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### Getting an early start



### Hundreds hunt Easter eggs

Area Easter egg hunts attracted some eagle-eyed — and eager — participants. *Above:* A mother chases her son prior to the official start of the 1- to 3-year-old division at Sundance Park in Homedale. *Left:* Cameron Grant, son of Sheriff Perry Grant and Halie Grant, finds another treat in Murphy. Submitted photo. For more photos, see **Page 13**.

## Homedale school trustees to seek supplemental levy

May 21 ballot measure would generate \$968K, raise taxes

Two years after a smaller supplemental levy failed, Homedale school trustees are reaching out to patrons again.

Board chair Tim Quintana confirmed last week that the district will seek a two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy during the May 21 election.

“It’s not a secret that we’ve had just tremendous cuts to our funding from the state level to the federal level,” Quintana said.

The proposed levy, which if approved would bring the school district \$484,100 annually for the next two school years, is larger than a two-year, \$720,000 supplemental levy that voters rejected in 2011. Furlough days and other cuts followed, although federal money came later to help return most of the lost pay to teachers.

If passed, the levy will raise patrons’ property taxes, Quintana said.

“I hate it, but what’s our alternative?” he asked. “When you look at surrounding districts and look at our pay scales, we’re not even competitive.”

“It’s not a situation where we

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## Humble Holzhey earns Marsing’s Lion of Year

Treasurer immersed in community events

Debbie Holzhey is the type of person that puts her head down and just does her job — or any job necessary — for the betterment of her community.

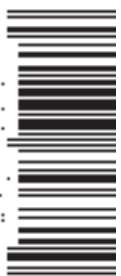
She has worked for the Marsing School District for nearly 20 years, and made an impact as soon as she arrived on the scene.

The same can be said for her involvement with the Marsing Lions Club. She’s only been a



Debbie Holzhey has been a Lions Club member since 2009.

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# School boards will lose experience with next election

## Usabel ending 22 years in Marsing; three leaving Homedale

Come June 30, there will be an exodus of school board incumbents in Homedale and Marsing.

The largest volume of changes will be seen in Homedale where all three incumbents eligible for re-election, including the current chair and vice-chair have decided to step away from the governing board.

Perhaps the biggest changing of the guard, however, will be in Zone 1 in the Marsing School District.

Current board chair Joe Usabel, who has served on the board continuously since 1991, will not seek a sixth full term, ending his tenure at 22 years. He served as chair through 19 reorganizations.

The last of Usabel's four children to go through the Marsing school system, Lacey, graduates in May.

"I handed my other children their diplomas, and my last child

is graduating this year," Usabel said. "Twenty-two years is too long.

"In my own opinion, I think 10 years should be long enough and you should get somebody else in there, but my last children were quite a few years apart, so I stuck around."

Michael Lankow will seek to succeed Usabel.

"Mike's a good guy," Usabel said. "I made sure there was somebody to run that would do a decent job before I decided not to.

"Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed my times on there and trying to make sure things run smooth. I'm just tired."

Usabel said there still some things to work through before he leaves the board at the end of June, but he couldn't comment on them because they are personnel matters.

School board elections throughout Owyhee County take

place Tuesday, May 21.

Anyone wishing to run as a write-in candidate in any of the school board elections — Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Pleasant Valley or Three Creek — has until 5 p.m. Friday to file paperwork with the appropriate district clerk or the county elections office in Murphy.

In Homedale, board chair Tim Quintana (Zone 2), vice-chair Kevin Miyasako (Zone 3) and Zone 4 Trustee Todd Kelly all have opted out of seeking more time on the board.

Quintana and Miyasako both said they stepped away to give other people opportunities to serve.

"I feel like it's time for some fresh blood," two-term Quintana said. "After two terms, my children are gone and I've inherited some additional responsibilities with my parents passing away."

Quintana's two children — Homedale High School graduates Mitch and Megan — are studying at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Mitch is a

senior, and Megan is a junior.

He also now runs at Jordan Valley ranch inherited from his mother and father.

A financial planner in Caldwell, Quintana said he and his wife, Nikki, moved back to Homedale to put their children through the school system. He also said it's possible that he could run as a write-in, but said, "I really hope there is a quality person that steps up and registers as a write-in."

"Between my businesses and my children being gone, I think it's time for someone to come in who might have more time and some new ideas," he said.

Miyasako is completing a five-year term in Zone 3, which covers the Canyon County portion of the district. An extra year was added to his term when the Idaho Legislature voted to consolidate elections in each county.

This is Miyasako's second term.

"There are a lot of people in my zone that I think can do a good job," he said.

"It was a very fulfilling experience for me, and I appreciate

the community for allowing me to serve on the board."

Dwayne Fisher has filed a petition to get on the May 21 ballot in an attempt to succeed Miyasako, the Owyhee County elections office reported Friday.

In Homedale's Zone 4, Todd Kelly has decided not to seek a second term. Shelley Shenk will be on the May 21 ballot in an attempt to succeed Kelly.

While Usabel is retiring from the Marsing board, his longtime colleague, Zone 3 Trustee Betty Ackerman, will seek a fourth full term. She has served since February 2001 when she finished Sue Showalter's term.

Zone 5 Trustee Clay Sauer has announced he'll seek a second term representing the area that includes part of Owyhee County and the Canyon County portion of Marsing's joint district.

As with Miyasako in Homedale, Ackerman and Sauer have served five years in their current terms because of election consolidation.

— JPB

## Donation to assist with rodeo safety



**Owyhee County Farm Bureau helps Marsing Rodeo Club**

*Owyhee County Farm Bureau President John Richard presented a \$150 check to the Marsing Rodeo Club on Friday. Receiving the check from Richard is Hudson Sauer. Looking on are, from left, Austin Williams, Shelby Dines and Carey Dines. The club will use the donation to buy safety equipment such helmets and vests for the rough stock riders.*

## Scorpion Creek bridge construction begins on Idaho 78

Work to replace the Scorpion Creek culverts on Idaho highway 78 began Tuesday.

The culverts, which are about six miles northwest of Murphy and four miles southeast of the Idaho 78/Idaho 45 split, will be replaced with a concrete slab bridge.

The project will take about five months.

Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Reed Hollinshead said motorists should expect no significant traffic impacts for the first few days.

"The project will begin with widening the road and shifting traffic to work on the first half of the bridge," Hollinshead

wrote in an email.

Flaggers will be in place guiding traffic until temporary traffic signals are in place and operating.

Traffic will be impacted 24 hours a day once the signals are in place, Hollinshead said.

The approaches will be reconstructed to match the new height and the wider bridge.

No night or weekend work is anticipated, but it is allowed if necessary to finish the project on time.

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# Homedale residents can soon pay city bills with plastic

City slowly bringing in past-due irrigation bills

Homedale City Hall soon will accept credit cards for all transactions after the city council gave unanimous approval Thursday. Council members agreed to enlist the services of Access Idaho to handle the transactions. That means a surcharge of three percent of the total bill plus \$1. The city receives none of the surcharge. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice

Pegram welcomed the option to accept plastic at City Hall, saying that it could help the town shore up its irrigation fund. Several residents are at least a year behind on irrigation payments, and some have called to pay with a credit card only to be turned away. Pegram also said she has heard nothing but great things about Access Idaho from her colleagues in other governments. “With every clerk and treasurer I talked to, there are no negative comments,” she said. Even without the luxury of credit cards, the city has seen an increase in the number of people working to get current with their

irrigation bills. The fund began the year with residents a year or behind on their bills owing \$32,380. A campaign that has included warning letters on Homedale Police Department letterhead has brought in nearly \$6,000 in over-due payments, Pegram said. About 95 letters were sent to residents, and the average debt is \$260, but the city clerk and treasurer said there are some water-users who owe significantly more. Another warning letter will be sent before the irrigation water flows, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. “The response has been over-

whelming,” the chief said. Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said Homedale residents can expect irrigation water around April 20. Mayor Paul Fink was blunt about how those in arrears should be treated if they are found to be using water this year before paying their bills. “If you’re caught irrigating and you haven’t paid your assessment, I’m going to issue a citation of theft of services,” he said. “We’re going to get caught up so we can do some of the things we have to do.” Fink’s ire about the state of the irrigation fund boiled over when

the council began discussing options to abate the dust problem on the Sundance Park auxiliary parking lot. Council members suggested installing sprinklers or planting grass as options for the four-acre parcel. “Council, we don’t have enough money to buy another joint of pipe down there, how do you plan to pay for this?” Fink asked, frustration evident in his voice. Councilman Tim Downing assured the mayor that the suggestions were only discussion and that no action was planned until the funding was available. — JPB

# Marsing woman plans to run to fight multiple sclerosis

Marsing resident Michelle Jacobi is running for the lives of those affected by multiple sclerosis and is asking the community to help support her efforts. Jacobi is taking part in the MS Run the U.S., a relay that reaches coast-to-coast from Los Angeles to New York City. Jacobi is doing the unthinkable. She has MS and with little training under her belt and still recovering from a stress fracture in her foot, she’ll run 26 miles a day (a

marathon) every day for one week through the formidable Wasatch Mountains of Utah starting May 13. She will start in Provo and end in Vernal running 167 miles of hills to raise money and awareness for the



Michelle Jacobi

How to help

For \$500, local businesses can have their name put on a T-shirt that Jacobi will wear during her marathon runs.

Folks can buy a “shoe” at Logan’s Market, or Spot Pizza for any amount

People can donate online at <http://www.tacklems.com>, or by contacting Jacobi at (208) 283-9832 or [michellej@cbhhomes.com](mailto:michellej@cbhhomes.com)

crippling disease. “Seventeen years ago I experienced my first real

symptoms of multiple sclerosis,” Jacobi said “It was frustrating, but the emotional struggle to get

answers to what was causing the numbness and lack of feeling and mobility was even more trying. “When I finally got my diagnosis nine years ago, it became apparent that I needed to do something to prevent this path from happening to others. I wanted to jump in and make a difference. I wanted to create more awareness to get a faster diagnosis for others. Most of all I wanted to find a cure.” — AS

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# Work begins on Austrian Settlement centennial

## Festival planned for early next year

Descendants of the original eight families that settled south of Homedale are planning a centennial celebration for the Austrian Settlement.

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar, who lives on ground settled by his ancestors, and Matt and Colleen Paxton visited last week's Homedale Chamber of Commerce

meeting to discuss the plans.

The centennial celebration is slated for Feb. 14-15, 2014.

Planning meetings already are under way, and the next one is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale. The meetings are open to the public.

Demshar said the planners are looking for grants to help make the festival a reality.

The plan is to have a reunion dinner for the Austrian descendants on Feb. 14 with a public event on Feb. 15 at an indoor venue.

The public event would feature dances, music and food traditional to the descendants' homeland, which actually is Slovenia.

Donations also will be sought to erect a historical marker or memorial commemorating the arrival in Homedale of the settlers by rail from Rock Springs, Wyo.

Demshar said he plans to approach the county commissioners about using \$3,000 in historical preservation funds for a related project.

Demshar welcomed anyone who was interested helping out or wanting more information

to contact him at [director@owyheemuseum.org](mailto:director@owyheemuseum.org) or (208) 495-2319 Tuesday through Friday.

"I think you can see this as something we can all get behind," Chamber president Gavin Parker told members gathered at the organization's monthly luncheon.

Demshar also said that he is working on ways to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Owyhee County's founding, including an exhibit on the county's towns and their history to be housed at the museum later this year.

The sesquicentennial will be

acknowledged during the June 1-2 Outpost Days in Murphy.

Demshar said District 23B Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) provided a stirring speech on the county when the Idaho House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 25 recognizing Owyhee as the first county in the Idaho Territory.

HCR 25, co-sponsored by District 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and District 23A Rep. Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) was adopted March 25 in Boise.

— JPB

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# As membership swells, Lions salute longtime members

## Marsing bingo down to final two Saturdays

Three longstanding members were honored last month at the Marsing Lions Club's 53rd Charter Party.

District 39W Governor Ashley Seymour awarded recognition pins to Lions Thomas Ineck, Merrill Tallman and Herb Churruca for their years with the service club.

The awards were received March 19 during a dinner at the Marsing Senior Center celebrating the club, which was founded in 1960.

Lions Club representatives from chapters in Kuna and Grand View also attended.

Ineck has been a part of the Marsing Lions for 35 years. Tallman and Churruca received 20-year pins.

At the end of the dinner, club member Deb Holzhey was announced as the 2012 Lion of the Year.

"A vote is taken among the Marsing Lions members sometime after the first of the year," Lion Jeannie Marie Drennon said. "It is a secret until the announcement at the end of the party."

Drennon said nearly all of the Marsing club's membership attended the party.



Master of ceremonies David VanWassenhove, also one of the club's Tail Twisters, presides over the Marsing Lions Club's charter party. Submitted photo

Membership has spiked during the past year, and there are now 25 people involved with the Marsing Lions Club, according to Holzhey, who is the organization's membership coordinator.

Holzhey said eight new members have com on board in the past year, including two spouses of men who already were members.

Drennon, the wife of Lion Roman Usabel, and Sharon VanWassenhove, who is married to Dave VanWassenhove, are two of the new members.

Other new members include JoLyn Roberts and her husband Michael VanWassenhove, Laura Bowman, Jolyn Green, Mary Nelson, and Becky Salove.

The party included a social

hour and prime rib dinner. Lion David VanWassenhove handled master of ceremonies duties, and members of the Marsing High School Business Professionals of America chapter served dinner.

A raffle also was held.

District 39W includes Lions Club chapters in Grand View, Homedale and Adrian as well as Boise, Declo, Rupert, Midvale, Twin Falls, Ontario, Ore., and Vale, Ore.

The Marsing Lions Club's community service activities include supporting the Marsing Senior Center, supplying scholarships to graduating Marsing High School seniors and providing eyeglasses for the needy. Holzhey said the club is still raising money for this year's scholarships, which usually

line out at about \$300 each for the graduates.

On Saturday, the club will holds its second-to-last fundraising bingo night of the 2012-13 season. A beneficiary group hasn't been selected yet, Holzhey said.

Proceeds from the May 4 bingo finale will go to the senior center, which also received money from the Charter Party dinner.

Bingo nights begin at 6:45 p.m. for an early-bird game, with regular games beginning at 7 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The early bird game entry is \$1. Cost for regular games is \$15, which covers 12 games. Each additional set costs \$5. Dobbers will be available for \$1 each.

Marsing Lions Club officers

**President**  
Eric Stansell

**1st vice-president**  
Thomas Ineck

**2nd vice-president**  
Roman Usabel

**Secretary**  
Betty Ackerman

**Treasurer**  
Debbie Holzhey

**Tail Twisters**  
David VanWassenhove and Bob Malmberg

**Lion Tamer**  
Jeannie Drennon

**Past president**  
Darin Holzhey

There also is a Hot Number option for \$1. The Hot Number is the first number drawn each evening. If a person gets bingo on that number, they'll win the pot.

If there is no winner, the pot builds throughout the season.

If no one wins the Hot Number pot, the prize will be given away with the last game of the season.

The Lions Club provides drinks and popcorn for contestants each Saturday.

Proceeds from the club's Third of July barbecue support the eye-glass program.

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# ✓ Holzhey: Treasurer's role appeared on resume after she missed meeting

member for four years, but last month the membership honored her with the 2012 Lion of the Year Award.

Holzhey, however, isn't sure she deserves the accolade.

"I don't know that I do enough to receive an award," she said modestly. "I thought the same thing when I got the sportsmanship award at the (2A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament)."

When Holzhey expressed skepticism for receiving that

award prior to Marsing High School's first game in this year's tournament, athletic director Tim Little said, "Look at the three words on the T-shirt."

"Respect. Integrity. Ethics."

That is a reputation Holzhey has built in the Marsing community since she and her husband, Lions past president Darin, moved from Sonoma County, Calif., in 1994.

Holzhey is the school district's business manager and clerk of the school board.

As soon as she joined the Lions

Club in 2009, she succeeded Jerry Bowman as treasurer, although she admits that's primarily because she missed the meeting where she was appointed.

She hasn't missed many meetings or functions since then.

As Lions treasurer, Holzhey also oversees the books for the town's youth basketball organization.

She doesn't have a certified public accounting degree, but she began her financial career early in life.

Holzhey got on-the-job financial

training while handling the money for her father Rod Johnson's farm while growing up in California. She started that responsibility at age 8.

"My dad always taught me ... When I first took (the school district) job, he said, 'Remember, you are the steward of somebody else's money,'" she said.

"I always think of it that way. I'm a steward of someone else's money, and to me that means being extraordinarily careful and putting it to the best use

possible."

Holzhey can be seen at community events throughout the year. She usually runs the admission gate at the high school athletic events and has the cashbox at other functions such as the Lions' bingo nights in the fall and winter months.

Even with her start-to-finish involvement in several projects, Holzhey still shows humility about the Lion of the Year honor.

"It just seems like such a large award," she said.

— JPB







# Calendar

## Today

- Military veterans coffee**  
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- 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
- Lizard Butte Library Story Time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Christian Life Club**  
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757
- NOCWMA meeting**  
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102
- Homedale Highway District meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

## Thursday

- Property tax reduction assistance**  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817
- Lizard Butte Library board meeting**  
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

## Friday

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

## Saturday

- Homedale Running Club**  
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Friends of the Library book sale**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Dinner and auction benefit**  
5 p.m. doors, 6 p.m. dinner, \$10 adults, \$6 children 10 and younger, 7 p.m. live auction, proceeds to Pat Wroten Memorial Foundation Scholarship, Jordan Valley Lions Hall. (541) 586-2345 or (208) 573-3321
- Marsing Lions bingo**  
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

## Sunday

- Young Life meeting**  
6 p.m., 15777 Quartz Ln., Wilder. (208) 794-1048

## Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Homedale Fire District meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Owyhee County Democrats meeting**  
6 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

- HHS seniors vs. faculty basketball**  
6:30 p.m., Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Homedale School board meeting**  
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611
- County GOP Central Committee meeting**  
7 p.m., Courtroom 1, county courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy. shawn.dygert@gmail.com

## Tuesday

- Homedale Senior Center board meeting**  
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Eastern Owyhee Library Board meeting**  
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Jordan Valley City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460
- Homedale Friends of the Library meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- American Legion Post 128 meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.
- Gem Highway District board meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Gem Highway District office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581
- Marsing School Board meeting**  
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- 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 Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757
- BLM wilderness plan public meeting**  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 384-3300
- Austrian Settlement Centennial planning**  
5:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 495-2319
- 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, Three Creek

## Thursday, April 11


- Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**  
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 459-2860
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**  
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- Story Time at Homedale Public Library**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Owyhee  
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



### Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

#### Fat Cattle

One of the most difficult segments of the cattle business is feeding out stock for slaughter. It is a highly technical field with little margin between profit and loss and has broke a good many.

The consuming public is very fickle, or so we are led to believe by consumer advocates and sources within the United States Department of Agriculture. I personally think that the majority of our citizens go more on price than quality and would rather dine on hamburger than top sirloin. This, of course, isn't always true, which makes the business a challenge, and I think we would rather have it that way.

Take Japan for example:

Sam Hartley went on a tour to Japan and was impressed with its cities, gardens, and beautiful scenery. Sam had fed out a few cattle in his time and was curious about the famous, mysterious Kobe beef produced in that country, so it was with more than a little interest when his group visited a Japanese feedlot or its equivalent.

The cattle were housed in long barns and were attended by teams of two men. The men would lead each animal outside where they gave it a wash down. After the bath, they would massage the steer to relax and develop the muscling. When this was finished, they would take a big jug of beer, pass it around, taking long drinks. Then they would lift the steer's head and pour the remainder down his throat.

Sam said he figured that the reason they have two men taking care of only a few cattle was that they couldn't handle any more with the beer drinking ritual; if it was a ritual!

#### Cowboys and Cowmen

(Bob Skinner)

Bob and Dan Skinner were talking to the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Manager, Leonard Hewett at Nyssa, Ore., about the poor market conditions on a particularly bad year. Hewett told them that, "The hard times would separate the Cowboys from the Cowmen."

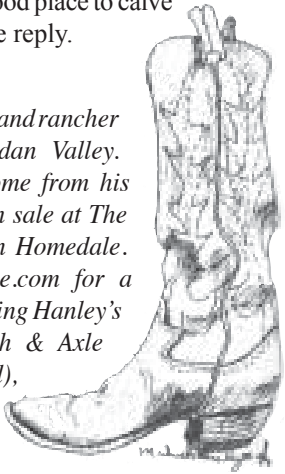
#### Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder

When the Idaho State Capitol Building was being constructed, a lot of sidewalk superintendents were on hand to watch the progress. An engineer, obviously proud of his work, spied an old rancher looking at the building.

"What do you think of it?" he asked.

"It would make a damn good place to calve a bunch of cows," came the reply.

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



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# Prospective clerk candidates have until Monday to file

These are the final days for Owyhee County residents to express interest in succeeding Charlotte Sherburn as county clerk at the courthouse in Murphy.

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee will accept applications until Monday.

At 7 p.m., Monday, the committee meets in Courtroom 1 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse to select up to three finalists for the job.

The list will be forward to the Board of County Commissioners, which will make the appointment. The successor will serve until December 2014.

Anyone interested in the clerk position should send inquiries to GOP Central Committee chair Shawn Dygert at shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

Sherburn is resigning mid-term to spend more time with family.

She was the County Clerk for 10 years and worked for the county in various capacities for 20 years.

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## Adrian rules food drive

The Adrian FFA chapter dominated the food drive competition with their counterparts from Jordan Valley and Nyssa.

The Adrian students received T-shirts from the Les Schwab Tires store in Nyssa after the contest results were finalized.

Adrian brought in the equivalent of 1,294 pounds of food (674 pounds of food and \$310 in cash, which was converted to 620 pounds at 50 cents per pound for the purpose of the competition).

Jordan Valley placed second with 177 pounds.

Nyssa FFA amassed 64 pounds in food and three pounds in cash for a total donation of 67 pounds.

Food and cash proceeds from the monthlong food drive will be given to the Nyssa food bank.



From left, Adrian FFA members Morgan White, Jett McCoy and Tyler Reay stand with Nyssa’s Les Schwab manager Dave Jensen near the chapter’s food collection station at the tire store. AHS photo

## JV benefit helps Wroten scholarship

Proceeds from a Saturday spaghetti dinner and live auction in Jordan Valley will go to the Pat Wroten Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger.

There’s a raffle and a potluck dessert, too.

The Jordan Valley Lions Hall doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. and auction at 7 p.m.

Each dinner ticket also comes with one raffle ticket.

For more information or to donate items, call (541) 586-2345 or (208) 573-3321.

Auction items can be viewed at the Pat Wroten Memorial Foundation Facebook page.

## Free produce available again in Jordan Valley area

### Oregon Food Bank brings back Harvest Share

The Oregon Food Bank has started its Harvest Share distribution program in Jordan Valley and Arock again.

Harvest Share provides free fruits and vegetables to the area residents with distribution occurring at least once a month in two locations.

Since it began in October 2011, the program has distributed 7,600 pounds of produce, valued at approximately \$11,000. Another 26,500 pounds of food products have been supplied to the Jordan Valley Community Food Pantry since that time.

“Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services remains committed to meeting the needs of the Jordan Valley/Arock community and continuing to provide access to supplemental food resources for the region,” branch services manager Peter RC Lawson said.

To kick off the new season of sharing, OFB-Southeast Oregon Services staffers helped distribute the free produce at the W.W. Jones School in Arock and the Jordan Valley ION Museum in Jordan

Valley on March 22.

Food bank staff also performed a supplemental shift at the Jordan Valley Emergency Food Pantry, which is located at the town’s elementary school.

The Harvest Share program will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the surrounding community at least once a month until November. Lawson said distribution usually will be held on the third Friday of the month.

The community will be alerted if a distribution date is cancelled because of inclement weather.

Lawson said folks in the community can help with the effort, too.

“If they have surplus produce that they would like to share with friends and neighbors, all they need to do is show up during our Harvest Share distribution times and add their product to the mix,” he wrote in an email.

People also can contribute to the Emergency Food Pantry in Jordan Valley. Call the Southeast Oregon Services office in Ontario at (541) 889-9206 for more information.

Lawson added donors can specify that their tax-deductible cash donations go to the direct benefit of the Jordan Valley food pantry.

— JPB



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**Above:** The block M built by Oscar Ceballos now has been adorned with a memorial tribute to Marsing businessman Chris Salove, who died last year. **Below:** Marsing FFA members Cody Rhodes, left, and Garret Briggs installed the addition. Submitted photos

# Marsing students’ work honors Salove’s legacy

## Memorial placed at football stadium entrance

The Marsing FFA chapter and Marsing High School football team have dedicated the football stadium’s block M to Chris Salove.

When 2011 Marsing graduate Oscar Ceballos built the block M as his senior project, Salove was a major contributor, helping

secure the iron for the sign as well as volunteering time, labor, funds and equipment to put the sign at the entrance to the football stadium.

With Ceballos’ blessing, the FFA and football team created an additional sign reading “In Loving Memory of Chris Salove” to dedicate the block M in honor of the longtime MHS athletics benefactor and town business owner who died unexpectedly in July.

The Marsing FFA built the



# Marsing students rack up extra-curricular honors

## BPA team heads to Florida, council wins state award

After sweeping two rounds of competition, a group of Marsing High School students are heading for the Business Professionals of America national leadership conference.

The school’s Small Business Management Team won the state competition in Boise recently to qualify for nationals in May in Orlando, Fla.

The team of Alicia Garcia, Favian Robles, Angel Loera and Josh Larsen is advised by MHS teacher Kim Freeman.

The Small Business Management Team was one of three Marsing BPA squads to win regional championships earlier this year.

The Global Marketing Team of Deanna Morris, Noelle Muller and Taylor Rae Brown followed up their regional title with a sixth-place showing at the state tournament.



Marsing High School Student Council historian Mariah Kinney, left, a junior, and council secretary Alicia Garcia, a senior, show off the Outstanding Student Council Award at the Idaho Association of Student Councils State Conference. Submitted photo

The Video Production team comprised of Ector Quebrado, Isaiah Corrales, Raul Garcia and Courtney Rhodes won the regional championship, too.

Tinsley Morgan and Jose Mendez finished second at regionals as Marsing’s Web Design Team.

Troy Parquer was third in the Prepared Speech regional competition.

Students also competed in Language, Essay, Math, Science, Art, Music and Economics.

## Band members honored at district meets

As reported last week in The Owyhee Avalanche, Christian Fialho will compete in the State Solo vocal competition in May.

He earned his berth in the state competition with a No. 1 ranking among small-school tenors during the District III Vocal Solo Festival at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Fialho was one of six Marsing vocalists in the festival, joining fellow tenors Justin Glenn and Jose Mendez and mezzo-soprano soloists Sierra Ackerman, Carley Bond and Amanda Folwell.

On March 6, Glenn was among three MHS musicians in the District III Instrumental Solo Festival. He played trombone, while Russell Coleman played trumpet and Zeke Maisey was on tuba.

Three middle schoolers took part in a March 9 solo and ensemble festival — trumpeters Justin Hiatt and Krista Mayer and Jacob Larsen on alto saxophone.

Several more middle schoolers participated in the second annual Southwest Middle School Honor Band and Choir on March 16 in Caldwell.

Twelve Honor Choir members included Taylen Gentry, Chloe Ramirez, Shelbee Gentry, Eduardo Mendez and Colton Hutchings in the mixed choir; and treble choir members Amity Whitt, Katie Smit, Mikaela Dolan, Stephanie Tuttle, Lily Mullins, Jadeyn Armfield and Tiauna Scheffer.

Justin Hiatt, Jacob Larsen, and Krista Mayer performed with the Honor Band.

## Student council honored for 2011-12 work

The MHS Student Council picked up the state’s Outstanding Student Council Award for its performance in 2011-12 events and activities.

Eight members of the MHS Student Council attended the Idaho Association of Student Councils State Conference in February when the award was announced.

The Marsing student council members also participated in workshops and leadership activities as part of nearly 800 fellow student government representatives from across the state.

## Olvera wins gold at Academic Decathlon

MHS took a strong team to the State Academic Decathlon on March 15-16.

Roy Olvera led four medal-winners with a scholastic gold in the Interview category.

Other medalists included Dillon Danner (scholastic silver in Social Sciences) and Troy Parquer (varsity bronze in Interview and Speech).

Eleven Marsing teammates competed March 15 at Renaissance High School in Meridian and March 16 at Lake Hazel Middle School in Boise.

The meet’s theme, “Russia,” focused on the Space Race between the former Soviet Union and the United States.

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# One week left to weigh in on Grand View's proposed park

## Council will review residential surveys at next meeting

Grand View residents have until next Wednesday to weigh in on the scope of the park planned for the former Goodman Oil Co. property.

City Clerk Teena Lewis said Thursday that customers of the Grand View Water and Sewer Association received surveys in the billings recently. Those surveys are due back at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., prior to next week's monthly City Council meeting.

City Hall closes at 5 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

The council will discuss the survey results at that time.

Grand View received the former oil company property as a donation from owner Royce Goodman. The city also obtained a \$50,000 Gem grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce to help clean up the half-acre parcel and convert it into a riverside park.

Lewis said part of the grant will be used to clean up the site, and that nearby U.S. Ecology Idaho has contributed a \$10,000 gift so dirt removed from the site can be stored at its waste facility.

In an article appearing in The Owyhee Avalanche in May, Mayor Tammy Payne said the city will use in-kind contributions to

meet the Gem Grant's five percent match requirement. All work will be bid locally, Lewis said.

Lewis confirmed Thursday afternoon that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has completed its assessment of the site in regards to any possible hazardous materials. DEQ has signed off the start of cleanup, she said.

The dirt moved off-site will be replaced with clean fill, although DEQ's report showed no major red flags in what was found in the property.

The site definitely will become a park. What type of park remains to be seen, and the citizen feedback will help shape that vision, city officials said.

Among the ideas for the parcel, which is located in the 600 block of Riverside Avenue southeast of Idaho highway 167 (Roosevelt Street), is to turn it into a park with recreational vehicle hookup capability or create a day-use park with picnic areas.

Whatever is decided, the parcel provides quick access to the water as it sits within walking distance of the Snake River's western bank.

Royce Goodman is the grandson of the man who started a service station at the site nearly 70 years ago.

— JPB

# Teen named Angel Walk honoree

## May event will help children in Marsing and Homedale

The Angel Walk committee has chosen two children who will receive assistance from the third annual event, which takes place Saturday, May 11.

Marsing eighth-grader Oseas Arriaga, 13, has been announced as this year's primary recipient, but the family of Homedale second-grader Christian Cloin also will receive help.

"As a group we knew that Oseas was the one who should be in the spotlight, the person we wanted to develop the 2013 Angel walk around, but we felt we were being led to help this other family, too," the committee said in a press release.

The committee announced Oseas will receive 75 percent of the net proceeds from this year's event. Christian will receive 25 percent.

Oseas, who has been diagnosed with degenerative cerebellar ataxia, will choose the colors and lead the supporters in the walk/run/stroll through downtown Homedale.

Cloin was chosen because health issues during the past year has put on a financial hardship on their families.

Oseas' cerebellar degeneration is a process in which cells in the cerebellum deteriorate and die. The cerebellum controls coordination and balance.

Diseases that cause cerebellar degeneration can also involve other areas of the brain and spinal cord.

The cause of the degeneration is unknown despite multiple trips to doctors in the Treasure Valley and a recent two-week stay in Seattle to see a group of specialists at the University of Washington.

Symptoms seem to be worsening, however.

Oseas' development seemed typical until age 9. By last summer, he began using a power wheelchair because his lack of balance made it unsafe for him to walk as well as drained him of the energy he needed to get through his day.

Marsing High School football players selected Oseas as an honorary teammate during its 2012 run to the 2A state semifinals. He led the team out on to the field before each game and also attended to each coin toss.

For more information on the recipients visit the "Angel Walk" Facebook page or blog at [www.homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com](http://www.homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com).

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To get involved as a volunteer or sponsor of Angel Walk or for information on how to participate in this year's event, email [angelwalk2011@gmail.com](mailto:angelwalk2011@gmail.com) or contact Michelle Larzelier (208) 941-4163 or Marcy Hibbs at (208) 353-6024.

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.

In addition to the 5K event, money for the three children will be raised through a classic car show that will take place immediately after Angel Walk 2013. The show will be held on West Idaho Avenue and will include children's games and DJ music. The entry fee to show a car is a donation to Angel Walk.



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# Owyhee batting .500 in bringing drug suspects to justice

## Two defendants remain at-large

A Third District judge finally has been able to sentence another Fresno, Calif., defendant in a marijuana trafficking case. Christopher R. McMurray, the third defendant from an October traffic top scheduled for sentencing since February, received a suspended prison term during a March 22 appearance in the Murphy courtroom of Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan. McMurray was ordered to pay \$630.50 in fines and fees and Ryan imposed a discretionary six-month jail sentence. McMurray received credit for 15 days already served. A three- to five-year prison sentence was suspended, though, and McMurray was placed on three years' supervised probation. McMurray was the only one of the three men who had pleaded guilty to a felony count of possessing more than three ounces of marijuana to show up for his sentencing. A \$35,000 bench warrant was issued for Timothy Daniel Juarez when he didn't appear for his March 8 sentencing. In February, a \$50,000 warrant was placed

on Sergio Alejandro Bejar when he didn't show up in Murphy to receive his sentence. Bejar also hasn't paid a \$155 speeding ticket. A fourth defendant, 19-year-old Ernesto Franco, was sentenced to time served and ordered to pay nearly \$750 in fines and court fees after Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced him on misdemeanors of possession of drugs and paraphernalia. All four men were arrested on Oct. 26 when Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green performed a traffic stop on a speeding car on U.S. Highway 95 and found pot and paraphernalia. Franco was brought back to Owyhee County earlier this year on a \$150,000 warrant that was issued four days after his October arrest. All four men were originally charged with two felonies (criminal conspiracy and marijuana trafficking) and a misdemeanor paraphernalia possession charge. Franco also was charged with felony drug possession. In McMurray's case, the conspiracy felony and paraphernalia misdemeanor were dismissed and the trafficking count modified as part of plea deals between Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery.

# BLM schedules wilderness plan meeting for Murphy

Murphy will be the site for a public meeting regarding the federal government's plan for Owyhee County wilderness. The second of two announced opportunities for the public get information and provide comment on the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Management Plan will be held inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., next Wednesday. On Tuesday, the first meeting will be held at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise. Both meetings will run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public has until May 31 to submit comments on the plan. The Draft WMP is designed to guide management of 518,000 acres of wilderness and 325 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) for the next 10 years. The area to be impacted includes six wilderness and 16 WSR segments created with the passage of Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. An electronic version of the

Draft WMP may be found at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa\\_register/Owyhee-wilderness-WSR\\_plan.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/Owyhee-wilderness-WSR_plan.html). Comments can be emailed to OMA\_TRANS\_Wild@blm.gov. Written comments must be postmarked on or before May 31. Address those to: John Sullivan, Wilderness Project Lead, Bureau of Land Management, Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask BLM in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. Groups wishing to discuss with BLM specific sections of the Draft WMP in more depth may schedule a meeting by calling (208) 384-3300.



Mike Hanley kneels as he shows African veterinarians how branding is done on many typical eastern Oregon ranches. The group who toured the area was also given stagecoach rides and then served a chuck wagon meal made by Linda Hanley.

# East African veterinary officers tour Jordan Valley ranches

## Two regions share common traits

East Africa and eastern Oregon may be worlds apart, but they share the same type of landscape when it comes to raising cattle, and that's why a recent visit to our area make help others almost 10,000 miles away. The U.S. and East Africa also share the desire to minimize the transfer of disease and protect the livestock industry. On Friday, chief veterinary officers from East Africa toured the Bob Skinner and Mike Hanley ranches in Jordan Valley to see how they raise cattle on large areas of land that are often affected by drought, which are similar to conditions found in places such as Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia. "It's hard to put laws into place at a national level that work for everyone," Skinner said. "However, the livestock industry is the soft underbelly of vulnerability if there is ever a threat to Homeland Security." Hanley gave a short lecture on the history and development of livestock production in the western United States and also showed the tour members how calves are roped, branded, ear-tagged and vaccinated before being turned out in the spring.

"We have a common purpose throughout the world as livestock producers, and that's to do what's good for consumers and the economy," Hanley said. The visitors from East Africa all said they learned a lot from their trip. "There are lessons we will be taking back with us to East Africa," livestock expert Ameha Sebsibe said. "I'm very impressed with the low input system you use on desert areas. It is managed well to maximize the benefits to your livelihood plus supplying food to the city." More than 350 million animals move among the nine east African countries, but currently there are no standards and it can be very chaotic from one country to the next. The majority of animals are chickens, cattle, goats and sheep. "Each state in the U.S. uses the same controls, so we have national uniformity when it comes to controlling diseases," tour coordinator and former Oregon state veterinarian Andrew Clark said. "We have a proven model that works, and we can help East Africa develop these same methods and procedures to protect their livestock industry." Clark has spent his 40-year career evenly divided between his duties as a veterinarian in a leadership role in the U.S. and 20 years in a similar role in East Africa.

The chief veterinary officers are also here to learn more about implementing a plan for regionally coordinated prevention and control of trade-related cross-border animal diseases in the Horn of Africa. This is especially important because the region openly engages in trade with the Middle East. According to Clark, what is needed is safe, stabilized trade because it leads to safe and stable economic livelihoods. He pointed out that bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis has almost been eliminated in the U.S., but is still prevalent in East Africa and can affect humans as well. Cristobal Zepeda with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health — the world's leading expert in livestock disease transmission — gave a presentation at the end of the tour. When he concluded, he asked the touring group if and how they wanted to move forward with a program. The response was immediate and enthusiastic for implementing a program with U.S. guidance. This tour was a joint effort between the USDA and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and included travel to Washington state and Oregon. — AS



Bob Skinner discusses his ranch operation with several veterinarians from East Africa. The group was in Jordan Valley visiting area ranches to learn how the U.S. protects its livestock industry through animal identification and disease-tracking programs.



# Easter in the Owyhees



Gwen Parker and Luke Henry make a bee-line for eggs during the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt for 6- and 7-year-olds Saturday at Sundance Park. Submitted photo



Braden Ankeny, the 7-year-old son of Homedale residents Luke and Heidi Ankeny, poses with his prize and the Easter bunny, as portrayed by 12-year-old Dakota Kelly, a Homedale seventh-grader.



Jenissa Lambeth, the 3-year-old daughter of Wilder residents Shasta and Mike Lambeth, shows off her basket of goodies.



Kamielle Grimes, 3, of Homedale picked up one of the eggs that awarded her a chocolate bunny. She's the daughter of Kevin and Chantel Grimes.



**Above:** Children wait to hear their names Friday as Jordan Valley FFA members, from left, Ben Telleria, Don Youren, Wyatt Trautman, Stephanie Youren and Garrett Youren draw names for Easter basket winners. Submitted photo **Right:** The Easter bunny offers candy from a basket to a child who attended Saturday's Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt.



**Left:** Jerri McGarrah addresses the sunrise service gathering at Lizard Butte. **Right:** Tristan Hook, far right, is back-lit by the sunrise on the Snake River as he delivers the message of the Resurrection in a joint sunrise service held at the river's edge in Grand View. Submitted photos





Marsing rodeo club gets fit for season

# Avalanche Sports

Homedale siblings go 1-2 in desert race

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## Emry posts Big Sky-qualifying marks in outdoor opener

HHS graduate logs personal best in hurdles win

He didn't get much time off, but Austin Emry didn't seem to miss a beat in his season-opening outdoor meet.

The University of Montana junior qualified for the Big Sky Conference Championships with a 110-meter hurdles victory and the first 7-foot high jump of his collegiate career. During the Al Manuel Invitational at his home venue in Missoula, Mont., the 2009 Homedale High School graduate beat Eastern Washington's Steve Warner by

five-hundredths of a second in the hurdles. Emry clocked a personal-best 14.43-second effort as Grizzlies claimed three of the top four spots in the finals. Emry also will compete in the high jump when the conference championship meet is staged May 8-12 at Portland State. Emry went head-to-head with teammate Lee Hardt on Saturday, and the duel

resulted in the first 7-foot efforts for both men in their Montana careers. Both cleared 7 feet, 0.5 inches — tops so far in the Big Sky this season — but Hardt was declared the winner based on number of jumps. "When we both got 6-11, it was huge,"

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Veteran coach Thomas Thomas is expecting great things from the Homedale High School girls' track and field team. Here, Kathryn Thatcher, right, and MaKenzie Anderson run third and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at last month's Homedale Invitational.

## Homedale's track talent may lie in distance races, field events

Girls' team looking strong

New talent and new coaches have created optimism for Homedale High School track and field. The numbers are up over last year's squad, with 52 athletes in the fold currently. "Last year was a down year," eighth-year HHS head coach Thomas Thomas said. "We finished at the bottom looking up. We did qualify five kids to State in which three of them earned medals." Two of the three medal-winners — Bodie Hyer in

the boys' 300 intermediate hurdles and high jumper Seth Bayes — were among a slew of seniors who graduated last spring. The other three state qualifiers, though, are back for their senior seasons with the girls' squad. Ali Abbott earned a sixth-place medal in the long jump last year. She and Mariah Mackie competed in that event, while Emilee Hann joined Abbott in the high jump.

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## Trojans go 2-2 at ISG softball tournament

Big rallies highlight Homedale's victories

Fielding jitters struck during Spring Break as Homedale High School split its four games in the Idaho Sporting Goods Softball Shootout. The Trojans (7-4 overall) won one game each on Friday and Saturday, but were hamstrung by mistakes in both their losses to teams from larger schools. Homedale committed 11 errors in a pair of 6-3 losses to host Borah on Saturday and to Kuna in Boise on Friday. Junior Destiny Long carried the Trojans' offense in their two victories, which came Friday against Nampa (5-3) and Saturday against Baker, Ore. (12-8).

**Saturday: Borah 6, Homedale 3** — The Lions scored three earned runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to snap a 2-2 tie on their home field. Homedale claimed a short-lived 1-0 lead Gabby Nash scored on Destiny Long's single. Long went 3-for-4 and brought home Nash to tie the game, 2-2, with a single in the top of the fifth inning. Gabby Nash walked to start that rally and was moved along when

Morgan Nash doubled. Gabby Nash was the only Homedale player to cross the plate against the Lions. She closed the Trojans' scoring when she came in as Long reached on an error in the sixth inning. **Homedale 12, Baker, Ore., 8** — Homedale battled back from another deficit with eight unanswered runs in its first two at-bats at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian. The Trojans tied the game, 3-3, in the bottom of the first inning when Long drove in one run with a single then scored on Makayla Aberasturi's ground ball. In between, Morgan Nash scored on Tori Nash sacrifice fly. The Nash family started the inning when Gabby led off with a single and Morgan

ripped a double. Homedale took the lead for good with five runs in the second inning. Gardenia Machuca doubled for the first of five consecutive hits to open the inning (the other hits were singles from Elise Sherk, Hailee Aberasturi, Gabby Nash and Morgan Nash). Aberasturi and the Nashes picked up RBI with their hits, and Morgan Nash later scored on a ground ball by Tori Nash. Hailee Aberasturi and Sherk each scored three runs in the

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Gabby Nash

## Huskies' state caliber thrower returns to impart wisdom

Barely a year removed from medal, Carillo launches coaching career

Pedro Carillo didn't stay away from Marsing High School athletics too long. The 2012 MHS graduate has succeeded his old coach, Dana Hammer, as the track and field team's assistant coach for throws this spring. He arrived with immediate credibility. After all, many of the athletes on head coach Jim Eisentrager's squad were Carillo's

teammates a year ago. And it never hurts when you can flash a medal from the 2A state championship meet. Carillo finished sixth in the boys' shot put in his final high school competition. "I am familiar with all the high school athletes," he said. "I'm familiar with the athletes that I'm coaching. "It's kind of a great thing. They

know me. I know them. They just listen. They show me respect. It's everything a coach could ask for." Now pursuing a criminal justice degree as a part-time student at the College of Western Idaho in Nampa, Carillo caught the coaching bug earlier in the school year. "I heard they needed help with middle school football," he said. "I went for the job, and I got the

job there. "I like coaching. I think it suits me well." He hopped on board with his former coach's track and field program when a teacher declined the chance to replace Hammer. Krista Dornfeld is another first-year coach helping Eisentrager this spring, while Troy Blackburn is a holdover handling the distance runners.

The move reunited Carillo with a man who has been involved in his life since the fifth grade, a guy affectionately — and, for the sake of conversation, probably efficiently



Pedro Carillo

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# Sports

## Young brothers finish 1st, 2nd in mini-bike desert race

A Homedale rider and his nephews carried the Owyhee County banner last month during the DIRT Inc. Rabbit Creek 100.

Kaden Binford and Rylan Binford, sons of Jason and April Binford, finished first and second in the Mini 65cc class. The youth division was run over a 100-mile course in the desert outside Murphy on March 23.

On March 24, the boys’ uncle, Chris Hibbs of Homedale, finished third in the Veteran B division. Hibbs was 87<sup>th</sup> overall in the AMA Hare and Hound National Series stop.

Last week, it was incorrectly reported that Jason Binford had won this year Veteran B division championship. Binford won the title in 2012, but skipped this year’s race.

## Marsing rodeo getting ready

The Marsing High School Rodeo team is already hard at work to start the road to the state championships.

Twelve students, 10 from Marsing and two from Melba, competing in bareback, saddle bronc, bulls, barrels, break away roping, cutting and poles, are taking to the arena in District 2, perhaps the toughest division in the state.

“The goal of everyone is to make it to State, and only the top six will go in each division,” club advisor Darin Miller said. “We’re lucky because we have two Idaho Cowboys Association novice champions in the club, Hudson Sauer and Austin Williams, as well as the other students who are showing great promise.”

The club’s next competition comes April 20-21 at Badiola Arena in Homedale. The rodeo starts at 9 a.m. each day.

Two rodeos are planned at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale on May 11-12.

The club’s preparation includes this weekend’s Superior Rodeo School for ages 7 through high school rodeo eligibility age.

For more information, call Clay Sauer at (208) 867-2131. — AS



Austin Williams scales a homemade climbing pole during rodeo practice to help build his upper body strength for rough stock competition.

## ✓ Returns: Carillo reunites with coach to help Huskies

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— known as “Coach E.”

“Coach Eisentrager, I respect him a lot and he respects me a lot, too,” Carillo said.

The relationship has changed only slightly, the rookie coach says.

“The only thing that has probably changed is that he gets me more involved with the program and tells me everything that’s going on and what I can help with,” Carillo said. “It hasn’t changed much, except I’m working beside him now.”

Carillo said that his perspective on discus and shot put mechanics went through an almost-instantaneous transformation when he put the coach’s whistle around his neck.

“I actually see things more clear now technique-wise for throwing,” he said. “I see everything a lot better than when I was an athlete.

“I look back at it now, and I think, ‘Why couldn’t I have done

this as an athlete?’ ”

Carillo said he’s able to concentrate on the science of throwing more than when he was the guy in the ring, and he’s becoming more hands-on with his disciples.

“I’m not there to just wing everything,” Carillo said. “I do my research, and everything becomes more clear in my mind.”

He’s also making sure that his athletes prepare for the seasons to come by keeping up conditioning.

The job is one that Carillo takes seriously because of his respect for Eisentrager and the Huskies’ brand.

And being an alum of the program doesn’t mean he can coast.

“For most people, they would consider it being easier, but knowing Coach E and the other coaches, I know what they expect,” Carillo said. “I want to fulfill (those expectations) and exceed them.

“I see it as a challenge and taking that challenge and making the most of it.” — JPB

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## MARSING HUSKIES

### MIDSEASON REPORT:

**Softball (2-6)** — Coach Sean Hardy’s team began 2A Western Idaho Conference play Tuesday after deadline in its return from Spring Break. The Huskies entered Spring Break on a high note, snapping a six-game season-opening losing streak with a doubleheader sweep of Glenss Ferry on March 22 by scores of 13-2 and 12-2.

**Baseball (7-1)** — Coach Jerry Stacy’s club took a five-game winning streak into Tuesday’s 2A WIC opener against Melba. The Huskies won’t play at home again until an April 11 game against New Plymouth.

**Track and field** — In what amounts to a split-squad afternoon, some of coach Jim Eisentrager’s athletes will compete at the Parma Invitational on Tuesday. The rest of the squad appears at Deward Bell Stadium for the second time for another Homedale Invitational.

According to Athletic.net, Marsing boasts two top marks among Idaho’s 2A teams this season: The boys’ sprint medley team of Raul Garcia, Tristan Jacobi, Mariano Estrada and Miguel Leon (3 minutes, 58.7 seconds) and girls’ shot-putter Lily Bowers (34 feet, 5 inches).

### Baseball

Thursday, April 4 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.  
Monday, April 8 at Vale, Ore.

### Softball

Thursday, April 4 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 6 at Caldwell Tournament  
Monday, April 8 at Vale, Ore.  
Tuesday, April 9, home vs. Horseshoe Bend, 5 p.m.

### Track & Field

Friday, April 5 at Oregon Trail Invitational, Vale, Ore., 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9 at Parma Invitational, 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9, Homedale Invitational (for Parma non-participants), 4 p.m.

Go Huskies!



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# Sports

## ✓ Softball: Nash girls fill up the scorebook

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contest, while Tori Nash notched four RBI.  
**Friday: Kuna 6, Homedale 3** — The Kavemen struck for three runs in the third inning to break open a deadlocked game in the ISG. Half of Kuna’s runs were unearned as the Trojans committed five errors in their second game of the day at Centennial High School in Boise.  
Homedale tied the game, 2-2, in the bottom of the first inning, but may have missed an opportunity for more runs when Makayla Aberasturi was thrown out trying to steal third base to end the

inning.  
Aberasturi had tied the game with a double that sent Destiny Long home.  
Morgan Nash scored the Trojans’ first run on a groundout from Tori Nash. Morgan had started the rally with a one-out single.  
Morgan Nash, who was 2-for-3, opened the sixth with a triple and scored on Long’s sacrifice fly for Homedale’s final run.  
Gabby Nash doubled, and Elise Shenk singled to round out Homedale’s hitting.  
**Friday: Homedale 5, Nampa 3** — The Trojans scored late to snap

a 3-3 tie and win their tournament opener in the morning.  
Long crushed her fourth home run of the season to spark Homedale’s three-run first inning. Makayla Aberasturi doubled and scored the inning’s final run on Katie Deal’s two-out single.  
Deal doubled and scored on Elise Shenk’s base hit in the sixth inning.  
The Bulldogs had tied the game, 3-3, in the fourth inning.  
Morgan Nash was 2-for-3 with a double.  
She also picked up the win, striking out six and walking none in a complete-game effort.

## ✓ Emry: Short rest doesn’t seem to affect junior athlete

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Emry said. “We were both feeling good, and he was just as excited as I was. When he got over 7-1, I was jacked. I was like, ‘It’s my turn. Let go do it.’”  
Emry missed at 7-2 then trimmed three-tenths of a second off his personal best in the 110 hurdles. The winning time is third-best in the Big Sky for 2013.  
The quick turnaround in the events was similar to the quick turnaround in his 2012-13 season. Just four weeks ago, Emry was

competing in the heptathlon at the NCAA indoors in Fayetteville, Ark.  
“It was tough after indoor,” Emry said. “I literally only got two days off after we got back before I was back out at the track trying to get ready for outdoor.”  
“The first two weeks were rough. I felt fine physically, but energy-wise and mentally I was super-drained. But this past week I’ve been getting back into it.”  
Montana will compete Saturday at the Montana State Open in Bozeman.

## ✓ Track: Young athletes bring new blood into 800-, 3,200-meter races


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“I expect big things from the girls’ team this year. The talent level is up,” Thomas said. “Our girls jump events are very strong. Our distance runners are the strongest they have been since I was here.”  
This is Thomas’ 10<sup>th</sup> year with the Trojans’ coaching staff. He has picked up two new assistants in the husband-and-wife team of Heidi Ankeny and Luke Ankeny.  
“They are both very valuable to the program and add a new dimension with a strong track and

field background,” Thomas said.  
The Ankenys both competed in collegiate track and field at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.  
“The new addition of the Ankenys has been a huge bonus,” Thomas said. “I appreciate the work they do. Luke Ankeny volunteers his time to help our kids.”  
Among the newcomers are a couple seniors who are returning to the team after a year off and sophomore transfer Riley Portwood from Canistota, S.D.


Portwood ran the 3,200 meters for Canistota at a regional meet last spring, and is part of a shift for the Trojans.  
“We do not have a lot of sprinters,” Thomas said. “We will find a lot of our success in the field events and perhaps in the middle and long distances.”  
Homedale freshman Isaac Harvey has the fifth-best 800 meters time — and best among District III runners — in Class 3A this season with a 2-minute, 10.3-second effort in a March 20 quad.  
Another freshman, Maya

Correa, is 10<sup>th</sup> in the state for the girls’ 3,200 (13:28.8).  
Abbott has the second-best long jump among 3A athletes in the state this season at 15 feet, 11 inches (a quarter-inch behind Payette’s Harlee Ransom). She and Hann are tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the high jump at 4-7.  
Abbott, Mackie, Jennifer Hernandez and Rebecca Coffman are ranked ninth in the sprint medley at 2:10.2.  
Thomas foresees a stronger showing in the throws this season as well.


Braxton Morris, a senior who took last season off, is ranked seventh in the state in the discus (122-4) and eighth in the shot put (42-8½), but faces a strong field of throwers in the 3A Snake River Valley conference.  
The veteran coach — 26 years overall and 23 as a head coach — envisions a larger presence in the state meet come next month, too.  
After Spring Break, Homedale is back in action at Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa, Ore., on Friday. — JPB




### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



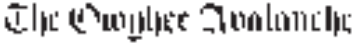
**Destiny Long, jr., softball**  
The Play – The 2011 3A Snake River Valley conference freshman of the year drove in more than a quarter of her team’s runs during a 2-2 stay in the Idaho Sporting Goods Softball Shootout on Friday and Saturday. The third baseman hit .454 (5-for-11) with an .818 slugging percentage (nine total bases). She notched six RBI, three runs scored and a double. She also hit her fourth home run of the season in Friday’s 5-3 victory over Nampa. At the end of the week, Long led the team in batting average (.561) and slugging (1.028) after 11 games.




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Tuesday, April 9 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, April 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5 at Payette, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.

**Track and field**  
Friday, April 5 at Don Walker Invitational, Nyssa, Ore., 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9, home for Homedale Inv., 4 p.m.


**Tennis**  
Thursday, April 4, home vs. Payette, 4 p.m.

**Softball**  
Varsity  
Thursday, April 4 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
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Thursday, April 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5 at Payette, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.


**Golf**  
Friday, April 5 at Payette Invitational (18 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, noon  
Wednesday, April 10 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.




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# Youth group finds fun while discussing God on Sundays

Burke and Kathy Deal’s house can be a pretty lively place on Sunday nights. For the past year, Kathy has spearheaded the Homedale Young Life Group, through which high school-aged youth have met at their Homedale-area home for fun, food and a discussion about God and the Bible.

“We began a year ago out of a concern that kids needed a safe and fun place for high school students to go to recognize that many of us believe in God and to learn about Him in a more unifying way instead of pointing out the differences in what we believe,” Kathy said. “We find community in what we do believe.”

When the Deals wanted to start something for the youth, they turned to the national Young Life organization.

“Our goal is to encourage kids to seek God and develop a deep relationship with Him,” Kathy said.

Up to now, the non-denominational Young Life meetings have included mostly Homedale High School students, but the Deals want students from all over the area to know that they are welcome into the group.

More information on Homedale Young Life can be found at [www.facebook.com/HomedaleYoungLife](http://www.facebook.com/HomedaleYoungLife) or by calling Kathy at (208) 794-1048. The Deals live at 15777 Quartz Lane.

The group resumes its weekly meetings Sunday after taking time off for Spring Break.

“We have had a hugely successful first year and have great plays for the rest of the school year,” Kathy said.

Each weekly gathering has a theme: **Sunday** — Happy Birthday Young Life **April 14** — Luau **April 21** — Cowboy theme with swing dancing lessons **April 28** — Pirates **May 5** — Cinco de Mayo for the final Young Life gathering until fall

Meetings begin at 6 p.m., and at 7 p.m. a dinner prepared by a family in the community is served.

“Kids are free to stay and talk and play more games,” Kathy said. “Oftentimes, kids stay until 9 p.m.”

A typical meeting includes games like sand volleyball, flag football, relay games or “anything silly where we can get to know each other better,” Kathy said.

After a raffle, sometimes the group sings songs before embarking on a 10- to 15-minute talk about God.

The Young Life curriculum comes from the Bible, Kathy said.

“We try to have a variety of speakers from pastors to life experiences from people in the community, or we have group discussions where kids can ask questions about God,” she said.

In addition to the Deals, group leaders include four mothers and a young married couple.

“The leaders all attend different churches and all care about our kids knowing Jesus,” Kathy said.

Young Life is supported by donations. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping out by donating food or money can contact Kathy Deal.

— JPB

# Murphy wind project gets federal backing through suit

U.S. government takes state PUC to court over sales pact denial

The federal government has weighed in on a state-level decision to deny an agreement between Murphy Flat Power LLC and Idaho Power Co.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission plans to sue the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in federal court over the PUC’s denial of the power purchase agreement between the developers of three 10-megawatt wind farms outside Murphy and Idaho Power.

The denial was issued in June 2011, and the PUC contends that Murphy Flat Power project owners missed appellate deadlines. Murphy Flat Power LLC didn’t respond to the denial until 14 months after the decision. Firms have 21 days to file a petition of reconsideration and 42 days to appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Another wind power developer that had its purchase agreement for two 10MW farms did appeal to the Supreme Court. The FERC also added Grouse Creek’s Lynn, Utah development to its federal action against the PUC.

Had the agreements been approved, Idaho Power would have paid Murphy Flat Power LLC \$299 million over 20 years. The Grouse Creek agreement was set at \$230 million over 20 years.

In December 2010, the Idaho PUC lowered the qualification cap for the commission’s published rates from 10MW to 100 kilowatts. Although PURPA requires utilities to buy from qualifying projects larger than 100kW, the agreements must be negotiated under a formula approved by the PUC.

The PUC denied agreements for projects such as Murphy Flats and Grouse Creek in June 2011. Commissioners were concerned that customers would be forced to pay an inflated rate for energy not yet needed in the power grid.

According to a Nov. 20 Notice of Intent to Act and Declaratory Order, the FERC alleges that Idaho PUC’s sales agreement rejection is inconsistent with the requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the federal commission’s regulations to implement PURPA. Among those regulations are requirements that public utilities enter into sales agreements with small renewable power developers at rates determined by state commissions.

Murphy Flat Power petitioned FERC on Sept. 25, leading to the Nov. 20 action, which four of the five commissioners approved.

Commissioner Tony T. Clark voted against issuing the order, saying that the FERC is setting a precedent by taking enforcement action against a state regulatory commission.

In his dissenting statement, Clark also said the FERC was contradicting its decision to not enforce PURPA in a similar earlier case.

Clark also said by taking action, FERC is expending federal resources to pursue litigation. In that past, he said, the federal commission has left the expense of litigation to the petitioning party.

“I would prefer to follow long-standing policy: The commission makes a legal determination but then allows the developer to fight its own fight, rather than the commission initiating judicial proceedings on a developer’s behalf against a state commission that is attempting to carry out its mandate to protect its consumers,” Clark wrote.

Clark also expressed concern that the FERC’s enforcement decision, writing “(FERC) has now put itself in an awkward position. It will invoke the power of the federal government to proactively champion a private interest that may contradict the best interests of the consumers of a state.”

# HHS grad completes Navy basic

A 2011 Homedale High School graduate recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kenneth L. Esparza, who went by Kenny while at HHS, is the son of Leticia D. Campos of Caldwell and Florencio Esparza, of Homedale.

During the eight-week program, Esparza completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is “Battle Stations,” which gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

# House Concurrent Resolution 25

Co-sponsored by Sen. Bert Brackett and Rep. Pete Nielsen

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

**WHEREAS**, the county of Owyhee was established on December 31, 1863, with the approval and signature of acting Governor W. B. Daniels, soon after the formation of the Idaho Territory by Abraham Lincoln and is celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Owyhee County was named for three Hawaiian (Kanaka) trappers who mysteriously disappeared in the area while working for fur trapper Donald McKenzie in 1818, with the county seat initially located at Ruby City, moved to Silver City in 1867, and finally to Murphy in 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, Owyhee County has historical mining significance in the state, with the gold/silver rush happening in and around the Silver City area, as well as the ranching, sheep herding and farming communities that have grown up around it and are the backbone of the county’s economy today. The gold/silver rush of Owyhee County started May 18, 1863, with the discovery of gold by a group of twenty-nine men led by Michael Jordan. The county is also home to the Austrian Settlement, a group of people from Slovenia and Germany

who developed and settled lands south of Homedale, Idaho, in 1914, many of which are still in existence today; and

**WHEREAS**, Owyhee County is recognized across the State of Idaho for its historic preservation efforts, namely the Silver City Historic District, which is a growing tourist attraction, as well as the Oreana Catholic Church and many others. The county is also home to many other tourist attractions, including archaeology sites at Camas and Pole Creeks and the Guffey Butte-Black Butte Archaeology District; architecture sites at Bruneau Episcopal Church and the Owyhee County Courthouse; the historic districts of Silver City and DeLamar; the military sites of Camp Lyon and Camp Three Forks; and the stage stations of Poison Creek Stage Station and Wickahoney Post Office and Stage Station. Finally, Owyhee County is home to other tourist sites, including the Bruneau Sand Dunes, the Bruneau Observatory, Emu-Z-Um near Grand View, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana, the Swan Falls Dam and Power Plant, the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy, the Bernard Ferry, Noble Horse Barn, the southern “dry” route of the Oregon Trail, Givens Hot Springs, the Gusman Ranch near Jordan Valley, Oregon, and many parks and festivals in the Marsing/

Homedale area; and

**WHEREAS**, Owyhee County is the second largest county in the State of Idaho, with a large multitude of deer, elk, antelope, game birds, fish and other wildlife used for hunting, fishing and observation. The county is also an attractive recreational area used for horseback riding, motorcycling, four wheeling, camping, hiking, swimming and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owyhee County Historical Museum, in conjunction with the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission, will kick off the Sesquicentennial Celebration on June 1, 2013, during the Owyhee County Historical Museum annual Outpost Days event, which will feature special performances about the foundation of the county and the sale of the “Owyhee Outpost,” a historical journal with a detailed description of the county’s founding, and an interactive display located in the museum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Owyhee County and its residents for Owyhee County’s Sesquicentennial Anniversary on December 31, 2013.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Federal Department of Whimsy

April 1, 2025 Headline: Wine and Cheese Banned from American Diets

The presidentially appointed Director of Taste has declared the selling and/or dispensing of all fermented beverages derived from the fruit of the vine is to be prohibited in the United States. In addition, certain varieties of cheese whose aroma has been defined as “too stinky” by the Sniff Committee, are also banned from manufacture or importation in the U.S.

These new regulations are part of a continuing effort by “those who know best” operating through the Department of Whimsy. They base their regulations on the premise that you can always find someone who is offended by someone else’s behavior or taste.

It started innocently enough with the separating of cigarette smokers to the back of airplanes. The requirement of content labels on baked and canned goods followed. Then no smoking in airports, no sugar in soda pop. Then no soda pop in schools, then no soda pop in cities! Then the banning of baked goods, desserts, and Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream in schools, then cities, then the nation. Twinkies, rich pastries and CinnaBuns were banned because they were declared to be harmful to some. Fish caught in the wild were banned because of possible mercury content and farm-raised fish were banned due to possible salmon abuse.

The battle goes on. The Animal Rights Loonies have been trying for years to ban the eating of horsemeat. They also are seeking the Department of Sensitivity to prevent the use of horses for fun or profit. The ownership of house pets is next on their agenda.

The 9<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals intends to make California “WINE FREE in ’33.” They also are considering banning the consumption or use of sugar, domestically raised livestock, tobacco and firearms. Their reasoning has something to do with climate change. There is a proposition on the next state ballot to ban climate change!

To no one’s surprise, the use of marijuana has been excluded from “Ban Fever.” Their concern is the negative effect on Mexico’s economy. Many border-state citizens are now supported by their relatives in Mexico sending them money made in the drug trade.

As these strict, new regulations continue to get more and more bizarre, there is a blatant backlash sweeping the country. In California, the Union of Farm Workers is protesting the Sacramento Abolitionists who have declared manual labor a crime. But all this bodes well for the state of Nebraska, which has fenced out animal rights extremists, anyone appointed by the federal government, and welcomes anybody willing to work.

Where all this government intervention will take us is anyone’s guess. There appear to be people who appoint themselves kings, dictators, masters, all-knowing wise men who really believe they know what is best for you, for your own good. They are sincere. They suffer from one of two delusional syndromes. For the appointed ones, it is the Purchasing Agent Syndrome, who derives power from someone else’s status. For the elected it, is the Oprah Syndrome, sometimes called the Columnist Syndrome, that says because you are popular you really must know what you are talking about.

Pop the cork, Dork.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://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.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Sterling examples



The Homedale community lost a couple of shining examples on how to live a life last month.

Ervin Gifford, who died March 19 at the age of 84, and Wade Nichols, who passed away March 21 at 96, had a lot more in common than the fact that they called Homedale home.

Both men served the town as elected officials — Gifford as mayor for a short time in the 1990s and Nichols as a city councilman.

Both were Idaho natives — Gifford was born in Indian Cove in 1929, and Nichols came into the world in 1916 at Falk Store.

Both men were smart. After all, they found the loves of their lives and married them.

Unlike the commonalities of their time in Homedale, the similarities in how they came to meet their wives are few.

Ervin and Elvera — or Vera for short — met after both had been discharged from the military. They got married in West Virginia where both were working in the telephone industry.

They would be married for 56 years.

Wade and Marie married right after she graduated from Nyssa High School in 1939. They would have been married 74 years this summer.

Both men were able to experience something that is becoming more rare with each passing year — a long and happy marriage.

With folks waiting longer to marry, and the number of divorces as high as it is, milestone wedding anniversaries are something to be cherished.

Perhaps the biggest part of a marriage that lasts 40 or 50 years — or longer — is making sure to absorb the lessons that are there.

A lot can be learned from a couple that has been together for several decades, and we should make an effort to figure out their secret and live by their example.

In a June 17, 2009 feature marking the Nichols’ 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Marie said that married couples must understand that there will be bumps in the road and

trying times.

The key, she said, to recovering from the hard times is getting up, brushing off and moving on — together.

The Homedale community was fortunate to have these two men as representatives.

Wade helped build the town’s foundation as a carpenter and contractor. His hundreds of remodels freshened places in Homedale as well as rural spots on Succor Creek and in Jordan Valley and Arock.

His strengthening of community also shone through with his involvement at the Homedale Friends Community Church.

Ervin kept the peace in Boise as a police officer for more than a quarter-century and as a marshal at the capital’s federal building for a decade.

After his time as mayor, Ervin kept his eye on safety, promoting driving courses for AARP for years.

The best tribute to anyone is the impact that they’ve left on the lives around them.

Even as hard-working individuals, Ervin and Wade found the time to make a difference in their community, both from the city council chambers and from their own kitchen table.

We all know it’s difficult to find a balance in life that is fulfilling both personally and spiritually and can serve as a benefit for the people and community around us.

Wade and Ervin, however, showed the type of difference you can make with your one life if you show dedication and fortitude.

There are plenty of opportunities to try to follow the example put forth by these two men.

It may be volunteering at your child’s school or taking part in a fundraising event like the upcoming Angel Walk or any number of dinners staged to help community members in need.

You may not have known either of these gentlemen personally, but there are some pretty simple ways to honor their memory.

Enjoy your life. Love your family. Help your neighbor.

## Letter to the editor

### Letter-writer: Militia organizer’s claims, objective are scary

After reading Andrea Scott’s excellent article about the “United State of Idaho,” I didn’t know whether to laugh, to be embarrassed or to be very afraid. Probably all three reactions are appropriate. So would I now be included in Mr. Yohn’s “people are scared” category?

Remember when a “militia” reared its ugly head in Michigan? Two of its stellar graduates blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City.

So we have “young bucks with AR-15s” running around? Anybody seen any? Maybe some of us farmers might want to recruit that rapid/repeat firepower for gopher control. Providing “security for local events?” Maybe if the KKK or the Aryan Nations were to have a gathering here.

Perhaps this isn’t a group of social misfits; maybe they just watch too much TV. But how about a civics lesson or

even reading the Idaho Code? We already have a legally constituted law enforcement agency with an elected sheriff and sworn deputies.

Militias are illegal; so is impersonating an officer. Why don’t these military/cop wannabes join a legitimate law enforcement agency or go fight for their country? Would they have the courage? Could they meet the physical requirements, pass the mental screening and complete the necessary training?

This is a black eye for Owyhee County. Our legitimate sheriff should take all steps to send this group packing. Hopefully, they realize he can call on the Idaho State Police and National Guard for assistance if necessary.

Pam Roylance  
Homedale

### Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 21 taxing district elections until noon on Friday, May 10.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer

Submit letters in one of four methods:

- E-mailed to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto: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

### Teen with job provides perfect financial education opportunity

Dear Dave,

My daughter is 14, and she was recently offered a steady weekend modeling job. Do you have any advice on how to handle the money she earns?

— Cynthia



Dear Cynthia,

In terms of investing some of the money she'll make, a Roth IRA would be pretty cool. You would have to oversee it, of course, and you'd have to file a tax return, but starting something like this when she's 14 would help set her up for some serious money later.

I think the biggest thing, however, is to make sure you

create lots of teachable moments for this young lady. There are three areas every child should learn about when it comes to finances: spending, saving and giving. If she's working and earning money, she should be able to spend a little and enjoy the fruits of her labors — within reason, of course.

Saving for the short term might include putting money aside for

a car or even college. Long-term goals would include the Roth IRA, so she would have a head start on being able to retire with some dignity one day. Then you should always make sure to give some. Whether it's tithing to your church or finding other good causes, giving helps others *and* it's good for the giver. When we give, it helps us realize that we're not the center of the universe. It also makes us a little more Christlike.

This is a phenomenal opportunity for your daughter. It's also a great chance for you, as a parent, to involve her in the process and teach her important lessons that will last a lifetime!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

When should a couple think about creating a family trust?

— Angie

Dear Angie,

A family trust can take different shapes. Couples with young kids sometimes consider creating a trust in the event that they both die unexpectedly. In these situations, a family trust would be managed for the care of minor children.

Some people also create trusts for the purpose of avoiding estate taxes. These trusts aren't as common, because you don't have to worry about estate tax

problems unless you have assets in excess of \$5 million, based on current law.

But to be honest, Angie, I can't think of a situation where you'd want to create a family trust to manage money while you're alive. Unless, of course, it contains some kind of estate planning implications.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books. 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.

## Americans for Limited Government

### New Obama appointees part of troubling new class

by Paul Driessen

Gina McCarthy, President Obama's choice to replace Lisa Jackson at the Environmental Protection Agency, has been chastised for having lied to Congress, in claiming that EPA did not use "dangerous manmade climate change" to justify new 54.5 mpg standards for cars and light trucks. She's also been implicated in the agency's practice of using fake emails to hide questionable dealings and activities.

These issues highlight attitudes toward ethics, law and public policy that prevail at EPA and too many other government agencies. However, that attention should not distract from other important matters.

Ms. McCarthy may be the worst of the new nominees. In addition to her dishonesty, she helped devise onerous mercury and soot rules that employed junk science to shutter coal-fired power plants and kill thousands of jobs — and those vehicle mileage standards, which will force people to drive less safe cars that will cause millions more serious injuries and thousands more needless deaths every year.

However, she, Ernest Moniz for Energy and Sally Jewell for Interior are all team players for the Obama White House; they all share ideologies and agendas that bode ill for America's and the world's energy, economic, health and environmental future. They represent a rapidly expanding, increasingly powerful government class that is determined to control what we eat, say, do and buy.

In the environmental arena, these would-be czars and czarinas want to regulate what kinds of energy we can produce and use, cars we can drive, and jobs and living standards we can have. They are the vanguard of a dangerous alliance of eco-imperialism and vulture environmentalism.

Driven by utopian, Deep Ecology and global governance ideologies, elected and unelected ruling elites pass laws, promulgate regulations and issue edicts, based on faulty to fraudulent science and unsupported proclamations about dangerous manmade global warming, resource depletion and sustainable development. They seek to radically and fundamentally transform the energy, economic and social fabric of our nation and world — in the name of "social justice" and "saving the planet."

They operate with little or no transparency or debate, often with vague or minimal legislative or constitutional authority, and with virtually no accountability for the false pretexts they use to justify their intrusive actions, or the harm they cause to people and wildlife. Their attitudes and actions often reflect a callous disregard for environmental values and people's property, civil rights, jobs, health and even lives.

Our courts give them almost limitless discretion to impose laws and regulations, select pseudo-scientific "facts" to justify them, and ignore both the imaginary benefits and

substantive harm they cause. They allow and encourage sweetheart "sue and settle" legal actions between regulatory agencies and activist groups, capricious agency inaction on mineral leases and permits, and arbitrary bureaucratic waivers of endangered species and other environmental laws for gigantic wind and solar projects.

Nameless, unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats effectively control the lands and resources of federal lands that constitute 30 to 86 percent of the acreage in Alaska and our 11 westernmost states (including 78 percent of Owyhee County). America's federal, state and private lands are rich in energy, mineral, timber and other resources that offer vast job and revenue opportunities. We could easily have drilling, mining, forestry and ranching, along with recreation, wildlife, parks and wilderness — and for decades government regulators emphasized this "multiple use" approach. But today, environmentalists and bureaucrats block these uses and vigorously promote preservation.

Today their motto seems to be: If it creates real energy, jobs and revenues — pillory, ban, delay and regulate it out of existence. If it can be labeled "renewable" — mandate it, subsidize it, waive endangered species laws, and ignore the policies' impacts on wildlife and on people's health and well-being. Instead of ensuring that resource development activities are conducted properly, don't permit them at all.

Under their agenda, U.S. domestic oil and gas production climbed during Obama's tenure — but the increase was all on state and private lands, mostly because of fracking and despite Team Obama, which is trying to limit and control this game-changing technology even there. On federal lands, oil production fell 23 percent and gas production plummeted 33 percent from FY2010 to FY2012 — dragging jobs, living standards, and federal bonus, royalty and tax revenues downward with them.

The eco-imperialists profess concern for human health and lives, wildlife and environmental quality. They demand pristine air quality to reduce risks that exist only in EPA computer models. But then they issue lethal vehicle mileage regulations, corn ethanol standards that increase global food prices and harm nutrition, and myriad rules that kill jobs and cause foreclosures, stress, and more heart attacks and strokes. They blame deadly wildfires on global warming, instead of on Deep Ecology policies that prohibit forest thinning, prevent treating insect infestations, and require substandard fire suppressants.

Nearly 700 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa rarely or never have electricity. As a result, pollution from open fires causes asthma and other lung infections that kill a million African women and children annually; countless more die from intestinal diseases because of eating spoiled, unrefrigerated food. And yet, during a speech in

Ghana, President Obama said hungry Africa should rely on its "bountiful" wind, solar and biofuel energy, while his administration refused to provide or support loans for gas or coal-fired generating plants, because he believes Earth is "threatened" by global warming.

Eco-imperialist politicians, regulators and environmentalists demand heavy penalties for birds and other wildlife killed by petroleum-related accidents. They delay or ban drilling, fracking and mining because these activities might "disturb" sage-grouse. But when millions of birds and bats are exterminated year after year by wind turbines, they turn a blind eye and actively help hide the horrific slaughter, while ignoring evidence that turbines impair the health of people living near them.

Vulture environmentalists hijack environmental laws to further the venal interests of eco-activists, bureaucrats and wealthy elites, who covet private property but don't want to pay fair prices. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has joined celebrity fracking opponents, green pressure groups and blueblood vultures that are salivating over beautiful Catskill farmlands. Overtaxed, over-regulated owners could save their family farms through careful natural gas production — but the hovering vultures prefer to force them into foreclosure, and grab the prime properties at fire sale prices.

Radical greens used imagined threats to the western spotted owl to eliminate logging jobs and a way of life in western states, to create playgrounds for the green 1 percent. Now the feds plan to shoot formerly eastern barred owls, to keep them from breeding their spotted cousins out of existence — before their habitats are incinerated in fiery conflagrations brought on by other ignorant eco-imperialist policies.

In states and communities all over the U.S., the Endangered Species Act, Agenda 21, critical habitat areas and buffer zones, endless regulation and litigation, advisory panels stacked with eco-activists but nearly devoid of private property owners, lowball appraisals of lands and water rights, climate change scare stories and other tactics are used repeatedly to seize title or control over property, without payment of just (or any) compensation. The abuses are endless, and are occurring over the planet.

We went to war with England over far less than this, back in 1776. It's high time that our environmental laws were again used to address real air, water and wildlife problems — instead advancing what Greenpeace co-founder Patrick Moore has called the "anti-science, anti-technology, anti-human" agenda of eco-imperialists and vulture environmentalists.

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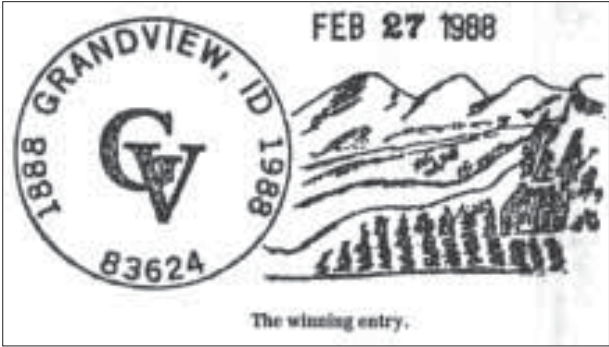


# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

April 6, 1988



### Juanita Collett wins centennial postmark contest

Mrs. Juanita Collett of Grand View was the recent winner of the Grand View Centennial Postmark Contest.

The Grand View Post Office sponsored the contest in coordination with the city’s 100-year celebration slated for July of 1988. The Grand View Post Office was established on February 27, 1888 with Lafayette Aspinwall serving as the initial postmaster.

The city has grown considerably in the past 100 years, as has the Post Office, which now serves over 1,100 postal customers with Teresa Stelting serving as postmaster.

The winning postmark, submitted by Mrs. Collett, features an Owyhee mountain scene with a rustic cabin nestled near the rimrocks with the Snake River winding through the lush valley fields.

Juanita Collett is the daughter of Grand View pioneer stock. Juanita was born to Ross and Margaret (Wallace) Osborn here in Grand View in 1929.

### Adequate supply of water predicted for area

Despite the fact that the water level in Owyhee Dam is only 51 percent of what it was a year go, South Board of Control manager Clyde Hutton is confident local farmers can expect an adequate supply of irrigation water.

As of Tuesday morning, the storage behind the Owyhee Dam was at 289,515 acre feet, compared to 565,453 a year ago, a mere 51 percent.

### Balloon floats to Reynolds Creek

The fourth grade class of Bremerton, Wash. celebrated St. Patrick’s Day by releasing a multitude of green balloons with their names and addresses attached. One of the balloons arrived at the Russell Rutan feed lot at Reynolds Creek near Melba. It contained the name Terri Garcelon, 3220 Wheaton Way, Bremerton, Wash.

The people who found the balloon were asked to write to the name on the card, so the Rutans gave the name to their grandson, who attends school in Grand View, for him to answer the letter.

The balloons were released on March 17 and found in Reynolds Creek on March 18.

### Cattlemen say poll indicates opposition to wilderness

The Idaho Cattle Association Thursday welcomed a poll by a Boise television station in which an overwhelming majority said they want “less” wilderness designation in Idaho.

Eric Davis, Bruneau, president of the group recognized as the official voice of Idaho’s cattle industry, noted that the non-scientific poll by KBCI-TV Channel 2, Boise, revealed the attitude of viewers “in the most urban area of Idaho.”

“We’re encouraged that our neighbors in the city agree with those of us in agriculture who depend on the land to support our families. Opposition to wilderness designation is even stronger in the rural areas of the state. We hope Congress gets the message that Idaho is united – city and country – in saying ‘no’ to more wilderness,” Davis said.

During its 5:30pm newscast after a hearing March 11 in Boise on US Senate Bill 2055, which designates an additional 1.4 million acres in the state as wilderness, KBCI-TV urged viewers to call to register their response to the question: “Does Idaho need more of less wilderness?”

By their 10pm newscast, 2,071 viewers had responded, as follows: 1,331 or 64% said they want less wilderness; 704 or 36% said they want more wilderness.

## 50 years ago

April 4, 1963

### 100 entries in high school annual science fair

The Homedale High School held its annual science fair Friday, March 29, at the high school gym.

There were 100 entries from the classes of Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, General Science and Earth Science.

Dennis Robinson was awarded the “Best of the Show” ribbon for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Biology and mathematics. His Biology project was the crossing of different types of peas. Mathematic project was analog computer.

Linley Thompson was 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in Chemistry with her project of finding the different minerals in the local water.

Joan Eismann was 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in Physics with a polar scope.

Steve Inouye won 1<sup>st</sup> place in General Science with a cloud chamber.

Penny Wolff and Millie Nash were 1<sup>st</sup> in Earth Science with their project of a model artesian well.

About 300 people attended the fair to see the various projects of the students.

Dennis Robinson will enter his Biology project in the regional fair to be held Saturday, April 6 at the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa.

Each first place winner received a ribbon.

### New Presbyterian Church dedication set for April 7

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested persons to the dedication service of the new Presbyterian Church building on April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Sixth Street West, the new structure is of modern style, designed by the Rev. Raymond L. Wilson, pastor of the Emmett United Presbyterian Church, and also an experienced architect.

Incorporated in 8,200 square feet of floor space are classrooms for pre-school, primary, junior, junior-high, senior-high, a kitchen, church parlor, choir balcony, the sanctuary which seats 158, and a fellowship room with extended seating. In all there is a seating capacity for 400.

The \$41,000 building is a dream come true to the members of the congregation, who have worked diligently on its construction, giving altogether to date 7,000 man and equipment hours of work.

Participating in the dedicatory service are: Dr. A Walton Roth, Synod Executive of the Synod of Idaho, Dr. Frank L. Rearick, pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> United Presbyterian Church, Boise, the Rev. Raymond L. Wilson, pastor of the Emmett U. P. church, Leslie R. Selders, chairman of the building committee, Ronal A. Robinson, chairman of the board of trustees, and the Rev. George J. Keith, pastor of the local church.

### Coaches discuss current prospects at Kiwanis meet

Two Homedale high school teachers, Bob Persin, baseball coach, and Conley Ward, track coach, discussed current prospects at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club.

In baseball, the Trojans have not fared so well thus far, Coach Persin reported, having lost their first five games. The team is young and relatively inexperienced and Coach Persin hopes a year of seasoning will show results.

Players listed were Pat Kelly, 3b; Skip Bicandi, ss; Bill Cegnar, 2b, p; Brian Johnstone, 1b; Ronnie Cegnar, Gary Hinton, Kenny Kushlan, Jon DeGeus, Rick Roland, Ray Bicandi, Phil Metzger, fielders; Bob Lincoln, pitcher and Floyd Breach, catcher.

Coach Ward said his track team looks promising in the running department and won second place in the Fruitland Invitational. The team would have won the meet if the baton had not been dropped in the 880 relay.

He said the team will enter broader competition at Adrian. Members are Doug Byrd, Roger Walsh, Richie Waite, Jay Olsen, Ray Dewey, Henry Hincks, Rick Shanley, Art Solis, Tony Maher, Rick Roland, Larry Brown, Lee Duke, Eddie Dewey and Lister Leavitt; also baseball players Skip Bicandi, Floyd Breach and Bob Lincoln.

## 140 years ago

April 19, 1873

INK DROPS. A good wife and health are a man’s best wealth.

Muybridge’s beautiful photographs of Yosemite Valley will bring thousands of tourists to California.

San Francisco car conductors work from twelve to fifteen hours a day, and still they are good natured, as a rule.

The paper having the largest circulation – the paper of tobacco.

When business is dulllest suicides are more frequent.

A picture is defined to be something between a thought and a thing.

The sense of the beautiful is an essential as part of a true life as an honest sense.

Don’t try to do anything which you cannot do well. Pay some one else to do it.

Every laugh reddens the blood.

A recent writer says children are naturally bad-tempered. We don’t believe it.

The editor of the Texas Advance was challenged to fight a duel, and he knocked the man down and bit off his ear.

Brick Pomeroy, if worth it, has got to hand over \$25,000 to the woman whom he agreed to marry, but did not.

A hen can only lay 600 eggs in her whole life, according to the profound scientists who have made henology a study.

There will be no shabby, rag bag Dolly Vardens next summer, for which heaven be praised.

A CELEBRATED Professor, in an unguarded moment, let out a secret not intended for publication. “The science of medicine,” he said, “is the art of amusing your patient, while Nature performs the cure.” It will not be denied that, however skillful, art can only restore the broken bone or the cut muscle to its proper positions. The cure is only within the power of Nature. It is simply internal derangement which produces the phenomena of disease, in all its forms. So long as every organ works in harmony with each other, there is health. What a physician has to do is, first, to find out where the derangement is; and next, how to restore harmonious relations among the disturbed parts of the organism. The moment that this is done the doctor’s work is done; the cure, of perfect restoration, must be left to Nature.

THE YOUNG LADY who waved her handkerchief at our “Devil” last Sunday will confer a favor on us by not doing so again. The young imp is nearly crazy. He has spoiled two rollers, “pied” a column of type, stood on his head in an ink keg, at the same time attempting to balance a “galley” of “live matter” on each foot; written her name on every blank sheet of paper he could find, besides continually singing: “When I get to heaven, how can I stay!” and “Come where my love lies dreaming,” but owing to his extreme modesty, we do not think he will venture where his “love lies dreaming.”

GENERAL E.R.S. CANBY. Brigadier-General Edward R.S. Canby, assassinated by Indian Jack, leaves a record behind him of which his relatives, his friends and his countrymen may well feel proud. In our wars, in whatever position he has filled, in what ever post placed, wherever duty called, and whatever was required of a brave and intelligent officer, he has ever been ready, efficient, reliable. Modest, pleasant, agreeable with friends and acquaintances, he had the respect of all who knew him, and more than that from his fellow-officers. It looks to us who cannot know all the reasons that impelled him to meet the savages, in the face of so much suspicion and distrust as pervaded his camp, as an unwise act. But, of one thing we are sure, that this last act was done in the discharge of what he considered a high moral and military duty. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy, and his commission as Brigadier-General dates from July 28, 1866. The death of such a man in such a cause – not in the hot flush and wild blood of battle – but while at the risk of his life, although a soldier, endeavoring to prevent the shedding of blood, is beyond all expression of regret and sorrow.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MARCH 18, 2013**

Payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$95,655, Road & Bridge \$81,023, District Court \$4,322, Museum \$175, Indigent & Charity \$22,205, Junior College \$8,100, Revaluation \$1,639, Solid Waste \$16,340, Weed \$1,948, 911 \$2,072, Vessel \$13.

Adopted Resolution 13-08 Re-appointment of 911 Committee Members.

Approved a Letter to BLM asking for extension of comment period on Owyhee Canyonlands Draft Plan.

Presentation by Owyhee Soil Conservation District.

Indigent & Charity Hearing 12-31 Approved payment, 12-56 denied, 13-02 denied, 13-06 denied, 13-09 denied, 13-13 denied.

Co-ordination Meeting with Boise District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed online at [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net) or in the Clerk's office.

4/3/13

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Owyhee County Weed Department will be accepting bids from pesticide suppliers for the 2013 Noxious Weed season. Interested parties may email for details by April 8, 2013 to: [cwhitted@co.owyhee.id.us](mailto:cwhitted@co.owyhee.id.us). Craig T. Whitted, Owyhee County Weed Superintendent.

3/27;4/3/13

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL PURSUANT TO Idaho Code §31-808**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, Owyhee County, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, intends to sell the following property,

Description: Parcel # RP B0020014021AA Lots 21 & 22 in Block 14 of the Revised Townsite, now the City of Marsing; physical address of 205 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Marsing, ID 83639

Taxpayer: Said property was taken by tax deed on July 23, 2012, from the prior owner identified as Alejo Deluna

Date of Sale: April 22, 2013  
Time of Sale: 10:00 o'clock a.m., Mountain Standard Time

Place of Sale: Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

Minimum Bid: \$4,319.21

Sale Type: The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier's check. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO REJECT ANY AND ALL OFFERS UNLESS THE MINIMUM BID HAS BEEN MET.

Further Information: Parties wishing to bid on the property may receive additional information from the Owyhee County Treasurer's Office at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, (208) 495-1158 or on the Owyhee County website at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net)

Title Insurance: No title insurance is offered as part of the sale, however, the successful bidder may acquire title insurance, at their expense, if they choose to do so.

DISCLAIMER: ALL

PROPERTY, WHETHER REAL OR PERSONAL, IS SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND AND IS SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION AS TO MARKETABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH ANY FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATIONS. RATHER, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS TO INSPECT THE SALE PROPERTY AND TO MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF ANY ISSUES CONCERNING SAID SALE PROPERTY.

Any individuals in need of special accommodations or services, and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Owyhee County Commissioners' Office at least 5 (five) days prior to the auction so that appropriate arrangements or accommodations may be made. Contact number (208) 495-2421.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, by order of the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OWYHEE COUNTY, By Joe Merrick, Chairman  
3/27;4/3,10,17/13

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Description: Parcel # RP 006800250200A Tract 20 of Triangle Ranch Plat 1, located in the N½, Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Taxpayer: Said property was taken by tax deed on July 23, 2012, from the prior owner identified as Ginger-Soul Corporation

Date of Sale: April 22, 2013  
Time of Sale: 10:00 o'clock a.m., Mountain Standard Time  
Place of Sale: Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

Minimum Bid: \$946.21

Sale Type: The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier's check. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO REJECT ANY AND ALL OFFERS UNLESS THE MINIMUM BID HAS BEEN MET.

Further Information: Parties wishing to bid on the property may receive additional information from the Owyhee County Treasurer's Office at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, (208) 495-1158 or on the Owyhee County website at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net)

Title Insurance: No title insurance is offered as part of the sale, however, the successful bidder may acquire title insurance, at their expense, if they choose to do so.

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3/27;4/3,10,17/13

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Description: Parcel # RP 02S02W278500A W2 SE, Less Tax 1C, 1D, 3, 4, 44, Also Less County Road, in Section 27 Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County (See complete Legal Description Below As Exhibit A)

Taxpayer: Said property was taken by tax deed on July 23, 2012, from the prior owners identified as Earledean Grant and Fred Kelly Grant

Date of Sale: April 22, 2013  
Time of Sale: 10:00 o'clock a.m., Mountain Standard Time  
Place of Sale: Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

Minimum Bid: \$12,931.22

Sale Type: The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier's check. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO REJECT ANY AND ALL OFFERS UNLESS THE MINIMUM BID HAS BEEN MET.

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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, by order of the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OWYHEE COUNTY, By Joe Merrick, Chairman  
**Exhibit A**

In Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 27: West Half of the Southeast Quarter EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcels:

A parcel of land situate in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 27 Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian; thence

West on the South line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 145 feet to a point, being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North a distance of 47 feet; thence

West a distance of 120 feet thence

North 82° 30' West a distance of 76 feet; thence

North a distance of 190 feet; thence

North 78° 30' West a distance of 100 feet thence

South 12° 15' West a distance of 350 feet thence

North 82° 50' East a distance of 370 feet; thence

North a distance of 23 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND Tract I:

A parcel of land situate in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

West on the South line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 145 feet; thence

North a distance of 47 feet to a point, being the REAL

POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue

North a distance of 167 feet to a point; thence

North 78° 30' West, a distance of 200 feet thence

South a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence

South 82° 30' East a distance of 76 feet thence

East a distance of 120 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract II:

A parcel of land situate in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 90 feet due West from the center of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

140 feet North; thence

43 feet West; thence

140 feet South, thence

43 feet East to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

A parcel of land in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence

West 90 feet; thence

North 165 feet thence

East 90 feet; thence

South 165 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, thence

South 35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

West 145 feet thence

South 150 feet; thence

East 145 feet thence

North 150 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

A tract of land conveyed to the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, the deed thereof being recorded in Book 10 of Deeds, page 265, records of Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the south line of said Section 27 that is 1,645.4 feet distant west of the southeast corner thereof, measured along said south line, said point also being 100 feet distant westerly, measured at right angles from the center line of the main track of the Murphy Branch of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company as same was formerly constructed and operated, a distance of 500 feet; thence westerly along a straight line drawn radially to the last above described line, a distance of 110 feet thence southerly along a line that is parallel with and 210 feet distant westerly, measured radially and/or at right angles, from said center line of the main track as formerly constructed and operated a distance of 538 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of said Section 27; thence east along the south line of said Section 27, a distance of 116.3 feet to the point of beginning.

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# Public notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOCWMA Owyhee  
Conservation District**  
NOCWMA invites chemical suppliers to bid for 2013 chemical weed management contract. Call for information, Owyhee Conservation District at 208-896-4544 or Email gina.millard@id.nacdnet.net Deadline April 22, 2013 at noon.  
4/3/13

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The EOCWMA will be accepting bids from pesticide suppliers for the 2013 Noxious Weed season. Interested parties ay email for details by April 8, 2013 to: cwhitted@co.owyhee.id.us . Craig T. Whitted, Owyhee County Weed Superintendent.  
3/27;4/3/13

**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  
CHARLOTTE SHERBURN,  
Clerk of the District Court  
BY: Lena Johnson  
3/13,20,27;4/3/13

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV201302859-H  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN  
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**  
In the Matter of the Estates of: CAROLE V. PERCIFIELD and JAMES W. PERCIFIELD, wife and husband, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.  
DATED: this 13 day of March, 2013.  
/s/Cory L. Percifield, 511 Morning Dove Way, Marsing, Idaho 83639 (208) 880-0322  
MICHAEL E. DUGGAN,  
Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 3845, Nampa, Idaho 83653-3845. Phone (208) 442-9080 Fax: (208) 379-6024 ISB No. 3470, Attorney for Personal Representative.  
3/20,27;4/3/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE**  
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: March 6, 2013 File No.: 7021.15329 Sale date and time (local time): July 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the

lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 502 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628-3039 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: Jeffrey L Garcia, and Melissa R Garcia, husband and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Insurance Co Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB Recording date: 05/13/2008 Recorder’s instrument number: 264995 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of March 6, 2013: \$133,686.65 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 15 and 16 in Block 11 of Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, 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# 7021.15329) 1002.243729-File No.  
3/20,27;4/3,10/13

**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.  
3/13,20,27;4/3/13

**NOTICE OF SALE  
CASE NO. CV-12-02360  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN  
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff, vs. PAM G. CARSON (Deceased); Unknown Heirs, Assigns and

Devises of Pam G. Carson; I.S.P.C.; STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION; and Does 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the property legally described as:  
That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMENCING AT THE Northwest corner of the West One Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMENCING AT THE Northwest corner of the West One Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence South along the West line of said Northeast of the Northeast Quarter 460 feet; thence North 43° East a distance of 265 feet; thence North 30° East a distance of 315 feet to a point on the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88°52’51” West along said North line a distance of 338.29 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Which may commonly be known as: 28221 Highway 19, Homedale, Idaho, 83628.  
Defendants.  
Under and by virtue of an Amended Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed by the judge on February 22, 2013 and entered by the Court on February 22, 2013 and Writ of Execution issued on December 13, 2012, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on an Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.  
The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:  
That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise

Meridian, described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMENCING AT THE Northwest corner of the West One Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence South along the West line of said Northeast of the Northeast Quarter 460 feet; thence North 43° East a distance of 265 feet; thence North 30° East a distance of 315 feet to a point on the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88°52’51” West along said North line a distance of 338.29 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Which may commonly be known as: 28221 Highway 19, Homedale, Idaho, 83628.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m., at the location of front entrance of the County Courthouse of Owyhee County, in Murphy, Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.  
The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.  
DATED This 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.  
O W Y H E E C O U N T Y  
SHERIFF  
By: Luisa Jaca, Deputy Clerk  
Lance E. Olsen/ISB #7106,  
Derrick J. O’Neill/ISB #4021,  
ROUTH CRABTREE OLSEN,  
PS, 300 Main Street, Suite 150,  
Boise, Idaho 83702 Phone 208-489-3035 Fax 208-854-3998 doneill@rcolegal.com, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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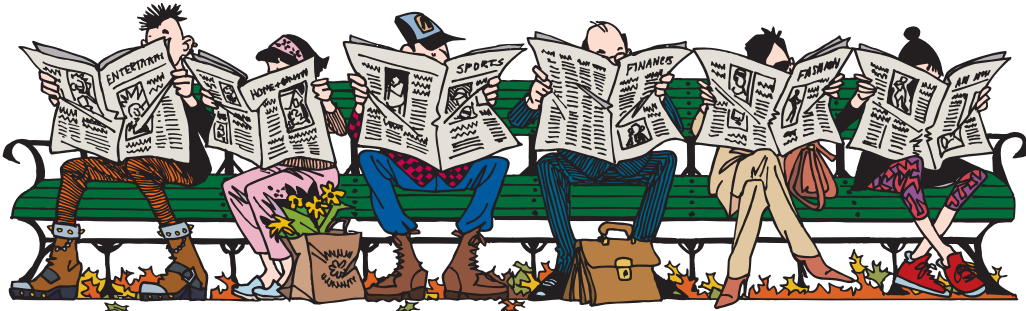
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# Community encouraged to get involved with levy process

## May 2 meeting set to glean ideas

Homedale trustees are still working on how the levy revenue would be used if the voters approve the measure, but there are some priorities.

But school board chair Tim Quintana said district patrons will have the opportunity to weigh in on what they'd like to see.

"We want to be very transparent in the way we do this," he said. "We want to have a town hall meeting and get some input from the community on what they want to see and what their concerns are."

"We have some preliminary

ideas, but until we get the community involved, we won't be able to release any hard data."

The community forum featuring a panel discussion on the levy will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. Superintendent Rob Sauer said a venue still has not been set.

Meanwhile, the trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today to discuss specific needs to be addressed by the levy. The meeting is open to the public.

The trustees also will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday inside the district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

The district's three building have submitted their list of needs, Quintana said.

"Now we have to pare down

what we can do because, obviously, there isn't enough money to do everything," he said.

Other priorities include facilities projects not covered by the plant facilities levy, which is set to expire in two years. That includes security measures.

"We had a perceived risk here recently, and I think it's just eye-opening to everyone that we have to focus on student safety," Quintana said, referring to the September exodus of high school students triggered by a social media rumor that a classmate who had devised a hit list was returning to the school to carry out his plan.

The Zone 2 trustee, who is one of three leaving the board on June

30, said included in those security ideas are new door hardware and security system hardware upgrades.

"Those are things that we, in good conscious, can't not do," he said.

Quintana said a school resource officer option also is on the wish list.

Among some other preliminary ideas:

- Adding a fourth-grade teacher at the elementary school to keep class sizes lower and maintain the quality of student-teacher contact.

- Lessening the burden of extra-curricular fees.

- "If we can, I'd like to reduce the pay-to-play fees in athletics,"

Quintana said. "We're seeing a drop in athletic participation, and I'd like to see those kids involved."

Quintana said — not including track and field because numbers haven't been reported yet — participation in middle school athletics is down by 24.5 percent in 2012-13 as compared to the average between 2008 and 2011.

Comparable statistics for high school athletics have been compiled yet, he said.

"The studies show the more active those kids are in school, A) the less likely they are to be in trouble elsewhere in town, and B) the better they've done academically," Quintana said.

— JPB

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## ✓ Levy: District patrons rejected supplemental levy during 2009 vote

can cut more wages or more personnel, but that's what we'll have to do if we don't pass this levy because that's the only place we can cut."

The school board voted, 3-0, for the resolution setting up the election. Quintana and Zone 3 Trustee Kevin Miyasako were absent from the March 11 meeting.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today inside the district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., to work on specifics about using the levy proceeds should it pass.

"We want full transparency on this," superintendent Rob Sauer said.

The board awaits the next reduction in federal support to hit. Quintana estimates that the district will lose another \$18,000 in funding for Title I and Title II programs

because of the sequester.

That's on top of the smaller piece of the state pie that has materialized in the years since the statewide Maintenance and Operation levy was repealed.

"I think the Legislature has put us in a position to support the school system at the local level again, and it's not something we designed," Quintana said. "They forced it on us."

Quintana went so far as to suggest that the current shape of the education system in Idaho — and the inequity caused by the difference in market values from district to district — has created a constitutional question that, if districts wanted to push the issue, could result in a court fight.

"The Idaho Constitution says you'll provide a fair and equal public education," he said, adding

that that isn't the case right now.

The dwindling support — and the fact that about 82 percent of the district budget is tied up in personnel costs — has been dogging the district for years. In recent budgets, trustees have tapped a healthy cash reserve — and made budget cuts — to make ends meet.

The district projects that the fund balance, which began at \$1.3 million at the start of the 2012-13 school year, could be reduced by \$300,000 to \$400,000 before the end of the school year.

"We've been running a \$400,000 deficit budget, but we're able to do that because of our fund reserve," Quintana said.

But the fund balance is at such a level now that the strategy isn't a viable option for the coming years, he added.

"We're talking about drawing the fund balance down \$400,000 (annually), then at the end of two years suddenly that fund balance is gone, and we can't allow that to happen," Quintana said. "We have to have a contingent reserve."

In addition to fewer dollars from state and federal sources, the school district's enrollment — another factor in funding — has dropped 1.8 percent in the past five years. In the same time, Quintana points out, the district has had to endure a 20.5 percent reduction — or 16 employees, mostly teachers — in contract positions.

Perhaps a small part of the funding puzzle became clearer after Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter signed two pieces of legislation — SB 1091 and SB 1092 — recently. Sauer said that means there will be no midyear funding holdback

from the state Department of Education, and the district will receive in May the \$220,000 originally earmarked for education reforms by the 2012 Legislature.

Even though school districts had made plans for the money in the summer, the funding was put on hold when voters shot down Propositions 1, 2 and 3 in November.

Another question mark remains, however, as the 2013 Idaho Legislature had yet to pass an Education budget by Monday's deadline.

"We're still in a holding pattern as far as putting together a budget for next year," Sauer said. "The needs we identified in the supplemental levy are ones we have regardless of what the state appropriates."

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