 8 - July 13 - Aug. 24 - Sept. 28 Oct. 26 - Nov. 23 - Dec. 14 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031

Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12-2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense An interesting season

It's been an interesting season for those of us in agriculture. Several shifts in the world's social gyroscope have come to light that will affect the public's perception of our farming world. For years the ANTI's have led the battle to disparage the safety and health benefits of eating and raising meat, but "facts" are rearing their ugly head.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control recently released a 10-year study which revealed that more than half of the cases of food poisoning were related to produce (fruit and vegetables). The majority of the remaining sources were attributed to poultry. Fewer than seven percent of the total was traced to beef consumption (E. coli in hamburger

CDC researchers attributed this small number to significant safety improvements in beef handling. It is also worth noting that most of the contamination, be it meat or produce, is related to food handling after it has left the farm.

In a related issue, the irradiation of meat and produce is gaining traction. The slow acceptance of this life-saving procedure, which kills the microbial pathogens from the field to the kill floor, can be attributed the public's erroneous perception that you can get "X-rays" from the food you eat. It is one of those puzzling wives' tales like your feeder calves contracting Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) from IBR vaccination, or smoking stunts your growth, or Notre Dame really is a better team than Alabama, even though they lost. In the end, you need to be able to trust your friendly local scientist!

Speaking of which, we had a big splash! A vociferous British Luddite (anti-technology) animal rights eco-looney proclaimed to the world that his blindfolded opposition to the use of genetically modified foods was wrong! Maybe Prince Charles will take notes! What caused this stark turnaround was his realization that without modern agriculture methods, the growing population of the world will be ravaged by an inconceivable famine. I admit that I felt relief that at least one of the "pied pipers" allowed common sense to be a factor in his decision.

Which takes me to the abandoned horse travesty. I hear more and more states are considering a horse meat plant. Yet we are still piddling as "Rome burns." The problem continues unabated. Horse rescue missions, wild horse feedlots and pastures are swamped and the price of hay is exorbitant. I don't know how much longer those who caused this tragedy can keep up their protest. Forgiveness for "unintended consequences" can only go so far.

And, to top it off, U.S. carbon emissions have plunged to a 20-year low! What surprised the EPA czars was the drop was not the result of direct government regulations and interference. It was caused by free-market forces, specifically the infusion and production of cheaper natural gas instead of coal!

How 'bout that? Mark one up for us.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his rodeo novel "Ride, Cowboy, Ride! 8 Seconds Ain't That Long", other books and DVDs.

Territorial sesquicentennial Idaho's 150th anniversary harkens territory's role in saving the union

He was present when the name "Idaho" was chosen. He appointed 15 men as our first territorial officers. On March 4, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Act creating Idaho Territory. Honest Abe stayed up 'til dawn to ink his name on the parchment just hours after Congress passed the bill, emphasizing how important the measure was to him.

Though little known now, the Civil War was not about the North and the South. It was about the West and the rest. Slavery was constitutionally protected in the Southern states, as the Northern states were legally bound to recognize. Instead, our nation had broken apart over the question of what the West would become. Would, could or should slavery be extended from the Cotton Belt toward the Pacific Ocean?

The great Compromise of 1850 delayed the Civil War a decade by proposing the possibility of involuntary servitude in Utah and New Mexico. Sen. Stephen Douglas trumpeted for Popular Sovereignty, the concept that all western populations should decide for themselves whether to become slave or free. Kansas voted for slavery.

Lincoln's predecessor, President Buchanan, with a

Owyhee County's 150th

Owyhee County has a birthday coming up, too. The Idaho Territorial Legislature organized the county on Dec. 31, 1863, nearly eight months after a party of 29 men led by Michael Jordan discovered gold on what would become Jordan Creek.

Owyhee County was the first county organized under Idaho Territory.

flourish, signed a proposed Constitutional amendment that would have forever protected slavery in the United States of America on his last day in office. Seven states seceded, even before Lincoln was sworn into the presidency the next day in March 1861.

Before exiting, the Dixie States' members in Congress offered laws to lock in involuntary servitude for a wide swath of territory across the nation, including Southern California. Had they not left the Union, the South had the votes in the House and Senate to pass such legislation.

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Celebrate the state: Push Idaho onward to next 150 great years

President Abraham Lincoln helped establish Idaho by signing into law, on March 4, 1863, legislation creating the Idaho Territory. This 150-year anniversary of the Idaho Territory lets us reflect on our state's remarkable history and accomplishments.

Before Idaho became a state in 1890, it was part of several territorial reorganizations. It was first included in the Oregon Territory (1848-1853); then divided between the Washington Territory and Oregon Territory until 1859. When Oregon became a state, the entire Idaho area was attached to the Washington Territory, but the land was mostly unsettled until September 1860 when the unexpected discovery of gold at Pierce changed that. Miners came by the thousands. Within two years, the population of the area had exploded, leading to the creation

of the Idaho Territory.

legislation was enacted making Idaho the 43rd state. The Idaho State Historical Society notes that the 27-year territorial era "was perhaps the most significant quarter century in Idaho's history, shaping who we are as a state today." The Library of Congress cites some of the progress that occurred during this time period: a public school system was created; stage coach lines were established; newspapers, including The Owyhee Avalanche, the Boise News and the Idaho Statesman, began publication; Boise became the capital; and the transcontinental railway brought many people to the territory.

Twenty-seven years after the territory's creation,

— See **Onward**, Page 19

Letter to the editor

Illustration on gun control debate crossed the line

I salute The Owyhee Avalanche on your dedicated and thorough reporting of the events taking place in Owyhee County and your continued support of the numerous activities in our community. This said, I must strongly object and say I am deeply offended by the cartoon on the Feb. 27 Commentary page.

To place a photo of the President of the United States alongside the premiere monsters of the 20th century and ask "Who Do You Trust?" is clearly stepping beyond the bounds of decency and respect and deserves a profound

President Obama has never opposed the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution, and you know it.

Rick Ashworth Marsing

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.



Commentary

Financial management

Debt is debt and should be erased to secure financial dreams

My wife and I make \$140,000 a year, and we're working on our debt snowball. We're almost out of debt, but we still have two small car payments and some credit card debt. She wants to get rid of the credit card debt but doesn't mind us having car payments. Can you help me understand this?

Kelly

Dear Kelly,

I'm not sure I understand her thinking either. The car payments and the credit card debt are the same thing. They're both debt payments, and you're being charged interest on both of them. The only difference is that one is attached to a car and one's not. It makes about as much sense as



saying you like Visa better than MasterCard.

Even if she has some strange hang-up about car depreciation, that argument doesn't hold water either.

Cars go down in value whether you borrowed money to buy them or not. A \$20,000 vehicle will be worth \$10,000 in just a few years no matter what you do. A car payment won't keep it from depreciating or slow the rate of depreciation.

Sometimes people get burned out or tired of paying the price to become debt-free. It can happen when you've been working on something for a while, and it seems like you're never going to get there. Sit down and have a gentle, loving talk with your wife. Find out why she feels that way about the car payments and where the root of the problem really lies.

She may just need some support and encouragement from the man in her life. Remind her how far you've come together on this journey, how close you are to winning, and how much you love her. You're too close to making your financial dreams come true to stop now!

Dear Dave,

I'm 23 years old, and I was in the military for five years. While serving, I received what is now \$2,700 in Series EE bonds. Should I keep them?

- Tammy

Dear Tammy,

If it were me, I'd cash them in and do my own investing with the money. Series EE bonds have a very low rate of return. They don't pay much, and they're not good long-term investments. They're almost like keeping your money in a certificate of deposit over the long haul.

Investing is never a bad idea, and I know that may seem like a lot of money to you at the moment. But my advice is to cash out

the bonds, find a financial advisor with the heart of a teacher, and invest the money in growth stock mutual funds with a good five- to 10-year track record. After that, get set up for auto-draft on your checking account and put at least \$50 a month into your new mutual fund. That's a much better plan!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

$\sqrt{\text{Onward:}}$ Idaho continues to leave its mark on nation with production

From Page 18

We have much to celebrate in this 150th year of the Idaho Territory. In addition to our state's abundance of natural resources, Idahoans continue to embody the determination and strength that were critical to developing 200 incorporated cities across 44 counties. Much of this heritage was shaped by those who lived in the territory that eventually became Idaho, including the thousands of Native Americans who called the area home. There is no doubt the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Shoshone-Paiute contribute to the richness of Idaho's history and are important to its future.

Idahoans produce high-quality food and innovative products that help people across the nation and around the world. Our farm families have grown Idaho agriculture into a \$7 billion-plus industry that ranks in the top 10 in the nation for 25 different crops and livestock. In 2012, Idaho

businesses exported a record-breaking total of more than \$6 billion in products, including semiconductors, industrial equipment, precious/semi-precious metals, agricultural commodities and processed food, fertilizers, paper and forest products and personal care products.

The world's first usable electricity from nuclear energy was generated at the Idaho National Laboratory, which has provided more than 60 years of service to our nation's energy security and defense.

Idaho is also home to military installations that provide world-class training and contribute greatly to our nation's defense. Many of Idaho's best and bravest have volunteered to defend our freedoms at home and abroad throughout our history.

As we begin the next 150 years, we will continue to build on these successes. I am encouraged by the nearly 282,000 students enrolled in 115 traditional and 44 charter K-12 schools across the state, and more than 65,000 students are being educated at Idaho's eight colleges and universities. They represent tomorrow's leaders and innovators.

Idaho's motto "esto perpetua," meaning let it endure forever, exemplifies Idaho's history of strength and endurance. The Idahoans who established our communities relied on values such as responsibility and perseverance to establish a base from which we could build our great state and the platform for a bright future. Idaho has had many successes during the past 150 years, and I look forward to the achievements ahead in our state's future.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit http://crapo. senate.gov.

√ Anniversary: Lincoln's fingerprints all over settlement of Idaho, West

In the midst of this epic struggle that evolved into the Civil War, Idaho was a blocking maneuver on the board game of a Nation. This loyal union territory of 310,000 square miles, bounded by Oregon, Canada and Utah, stretching far eastward to the Dakotas, forever foreclosed slavery in an area larger than Texas.

Staffed by Lincoln's personal friends and political allies, Idaho Territory could be trusted to fly the American His Land Grant College Act endowed funding for the flag.

The president had additional ambitions for us. Lincoln wealth of Idaho is providing far greater than first anticipated." This was especially good news, in the midst of battle, for the gold and silver mined in Idaho was shipped to

San Francisco. There it was minted into millions of dollars of coinage to help finance and win the war.

For his part, Lincoln also found time to remake the civilian West — even while overwhelmed as military Commander-in-Chief. His authorization of the Homestead Act gave us Idaho family farms.

Lincoln's autograph on the Transcontinental Railroad Act tied us into a spider web of rails that led to the future. University of Idaho.

A hundred and fifty years ago, Lincoln and Idaho were told Congress just eight months later that "the mineral" bonded together as political partners in the greatest struggle our continent has ever seen. Fortunately, we stitched back North. Thanks to our ancestors, there are no more slave Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Now, the largest auditorium in the Statehouse in Boise has been renamed for Lincoln. A bronze tablet and a portrait was hung. During March 4 festivities, Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and a Lincoln look-alike delivered speeches on the Capitol steps. Hurrah for Idaho.

All America should celebrate with us the Sesquicentennial of Idaho Territory! Every Idahoan should reflect with pride how we, together with Abraham Lincoln, did our part to preserve the United States of America. As Lincoln predicted, we a century and a half later remain the "Last Best Hope of Earth".

— Former Idaho Attorney General and Lt. Gov. David together a new and improved West with the South and the Leroy also is the former chair of the Idaho Abraham

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 16, 1988

Council gives nod to parallel parking

Head-in parking on Idaho Avenue and Main Street got its official walking papers in the March 9 meeting of the Homedale City Council.

After a brief hearing, the council voted unanimously to do away with head-in parking on the city's two main thoroughfares and to institute parallel parking.

According to Public Works Director Larry Bauer, both of the streets will be completely marked for parallel parking by late July or early August.

Support for the move to parallel parking in Homedale's business district seemed unanimous during a public hearing on the issue at the beginning of the regular council meeting.

There were, in fact, no opponents to the parallel parking, in spite of reports early last week that several downtown business owners would probably oppose that move away from head-in parking because the new parking configuration would cut down on the number of spaces in front of their business.

Tree planting marks 100lth

The kickoff to the University of Idaho's Centennial Celebration of Owyhee County came to Homedale Monday.

At noon Monday, Dr. Leon Neuenschwander of the U of I Forestry Department, and two forestry students planted five native Idaho trees in Homedale's Riverside park.

The trees were donated by the university's alumni association, and will be dedicated in special ceremonies in June.

The five varieties of trees planted in Riverside Park, according to Neuenschwander, are each of special significance to the state and to the university.

Included among the trees planted locally are:

- The western white pine the state tree, signifying scenic beauty.
- The Idaho hybrid poplar representing the high technology of its development at the U of I.
- The Douglas fir representing strength and stability with its longevity.
- The western larch representing the rapid growth and the diversity of Idaho.
- The Ponderosa pine representing perseverance and longevity.

Two grants awarded

A Homedale High School teacher and the Owyhee County Historical Society will be benefited by two of 16 grants recently awarded by the Idaho Humanities Council.

HHS' Frank Craig was awarded a \$470 teacher incentive grant by the council, and a \$6,500 matching grant that will enable teachers to participate in the archaeological excavation of Silver City went to the "1988 Silver City Excavation" supervised by Linda Morton of the Owyhee County Historical Society.

Craig will use his grant to develop a lesson plan on Greek mythology for his college preparatory English classes.

According to a spokesman for the humanities council, Craig's mythology study unit will include an in-depth study of Greek gods and selected myths. Dr. Louise Ackley of Boise State University and Dr. Frank Specht of The College of Idaho will appear in Craig's classes as guest lecturers.

The grant will also enable Craig to present his lesson plan at the Ancient World Institute at Moscow during the summer.

The Silver City Excavation grant will fund a program designed to strengthen the humanities background of teachers in Idaho high schools by involving 20 instructors in an archaeological research project being conducted in the historic mining community of Silver City.

Teachers, according to the humanities council, will work with professional archaeologists and historians and attend a series of guest lectures on subjects related to archeology, history and historical research methods.

50 years ago

March 14, 1963

\$115,000 in fund for new Succor Creek bridge

Idaho's State Highway Board of Directors announced Tuesday that \$115,000 is now available in emergency relief funds to replace the Succor Creek bridge at Homedale, which was washed out during the February flood.

The project – under a 50 percent federal and state matching plan – was one of five listed in a \$552,100 authorization by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Labor camp requests 25 to 30 workers

The Homedale Farm Labor Association has requested through the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and Idaho Employment Security Office for 25 to 30 workers to arrive here this weekend.

These workers will be employed for the early work in the fields. At present there are eight workers living in the local camp and have been working about three weeks, according to Joe Eiguren camp manager.

Roping contests held in Murphy Sundays

Jackpot calf roping and team roping are held at Wrights Arena in Murphy every Sunday starting at noon.

March 3rd winners were Dee Worley and W. H. Scott of Caldwell, first. Jim Roeser and Bob A. Robinson, second.

Gem Irrigation

Gem Irrigation District Pumping Plant now has a huge transformer installed topped by a flagpole. The completely renovated plant was tested Tuesday, March 5 when all eight motors and pumps were run for a short time. Tom Cotton, manager, and Roy Ganow, foreman, were hosts at an open house, at the plant, with lunch at noon.

Legion Auxiliary meets March 12 at El Gavilan

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held March 12 at El Gavilan. A turkey dinner was served preceding the meeting. Due to illness there were only eight members present.

Mrs. Violet Dazey gave an interesting report on the living conditions in the Dominican Republic. As our Pan-American project, the Auxiliary is donating pennies for the children and schools of their Republic. By helping our Pan-American neighbors, we can help to keep the ideals of Americanism alive. The future of our country is in the hands of our children and the children of our neighboring countries.

Felisa Echevarria presented two awards which the Auxiliary received at the 3rd District meeting in Caldwell. These awards were given for reaching quota in membership and for having two members above quota.

Mrs. Violet Dazey gave the report on the 3rd district meeting and brought out the importance of more members being present at the district meetings as there is much information to be gained.

The ladies of the Auxiliary donated and served a meal to the Carter family and their friends following the funeral of Mrs. Arminta Carter. Felisa Echevarria was in charge of this project of goodwill. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Carter and his daughter, Rebecca. Mrs. Carter was a faithful worker in the Auxiliary.

Sage Creek 4-H takes tour in February

Sage Creek 4-H club went on a beef tour Feb. 9 and looked at the members' livestock. Tommy Morris, club president, and Bob Bauer, club leader, took the members in their cars.

The club met at the armory in Homedale and visited the homes of Larry Bauer, Steve Dunn, Carol and Vicki Howell, Kenneth Kubosumi, Tommy and Ann Morris. Kerry Nafsigner, Randy Vance, and Tresa Middleton.

We held our meeting March 5. A skating party was set for Friday, March 15. Transportation will be furnished by Tom Morris, Ray Huter, Bob Bauer, Don Schaeffer, and Louis Breshears. Everyone will meet at the armory at 7 o'clock.

Dues were paid by members, and money was paid for signs for each member – Tresa Middleton, reporter.

140 years ago

March 15, 1873

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. Humboldt, in the Cosmos, states that the Chinese had magnetic carriages with which to guide themselves across the great plains of Tartary, one thousand years before our era, on the principle of the compass. The prototype of the steam engine has been traced to the eolipyle of Hero of Alexander. The Romans used moveable types to mark their pottery and endorse their books. Mr. Layard found in the Nineveh a magnifying lens of rock crystal, which Sir D. Brewster considers a true optical lens, and the origin of the microscope. The principle of the stereoscope, invented by Prof. Wheatstone, was known to Euclid, described by Galen fifteen hundred years ago, and more fully in 1599, A.D., in the works of Baptista Porta. The Thames tunnel, though such a novelty, was anticipated by that under the Euphrates, in Babylon: and the ancient Egyptians had a Suez Canal. Such examples might be indefinitely multiplied, but we turn to photography. M. Jobard, in his "Novellas Inventions aux Expositions Universelles," 1857, says a translation from German was discovered in Russia, three hundred years old, which contains a clear explanation of photography. The old alchemists understood the properties of chloride of silver in relation to light and its photographic action is explained by Fabricius in "De Rebus Meimllieis," 1566. The daguerreotype process was anticipated by De la Roche in his "Giphautie," 1760, thought is was only the statement of a dreamer.

NOAH'S REAL NAME. It is said that the Chinese declare that Noah's real name was Ah Boo, and that he resided in Pekiu. Unfortunately, Noah's family bible was lost in the flood, and we can not ascertain from it exactly what his name was. His door plate also seems to be missing, and he had a careless way of neglecting to mark his shifts: so we are baffled in that direction. We have inquired at the libraries for a copy of the Pekiu directory of that roll, to see if Noah really figured in those pages but the only copy any of them had was out. For our own part, we do not believe his name as Ah Boo, and that he resided in Pekiu. These Chinamen claim everything that is going, from gunpowder up to newspapers. If we give them any ground on the Noah business, the first thing we know they will be out with the assertion that the Ark was insured in the Pekiu Mutual Company, and that Noah used to give the Pekiu newspaper people free tickets to go in and watch the animals perform. The interests of Christianity require that we should believe the Bible.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN. John McNamara, who came in from South Mountain a few days ago informs us that there are only four men hibernating in that camp, viz: John Buckley, John Donnelly, Jack Hopper and George Gates. Buckley is working on the Robie ledge, and has a shaft down 60 feet; Gates and Hopper are working on the Rose, and have a shaft down 47 feet; Donnelly is prospecting.

FOUND. On Wednesday last opposite Hoffer & Miller's meat market, Washington Street, a memorandum book, containing accounts, memorandums, &c., together with two letters, one of which was addressed to Miss Minnie Dyer, and the other, to Captain Geo. Drew. The owner can get the book by calling at the Avalanche office.

THE RESURRECTION. The Millerites publish a paper in Meriden, Connecticut, advocating the resurrection of the dead in 1873. They are also to petition the State Legislature to the end, and are bringing other influences to bear, and if pluck and enterprise are of any avail, they will bring through a resurrection or bust.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. George Nicholson is acting Superintendent of the Golden Chariot mine during Mr. Linkton's absence.

A young lady got on her muscle and gave a fellow a black eye in town the other afternoon. Served him right.

ublic notices

SYNOPSIS OF **COMMISSIONER MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

Approved purchase of a 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup for Sheriff's Department. Appointment of Mike Beavers to the Waterways Committee.

Letter to BLM Owyhee Field Office protesting the Field Managers Proposed Decision on Grazing Permits.

Meeting with Idaho County Commissioner regarding Federal Land. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty. net or in the Clerk's office. 3/13/13

OWYHEE COUNTY NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1404, notice is hereby given for the candidate filing deadline for the following taxing districts that will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County on May 21, 2013. In order to appear on the Election ballot, a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the office of said districts as stated below. Declaration of Candidacy forms can be obtained at the district's office or the Election Office at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy. Forms are also available at www. owyheecounty.net, elections, election forms. 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 (March 22, 2013). 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 (April 5, 2013).

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICT:

SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Bruneau Grand View Joint School District 365, 660 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho 83624

Castleford School District 417, 500 Main St, Castleford, Idaho 83321

Glenns Ferry Joint School District 192, 800 Highway 30, Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623

Homedale Joint School District 370, 116 E Owyhee Ave, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Melba Joint School District 136, 520 Broadway Ave, Melba, Idaho 83641

Marsing School Joint District 363, 209 8th Ave W (Hwy 78), Marsing, Idaho 83639

Pleasant Valley School District, 28026 Juniper Mountain Rd, Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910

Three Creek Joint School District 416, 49909 Three Creek Highway, Rogerson, Idaho 83302

HIGHWAY DISTRICTS:

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Three Creek Highway District, 56560 Blossom Kd, Rogerson, Idaho 83302

LIBRARY DISTRICTS:

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Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho 83624

Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave W, Marsing, Idaho 83639 3/13/13

LIEN SALE

Unit F-7, Brenda Houser, PO

Box 51, Homedale, ID 83628. Tools and misc. household goods.

Unit A-2, Jose and Caroline Garcia, 511 S. Main, Homedale, ID 83628. Air conditioner and misc. household goods.

Unit H-6, Rachel Owens, 20261 Ila Ln, Caldwell, ID 83607. Misc. household items.

Unit H-11, Juan Presiado, 3110 E 13 St, The Dalles, OR 97058. Misc. household items.

Unit I-14, Maxwell Ormsby, 32400 Nichole Ln, Parma, ID 83660. Misc. household items.

Items will be sold at live auction on 03-23-2013 at 1:00 pm. Located at Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628.

3/6,13/13

LEIN SALE

1957 English Ford Anglia Vin# 100E360599; 1947 Willy's Vin# C12A173167; 1974 28' Ken Craft Vin# 42K262X0320. Sale to be held Saturday, March 16th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at 114 S Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, ID 83639 3/6,13/13

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2013-02846 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE **COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

IN RE: Gilbert Geramy King. A Petition to change the name of Gilbert Geramy King, now residing in the City of Oreana, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Geramy Gilbert King. The reason for the change in name is: my dad's name is Gilbert, and I am called Geramy.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock a.m. on 4/8/13 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 2/25/13 CHAROLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk of the District Court

BY: Lena Johnson 3/13,20,27;4/3/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, 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,

LOT 14, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 12 1/2 FEET AND ALL OF LOTS 15 AND 16 OF BLOCK 58 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 31 West Oregon Ave., Homedale, Idaho, 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 MARK A. BOOTHBY and AMY BOOTHBY, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded September 20, 2007, as Instrument No. 262493, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), <u>IDAHO</u> 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 when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated September 10, 2007, in the amount of \$947.00 each, for the months of September, 2012, through January, 2013, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.44% per annum from August 1, 2012. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$124,699.03 plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.44% per annum from August 1, 2012

DATED This 15th day of

February, 2013. RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

2/27;3/6,13,20/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S **SALE**

Trustee's Sale No. ID-PRV-13002593

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 27, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATEDAT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho,

ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT 'A' AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 420 FRONTAGE ROAD, GRANDVIEW, ID 83624, 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 DENNIS F. CHAFE AND DARLENE F. CHAFE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF ADA COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of UNITED CAPITAL MORTGAGE COMPAY, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 12/15/2010, recorded 12/23/2010, under Instrument No. 273160, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by UNITED CAPÎTAL MÔRTGAGE COMPAY, INC.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/15/2010, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING INTEREST, CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$21,000.00, together with interest thereon at 7.000% per annum from 2/23/2012, until paid.

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

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 2/19/2013.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

Trustee By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Secretary, c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land having 192 1/2 foot frontage on the Grand View to Bruneau Highway in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Section corner common to Section 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 0° 17' East 14.10 feet along the Section line to a point; thence

South 79° 27' East 235.10 feet along the South Highway right of way line to a point on the curve; thence along a curve to the right having the following description, a central angle 5° 55' tangent of 296.1 feet, a radius of 5,729.58 feet, a 1° curve, and whose South right of way long chord bears

South 76° 29' 30" East 586.24 feet to a point on the tangent;

South 73° 32' East 580.64 feet along the Southerly right of way line of the Murphy-Bruneau Highway to the Northeast corner of Lot 6 of the Sheldon Burghardt

Survey, an iron pin, the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

South 73° 32' East along the South right of way line of the Bruneau-Grand View Highway 192.5 feet to an iron pin; thence South 05° 39'40" West 120.00

feet to an iron pin; thence North 73° 32' West a distance of 192.5 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 05° 39' 40" East, a distance of 120.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. 2/27;3/6,13,20/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S **SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 13, 2013 File No.: 7037.94653 Sale date and time (local time): June 14, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 230 W Montana Ave Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Brandon Wright, a married man, as his sole & separate property Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns Recording date: 06/30/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 265510 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 13, 2013: \$66,105.61 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: Lot 10 in Block 39 of Amended Townsite of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. 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# 7037.94653) 1002.242117-File No.

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SUMMONS FOR
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CASE NO. CV2012-02441
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE

COLLECTION BUREAU, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff,

-VS-

A M A N D A N I C K O L E VESTAL, Defendant.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is monies due and owing. Anytime after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Mark L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846, Nampa, Idaho, 83653; (208) 463-2311. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this

DATED Feb. 12, 2013 Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy

2/27;3/6,13,20/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 26, 2013 File No.: 8277.20030 Sale date and time (local time): July 26, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 12631 Trail Drive Rd aka 12631 Trail Drive Ln Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Rodney A Schramm and Joni M Schramm, husband and wife Original trustee: Stewart Title of Nampa Original beneficiary: First Mortgage Company of Idaho LLC Recording date: 06/09/2009 Recorder's instrument number: 268389 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 26, 2013: \$112,752.94 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: A part of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West of the Boise Meridian in Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West of the Boise Meridian in Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89 degrees 14'45" East 1327.39 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the Northwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 41'50" West 333.41 feet, along the West line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, to the Initial Point of this description; thence continuing South 0 degrees 41'50' West 161.00 feet, along the West line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to a point; thence South 89 degrees 16'13" East 270.00 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 43'50" East 161.00 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 16'13" West 270.00 feet to the Initial Point of this description. 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# 8277.20030) 1002.243077-File No.

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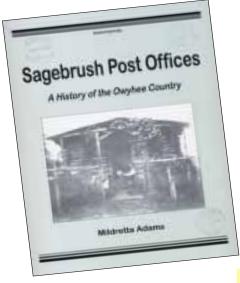
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√ **Testing:** Adjacent property owners have been contacted

Market Road corridor already have been contacted.

The majority of the seismic operations will be conducted across county roads that have been permitted through the required state and county agencies.

Burd explained crews will be conducting a two-dimensional seismic program using a small vibrator truck, geophone and cables. He said the testing sends seismic waves through the ground to provide a picture of the structures underground as they are reflected back and documented.

Property owners usually can't tell seismic testing has taken place, Burd said. Anyone with questions can call Western Land Services at (866) 896-5521.

Demshar won't seek another board term

John Demshar has declined to seek re-election to the Homedale Highway District board.

The man appointed to complete his father Fred's four-year term as subdistrict 2 commissioner told fellow commissioners he would not accept a petition of candidacy for the May 21 election.

"I don't feel like I'm able right now," Demshar said during Wednesday's meeting. "The answer is no."

Demshar told The Owyhee Avalanche he had personal reasons for not seeking another term. His current term ends June 30.

"I don't think I can pay attention to the job as it deserves," he

Demshar has served since July

because of health problems, district secretary Terri Uria said.

Demshar's two-year stay with Subdistrict 1 Commissioner and chair Larry Prow and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui has seen an overhaul in personnel and a move toward more structure in day-to-day operations.

"I want to thank you for being here helping us," Prow told Demshar.

Prospective candidates have until Friday, March 22 to file petitions with Uria or the Owyhee County elections office. The write-in candidate filing deadline is Friday, April 5.

For more information, contact Uria at 337-3954 or terriku76@ hotmail.com or leave a message at





Homedale Highway District Director of Highways Stuart Constantine presented commissioners with new maps generated by the Idaho Transportation Department during Wednesday's meeting. Clockwise from left: Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui, Constantine, district counsel Bill Gigray, Subdistrict 1 Commissioner and chair Larry Prow and Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar.

$\sqrt{\text{Levy:}}$ Vote will come at May 21 election

went to the City of Homedale budget.

The City of Homedale receives the portion of levy proceeds collected on property within the city limits. That revenue must be placed specifically in the city's streets and highways budget.

According to its current budget, the highway district was scheduled to have a fund balance of \$50,719.15 by the end of the fiscal year, drawing down by about \$42,000 the cash on hand at the start of FY 2013.

The levy increase is long overdue in board chair Larry Prow's mind

"I think it should have been done 20 years ago, and we wouldn't be in the situation we are today with our road structures," the Subdistrict 1 commissioner said.

The longest-serving member

in his assessment of what the district can and cannot do given its current finances and the price of materials.

Recently, he said that the rotomilled Nielson Lane most likely would stay in its unfinished state because of the high price of asphalt. The commissioners said they

understood the hardships people are experiencing because of the economy, but conceded that the levy increase is a necessary move to try to regain control of the district's network of roadways.

"All of us have been using the same roads we've used all our lives. Traffic is just heavier," Demshar said. "If we felt people could afford it, I'd ask for more."

The loads on the roads are heavier, too, and commissioners among the current board fear they could get even more (including Subdistrict 2's John burdensome if the Idaho Demshar), Prow has been frank Legislature raises the allowable commercial load limit on state highways from 105,000 pounds to 129,000 pounds. In reality, those heavy trucks would also use district roads that can't sustain those weights.

"We don't need the extra burden of that at all," Demshar said.

Recent history also showed commissioners just how little the dollar gets in road repair these days. It took about \$100,000 to resurface a half-mile stretch of Thompson Road.

"That grant was the slap in the face. It was the reality of how far it would go," Demshar said.

Salutregui said the ideal scenario would be to have enough revenue to keep up with annual maintenance and perform one capital improvement project each year. Currently, though, even playing catch-up is difficult.

Demshar said that, if the levy passes, he would like to "earmark" some of the revenue specifically for capital improvements.

District counsel Bill Gigray, whose legal fees have added to the district's financial burden in recent months as the district works through policy modernization, pointed out that a lack of regular maintenance could lead to catastrophic failures in the road system and exorbitant rebuilding price tags.

"My thoughts are we should try to save the good roads we have, like Market and Johnstone, and keep the outlying roads maintainable," district director of highways Stuart Constantine said.

