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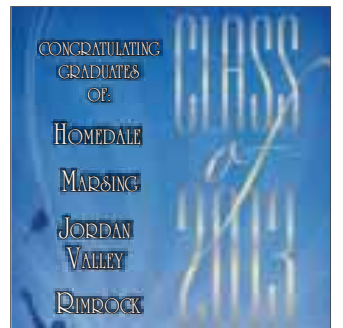
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Angel Walk rolls again



Hundreds of men, women and children took the streets of Homedale for Saturday's Angel Walk. For more photos, see **Page 12A**.

Local communities make third 5K a success



Marsing eighth-grader Oseas Arriaga's smile only got bigger the longer he stayed in the Pontiac Firebird he deemed "Angel's Choice" during the car show. "I think the highlight was when Larry Bauer gave Oseas a ride in the Angel's Choice car. Larry peeled out at the four-way and said Oseas' face just lit up," Angel Walk committee member Michelle Larzelier said. More car show photos, **Page 13A**

Car show draws about 100 entries

Saturday's third annual Angel Walk was a huge success, according to organizers. The walk and car show raised more than \$10,000, with more money expected to come in.

The proceeds went to help two local families who have children with illnesses, or disabilities.

"The Angel Walk was awesome," Angel Walk committee member Michelle Larzelier. "We had great support from the communities of Homedale and Marsing, and from the fire department, police department, and ambulance. The event was well attended."

Homedale was filled — See **Angel Walk**, page 5A

Big election day set in Homedale

Levies, highway board spot on Tuesday's ballot

Homedale voters have three different decisions to make come Tuesday's Election Day.

Two of those choices involve the pocketbook.

The third is about who will be making decision to spend taxpayer's money and continue the long quest to bring area roads

— See **Election**, page 5A

Meet the candidates for Homedale Highway District subdistrict 2. **Page 4A**

Big crowd flocks to power line meeting

Nearly 150 people attended the Gateway West power line open house in Murphy and voiced their opinions over the proposed route, which could go over private property in Owyhee County.

"This was an impressive turnout for a community this size," Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gateway West Project leader Walt George said of the 144 folks who visited McKeeth Hall last Wednesday.

"It was a good, informative deal," Oreana rancher Bob

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Above: Tears stream down the face of Homedale High School junior Destiny Long (foreground) as she listens to Taylor Sauer’s friends and family discuss how her death has impacted them. Below: Students try to negotiate an obstacle course while texting and driving tricycles. See Page 11 for more photos.

Taylor Sauer’s story hits close to home

HHS assembly delivers emotional anti-texting and driving message

The anti-texting while driving assembly given by the Sauer family at Homedale High School last week was the first one given so close to home. The gymnasium was filled to capacity and tears flowed throughout the presentation.

“This one’s different,” Clay Sauer, Taylor Sauer’s father, said. “There are a lot of faces here that are friends of Taylor’s.”

Taylor Sauer of Marsing was killed while texting and driving. Her family has turned their grief into a message in hopes of saving lives and raising awareness. They travel the state speaking at school assemblies and warning people about texting dangers.

Homedale school superintendent Rob Sauer, Taylor’s uncle, opened the assembly by sharing how Taylor’s death affected the whole family and what her life and death can teach all people.

“This is the most powerful message you will ever see or hear,” he said.

The assembly included photographs of Taylor from her child-

hood until her death, and also included photos of her totaled vehicle and the accident scene.

“This is the most powerful messages the Sauer family can send,” Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi said. “It has to be painful to spread this message, but if she didn’t die in vain, then it’s probably worth every assembly like this.”

Kyla Loucks, 20, has been deeply affected by her best friend’s death. She gave a different perspective of how easy it is to overlook the dangers of texting and driving.

“Taylor and I went to assemblies just like this and we promised not to text and drive, but we still did it,” Loucks said. “I lost my best friend — it’s not worth it.”

The assembly also included an interactive session with an obstacle course with cones that participants had to ride a bike through while texting on cell phones to demonstrate how difficult it is. Although the audience laughed as the bikes rolled over



cones representing real-life obstacles, the mood quickly turned somber as more speakers shared their memories and feelings and photos of Taylor and her life were shown on a screen.

Shauna Sauer, Taylor’s mother, asked students to think about what color they wanted their caskets to be so that their families wouldn’t have to make that decision.

“Our family is learning to deal with the consequences of Taylor’s choices,” Shauna said.

Taylor’s uncle Brad Warr, a Nampa Fire Department captain, said he is used to responding to emergencies and deaths. He has seen a lot of children die, but the day he went to identify his niece’s body, it shook his world.

“I needed to be with my niece, and I drove to the mortuary to identify her,” Warr said. “People die easy or hard. You can see it by the clench in their jaw or the look in their eyes. Taylor went easy, but it has not been easy for this family.”

Shauna thought the Homedale assembly went really well.

“This was one our smoothest presentations,” she said, “but it was more emotional because you look out and see kids who personally knew Taylor.”

However, Ben Cardenas attended the assembly and did not know Taylor.


“It just makes you not want to text and drive,” Cardenas said. “It’s a sad story for all of us, I think.”

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Jordan Valley’s Big Loop Rodeo slated this weekend

Horse tripping ban might affect event in the future

The 54th Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo officially starts Saturday.

Bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping and other events will fill the arena. A free pre-rodeo performance of team roping takes place Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

All-around trophies have been donated by the Tex and Agnes Payne Memorial and first place buckles are made by Delwyne Trefz of Homedale.

“This ought to be a good one,” Jordan Valley Rodeo Big Loop secretary Dennis Stanford said. “The town will be full. Hopefully there will be no disturbances against our way of life.”

Stanford was referring to a piece of legislation that has passed the Oregon Senate and may go before the House today. Testimony was still being given at press time.

Senate Bill 835 would ban the practice of roping horses by their legs in rodeos, which

would directly affect the Big Loop Rodeo. Similar bills have been presented and defeated in the past.

In recent years, activists have taken photos and videos of the event and posted them on social media sites such as You Tube in an effort to drum up public support for a ban.

The rodeo starts at approximately 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 6-13 years old. Children younger than 6 are admitted for free.

A tri-tip barbeque follows Saturday’s rodeo, and a Buckaroo breakfast will kick off Sunday’s activities.

The Lions rodeo fundraiser dance is Saturday night with music by Buckin’ Country.

More than 50 vendors selling everything from pottery to saddles will be there. Food vendors also will be plentiful.

Anyone coming to the rodeo should be prepared, event organizers said. There are no motels in Jordan Valley and weather can change quickly this time of year.

—AS

Rider program gives drunk driver chance to avoid prison

A Homedale man could spend up to nine years in prison if he fails to meet the requirements of rider program.

Genaro Almarez Valdez was given a chance to avoid prison at his sentencing last month before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey. He had entered a guilty plea to felony driving under the influence in February.

Valdez was credited for 122 days he had spent in jail since Homedale Police arrested him on Dec. 12.

Huskey suspended his driver’s license for two years.

She also imposed a prison sentence of three years determinate and six years indeterminate, but retained jurisdiction in the matter, which set up the rider.

Valdez also must pay \$585 in court costs and fines.

A Marsing man was supposed to report to jail by Monday to serve a nine-day sentence for a misdemeanor DUI conviction.

According to court records,

the July 8 incident was Charles Wayne Smith’s second offense. Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Karl Kingston made the arrest.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober gave Smith credit for six days in jail and suspended 350 days of a one-year sentence.

Smith also had his license suspended for a year. He must serve two years’ probation.

False 911 nets jail time

A Homedale man warned repeatedly in the past about abusing the county’s 911 telephone system recently spent 24 days behind bars for his latest calls.

George I. Duvall was arrested on a misdemeanor of filing a false 911 report on March 24. Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold made the arrest.

On May 1, Grober sentenced Duvall to 12 months’ probation and suspended the balance of a one-year jail sentence. Duvall also must pay \$152.50 in fines and fees.

Trojans show their civic pride



Art teacher leads park project

Homedale High School art teacher Katy Belanger assists one of her students in touching up the mural on the restrooms at Bette Uda City Park during Friday’s Trojan Pride Day activities. HHS staff and students pulled off several projects in the afternoon, including cleanup operations at Deward Bell Stadium, around the campus, at the FFA greenhouse and the student parking lot.

Grateful for new tractor, Hope House readies for celebration

What started as a conversation with a bunch of gentleman farmers has morphed into a brand-new tractor and all necessary implements for Hope House.

Delivery of the donation will be celebrated with a public dedication ceremony at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Hope House, 7696 S. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. The children of Hope House will sing as part of the commemoration.

Emmett-based Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad (INPR) came through with the gift.

“To say we’re excited would be an understatement,” Hope House founder and administrator Donnalee Velvick said.

Velvick says she was surprised to hear the news of the donation, which is a Kubota M 6040 4x4 Tractor with a LA 1153 Front-end loader purchased through Caldwell’s Burks Tractor. A

9-foot tandem disk, 8-foot box scraper and 10-foot blanket harrow also are included after being obtained from General Implement of Meridian.

“Without these companies’ generosity, the INPR would not have been able to make a donation of this magnitude,” the railroad company said in press release.

Velvick said the Kubota will help Hope House continue its goal of cultivating 56 acres on its site next to the Snake River as well as another 30 acres across Old Bruneau Highway from the home.

“In 2001, we purchased the property, and now we finally have a way to complete the property to make it more beautiful than ever,” Velvick said.

Velvick founded the home to help children ages 6 through seniors in high school who are emotionally impaired, develop-

mentally disabled or come from disrupted adoptions or dysfunctional families.

Previously, Hope House used a 1947 Allis-Chalmers tractor to work the land.

Now, Velvick said, both tractors will be used, and IPNR press release said the farming operation will produce income as well as provide another learning experience for the Hope House children.

“The Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad, Burks Tractor and General Implement are all impressed by the service and dedication of the director and workers of the Hope House,” IPNR wrote in its release. “We all hope that the publicity of this gift will encourage others to assist with donations for this worthy organization.”

—JPB

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Three-way Homedale highway board race winds down Tuesday

Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in two locations

Each of the men running for a spot on the Homedale Highway District board has a unique perspective.

Ray Maxwell has spent years running a business that supplies rock to build roads.

Jack Ulrich has made a career of working on roadways.

Joel Wilson manages a business through which he talks to people about their experiences of driving on local roads and how it affects their vehicles.

All three are on the ballot Tuesday in an attempt to succeed John Demshar as the subdistrict 2 commissioner.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the magistrate courtroom adjacent to Homedale City Hall and the Homedale Senior Center. Voters have until 5 p.m. today to request a mail-in absentee ballot from the county elections office.

Two of the three support the idea of increasing the highway district's levy.

"I don't agree with the levy," Ulrich said. "(Commissioners are) asking everybody to pay for something that an elite group of people (will use).

"The levy is too big. If they asked for half of that I think they'd have a lot more support."

Ulrich says the levy, which can raise no more than \$175,000 an-

nually if approved, is just another piece of the burden that property owners will face. He said it's too much in the face of a proposed Idaho Power rate increase, the proposed Homedale schools supplemental levy and word that rates will be raised on irrigators.

Ulrich, 58, would rather see conditional use permits for the producers running heavy trucks on the roads as a way to help maintain the roadways.

Maxwell, who has operated Owyhee Sand and Gravel west of Homedale for 17 years, supports the levy.

"I think we need the levy," he said. "We're behind the times. Parts of Johnstone (Road), Neilson (Lane) and Cemetery (Road) are already gravel."

Wilson, who manages the Prutt Tire Center in Homedale, says



Ray Maxwell



Jack Ulrich



Joel Wilson

he understands the levy increase in necessary to maintain the safety of the roads, but he questions whether city residents should have to pay for something that essentially affects rural roads.

Both Maxwell, 49, and Wilson, 33, said they want the four-year term to expand their goal of helping in their community.

Wilson has another goal in mind, too.

"I'm running to get in there to help and make sure we can use the resources in Owyhee County if at all possible," he said, "to use local vendors and keep the monies local if feasible."

Maxwell has had business dealings with the district through his sand and gravel company. He also is father-in-law to district employee Dan Herman.

The Homedale High School graduate said he has done his homework on both dilemmas, and says he'll have to recuse himself from discussions involving Herman or contracts with his company.

Maxwell added that he doesn't think his company will have the right material for chip-sealing as the district goes in a different direction, which could eliminate one of the questions.

Ulrich has hands-on experience with roadways. He is a 17-year City of Homedale employee.

"We've done all type of construction and road stuff," he said, adding that his qualifications are his years of experience and his concern for where the district is heading.

— JPB

Homedale council puts brakes on SRO grant idea

With concerns over the timeline and implications, Homedale city councilmen passed up the opportunity to put a law enforcement presence in the schools.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller brought to the council news of a federal grant that would pay for 75 percent of the personnel costs for a school resource officer for the next three years.

There were two catches, however. The city could be left to its own devices to fund the position after three years, and the application deadline is Tuesday.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant spoke of the same grant in reference to Marsing schools during a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Eidemiller said that the grant would cover three-quarters of the wages and benefits for the officer for three years. He suggested that the city could work out some type of deal with the Homedale School District to reimburse the city for the 25 percent match requirement.

The school district has plans to hire an SRO if the two-year supplemental levy is successful in Tuesday voting, but Eidemiller said there's always the possibility that the officer could leave after one year of training.

The council decided to forego this grant opportunity, but asked Eidemiller and city attorney Paul J. Fitzer to attend Monday's school board meeting to discuss future possibilities. No results from the meeting were known at press time.

A previous SRO program was scuttled because of budget concerns.

"Since the SRO went away, both parents and faculty have asked for a law enforcement presence," Councilman Aaron Tines said.

"We've had problems at the school, and I think a law enforcement presence will curtail that."

In other HPD news, the council approved the purchase of a 2012 Dodge Charger to replace the 2007 model Eidemiller drives.

The newer patrol car, which has 25,000 miles on it, is available for \$18,500 from an Oklahoma dealer who is willing to give HPD \$6,500 for its Charger that has 55,000 miles.

Eidemiller said the purchase would put his vehicle budget over for fiscal year 2012, but he would still be under budget overall. He also plans to forego purchasing a vehicle next year to make up the difference.

The council also approved a smaller storage shed for the high school tennis team to be placed in between the upper and lower courts at Bette Uda City Park.

— JPB

Special highway budget hearing scheduled

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners will hold a public hearing Monday.

At the 10 a.m. hearing, the board will hear testimony in consideration of the plan to amend

the current budget to allow for the purchase of a DuraPatcher mobile road repair unit.

The commissioners want to spend nearly \$25,000 over each of the next three years in a lease-to-buy arrangement.

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Homedale school board still looking for third trustee

There will be no school trustees election in the Homedale district Tuesday.

Only two people filed to replace three outgoing board members, and under Idaho law if there is no contest, no election is necessary.

The problem now, however, is finding someone to fill the Zone 2 seat from which current chair Tim Quintana will walk away on June 30 after two terms.

During their Monday meeting, trustees decided to post a notice seeking applicants for the post.

Meanwhile, Dwayne Fisher will succeed Kevin Miyasako in Zone 3, and Shelley

Shenk will replace Zone 4 Trustee Todd Kelly.

Fisher and Shenk were the only people to file nomination papers for the respective positions.

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✓ Election: Only a few hours left to contact county about mail-in ballots

back into shape.

There is a three-man contest to succeed John Demshar as the subdistrict 2 commissioner on the Homedale Highway District board. Ray Maxwell, Jack Ulrich and Joel Wilson are in the running.

There are two levy questions on the ballot folks will see when they walk into polling places at the magistrate courtroom at City Hall and the senior center. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The deadline to request an absentee ballot from the Owyhee County Elections Office is 5 p.m. today.

The Homedale School District seeks a two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy.

The Homedale Highway District wants to raise its tax levy for the first time since the entity was created 97 years ago.

H o m e d a l e s c h o o l s superintendent Rob Sauer knows what that means.

“That’s a challenge for us and the highway district,” he said.

Sauer said passage of the school levy, which would generate \$484,100 annually, is vital to not only improving school safety, communication and educational opportunities, but for maintaining

what is in place now.

“There’s no doubt that there are very real needs in the district,” he said. “And, the truth is, a supplemental isn’t a supplemental anymore. It’s survival.”

If passed, the two-year supplemental levy would cost property owners on both sides of the Snake River about \$257.88 per year in taxes for every \$100,000 in taxable valuation.

The Canyon County polling place is the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on the corner of Batt Corner Road and Ustick Road.

Homedale patrons rejected

a supplemental levy attempt in March 2011 when the district sought \$720,000 over two years.

The school district’s 20-year bond to build Homedale Middle School will expire in 2017, but the plant facilities levy will be up for renewal in 2015.

In recent years, voters OK’d a levy to pay for Homedale’s share of building the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency regional technical center and also renewed COSSA’s 10-year operational levy. The technical center levy has expired.

On the other hand, the Homedale Highway District hasn’t sought a

levy increase in nearly a century. Commissioners say the revenue generated by the out-dated levy rate can’t keep up with the price of maintain the roads let alone trying to make vital improvements.

The highway levy, if approved, would mean a tax increase of \$168.21 per year on every \$100,000 in taxable property value.

The levy cannot raise more than \$175,000 annually.

The money will be used to get a handle on the deteriorating 92-mile network of roadways.

— JPB

✓ Angel Walk: About 50 event T-shirts still available for purchase

with almost 500 people who participated in the five-kilometer walk, run and bike event. The primary recipient for this year’s Angel Walk was Oseas Arriaga from Marsing. Christian Cloin, Homedale, was also chosen to receive 25 percent of the funds.

“It was really great to sit at registration and have folks from both Marsing and Homedale sign up,” event organizer Marcy Hibbs said.

About 50 shirts are still available if anyone would like to purchase them, according to Hibbs. They are \$7 and can be mailed, or

delivered. Contact Hibbs to buy shirts at (208) 353-6024.

There was a new route this year that sent participants down by the Snake River, up Main Street and then down West Idaho Avenue between the classic cars on display.

“I think the route worked great,” Larzelier said. “We will work closely with the police department to continue to work out the kinks.”

Larzelier also cited RehabAuthority for its help.

“RehabAuthority had a great group of volunteers that manned

water stations and watched the river and hills closely for potential accidents,” she said. “They did a fabulous job.

Angel Walk 5K results

1st team — Homedale Football

2nd team — Marsing Softball

1st male — Jake Levinski (22 minutes, 25 seconds)

1st female — Katherine Thatcher (23:46)

1st senior citizen — Brad Brown

1st boy bicyclist — Tommy Muir

1st girl bicyclist — Amaia Aberasturi

1st family — Isaac and Camille Henry Family

1st mile walker — DeAnn Thatcher

in the Angel Walk. They said it is a family tradition that works for a good cause.

“We moved here five years ago from Nampa and we love Homedale — it’s a great community,” they said in unison.

New this year was the Angel Walk car show, which raised about \$750. Classic car enthusiasts brought almost 100 shiny cars to town. Several trophies were awarded, including the Angel’s Choice, which was presented by Angel Walk recipient Oseas Arriaga.

— AS

✓ Meeting: P&Z hearing on county plan revision scheduled for May 23



Thomas said.

The overall sentiment of those in attendance was that the Bureau of Land Management needed to stick to the original agreement forged at the local level. The BLM’s preferred route now avoids the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and goes through some private property in Owyhee County.

“We had an agreement with the local district BLM last February,” Board of Owyhee County Commissioners chairman Joe Merrick said. “We all agreed on a proposed route, and then

when it went back to the BLM in Washington D.C. it changed. We are not going to back down.”

Last week, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission proposed to create a Power Zoning Overlay District to protect private property from Gateway West. It is set to go before county commissioners after a public hearing May 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St., Murphy.

The public comment period for the Gateway Final Environmental Impact Statement closes Friday, June 28.

—AS

At left: Concerned citizens look over maps of proposed routes for the Gateway West power line and chat with officials during the Bureau of Land Management’s open house on the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The open house took place at the Owyhee County Historical Museum’s McKeeth Hall last Wednesday in Murphy. Private property would be affected under the current BLM proposed route for the Idaho Power-Rocky Mountain Power 500-kilovolt transmission line.

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Sister saves sibling from Gulper at Homedale Story Time for preschoolers

The saga of a boy nearly eaten by something called a Gulper is the feature for Friday’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library. “The Day Louis Got Eaten,” a book by John Fardell, will be read at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Preschoolers will find out how Louis’ sister saves him from the tummy of the Gulper and also enjoy crafts, songs and snacks. For more information, call the library Monday through Saturday at 337-4228.

Calendar

Today

- Bruneau Valley Library preschool**
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131
- 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
- American Legion bean feed and raffle**
5 p.m., free, George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.
- Austrian Settlement Centennial meeting**
5:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Job’s Daughters Bethel 31 meeting**
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

Thursday

- Friends of Lizard Butte Library board meeting**
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friday

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

Saturday

- Homedale Senior Center breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., open to public, \$6 all-you-can-eat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Running Club**
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

- El-Ada commodity distribution**
1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812
- Foot clinic**
8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Highway District election**
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., or Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Marsing Middle School recognition night**
6:30 p.m., Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing.

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

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

Thursday, May 23, 2013

- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friday, May 24, 2013

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

Saturday, May 25, 2013

- Homedale Running Club**
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Saturday Night at the Movies**
7 p.m., free, Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2nd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4184
- Ducks Unlimited Youth Activities Day**
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also Sportsman’s Weekend, free, Snake River RV Resort, 4030 River Resort Drive, Homedale. (208) 590-1548 or www.ducks.org/idaho

Monday, May 27, 2013


- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

- Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting**
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271
- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Owyhee Graffiti Volume 1

The first Big Loop contest

From an interview with Frank Maher on 28 June 91

September 1948 at the Harney County Fair Grounds, Burns, Oregon

Art Seal and Joe Fine were visiting, and each was trying to get the best of the other. Joe boasted that, “Harney County has the biggest hay stacks and best ropers in Oregon.”

“I acknowledge your having the biggest hay stacks but not the best ropers,” countered Seal.

They decided to settle it by having a contest at the coming fair in Burns. Each county would have four teams and the contest would run over a three-day period.

“When we went to Burns, they had it all set up. The Island Ranch furnished the stock, which were yearling heifers. They had it set up so that the heifers were brought down a narrow chute, 50 to 60 feet long, by two men. The chute opened in the center of a circle where the ropers were, and the ropers couldn’t go past the circle until the yearling passed it.

“Roping rules were a 20-foot loop minimum. If a front foot was caught while heading, five seconds was added to the time and if one hind foot was caught heeling, five seconds was added.”

The teams were:

HARNEY COUNTY: Joe Fine, Warren McClain; Bill and Ross Thompson; Red Walter, Stub Currey; Dan Opie, Jiggs Catterson

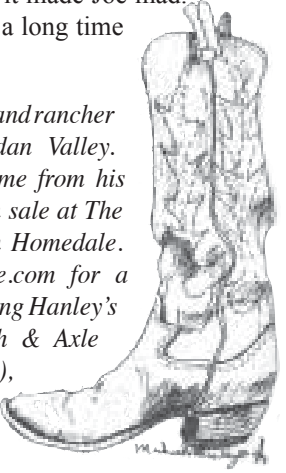
MALHEUR COUNTY: Denny Jones, Charley Chapman; Tim Mills, Joe Swisher; Art Seal, Buck Seal; Jack Staples, Frank Maher

“Those old company men, Red Walters and Stub Currey, were the best ropers I ever saw. During the roping, Red caught every head, but Stub could only pick up one foot. He never missed, though. While we were waiting in back, there was a corral next to us with a longhorn steer wandering around. I asked Red if he could catch it. Heck, it was a long way out. He made a loop with two coils and threw. He could have caught it, but said, ‘Better not,’ and pulled it.

“My horse got crippled, and Art Seal loaned me his quarter horse. It was the first quarter horse I ever rode, and I had a heck of a time getting up to the yearling on him.

“All of them were good county ropers, but some had trouble with the crowd and arena. Joe Swisher had a heck of a time getting his timing right, but all of us had problems. Denny Jones and Charley Chapman won the roping for us, and it was decided to meet in Jordan Valley the next year.

Joe Fine wrote Art a check for \$1,000, but Art said, “Ah, heck, Joe, that’s OK. I don’t want your money. He then tore the check up, and it made Joe mad. He wouldn’t talk to Art for a long time after that, I heard.”



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

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Outpost Days to feature 5K run, cowboy poets

Fun, food, a fun run and entertainment will highlight Murphy Outpost Days.

The event is slated for the first weekend in June, and is the primary fundraiser for the Owyhee County Historical Society (OCHS). The Idaho Cowboy Poets is the featured attraction.

Proceeds from the fundraiser support the operation of the museum complex, and a portion of money raised by the run will help enhance the military exhibit.

The Buckaroo Breakfast is Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6 years and younger. Food vendors, the Pie Shop, craft booths and lost art demonstrations also are on tap. June 2 features the famous Horney Toad Race, as well as music.

Saturday's musical entertainment includes the Junior Jammers and Chicken Dinner Road. The cattle drive arrives at noon Saturday.

The Idaho Cowboy Poets will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday and tickets are \$20.

The five-kilometer fun run and walk will be held Saturday as well.

Entry fees for the fun run are \$20, until May 24. Afterward, they will go up to \$25. The walk is \$15. Entries can be paid by cash or check, made payable to OCHS, or by credit card via phone at (208) 495-2319. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. Walkers are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., runners at 8:30 a.m. Entry forms can be requested at MurphyOutpost5K@gmail.com. Fun Run sponsors include: Bailey and Co. CPAs, Shu's Idaho Running Co., Idaho Power, Home Federal, Idaho Central Credit Union and The Pulse Running and Fitness Shop.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a shotgun and a handmade quilt. Tickets are available at the museum, or by contacting an OCHS board member.

For more information, to help, or to sponsor, call (208) 495-2319. Please check the museum website for additional information at www.owyheemuseum.org. —AS

OCHS field trip on tap

The next scheduled Owyhee County Historical Society (OCHS) field trip is slated for Succor Creek on Saturday.

The program will include a discussion about the history of Rockville School and other history of that area, including the geology of Leslie Gulch and Devil's Gate, the history of Succor Creek State Park, and a discussion about how the local history and geology affected rare plants.

This trip will also include the history of the Owyhee Dam and the history and development of the Watson community.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at Marsing High School.

High-clearance vehicles are needed.

For more information, contact trip leaders Jim and Cathy Skelton at (208) 407-6109.

Owyhee at 150 Area's history started long before county formed

by Joe Demshar
Owyhee County Historical Museum director

Owyhee County has a fun and varied history, and while it is not a long history, as far as world history goes, it has definitely been a notable one.

With roots going back to the fur trade, Oregon Trail, gold rush, and the settlements that formed, Owyhee County is a cornerstone of this state and a huge contributor to its formation.

This year, Idaho is celebrating its 150th anniversary of being made a territory. As you travel our beautiful state, I recommend stopping at many of the museums along the way because many will be putting up displays recognizing this momentous occasion.

Along with that, on Dec. 31, Owyhee County will be celebrating its formation as the first county created in the new territory. Many people are working on marking our momentous occasion, including myself, and I want to share with you a bit of history of our county with you all.

In preparation for this celebration a resolution that I penned, and now known as HR 25, passed the Idaho Legislature recognizing this accomplishment.

Also as part of the milestone, there will be exhibits set up in the Owyhee County Historical Museum, celebrations of the 150th at different events, and to top it off some songs/poetry written for the museum's Outpost



Days event, which is set for June 1-2 in Murphy.

So what is the story of 150 years?

Before white settlers came to the area that would become Owyhee County, it was mostly inhabited by Northern Paiute tribes in the western portion and Shoshone tribes in the central and eastern sections. The Paiute were never very technological and tended to be referred to in negative terms such as "root-eaters." The Shoshone, on the other hand, were skilled horsemen by the time whites entered the area and had a more complex society.

Of course, then came the whites looking for furs and then gold.

Donald Mackenzie was one of the first white men to explore the area we now live in, and it would be partly because of him that we gained the county name we now have. He brought with him Hawaiian Natives, which at the time were referred to by many

names including Owyhees. These "Owyhees" were used as trappers, but on one occasion while trapping up the Owyhee River three of these natives disappeared and only a skull was found.

In honor of these fallen men, our county now has its name as well as much of the landmarks around us.

Owyhee County also houses the "dry route" section of the Oregon Trail; had its own rather famous gold rush because of a man named Michael Jordan, who was accompanied by 24 other men; and had a boomtown named Silver City known famously around the world for its precious metals.

— *This is the first installment in a series of columns by Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar in recognition of Owyhee County's sesquicentennial. More information on historical topics and various historical exhibits can be found by visiting the museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 17085 Basey St., Murphy.*

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Homedale Senior Center

May 15: Ham & beans, corn bread
May 16: Chicken & noodles w/broccoli
May 21: Center close. Primary elections.
May 22: Ham & cheese sandwich, salad

Marsing Senior Center

May 15: Navy beans w/ham, cheese plate, stewed tomatoes, apricots, cornbread
May 16: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, beet salad, apricot juice, brown bread
May 20: Breakfast Special: Waffles
May 21: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cabbage/raisin slaw, orange juice, beets, roll, prunes
May 22: Beef tips over noodles, peas & carrots, roll, oranges

Rimrock Senior Center

May 16: Salmon. Alternate meal: Cook’s choice, vegetables, fruit, roll, dessert
May 21: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert

It’s true: BLM to close Jump Creek — at some point

Fall or spring road improvements planned

The Bureau of Land Management has addressed rumblings that the Jump Creek Recreation Area may be closed to the public. The answer is “yes,” but there are a number of variables and caveats. A BLM spokesperson said the entire area will be closed because of the heavy equipment required for the federal agency to pave and otherwise improve the gravel access road. BLM Boise District public information officer MJ Byrne said the closure will be for safety reasons. An exact date for the monthlong

project, however, is unknown, she said. It could be this fall, or it could be next spring. But the area will be open at least through the summer. BLM has received an \$85,000 grant from the State of Idaho to improve the road, which would include a new grading. The federal agency will do the labor as part of the grant agreement. That includes site prep, engineering, earthwork and supervision of the paving job. However, the exact timeline is unknown because of BLM budget constraints in the wake of sequestration. About 20,000 people visit the Jump Creek area each year, according to BLM Owyhee Field Office outdoor recreation planner Ryan Homan. — JPB

Marsing church sets concert

Charlie Walker will make his third trip to Marsing to perform his Christian country music. Billed as one of the Pacific Northwest’s top Christian Country artists, Walker will perform at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene at 11 a.m. Sunday. The free concert is open to the public. The church is located at 12 S. 2nd Ave. W., Marsing. For more information, contact pastor Bill O’Conner at (208) 649-5256.

Owyhee Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

Homedale:
Pruett Tire parking lot
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, May 18

Marsing:
Greenhouse beside FFA building at the high school
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, May 24 & 25

Bedding Plants (marigold, petunia, gazania, millet, moss rose, zinnia, aster, and more)
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Contact for more information:
Homedale: Wanda Ferguson 337-4305
Marsing: Ellen Dines 896-4221



An emergency road repair crew from the Idaho Transportation Department went to work on a sinkhole that comprised Idaho highway 78 outside of Givens on May 6. ITD photo

ITD tackles sinkhole repair near Givens

Gophers are being blamed for a sinkhole that developed on Idaho highway 78 east of Givens Hot Springs. Two Idaho Transportation Department crews worked to repair the roadway after it was discovered on the night of May 6. The gophers had undermined the roadway, causing the highway surface to cave in. “When I arrived, it was shortly after 7 p.m., and two Owyhee County (Sheriff’s) deputies were already on scene,” ITD Murphy maintenance foreman Dave Stephenson said. The Marsing maintenance crew, with help from the Caldwell crew and a backhoe, excavated a hole that was 2 feet deep by 3 feet wide by 6 feet long, filling it with three-quarter-inch gravel and topping it with a temporary patch. After consulting Digline to determine the placement of underground utilities in the area, crews will do more excavation and then later pave over the area with permanent asphalt. According to a press release, funds for the emergency fix came from ITD’s maintenance budget, and the permanent repair is expected to cost an additional amount. That amount will not be determined until ITD can investigate the extent of the repairs needed.

COSSA auto mechanics win scholarships



Marsing resident part of third-place duo

From left: Marsing resident Dalton Penrod, Canyon-Owyhee School Services auto mechanics instructor Gary Schleicher and Wilder’s Lance Lincoln pose with the third-place trophy after the 2013 Idaho State Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills contest in Nampa on May 3. The boys each received \$11,500 scholarships. Submitted photo

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Hulse ready to raise more money for seniors

Homedale man will turn hair pink for right price

A Homedale senior known for his fundraising stunts has come up with another hair-raising idea. OK, maybe that’s a hair-dyeing idea. Bob Hulse, who in 2007 pushed a fellow veteran in a wheelchair along U.S. Highway 95 to raise money for Meals on Wheels, will dye his hair pink if community members can raise \$500 for the Homedale Senior Center between now and August’s Buckaroo Breakfast series. The white-haired Hulse, who has a pretty high-profile job during the Christmas season, said he’ll ride in the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade with the pink hair, too. Anyone who donates \$25 will have the opportunity to help dye Hulse’s hair during one of the Buckaroo Breakfast mornings. Fundraising for the senior center is nothing new for Hulse. He helped set up items during last month’s benefit yard sale in the center’s parking lot at 224 W. Idaho Ave. In 2007, at age 67, Hulse pushed Jim Duncan five miles from Wilder to Homedale to raise money. “I said, ‘If anybody puts \$100 on the table, I’ll push Jim from Homedale to Wilder,’ Hulse said of the start of that stunt, which raised \$2,500. Hulse’s children even have gotten into the fundraising spirit. His daughter Tracy and sons Tobias and Ray helped with the senior center’s yard sale and breakfast on April 20. — JPB

E. Owyhee library election set

Rich Fulton has challenged incumbent Kermit Tate in his quest for another six-year term on the Eastern Owyhee Library District board. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View. The deadline to request a mail-in absentee ballot from the county election office is 5 p.m. today.

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TAYLOR’S FAMILY, FRIENDS MAKE THEIR POINT



“It has to be painful to spread this message, but ... it’s probably worth every assembly like this.”

— **Luci Asumendi-Mereness**
Homedale High School principal



Clockwise from top left:
Two teenagers embrace in the aftermath of the Sauer family’s presentation Friday at Homedale High School.

Taylor’s mother, Shauna Sauer, holds up her daughter’s cell phone.

Taylor’s best friend, Kayla Loucks, gets emotional while discussing the fact that she’ll never see her friend again.

From left, *Homedale Middle School students Allison Shenk, Sophie Nash, Lindsey Burks, Lauryn Fisher, and Ashley Burks wear homedade T-shirts to support the anti-texting message, “Put it Down.” They are friends of Taylor’s sister Emerson.*

Taylor’s father, Clay Sauer, addresses students.

Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer, Taylor Sauer’s uncle, warned the audience, “This is the most powerful message you will ever see or hear.”



Angel Walk draws hundreds



Angel Walk volunteer Stephanie Garcia paints Deonna Barnard's face.



Angel Walk recipients and their families take the stage.



Robert Salazar, Homedale, claims his prize bike.



Angel Walk participants gather in the park and pause for Pledge of Allegiance.



Kim Wilson of Homedale with daughter Ava and their dog Esme.



Two Angel Walk runners breeze past hot rods on their way back to Bette Uda City Park.

Big turnout for first car show



Homedale's Teresa Armenta took home best paint for her 1956 Chevrolet pickup. Her husband, Nathan, won best 1960s with his 1968 Camaro.



Russ Hulse, owner of this 1947 Ford coupe, was one of several Owyhee County car buffs to bring out their showpieces.



Dressed in their best '50s attire, Eagle's Aubrey Smith and Hunter Williams danced up and down West Idaho Avenue during Saturday's Angel Walk car show.

Marsing's Larry Livesay, right, one of the car show organizers, shares a moment with 2013 Angel Walk recipient Oseas Arriaga, who also hails from Marsing and had the honor of picking the winner of the Angel's Choice trophy.



Open car hoods show the power underneath.

Angel Walk car show awards

- Angel's Choice — Pontiac Firebird, Larry Bauer, Homedale
- Best 1930s or older (Idaho Classics LLC)
- 1937 Studebaker coupe, Larry Wentland, Nampa
- Best 1940s (Sunnyslope Market)
- 1940 Ford coupe, Tony Tolsma, Caldwell
- Best 1950s (The Owyhee Avalanche)
- 1956 Ford F-100 pickup, Luis Valdez, Caldwell
- Best 1960s (Bowen-Parker-Day CPAs)
- 1968 Chevrolet Camaro, Nathan Armenta, Homedale
- Best 1970s (Timmy B's Mobile Jukebox)
- 1970 Chevy C-20 pickup, Roy Clifton, Boise
- Best wagon (Auto Body by Alan)
- 1958 Chevy sedan delivery, Bob McDonald, Meridian
- Best import (Intermountain Jet Boat Assoc.)
- 1962 Volvo, Tony Farnetti, Caldwell
- Best truck (RehabAuthority)
- 1976 Ford F-100, Lloyd Bell, Nampa
- Best motor (NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply)
- 1951 Ford F-1 pickup, Arvel and Sharon Stevenson, Wilder
- Best paint (Clear Classic Design)
- 1956 Chevy pickup, Teresa Armenta, Homedale
- Best in-progress (Deviant Cruisers club)
- 1968 Pontiac GTO, Rob Townsend, Homedale



The 1962 Volvo of Caldwell's Tony Farnetti, chopped and customized to look like a Ford "lead sled," won Best Import on Saturday.

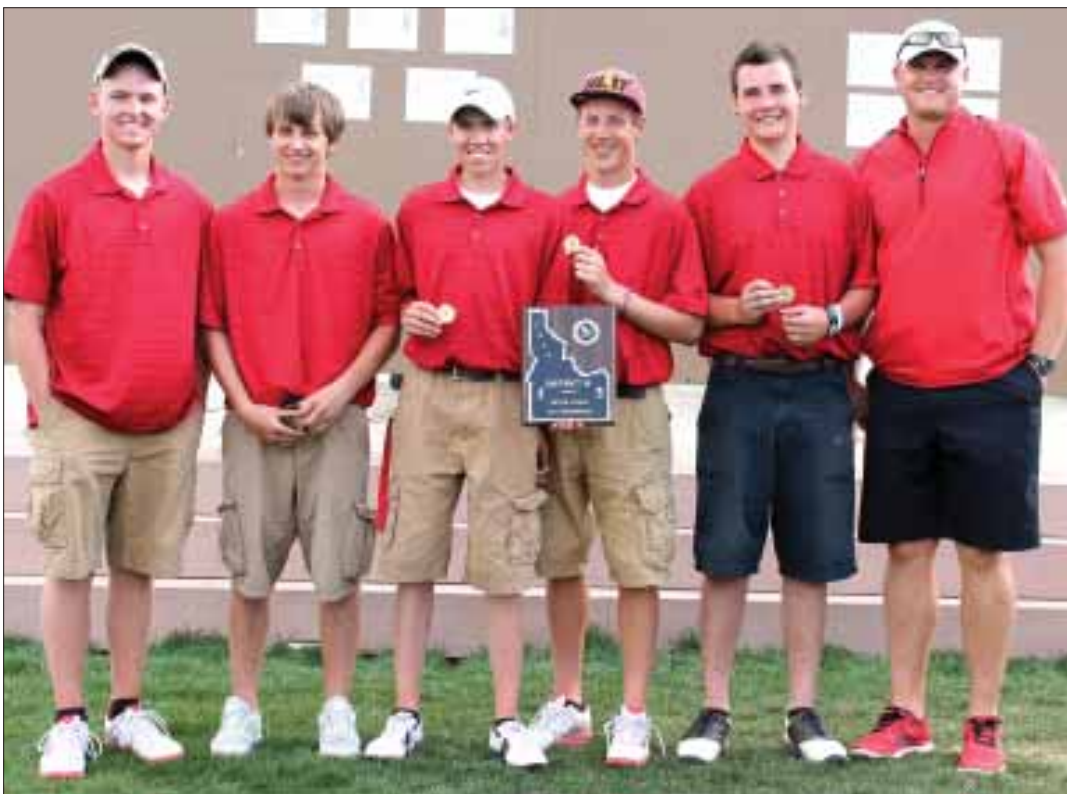


Hot rods of all kinds were on display Saturday, even the two-wheeled variety. A group of Angel Walk participants blasted through the car show while completing the 5K in style.

HMS 7th-grade girls take district track title

Avalanche Sports

Rimrock senior Mori back to 1A state meet



Homedale High School's state tournament-qualifying golf team, from left, Reed Maggard, Bryan Johnson, Cole Twedt, Hayden Krzesnik, Gabe Maurer and coach Casey Grove. Submitted photo

Playing at home, Trojans golfers cook up district title

Low medalist Maggard leads Homedale boys to first crown since 2003

TimberStone Golf Course came into its own last week, and Homedale High School's athletes did, too.

The result was the Trojans' first 3A District III championship and the team's first appearance in the 3A state tournament in five years.

Homedale hadn't won a district tournament in 10 years — back in the 2A days.

Senior Reed Maggard fired an 8-over-par 80 on May 7 to collect the individual championship as Homedale cruised to a 10-stroke victory.

Even with a championship, Maggard showed the fire that has put him in the 3A state tournament

three consecutive years, HHS coach Casey Grove said.

"I know Reed won, but he was disappointed with his play," the newly minted 3A Snake River Valley conference coach of the year said.

Cole Twedt (86) and Bryan Johnson (87), who make up the lower rung of the Trojans' lineup, helped with the team's consistency.

"Cole and Bryan played really well. They are the reason why we won," Grove said. "They picked up the slack for some elevated scores by Reed, Hayden and Gabe."

Senior Hayden Krzesnik also shot an 87 as all



— See *Golfers*, page 18A

Homedale grad wins Big Sky decathlon

Emry is first UM athlete to take title since 2005

Austin Emry is warming up to this decathlon idea.

When the University of Montana was recruiting the 2009 Homedale High School graduate and state champion high jumper, multi-events coach Adam Bork broached the subject of what he saw as Emry's potential in the decathlon.

"He told me what it involved, and I said, 'That really doesn't sound like very much fun.' So I

told him I just wanted to stick with the jumps," Emry recalls.

He did. For one year. "I was watching guys like Chris Hicks and Evan Stokken compete my freshman year, and then it just kind of clicked in my mind," the son of Stuart and Lori Emry said.

Everything clicked last week as the UM junior became Big Sky Conference decathlon champion — four years after dismissing Bork's idea and just three years since he started a training regimen that included events outside of jumps.

— See *Decathlon*, page 17A



Austin Emry, center, stands on the podium in Forest Grove, Ore., after winning the decathlon at the Big Sky Conference outdoor championships Friday. The Homedale High School graduate beat Harley Goedhart, left, and Justin Critser, both of whom compete for Idaho State. Photo courtesy Larry Lawson / Portland State University Athletics

Huskies win two titles on march to state meet

Leon's 800 skills result in two gold medals

In track and field, the gratification isn't always immediate as a few Marsing High School athletes found out.

Four of the 10 Huskies who will compete in the 2A state meet at Middleton High School this week didn't know they were going until Sunday.

Juniors Tyler Malmberg (triple jump), Shannon Clover (sprints) and Isaiah Ponce (distance) were on the outside looking in when the

district championships finished Saturday in New Plymouth.

On Sunday, though, it was discovered that their marks were good enough to receive at-large bids.

They'll join other automatic qualifiers, including the boys' medley relay team of juniors Tristan Jacobi and Raul Garcia



Dillon Danner

— See *Huskies*, page 17A

Homedale softball takes aim at state tourney for 3rd straight year

Familiar scenarios all around as Trojans prepare for Buhl trip

There's good news and bad news coming from the Homedale High School softball camp these days.

First, the bad news: The Trojans lost the 3A District III title game to Fruitland for the third consecutive season. The host Grizzlies stifled Homedale, 5-2, on Thursday.

The good news: Coach Larry Corta's club got a shot at revenge in the 3A state championship game each of the past two seasons, and the Trojans are heading back

to the state tournament again. Furthermore, Homedale has brought back hardware each of the four other trips it has made with Corta at the helm.

Homedale (15-9 overall) opens the 3A tournament at 11 a.m. Friday in Buhl against District VI champion Teton, the same opponent the Trojans crushed 10-0 in five innings in last year's opener in Coeur d'Alene.

Thursday: Homedale 13, Payette 8 — Held scoreless for the first six innings in the champi-

onship game earlier in the day, the Trojans survived a slugfest with the Pirates to clinch the district's No. 2 state tournament berth.

It was the second victory over Payette in the tournament. The Pirates joined Fruitland as the only teams to beat Homedale during the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.



Destiny Long

— See *Softball*, page 17A

Sports

Three players with Trojans ties head to 3A state tennis

Jokanovic will
represent Wilder
this weekend

Two Homedale High School tennis players will visit Caldwell this week for the 3A state tournament.

Sophomore Hattie Mertz is entered in the girls' singles ladder, while sophomore Kincade Kincheloe will take his shot in boys' singles.

A third player who competed with Homedale throughout the year, Serbian exchange student Lena Jokanovic, will represent Wilder at the state tournament. The senior won a third-place medal at last week's 3A District III Tournament in Parma.

Mertz, who traded off the



Trojans' No. 1 slot with Jokanovic this season, nabbed the district's final berth in the state tournament with a fifth-place finish.

Kincheloe, who ascended to the Trojans' No. 1 boys' singles spot earlier this season, also finished fifth at the district tournament.

The 3A state tournament will be contested Friday and Saturday at Vallivue and Caldwell high schools.

The brackets will be released today.



Lena Jokanovic



Hattie Mertz



Kincade Kincheloe

Eight Trojans qualify in 10 events

Abbott will close
career with jump
appearances

The athletes qualified for the 3A track and field state meet give Homedale High School observers a glimpse of the future as well as appreciation of a job well done.

High jumper Emilee Hann will close her prep career at State after winning the 3A District III event championship in Parma.

Hann cleared 4 feet, 8 inches to win the Trojans' only title in the two-day event held Wednesday and Thursday.

She'll lead a group of eight Homedale athletes — including fellow senior Ali Abbott — into the Friday-Saturday state meet at Middleton High School.

Abbott finished fourth in the high jump, her 4-6 effort good enough for the final district berth.

The top four individuals and top two relay teams from last week's district competition earned passage into the state meet, which will share the Middleton facility with the 1A and 2A championships.

Abbott finished third in the girls' long jump, soaring 15-3 to become one of two two-event qualifiers for the Trojans. Sophomore distance runner Riley Portwood will take on two events in the boys' meet.

She missed the chance at a third appearance when she finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 52.39.

Outside of junior Luke Flaming, the rest of the Homedale state



Homedale High School seniors Ali Abbott, far left, and Emilee Hann flank two Fruitland placers on the high jump podium at the 3A District III championship meet in Parma. Submitted photo

contingent will be comprised of ninth- and 10th-graders.

Flaming finished fourth in the boys' high jump at 5-4. He competes at noon Friday.

Three sophomores and three freshmen will represent Homedale in Middleton.

The lone boy in that group is sophomore Riley Portwood, who was runner-up in the district 1,600 at 10 minutes, 43.09 seconds. According to HHS athletic director, Portwood also qualified for the state meet in the 3,200.

Freshman distance runner Maya Correa qualified after her second-place time of 13:15.5 in the girls' 3,200. She just missed in the 1,600, finishing fifth.

Sophomore Jennifer Hernandez also was one spot away from a double-up. She qualified with a fourth-place time of 29.33 in the 200 meters, but was fifth in the

100 at 13.74.

Freshman Maddie Conant will compete in the girls' discus with an effort of 85-7. She was fifth in the shot put, just outside the qualification zone.

Sophomore Kerigan Morris grabbed the district's final spot at State the shot put with a fourth-place throw of 30-3½.

Three other Trojans just missed qualification standards when they finished fifth in their respective events, including freshman Richard Symms in the boys' discus (128-4), junior Britt Eubanks in the boys' high jump (5-2) and senior Mariah Mackie in the girls' high jump (4-4).

Eubanks and Flaming were part of the Trojans' 4x400-meter relay squad that missed a state berth. They teamed with Josh Tolmie and Isaac Harvey to run a third-place time of 3:57.58.

Homedale Trojans



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Reed Maggard, sr., golf

The Play — Maggard qualified for his third consecutive 3A state tournament with his first District III individual championship last week. He shot an 8-over-par 80 on TimberStone Golf Course to lead the Trojans to their first district championship in 10 years on May 7. The Trojans played in the 3A state tournament in Post Falls on Monday and Tuesday.



Baseball
Varsity
Season complete
Fifth at 3A District III Tournament (7-14 overall)

Softball
Varsity
Friday, May 17 vs. Teton, 3A state tournament, Buhl, 11 a.m.

If win first game: Friday, May 17 vs. Buhl-Bear Lake winner, 3A state tournament, Buhl, 3:30 p.m.

If lose first game: Friday, May 17 vs. Buhl-Bear Lake loser, 3A state tournament, Buhl, 1:30 p.m.

Track and field
Friday and Saturday, May 17-18 at 3A state championship meet, Middleton

Tennis
Friday and Saturday, May 17-18 at 3A state championship tournament, Vallivue H.S. or Caldwell H.S.

Golf
Congratulations, 3A District III team champions and Reed Maggard, individual district champ

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Sports

Huskies can't parlay big win vs. Melba into state berth

Streaking McCall ends Marsing's softball season

Although the team knocked off the tournament's top seed, Marsing High School could survive the 2A District III softball tournament.

The Huskies played three games in Friday's first day, beating Nampa Christian and then No. 1 Melba to reach the championship semifinals.

Marsing (10-18 overall) couldn't pull out a third win in the opening day, dropping a 9-1 decision to tourney host and eventual district champion New Plymouth.

The Huskies then fell victim to arguably the hottest team in the tournament. McCall-Donnelly out-slugged Marsing, 19-16, to continue a three-game winning streak through the losers bracket

and end the Huskies' season.

Saturday: McCall-Donnelly 19, Marsing 16 — The Vandals scored nine times in the fifth inning, which provided enough cushion to withstand the Huskies' rally over their final two at-bats.

Marsing led, 11-5, when McCall scored five times in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Vandals then completed their comeback with the nine-spot in the fifth.

Marsing committed five of its 12 errors in the fourth and fifth innings, but McCall also hit starting pitcher Marissa Hardy hard. Half of the Vandals' 10 hits in the two innings were doubles, including three consecutive to start the fifth.

Marsing scored five runs in its first at-bat. Hardy stole home, Lacey Usabel and Mariah Kinney scored on an error and Taylor Petet drove in Kimber Bowman with a single. Courtney Rhodes scored the first of her three runs

on a two-out error.

After the Vandals rallied for three runs in the bottom of the first, Marsing went on to score two runs in each of their next three at-bats.

Audra Kendall had a double and two RBIs for Marsing.

Friday: New Plymouth 9, Marsing 1 — The Huskies grabbed a 1-0 lead, but couldn't create much else as the Pilgrims rolled into the district final behind Kaylee Forsberg's three-hitter.

Forsberg struck out seven, and none of the Huskies' three hits played a part in the earned run she allowed.

Kinney collected the only walk off the Pilgrims' pitcher to lead off the second inning. She scored Marsing's only run when she tagged up from third base after Bowman lined out to first base.

New Plymouth responded with a pair of two-out runs in the bottom of the inning.

Kinney singled in the fourth in-

ning to break up Forsberg's string of seven straight outs. Kinney was on base a third time in the seventh inning after getting hit by a pitch.

The Huskies' other hits came when Rhodes singled in the second and Alicia Barkell led off the sixth with a single.

Friday: Marsing 11, Melba 5 — The Huskies loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth inning the proceeded to score six times to snap a 5-5 stalemate.

Hardy snapped the tie with a hard infield single that plated A. Quiroz.

The floodgates then opened in what arguably was the biggest inning of Marsing's season. Usabel and Kinney clubbed back-to-back two-run doubles as the Huskies surged ahead of the tournament's top seed.

Marsing beat Melba despite collecting only four hits. Hardy and Bowman both singled. The Mustangs, though, committed

seven errors that led to four unearned runs.

Friday: Marsing 5, Nampa Christian 1 — Hardy put together her best pitching performance of the tournament in the Huskies' opener, spinning a four-hitter and striking out seven while walking none.

The Trojans' only run in the top of the fifth was unearned, but by then Marsing had forged a 3-0 advantage.

Courtney Rhodes smashed a home run with one out in the second inning. She would also double.

Kinney got Marsing on the board in the first inning with a two-out run-scoring double.

Barkell led off the third with a single and scored when Kendall reached on an error.

After Nampa Christian broke through in the fifth inning, Marsing used a pair of Trojans errors to score twice in the bottom of the inning.

Marsing baseball falls short of state tourney

NC beats Huskies in opening round

There won't be a third consecutive trip to the 2A state tournament for Marsing High School baseball.

The Huskies (16-7 overall) went 1-2 in the 2A District III Tournament last week.

Coach Jerry Stacy's club began the tourney with its second straight loss to Nampa Christian.

The Trojans beat the host Huskies, 11-2, on May 6 for their 19th consecutive state berth.

Marsing stayed alive May 7 with a 12-0 win over McCall-Donnelly in Melba, but lost to the tournament host Mustangs, 6-2, on Thursday.

Rimrock's Mori returns to state meet

GFA boys with local ties reach 1A championships

Three local athletes will compete in the 1A track and field state championship meet in Middleton this week.

Rimrock High School senior Johanna Mori makes a return to the state meet after finishing fourth in the girls' high jump at

the 1A District III championship meet Thursday.

She cleared 4 feet, 2 inches at the meet in Horseshoe Bend.

JB Bermudez-Koch, a Greenleaf Friends Academy senior who lives in Marsing, won two district championships and qualified for the state meet in three events overall.

Koch won the 300 hurdles in 41.52 seconds and took the long jump title with a 20-4½ effort.

Bermudez-Koch and

Homedale's Darrell Cereghino were part of the Grizzlies' state-qualifying 4x100 relay team, too.

Cereghino opened the race and Bermudez-Koch ran anchor as they teamed with Drake Hungate and Dave Larson to win the district title with a 46.05 time.

The state meet will be held Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School alongside the state championship meets for Class 2A and Class 3A.

MARSING HUSKIES

Boys' medley relay team



Mariano Estrada, sr.



Tristan Jacobi, jr.



Raul Garcia, jr.



Miguel Leon, sr.

The Play — The Huskies defended their championship at the 2A District III meet and qualified for this week's state meet.

Baseball

Fourth at 2A District III Tournament (16-7 overall)

Softball

Season complete (10-18 overall)

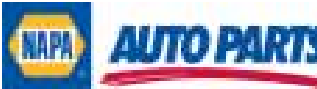
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Sports

Five individual titles push HMS girls to district crown

Mertz wins triple jump for 7th-grade boys

The Homedale Middle School seventh-grade girls’ track and field team made the most of being at home.

On May 4, the team wrapped up the season with the 3A District III championship at Deward Bell Stadium.

Homedale scored 142 points for a 13-point victory over Weiser. The Homedale boys finished fourth.

The Homedale girls won five individual

championships:

- Lainey Johnson in the 800 meters (2 minutes, 55.26 seconds) and 1,600 in 6:28.9.
- Ember Christensen, 100 hurdles (19.05)
- Eva Symms, shot put (25 feet, 2 inches) and discus (73-6)

Other girls’ top-five finishes included:

- Johnson, second in the 400 and third in the 100 hurdles
- Christensen, second in the 200 hurdles and long jump and third in the triple jump
- Kendall Nash, fifth in the 400
- Kaley DeWitt, third in the shot put

and discus

- Merrysa Oakley, fourth in the shot put
- Ashley Burks, second in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump and long jump

On the boys’ side, Max Mertz won the district championship in the triple jump.

Other boys’ top-five finishes included:

- Mertz, second in the 400 and the long jump
- David Villanueva, third in the shot put and fourth in the 400
- Cobey Christoffersen, third in the 100 hurdles and 200 hurdles and fourth in the

triple jump and fifth in the long jump

- Tony Baltierrez, fifth in the 200 hurdles and triple jump
- Yeisen Hurtado, fourth in the discus

Eighth-graders

The HMS eighth-grade girls pulled off a handful of top-five finishes, including:

- Carlie Sawyer, third in the 100 and 200 and fourth in the long jump
- Kay Travis, third in the 200 hurdles and fifth in the 100 hurdles
- Ambyr Van Winkle, fifth in the shot put and the high jump

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✓ Decathlon: Emry scored more than 7,000 points in two days of work

Emry is the sixth Grizzlies athlete to win the Big Sky decathlon and the first in eight years.

He held the lead after Wednesday’s first day at Forest Grove, Ore., and extended his advantage to a comfortable margin with a victory in Thursday’s first event, the 110-meter hurdles.

“Austin had a good, solid day,” UM track and field coach Brian Schweyen said. “He made winning his first conference championship look easy. And he’s still got plenty of energy and focus for the next two days.”

Emry ran the fastest time in the

hurdles (14.71 seconds) to build his lead to more than 450 points over Idaho State’s Justin Critser, who trailed Emry by just 67 after Wednesday’s five events.

Emry finished third in the discus (116 feet, 3 inches), fourth in the pole vault (13-3.5) and fourth in the javelin (165-9), which led to a frank discussion on strategy with Bork and Schweyen.

The athlete and coaches agreed an easy race in the 1,500 meters would clinch the decathlon title and save Emry for Friday and Saturday when he would compete individually in the hurdles, high

jump and long jump.

“It was still a 1,500, so it wasn’t easy, but I didn’t have to go guts-out,” Emry said. “I’ll do anything I can to help the team, and the best thing was to stay healthy for Friday and Saturday and try to get us some more points.”

Emry’s 7,010 points weren’t enough to qualify for the NCAA outdoor championships decathlon.

“The only downside to the day was that the points to make nationals just weren’t there,” Schweyen said, “but this is only the start of the conference cham-

pionships, and there are a lot more points out there for Austin the next two days.”

During last Wednesday’s opening day of the decathlon, Emry finished in the top two in four of the five events.

He scored 3,838 points with a win in the long jump (23-2½) and runner-up showings in the 100 dash (11.30), the shot put (43-3) and the high jump (6-6¼). He was sixth in the 400 despite a season-best time of 51.64.

After Friday’s first round of individual competition, Emry had scored 19 of UM men’s 29 points.

He finished third in the long jump (23-7½) and sixth in the high jump at 6-8. Although ranked fifth in the conference coming in, Emry couldn’t get out of the preliminaries in 110 hurdles.

On Saturday, he ran a leg of the Grizzlies’ eighth-place 4x100 relay squad.

In all he scored 20 points, nearly a third of Montana’s sixth-highest total of 66 in the conference meet.

— *The University of Montana sports information department supplied the material for this article.*

✓ Huskies: Clover, Bowers to represent Marsing girls at Middleton meet

and seniors Miguel Leon and Mariano Estrada, who got together to defend their district championship.

Leon, who will compete in two events at State after winning the open 800 district title, closed out the run to the relay crown with a 2-minute, 3-second 800 anchor.

Huskies coach Jim Eisentrager said spectators were on their feet as Leon out-kicked his nemesis from New Plymouth to the finish line.

“I’ve very proud of the guys,” he said. “They worked hard.”

Leon ran a 2:08 to win the open

800, and his coach said the 90-degree heat played a role in the personality of the contest.

“The guys ran that 800 race more strategically rather than just flat-out for time,” Eisentrager said.

Jacobi also received an at-large berth in the 100 meters.

The top three finishers in each event received automatic bids into the state meet. The top four performances among all non-qualifiers in the state’s six districts get at-large berths.

Malmberg will be going to his first state meet as an at-large triple

jumper.

“He’s been working really hard this season because he’s just had a real focus on State,” Eisentrager said.

Ponce will make his first appearance the state meet after nabbing an at-large invitation in the 3,200 meters.

Ponce won’t be alone, however.

Teammate Dillon Danner finished second in the 3,200 and third in the 1,600 to reach the state meet in both events.

The senior was ranked No. 2 in the 3,200 at 10 minutes, 25 sec-

onds at Sunday’s seeding meeting, which bodes well, Eisentrager said.

“He’s run a 10:18, so if runs his (personal record), he should be state champion,” the coach said.

Clover received a pair of at-large bids in the 100 and 200. She finished sixth in the 100 and seventh in 200, but still came up with some of the fastest times among district competitors statewide.

Although there are only four at-large berths statewide, every at-large bid for the springs came from District III. Eisentrager said that is a testament to the competi-

tiveness of the district.

All but one of the distance at-large bids came from District V, he said.

Continuing the parade of juniors, Lily Bowers finished second in both girls’ discus and shot put.

Freshman Alexandre Heidt qualified in both the 100 and the 200. Bucky, as he likes to be called, finished third in both sprints.

“I’m really pleased,” Eisentrager said. “He’s going to be an amazing sprinter and fun to watch as he continues to grow up.”

— JPB

✓ Softball: Morgan Nash’s late heroics not enough in district title game

Homedale took advantage of the Pirates’ shaky execution, scoring five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to cap its comeback. Destiny Long’s eighth home run of the season — a solo shot — put punctuation on the situation as Homedale grabbed an 8-4 lead.

Earlier in the inning, errors brought home Makayla Aberasturi and Erin Shenk with the tying and go-ahead runs respectively. Hailee Aberasturi scored on a wild pitch, and Morgan Nash brought home Gabby Nash with a sacrifice fly.

Winning pitcher Morgan Nash concluded a productive day with three RBI on 2-for-3 hitting. She

also knocked in Homedale’s only runs in the district title game earlier.

Gabby Nash and Tori Nash also drove in two runs each.

Thursday: Fruitland 5, Homedale 2 — Morgan Nash’s two-run double with two outs in the seventh inning was the only noticeable blemish on Kendall Cox’s district final performance for the Grizzlies.

The Trojans, however, had plenty of chances against the two-time reigning state champions. Homedale stranded nine runners on base, including Nash at third and Long at first in the seventh

inning.

The Grizzlies committed three errors, but Cox was able to limit the damage with 11 strikeouts.

Just as in last year’s championship game, Jenny Phillips homered for Fruitland. This time, her two-run shot came fourth inning as Fruitland took a 4-0 lead. Bryndee Ryan led off the inning with a solo shot against Nash. Last year, Phillips’ three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh sealed Fruitland’s 11-9 victory in the district championship.

Long had three of the Trojans’ seven hits, while Gabby Nash

and Gardenia Machuca laced singles.

May 7: Homedale 9, Payette 3 — Makayla Aberasturi snapped a 2-2 tie with a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the third inning and the Trojans never looked back in their district opener in Fruitland. Long and Machuca had walked prior to Aberasturi’s clutch hit.

Katie Deal (single) and Machuca (double) had run-scoring hits when the Trojans broke open the game with a three-run fifth inning.

Machuca was 3-for-3 with a run scored and two RBI, and Hailee Aberasturi was 2-for-2 with a run scored in the bottom of the batting order. Gabby Nash also drove in a pair of runs.

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Sports

✓ **Golfers:** Maggard looks to improve on 10th in 2012

The girls' team captured seven consecutive state championships between 1998 and 2004.

A close-up photograph of a brown leather baseball glove with black laces, resting on a green grassy field. A white baseball with red stitching is positioned in front of the glove. The background is a blurred blue sky.

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Celebrating agriculture education

Rimrock FFA finished fifth in horse judging

The Rimrock FFA chapter's horse judging team received a pleasant shock at the state leadership conference.

At the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, the team of Bailey Bachman, Sami Bachman, Mickie Newman and Jackie Newman finished fifth. There were 50 teams in the statewide competition.

"They were thrilled and very surprised," Rimrock FFA advisor Alan Schoen said.

Zach Tindall ran for state office during the state conference. He made the first cut, but didn't finish with a state position.

"It was a great learning experience for him, and he plans on running again next year," Schoen said.



The Rimrock FFA horse judging team placed fifth at last month's State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls. From left, Bailey Bachman, Jackie Newman, Sami Jo Bachman, Mickie Newman and chapter advisor Alan Schoen.



Marsing's Maggie Moo winners named

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard (far right) presented milkshakes and awards to the winners in Marsing Elementary School's Maggie Moo contest. The contest was held in conjunction with a visit by the Farm Bureau's interactive education trailer. From left, teacher Dorothy Hutchings stands behind third-place Abigail Sevy, Cindy Osgood is behind runner-up Emily Vanasdall and Wendy Stansell stands with trophy winner Mila Astarquia. Submitted photo

Angel Walk first, cleanup later

Homedale's Shoo-Fly 4-H club cleaned up the Bette Uda City Park after the Angel Walk on Saturday as a community service project. Pictured are Annie and Emma Kraupp, club members, who also participated in the walk. Submitted photo



The 2013-14 Homedale FFA chapter administration will include, from left, Clara-Leigh Evans, assistant to advisor; alumni coordinators Michael Lejardi and Lydia Aman, sentinel Lance Eaton, reporter Megan Bettleyon, secretary Esteban Lejardi, co-historian Justine Rose, treasurer Devin Fisher, co-historian Madi Fisher, vice-president Tell Hyer (partially obscured), president Shelby Lee and advisor Lori Idsinga.

Homedale chapter wraps its year

by Megan Bettleyon
Chapter reporter

Homedale FFA held its annual banquet on May 6, and we invited Idaho FFA president Brett Wilder from Meridian High School to be our guest speaker.

Wilder told the chapter members to cherish their time with the organization and to always strive for their goals — and then some.

"Never stop going until you get to where you want to be," he said. "Then once you're there, keep going to stay there."

It was a phenomenal turnout, and more than \$6,000 worth of scholarships were awarded. Annual chapter awards and other honors also were handed out, including:

Dekalb Award — Erin Shenk

Discovery Degree — Ryan Criffield, Riley Haun, Lindsey McRae, Megan Maxwell, Korbin Osborn, Ryan Randall, and Carlie Sawyer

Greenhand Degree — Mickayla Aberasturi, Manny Baltierrez, Jennifer Bautista, Ben Cardenas, Trace Cline, Riley Christoffersen, Jacob Christensen, Wylee Cooper, Lance Eaton, Madison Fisher, Coty Ford, Brie Harvey, Michael Lejardi, Hailie Martell, Lawsen Matteson, Justine Rose, Adrianna Salutregui, Sydnee Shanley, Caleb Smith, Elizabeth Vargas, and Jesse Watson

Chapter Degree — Brady Brown, Devin Fisher, Kyler Landa, Hattie Mertz, Kerrigan Morris, Morgan Nash, Tori Nash, Bo Picket, Carlie Purdom, Elise Shenk, Edmy Vega, and Samantha Woods

State FFA Degree — Lydia Aman, Tell Hyer, Shelby Lee, and Esteban Lejardi

Star Greenhand — Madison Fisher, Caleb Smith, and Michael Lejardi

Star Chapter Farmer — Edmy Vega and Devin Fisher

Work Horse — Shelby Lee

Scholarship Award — Shelby Criffield, Robert Evans, Mike Mavey, Shelby McRae, Gabby Nash, Erin Shenk, Cole Twedt, Lydia Aman, Ben Cardenas, Brie Harvey, Tell Hyer, Brenlyn Kilby, Shelby Lee, Estaban Lejardi, Maddy Maxwell, Kaylee Rupp, Jace Turner, and Edmy Vega

Top Shop Student — Mike Mavey

Proficiency Awards — Adrianna Salutregui, Devin Fisher, and Madison Fisher

Scholarships

Steven Harrison Memorial — Erin Shenk

Tamura Memorial — Gabby Nash, Shelby McRae, and Kenny Harper

Batt Promise FFA — Erin Shenk, Cole Twedt, and Mike Mavey

Changing of the guard

Homedale's incoming 2013-14 officers:

President: Shelby Lee
Vice-president: Tell Hyer
Secretary: Esteban Lejardi
Treasurer: Devin Fisher
Sentinel: Lance Eaton
Reporter: Megan Bettleyon
Historians: Madi Fisher and Justine Rose
Alumni coordinators: Michael Lejardi and Lydia Aman

The outgoing 2012-13 officers:

President: Erin Shenk
Vice-president: Tell Hyer
Secretary: Esteban Lejardi
Treasurer: Shelby Lee
Sentinel: Devin Fisher
Reporter: Lydia Aman
Historian: Edmy Vega

Apex Electric — Mike Mavey and Cole Twedt

Connor Landa Agriculture — Gabby Nash

State officer — Erin Shenk, awarded \$1,000 in Visa cards to help with expenses of serving as 2013-14 state reporter.

"It'll be one of the best years of your life, but it will be the best year for your life," former state FFA officer Dwayne Fisher said in presenting the scholarship developed by he and his wife Tracy, who also served as a state officer during her FFA days.

Letter Award recipients

First-year — Jennifer Bautista, Ben Cardenas, Trace Cline, Riley Christoffersen, Lance Eaton, Madison Fisher, Coty Ford, Michael Lejardi, Adrianna Salutregui, Caleb Smith, and Samantha Woods

Second-year — Devin Fisher, Hattie Mertz, Kerrigan Morris, Morgan Nash, Tori Nash, Carlie Purdom, Elise Shenk, and Edmy Vega

Third-year — Megan Bettleyon, Lydia Aman, Tell Hyer, Brenlyn Kilby, Shelby Lee, Estaban Lejardi, Kaylee Rupp, and Jace Turner

Fourth-year — Kenny Harper, Mike Mavey, Shelby McRae, Erin Shenk, and Cole Twedt

Community awards

Slave Auction Top Buyer — Dwayne and Tracy Fisher and Jim and Kathryn Mertz

Honorary Degrees — Allison Touchstone, Wayne Hungate, Clara-Leigh Evans, Jon Brown, Cindy Mavey, Todd and Deb Twedt

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Me and Albert



Back in the days before satellite TV, cell phones, video players, Netflix and laptops, many ranchers in the west were isolated from civilization. Most had land line telephone service if they were able to string the phone line along fences from the paved road to the headquarters, which was often miles away. And electricity often came from gas-driven generators. You got mail three days a week.

I remember when Mr. Simplot bought the Alder Creek Ranch 20 miles west of Denio, Nev., on the Oregon line, 162 miles from Winnemucca, the nearest town with a barbershop and a politician. I made the trip at least three times a year: at preg-checkin', bull testing and branding. I'm guessing they had anywhere from 10 to 15 people living there permanently: the boss and his family, Hazel was the cook, Jim was the mechanic, maybe a married cowboy, a couple Basque fence builders, someone who could drive the haying machinery, a hired man and four single cowboys.

Visitors, BLM, and strangers were welcomed warily. It was not uncommon for one or two of the hired help to be runnin' from the law. Alder Creek was a good hideout. The new young veterinarian drew lots of scrutiny. One trip I loaded in the pickup with a tough-lookin' cowboy. They called him Tombstone. He rattled off down the road to Knott Creek. He was not really friendly, mostly grunts. Finally he broke the ice, "What the heck kind of name is Baxter?"

I said, "Well, it sure beats Francis!"

After a day's work we would go to the bunkhouse, do the chores, then clean up and join everyone at the cookhouse for supper. Most times, with the exception of the boss' wife and Hazel, the company was all men. Baskos, cowboys, prospectors, farm hands, fugitives, mechanics, loners and visiting veterinarians sat around the 12-foot table talking and joking up a storm.

In those days, I always stuck my guitar in the vet truck when I worked the ranches and sheep camps. I'd break it out after supper, maybe some of the others had instruments ... I remember a gold miner who helped during roundup and shipping. He played Irish tunes on his mandolin. I was never quite sure if it was in Gaelic or Portuguese, but he was a hit! Entertainment, much less *live* entertainment, was a scarcity out there. You didn't have to be good, just enthusiastic!

Albert was one of the cowboys who was a pretty good musician and knew lots of western songs. One night he offered to teach me some new songs. I said, "Great, take it away!" He said we'd have to go back to the bunkhouse because he was too shy to sing in front of everybody. After the group broke up, he took me into a small storeroom and gave me a private concert. I learned "*Oh, My You're a Dandy for 19 Years Old*," "*The Little Brown Shack*," and "*The Castration of the Strawberry Roan*"! Classic Country, I guess!

Albert and I stayed in touch. He moved around, and so did I. He passed away not long ago. His nephew called with the news. I don't mourn Albert so much as remember the two of us, a lifetime ago, when we made our day's work just a little easier for each other. And I still owe him one. It was he who warned me about Tombstone. How else would I have known his name was Francis.

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Homedale shows its heart



The old advertising slogan goes: Chevrolet, the Heartbeat of America.

The slogan for Saturday's Chamber of Commerce day in these parts would have been Angel Walk: the heartbeat of Homedale.

By all accounts, Saturday's third annual Angel Walk was a smashing success, both for the two recipients and the town's businesses.

About 500 people registered to take part in the Angel Walk 5-kilometer walk, run and bike ride, although only about 450 actually took to the new course on a very un-spring-like day. The organizing committee of Michelle Larzelier, Marcy Hibbs and Samantha Smith should be commended.

On the opposite end of Idaho Avenue from Bette Uda City Park, about 100 classic cars glistened in the sunlight as the brainstorm of Marsing-area resident and Nampa businessman Larry Livesay revved up and rumbled to life.

Then, of course, there was the Treasure Valley Antique Power Association tractor pulls at the beet dump east of the Angel Walk starting point.

Early returns show that Angel Walk and the car show generated more than \$10,000 to help the families of Marsing eighth-grader Oseas Arriaga and Homedale Elementary student Christian Cloin with mounting medical bills.

Rightfully so, those two boys were Saturday's primary focus.

But, the outpouring of help from the community not only Saturday but in the run-up to the full day of activity puts Homedale on the map.

Consider this: With 11,000 people invading Boise for Race for the Cure, Homedale still attracted nearly 500 for its run.

Also, there were a handful of other shows in the Treasure Valley that were more centrally located for the majority of car buffs who came to town. They had other choices, but hauled out to Homedale for a worthy cause.

Speaking as a guy who has been going to car shows for some time, the fact that 100 cars rolled into town for a first-time show is amazing.

It was "mission accomplished" for Livesay, who answered the call last year to get an event off the ground

that would bring business to town. He wanted to do something to reflect the compassion of the community, too.

Homedale resident Mark Bauer put his welding skills to good use and created several works of art that were handed out as car show awards. Mike Conant from Matteson's repair shop teamed with Bauer to help park cars on both sides of West Idaho Avenue early Saturday.

The City of Homedale gave its blessing to the car show months ago, but if it wasn't for the road closure permit public works supervisor Larry Bauer acquired from Idaho Transportation Department, the day wouldn't have been the same. As a side note, Oseas picked Bauer's Pontiac Trans-Am as Angel's Choice on Saturday.

The Homedale Police Department mobilizes its full force to make sure the Angel Walk participants remained safe throughout the new route that wound down by the river and then straight down West Idaho Avenue between the classic cars.

"There were a large number of officers helping out and were really great to work with," Larzelier said. "We really appreciate their support and the support of the city."

Several businesses in town — some that had already pitched in for Angel Walk — stepped up to help pay for the cost of making the trophies, or donated prizes for the drawing or hosted Poker Walk stations.

Timmy B's Mobile Jukebox, a Boise-based business, provided the music and PA, which was powered by donated electricity from a nearby business.

In fact, between Angel Walk and the car show, nearly every business in Homedale and Marsing stepped up to the plate to make Saturday shimmer.

And that involvement apparently paid off. There were reports of crowds at many of the restaurants in town.

The community should be proud of what went on in Homedale on Saturday.

It showed that good, wholesome fun could be had while helping a good cause.

With the great feelings that burst forth Saturday, it's hard not to look forward to next year.

Angel Walk will be back, and apparently so will the car show.

"I think we're committed," Livesay said as he looked out over the dozens of vehicles.

Andrea Scott, reporter

Eyes on Owyhee An earful is not enough



I attended the Gateway West transmission powerline open house in Murphy last week. The turnout was exceptional. One hundred forty-four people turned out to talk to BLM and Idaho Power officials, thanks to the efforts of people such as Frank Bachman and Robyn Thompson, who serve on the Gateway West Owyhee County Task Force.

The disconcerting thing, however, was some of the comments I heard from attendees. One person told an official they weren't going to write a comment, but they were going to tell them, right now, what they thought.

I think we'd all agree that getting things off your chest feels good — especially when it's aimed at representatives of big corporations and seemingly unfriendly government agencies, but that's not what is going to determine the outcome of the Gateway project, reduction in grazing allotments, or the Owyhee Wilderness Draft plan.

Telling someone off is no way to get on the record. The BLM only recognizes written comments in this process.

People need to write comments that can be recorded by these groups because that's what counts — it's verifiable

and they can take it to the decision-makers. I've heard excuses that some people don't have computers, or some people aren't good at writing, or they don't have the time.

Everyone knows someone who is good at the dreaded writing task, and everyone knows some kid that is a whiz on a computer. I know that ranchers don't have time. I've worked out there with some of you and I also grew up on a ranch, so I know first-hand what you mean. However, if we don't all work together and take the time to put these comments in writing, there may not be a ranch to go to at the end of the day.

I don't want to sound like I'm telling anyone what to do. I'm saying I'm here alongside you in the fight. I've personally benefited by living in Seattle and near other big cities for a while, and I know the power of special-interest groups that can mount campaigns and sway public opinion. I don't want to see my friends get trampled on the land they have ranched and loved for generations.

People need to fight, but fight smart.

Commentary

Financial management

Invest in a mutual fund with a strong track record

Dear Dave,

I'd like to start investing in mutual funds, but I have no idea how they work. Could you explain about them please?

— Jennifer



Dear Jennifer,

First of all, don't rely solely on my answer here. You should never invest in anything you don't fully understand. Before you do anything else, sit down with a good mutual fund broker, someone who has the heart of a teacher, who will help you find what's best for you and your specific situation and goals.

Simply put, a mutual fund — if it's a stock mutual fund — is a group of 90 to 200 stocks. If it's a growth stock mutual fund, then it's a group of 90 to 200 growth stocks. Analysts buy the stocks they think will increase in price and sell the stocks they feel will go down in price. When

the analysts buy growth stocks, it turns it into a growth stock mutual fund. If they buy bonds instead, it becomes a bond mutual fund. Several people put money into these groups, and that's where you get the name "mutual fund." They're mutually funded.

These types of investments are much safer than single stock investing because your money is spread across several different stocks. Plus, you've got people who know what they're doing picking the stocks. My advice would be to take a hard look at mutual funds that have been out there for 10 to 20 years and have a good track record for a long

period of time. I have one that has been open since 1934, and that kind of longevity and stability gives me confidence that over time they'll be just fine!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Can you please define "necessities" in today's world while trying to get out of debt and live on a budget?

— Matthew

Dear Matthew,

Whether you're talking about the world today or 50 years ago, necessities haven't changed. Necessities are still food, shelter, clothing, transportation and utilities. We're talking about needs versus wants. The problem is that many people were never taught that there's a difference between the two — a big difference.

Most people have enough food to eat and a decent place to live.

Those are necessities. I'm not talking about eating out or having a big, fancy house. Those are wants. Most people also have enough clothes in the closet and a way to get around town. They may not have designer clothes or a fancy foreign sports car, but again, those are *wants*, not needs. Keeping the lights on and the house warm in winter and cool during the summer? Utilities are a need. But no one *needs* a \$300 super-deluxe cable television package.

Now, there are some important wants. I *want* you to have life insurance to protect your family. I also want you to have a will and health insurance. I want you to have some other nice things, too, like a better car or a nicer house. There's nothing wrong, at some point, with having a few toys or eating at a good restaurant once in a while. But again, these things are *wants*, not needs.

Believe it or not, very few

Americans struggle with basic necessities. Sure, there are hungry people and homeless people in America. Those of us who have been financially blessed should want to help the less fortunate in ways that allow them to get back on their feet and start providing for themselves again. But most folks in this country have nothing to whine about. There's nothing wrong with having a few wants, but you should define them correctly — and never, ever put them ahead of your needs!

— Dave

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

Letters to the editor

Sage-grouse is Owyhee County's spotted owl

I was interested to read a article on sage-grouse. It sounds to me as if some people would like to return to the 19th and early 20th century. They would rather put a transmission tower on private land than Bureau of Land Management land where it might disturb a grouse or a hawk. I understand that livestock grazing is also very detrimental to the grouse.

There are plans to cut grazing allotments in Owyhee County by up to 40 percent. That will let the grass grow and be just ripe for a lighting strike. I guess wildfire isn't detrimental to the grouse. The real threatened species is the Owyhee County rancher. The rancher is the finest steward of the land as his livelihood depends on stewardship of the land.

I wonder if the officials putting all the stress on our ranchers are on the take from the myriad of left wing environmental groups whose stated purpose is to remove all livestock from the federal range. The sage-rouse is our spotted owl — a hoax.

Pembroke Thom (P.T.) Rathbone
Marsing

Strong turnout for Gateway West FEIS a welcome sight

May 6-9, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management hosted a series of public open houses to provide information on the Gateway West transmission line project, the final

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and to take public comments.

The attendance at those meetings was as follows:

- May 6: Boise — 46 people
- May 7: Kuna — 104
- May 8: Murphy — 144
- May 9: Melba — 87

The members of the Owyhee County Task Force wish to humbly thank all who took time out of their busy lives to address this most pressing issue. Your presence was noted. Your comments will be heard.

The public has until June 28, 2013 to submit further comment.

Frank Bachman
Oreana
Owyhee County Task Force chair

While the comment period FEIS ends June 28, the protest period regarding the 18 proposed land use plan amendments associated with the Gateway FEIS ends Tuesday, May 28.

— Ed.

Levy will do more than restore quality education

On May 21, our community is being asked to support a levy to provide our schools with money to operate our education system effectively. Many cuts have been made over the past few years. This levy would help restore many of the great qualities our school district has traditionally been known for.

As a teacher, I have seen many students, including my own children, go through our school system. I believe we can pay now for our students' education, or pay later for their lack of education.

Our community will benefit from graduates who have jobs, or go on to higher education to achieve more and become productive citizens. Those who do not have the solid education they need often become dependent on welfare or end up in illegal activities eventually leading to incarceration. And who pays for those things? Our community pays, financially and in loss of our quality of life here in Homedale.

Please consider the worth of the investment you can make with a yes vote on May 21.

Jan Silva
Homedale fourth-grade teacher
Wilder

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 18, 1988

Committee planning county centennial celebration

Howard Bergeson of Homedale was named recently to the six-member Owyhee County Centennial Committee, which has the task of helping to advance Owyhee County’s interests in celebrating Idaho’s centennial in 1990.

Bergeson, who with his wife, Ruth, operates Homedale Cleaners, has already been contacting local organizations, including Homedale’s Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, to learn what plans or ideas may be under study or development to observe Idaho’s 100th birthday as a state two years from now.

Bergeson said he still has more organizations with which to meet, such as the Lions Club and Jaycees, adding: “I would especially like to meet with some of the women’s organizations, too. We would like to know of any organization’s plans, including dates and other details, in order to publish (the information) in a county centennial brochure” to be issued much later.

Bergeson mentioned churches in the area may be considering special centennial observances, and said their cooperation would be welcomed as would any centennial ideas or suggestions from individuals.

The formation of the county centennial committee occurred at a meeting in Murphy on April 14 that was arranged and coordinated by Linda Morton, director of the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy.

Its other area representatives are: Jerry Cunningham, Grand View; Adriane Headley, Marsing; Phyllis Hoadley, Marsing; Morton and Wes Witworth, Mountain Home.

Local girl in Peace Corps

Margaret (Maggie) Wideau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wideau of Homedale, left in early April for Paraguay where she will be stationed for two years with the Peace Corps, following completion of three months of accelerated training in Asuncion in the Spanish and Guarni Indian languages. A registered nurse, Wideau will be working in the rural nursing program in Paraguay.

Wideau was graduated in 1985 from the registered nurses program at Boise State University. She worked at St. Alphonsus Hospital and at a family health clinic in Boise as well as the St. Mark’s Hospital in Salt Lake City before joining the Peace Corps.

All her schooling prior to BSU was received in the Homedale School District.

Bruneau-Grand View news

To help solve part of the overcrowded conditions in the primary grades, the School Board voted at their regular meeting, May 12, to hold an Override Levy election on June 14.

The funds raised by the Override Levy will be used to hire three additional elementary teachers, one for Bruneau Elementary and two for Grand View Elementary, and to purchase and furnish a modular building with two classrooms for the Grand View Elementary site.

The voters will be asked to approve the two-year Override Levy for \$65,000 per year.

Homedale’s eighth-graders honored

Homedale eighth-graders moving into the local high school’s academic program in the fall were honored May 16th at a potluck social at the high school attended by approximately 250 people.

Nearly one-third of the Homedale eighth-grade class was presented with Presidential Academic Fitness Awards, a very high percentage in comparison to class ratings nationwide, according to Wally McDowell, local teacher and junior high school activities director.

At the event, Amanda Uhlenkott and Dwayne Orr were singled out for scholastic awards for maintaining straight A’s through seven quarters of schooling.

Orr also received the citizenship award, while Tami Taggart and Josh Hays were recipients of the athletic award.

50 years ago

May 16, 1963

School district voters re-elect two trustees

Everett Van Slyke received 18 votes in district 3 and Merwin Funk 12 votes in district 4 to be re-elected to three-year terms on the Homedale School Board Monday.

No one opposed them on the ballot. J. C. Jackson received 1 write-in vote in district 3.

The school board canvassed the ballots at its regular meeting Monday night.

Board clerk Jim Duncan reported all teachers and employees of school district 370 signed the loyalty oath at his office this week before Mrs. Tomi Bidwell, notary public.

New teachers hired for the coming school year are Tony Dennis, Marsing, son of Marsing school superintendent Elvin Dennis, a graduate of Graceland College, Lamoine, Ill., as football coach; Juhl Kauffman of the state of Washington, music and band; Dave Imel, state of Oregon, 5th grade; Joanne Herbrand, Winnemucca, Nev., 2nd grade; Whitney Kenny, Mullan, commercial; Hollis Selders, librarian and languages; Darrell Reisch, formerly principal at Kuna, now of Heppner, Ore., high school principal and guidance instructor; Nolan Taggart, former Homedale high graduate and graduate of Utah State, junior high instructor.

Mattesons buy Owyhee Motor Sales building

John and Frank Matteson have purchased the Owyhee Motor Sales building, corner of Main St. and Idaho Avenue, from the Westcott Oil Co.

They plan to build a 20x48 addition to the show room and a 20-38 addition to the present shop, according to Frank Matteson, manager of the garage. The building will be extended to the alley.

Mr. Matteson said the Owyhee Tractor Sales, operated by John Matteson, will be moved to the new location when completed.

Stansell elected editor of college paper

Ron Stansell, Homedale, has been elected editor of the George Fox college newspaper, The Crescent. Ron is a sophomore at George Fox and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansell. He graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy in 1961.

Idaho, E. Oregon onion committee members named

The U. S. Agriculture Department has announced members and alternates who will serve for the next two years on the Idaho-Eastern Oregon onion committee, which administers the federal marketing order regulating the handling of onions grown in Idaho and in Malheur County, Ore.

The following producer members and their respective alternates will serve through May 31, 1965, succeeding those whose terms expire this month:

District 2 – George Maeda, Ontario, Ore., and Mas Yano, Weiser.

District 4 – Warren Farmer and Jacob Fischer, both of Nyssa, Ore.

District 6 – Kay Inouye and Stephen H. Hirai, both of Homedale.

Lake Owyhee scene of boat races Sunday

Boat races will be held at 2pm Sunday at Lake Owyhee resort, according to Cal Hughes, manager. Some of the fastest outboard racers in the area will be featured.

Leveling work at the resort has been completed to make room for parking cars and accommodating spectators.

A stage show by the Boise Little Theatre group, “Stalag 17,” will be presented Saturday evening in a tent set up near the lodge.

A contest is currently under way to find a name for the lodge’s new excursion boat with the prize a free trip to the Honeycombs, about 15 miles up the lake.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Friel, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Friel and family, Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Waite were Saturday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Yost and family.

140 years ago

May 17, 1873

DEATH OF SALMON P. CHASE. Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died in Washington on the 17th inst. He had been ailing for more than a year, and his death did not come upon him or the nation unexpectedly. His name and character have been familiar to the people of the United States for thirty years. He was an anti-slavery man before there was an anti-slavery party, and after the war he became an enemy of the Republican Party, which he had helped to organize and to lead to victory. His record shows plainly that he cared more for his own opinions than for the opinions of the majority. He was Governor of Ohio and Federal Senator from the State before the election of Lincoln, who appointed him Secretary of the Treasury, to take charge of the National finances during the extraordinary trials of the Civil War; and after the main labors of that position had been performed, and the administration of the laws affecting the rights of the different parts of the Union became a care of the first importance, then Salmon P. Chase was put at the head of the Federal Judiciary. The appointment won general approval, although Chase was not distinguished for legal learning or acute discrimination in questions of practice. Much of his time has been occupied in politics. He was a good lawyer and an able writer, yet many others, who had devoted themselves exclusively to the legal profession would, for the ordinary business of the Court, have been preferred. But for questions of national interest, involving political considerations, no other man could have commanded more confidence. He knew the history of the country, and the country knew his history. He could be trusted. Though not a brilliant Judge, he filled the place with credit to the nation and himself, leaving a fine reputation for judicial as well as for political purity.

A NEW PARTY. It is asserted in Washington that Governor Hendricks, of Indiana, the candidate for whom the largest number of Democratic votes were cast for President in the last Electoral College, had for the object of his visit in Washington, the future course of the respective parties. He is known to be most conservative in his political views, and it is said his mission is one of peace and conciliation. It is said Judge Thurman, Mr. Beck and others decline as yet to join the movement, while others declare their adherence. Governor Hendricks proposes a new party, which shall have for its platform such conservative and compromising declaration of principles as will attract to its support all classes who are opposed to the dominant party, and claims that a victory in the next Congress can be easily gained by the opposition, as the political history of the country shows that in the “off year” the opponents of a dominant or administration party are always more or less successful. He thinks a careful consolidation of all opposing elements now, with a view to carrying the election in 1874, will so encourage the new organization that in 1876 a party can be formed of sufficient strength to defeat the Republican Party. And he further claims that the abandonment of the name of Democracy is necessary, as the recent contest clearly proved that the masses of the people of both sections of the country are distrustful of anything which bears that name.

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN. Last Wednesday morning a party of Silver City folks, consisting of Mrs. Jno. Catalow, Mrs. C. H. Johnson, Miss Carrie Snell, Miss Belle Peck, and Under Sheriff John Springer, left in a two-horse wagon, saying that they were going to Jordan Valley to catch crickets and dig camas. Nothing has since been heard of them, and friends are extremely solicitous about their welfare. It is feared that they have joined the Modocs. With such an addition to his force, Captain Jack would be invincible. We hope if General Davis, or anyone else, should find the prodigals running ’round loose in the lava beds, that he will point them towards home.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
May 6, 2013**

Letter approved to City of Grand View on assistance with boat dock repairs.
Alcohol beverage licenses: Matteson’s, Spot Pizza
Tax Deed Sale on three parcels.
Approved amended quote of \$1,991 for repair of floor in Sheriff’s Department.
Adopted Resolution 13-10 Ratifying letter of support .
Presentation of the 2012 County Audit
The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
5/15/13

**OWYHEE COUNTY EXCESSIVE FORCE RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 13-11**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEECOUNTY, ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS.
WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment (Section 104(L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the County of Owyhee has received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment;
AND WHEREAS the use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the COUNTY to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
SECTION 1. It is POLICY of the COUNTY that excessive force by local law enforcement agencies shall not be used against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the County boundaries.
SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners directs the County Sheriff to implement this Resolution by amending applicable County law enforcement procedures.
PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, IDAHO.
DATE: 5/6/13
/s/Joe Merrick, Owyhee County Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/Angela Barkell
5/15/13

**OWYHEE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION NO. 13-12
LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL**

PERSONS OF Owyhee County that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).
It is the policy of Owyhee County to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the county does hereby pass the following Resolution.
BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, arid builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.
SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posting applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) providing fair housing information to the public; 4) preparing a fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.
EFFECTIVE DATE
This Resolution shall take effect May 8, 2013
Attest: /s/Angela Barkell
/s/Joe Merrick, Chief Elected Official
5/15/13

REQUEST FOR BID FOR OWYHEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND HAUL SERVICES

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Owyhee County Clerk, Solid Waste BID RESPONSE – Owyhee County, PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5:00 pm (MDT) June 7, 2013. Schedule of events is as follows: RFB issue May 15, 2013. Written questions submitted no later than close of business May 31, 2013. RFB response deadline close of business, June 7, 2013. Opening of bids 10:00 am (MDT) June 10, 2013. Contract awarded no later than June 17, 2013 Complete RFB may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at Owyheecounty.net. Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
5/15,22/13

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
ADOPTION OF AMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013**
To: All Interested Persons

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code § 40-1326 for consideration of the proposed amended budget for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2012 and ends September 30, 2013 will be held by the Homedale Highway District Commissioners at **Homedale Highway District, 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho** at **10 a.m..** on the **20th day of May, 2013.** Comments, written or otherwise, about the proposed amended budget are welcome. At said hearing, any interested person may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such proposed amended budget should or should not be adopted.
This Notice contains a statement of the estimated revenue from property taxes and the total amount from sources other than property taxes, and also contains the proposed expenditures and revenues by fund for the fiscal year 2012/2013.
PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET 2012/2013

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Current BUDGETED AMOUNT</i>	<i>Amended Budget (Proposed)</i>
Balance Carryover FY 2011-12	189,187.22	190,302.00
Agricultural Replacement	2,492	2,492.00
Highway User Funds	390,000	400,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000	3,600.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	10,000	10,000.00
Tax Levy	68,215	68,215.00
Transfers and Adjustments		-11,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$661,894.22	663,609.00

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>Current BUDGETED AMOUNT</i>	<i>Amended Budget (Proposed)</i>
Attorney Fees	15,000.00	25,000.00
Commissioner Salary	14,976.00	14,976.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	50,719.15	50,000.00
Engineering Fees	15,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Lease	20,629.11	46,213.03
Gas, Oil and Tires	14,000.00	14,000.00
Insurance [General]	6,057.00	5,451.00
General Supplies and Misc.	2,012.00	6,500.00
Materials/Construction/ Rt-of-Way Acquisitions	296,371.96	245,033.78
Mileage	400.00	650.00

Misc. Expense & Convention	4,500.00	3,678.19
Office Supplies	500.00	1,100.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	20,988.00	24,000.00
Health Insurance	18,000.00	17,000.00
Phone Expense	2,500.00	2,600.00
Professional Fees --Audit	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	8,000	12,500.00
Salaries	99,432.00	135,000.00
Signs	800.00	3,800.00
Utilities	3,000.00	3,000.00
Weed Control	18,000.00	6,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	5,009.00	7,107.00
Transfers and Adjustments	11,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	661,894.22	663,609.00

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the amended budget under consideration above set out is available for public inspection from and after May 10th at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 East Colorado Ave., Homedale, Idaho during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Terri Uria, Secretary

Post: May10th, 2013
Publish: May 15th, 2013

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NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION FOR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTANANCE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Homedale Highway District that a levy election will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2013, in the Homedale Highway District, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00am - 8:00pm for the question “*Shall Homedale Highway District be authorized to increase its budget for Idaho Code section 40-801 (1) (a) property tax levy for the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges in an amount not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1) (a) commencing for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and then as the base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law “?*”. Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code.

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling places:

Senior Citizen Center, 224 W Idaho Ave, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Magistrate Court Building, 31 W Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
5/15/13

NOTICE OF HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ZONE 2 COMMISSIONER ELECTION FOR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY ZONE 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be held in and for Homedale Highway District, Zone 2, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. The election will be held to elect the following office for the specified term:

Homedale Highway District, Zone 2, Commissioner for a term of four years.

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling places:

Senior Citizen Center, 224 W Idaho Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628

Magistrate Court Building, 31 W Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628

Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
5/15/13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2013-3091C IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE K. MANDRELL, Deceased.

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

claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 21 day of April 2013.

/s/Nathan Mandrell, P.O. Box 1175, Alviso, CA 95002-1175

LERMA LAW OFFICE, P.A., John J. Lerma, ISB# 3386; Kenley E. Grover, ISB# 8287, El Dorado Business Campus, 3045 E. Copper Point Drive, PO Box 190719, Boise ID 83719. Phone (208) 288-0608 Fax (208) 288-0697. Attorneys for Nathan Mandrell, Personal Representative For the Estate of Dale K. Mandrell
5/1,8,15/13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-13-02845 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN L. TURNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be both (1) presented to the co-personal representatives of the estate at the law office of WHITE, PETERSON, GIGRAY, ROSSMAN, NYE & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Post Office Box 247, Nampa, Idaho (ID) 83653-0247, and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2013.

/s/Kristi J. Turner and /s/ Boyd L. Turner, Co-Personal Representatives
5/15,22,29/13

HOMEDALE AIRPORT TO HOLD FINAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN / MASTER PLAN STUDY

The City of Homedale and Homedale Airport will be holding their final public meeting on Thursday, May 23rd at City Hall from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm to provide information to the public on their Airport Layout Plan / Master Plan Study. The workshop will be an informational session about the final Master Plan and what the City has, as well as the next steps for the City and Airport. The workshop will inform the public on the direction of / and the proposed projects for the next 20 years for the Homedale Airport. It will give an opportunity to the public to provide verbal and/or written comments related to the Airport Layout Plan Drawings and Master Plan for the Homedale Airport.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/ Treasurer, City of Homedale. 208-337-4641
5/15,22/13

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES LEVY ELECTION

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
Tuesday, MAY 21, 2013

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: This ballot poses one question. To vote, place an "X" in the square to the left of the words, "IN FAVOR of an increase in the Homedale Highway District's budget for Idaho Code section 40-801 (1) (a) property tax levy for the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized by Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1)(a) commencing for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and then established as the base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law" or "AGAINST" an increase in the Homedale Highway District's budget for Idaho Code section 40-801 (1) (a) property tax levy for the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized by Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1)(a) commencing for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and then established as the base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law" according to the way you desire to vote on the question. All marks otherwise made are forbidden. All distinguishing marks are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface or otherwise mutilate this Ballot, return it to the Election Judges and obtain another Ballot.

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
May 21, 2013

The proposition being submitted to the electors of the Homedale Highway District is as follows:

Question: *Shall Homedale Highway District be authorized to increase its budget for Idaho Code section 40-801 (1) (a) property tax levy for the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges in an amount not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1) (a) commencing for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and then as the base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law "?*

— IN FAVOR of the Levy not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized by Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1)(a) commencing Fiscal Year 2013-14 and establishing the same as a base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law.

— AGAINST the Levy not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100s Dollars [\$175,000.00] beyond the amount authorized by Idaho Code Section 63-802 (1)(a) commencing Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and establishing the same as a base amount for all subsequent fiscal years as authorized by law.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ZONE 2
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MAY 21, 2013

No. _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for such candidate(s) as you desire by placing an X in the small square at the right of the name(s), or by writing in the name(s) of the person(s) you desire to vote for, and place an X in the square at the right of their name.

CANDIDATES FOR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ZONE 2

COMMISSIONER
(Vote for One)

Joel Wilson.....

Ray Maxwell.....

Jack Ulrich.....

(Write-In).....

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CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, will hear comments from the public regarding the revision of the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map specific to the City limits of the City of Marsing.

Draft copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map are available for review by the public at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing, Idaho, during regular business hours.

Public Comment: The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013 at Marsing City Hall, a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing ID, 83639, or delivered to the Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2013
5/15,22/13

REQUEST FOR BID

Sealed bids for the City of Marsing Kerry Street Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project will be received at the City of Marsing, City Hall, 425 Main Street, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, until 4:00 pm MDT on May 31, 2013. Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 4:05 pm MDT that same day. Bids received after the time specified above will not accepted or opened.

This project will consist of furnishing all labor, materials and supplies for installing a sewer manhole and the rehabilitation of two 12-inch diameter concrete sewer mains in accordance with the project plans, specifications and ISPMC.

There are three bid alternatives for this project: Open Trench, Pipe Bursting, and Cured In-Place Pipe. Bidders may bid on one or multiple alternatives. Bidder is required to insert "No Bid" in any alternative without a bid.

All bids shall be submitted on the prescribed form and in the manner indicated in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

Plans and Specifications are available from Civil Dynamics, PC, 5105 S 10th Ave, Caldwell ID

for \$50. 208-453-2028.
DAVIS BACON WAGE RATES ARE NOT REQUIRED.
BUY AMERICAN AND ARRA PROVISIONS ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

The City of Marsing reserves the right to accept the bids and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder regardless of alternative selected; to postpone the acceptance of the bid and the award of the contract for a period not to exceed thirty five (35) days; or to reject any and all the bids received and further advertise the project for bids. The City of Marsing may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may reject, for good cause, any or all bids upon the finding of the City it is in the public interest to do so.

If you need more information, contact Mike Martin, PE, Civil Dynamics, PC, (208) 453-2028.

Dated this 10 day of May, 2013.
5/15,22/13

NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE

The City of Marsing will offer for sale at a sealed bid auction to the highest bidder on June 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. on said day at the MARSING CITY HALL, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho 83639, the fee simple title in and to the following described real estate in Marsing, Idaho to wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 15, Block 6 Volkmer-Motzko's First Addition, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, commonly known as 211 2nd Avenue West, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

Parcel 2: Lot 8 of Block 2 Volkmer-Motzko's First Addition, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, commonly known as 119 2nd Avenue West, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

The City of Marsing does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. Said sale will be "as is" and no warranties, other than warranty of title, shall be made by the City of Marsing. Buyer must be prepared to close on the property and transfer title, including tendering full payment, within 30 days of the award of the bid.

The minimum bid for Parcel 1 is \$15,000. The minimum bid for Parcel 2 is \$10,000. Bids below this minimum number shall be rejected. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope by the deadline set forth above, identifying the parcel, the bid amount, the bidder, and the bidder's contact information. Please direct any questions regarding the auction to the City of Marsing.
5/15/13

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 CANYON AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO,

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a supplemental levy election will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2013, in the Homedale Joint School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00am - 8:00pm for the question "Shall the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of Four-Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand (\$484,000.00), each year, for two years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015. Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34 Idaho Code.

5/15/13

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HOMEDALE JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #370,
CANYON AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO,
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

Shall the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, four-hundred eighty-four thousand one hundred dollars (\$484,100), each year, for two years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015

For supplemental levy of \$484,100 each year, for two years: YES _____

For supplemental levy of \$484,100 each year, for two years: NO _____

CITY OF MARSING

Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report 2nd FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2012/2013

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$401,994.00	\$77,605.00	19.30%	\$139,903.00	35%
Law Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$168,578.00	\$68,884.00	41.00%	\$92,453.00	54.80%
03 Parks	\$22,080.00	\$2,467.00	11.20%	\$11,328.00	51.00%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$20,500.00	\$5,182.00	25.00%	\$13,736.00	67.00%
Sub-Total	\$613,152.00	154,118.00	25.14%	\$257,420.00	42.00%
25 Water	\$707,000.00	\$236,548.00	36.00%	\$131,128.00	19.00%
29 Irrigation	\$54,025.00	36,064.00	67.00%	\$37,632.00	67.00%
30 Sanitation	\$85,050.00	\$35,264.00	42.00%	\$28,569.00	33.00%
35 Sewer	\$471,400.00	25,932.00	6.00%	\$79,834.00	17.00%
Sub-Total	\$1,317,475.00	\$333,808.00	6.00%	\$277,160.00	21.04%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$1,930,627.00	487,926.00	31.00%	\$534,580.00	27.69%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.

Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures.

Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

5/15/13



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NOTICE OF EASTERN OWYHEE LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION FOR EASTERN OWYHEE LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be held in and for The Eastern Owyhee Library District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. The election will be held to elect the following office for the specified term:
Eastern Owyhee Library District Trustee for a term of six years.
On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:
Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View, Idaho 83624
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
5/15/13

OFFICIAL BALLOT
EASTERN OWYHEE LIBRARY DISTRICT
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MAY 21, 2013

No. _____

OFFICIAL BALLOT
EASTERN OWYHEE LIBRARY DISTRICT
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MAY 21, 2013

INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for such candidate(s) as you desire by placing an X in the small square at the right of the name(s), or by writing in the name(s) of the person(s) you desire to vote for, and place an X in the square at the right of their name.

CANDIDATES FOR EASTERN OWYHEE LIBRARY DISTRICT

TRUSTEE
(Vote for One)

Kermit Tate.....☐
Rich Fulton.....☐
(Write-In).....☐

LEGAL NOTICE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §39-423

PUBLIC HEARING: Residents of Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties are invited to comment on the proposed county contributions to the Southwest District Health Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Such hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 11:00 a.m., at Southwest District Health, 13307 Miami Lane, Board Room 324, Caldwell, Idaho.
At the conclusion of this hearing, the estimated cost to each county for FY2014 will be submitted to the Budget Committee by the District Board and approval of a final budget of county funds will be requested, as determined by the provisions of §39-424, Idaho Code.
BUDGET COMMITTEE: The Southwest District Board of Health and Budget Committee will meet in open public forum on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. (or directly following the Public Hearing) at Southwest District Health, 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, Idaho, for the purpose of finalizing the budget of county funds for Southwest District Health’s Fiscal Year 2014 budget.
The following tables set forth the amounts of county funds to be appropriated and contributed by each county within the boundaries of said district, and the estimated amounts expended for “salaries & wages, and other expenses,” during each of the three previous county fiscal years by said department.
AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED BY COUNTY, FY 2014

Adams	\$26,327			
Canyon	839,103			
Gem	73,081			
Owyhee	53,833			
Payette	108,673			
Washington	55,696			
Total	\$1,156,713			
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages	\$829,820	\$829,820	\$842,267	\$867,535
Other Expenses	276,607	276,607	280,756	289,178
Total	\$1,106,427	\$1,106,427	\$1,123,023	\$1,156,713

The proposed budget offered by the District Board of Health may be examined at any of the Southwest District Health offices located at: 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell; 1008 East Locust, Emmett; 1155 Third Avenue North, Payette; 46 West Court, Weiser; or 132 E Idaho, Homedale.
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Homedale brings home Academic Bowl season championship

Homedale Middle School’s Academic Bowl team recently capped another successful season.

Under the guidance of advisor Jan Silva, the team won four Academic Bowl meets outright and shared the title at another. The team concluded a 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a second-place finish in the April 10 final at McCain Middle School in Payette.

A week after the season ended, the team members got together to challenge their parents.

“The score was somewhat nebulous, but everyone came away with a new appreciation for the intelligence and knowledge of ‘the

other side.’” Silva said. “We even had one grandparent participate, and she also generously made a donation to our program.”

Five eighth-graders completed their Academic Bowl careers, including team captain Riley Haun, Patrick McMichael, Ryan Randall, Alyssa Emery and Emma McMichael.

“That still leaves us with a strong team for next season, and we look forward to picking up some smart new sixth-graders in the fall,” Silva said.

The Academic Bowl team is open to all sixth- through eighth-graders, and Silva anticipates another successful season in 2013-14.



HMS Academic Bowl team does it again

From left, back row: Lindy Phariss, Emma McMichael, Bradley Butler, Patrick McMichael, Miller DeMark and Mauricia Villarreal. **Middle row:** Morgan Bowman, Riley Haun, Kaden Henry, Courtney Van Winkle, Randi Schild and Ryan Randall. **Front row:** Jan Silva, advisor, Diana Cook, Dillon Pfost, Warren DeMark, Courtney Downum, Jose Villa Ojeda and Kelsey Taylor. **Not pictured:** Andrew Bowman and Alyssa Emery. Submitted photo

Homedale Lions want to know who’s driving in derby

Early notification could help keep derby quality up

To avoid a low car count, the Homedale Lions Club urges prospective Fourth of July Demolition Derby contestants to register early.

“That’s our whole concern,”

Lions Club member Rob Townsend said. “If it looks like we’re going to be down on cars, then we’ll have to take some steps.”

Ideally, organizers would like to see enough derby cars to field four preliminary heats of seven vehicles each, Townsend said.

Last year, only 23 competitors showed up at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. Two years ago, there were 27.

Townsend figures the minimum number of cars needed to make the derby a go would be 24.

Call Lions Club secretary Jeremy Townsend at 573-1350 or contact him at NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale (337-4668) to register and obtain a car number. Although a registration fee isn’t necessary, drivers typically pay \$30, which goes into the prize pool.

The derby rulebook is available online at www.homedalelionsclub.org. For more information on the derby, email homedalelions@live.com.

Derby tickets should go on sale in June, Rob Townsend said.

The Lions would like to get as many drivers as possible registered before the June 19 drivers meeting, which is usually the first club members hear of most competitors’ intentions each year.

If the club knew which drivers were intending to compete and which ones might be on the fence, Rob Townsend said the Lions could possibly help drivers locate cars.

Earlier this month, club treasurer Mike Conant announced a Nevada car dealer has made available several 1960s and 1970s Cadillacs to prospective derby drivers in

an effort to keep the event’s car count up.

“They’re great derby cars,” Conant said. “They’re solid-body cars.”

Conant said Richard Bolton of Desert Cadillac in Nevada is offering the potential derby cars for \$800 each, which Conant says covers Bolton’s cost for hauling the cars to Homedale.

For more information on the Cadillacs, contact Bolton at desertcadillac59@yahoo.com or (702) 419-8678.

“These big cars are getting rare and getting hard to find,” Townsend said, adding that some local competitors have traveled as far as California to find a derby car.

He said that scrap prices are making recycling the cars more attractive than running them in derbies.

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Homedale High School

Address to peers just beginning of Shenk’s year at the podium

When Erin Shenk graduates next week, the Homedale High School senior will be doing something she’d better get used to.

The daughter of Shelley and Dave Shenk will embark on a year-long term as the Idaho FFA reporter after she receives her diploma during commencement at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.



Erin Shenk

Shenk is the first Homedale FFA chapter member to receive appointment to a state office. Her hard work was rewarded last week when FFA advisor Lori Idsinga bestowed the Steven Harrison

— See *Shenk*, page 11B

Morgan Willis closes school career where it started

Morgan Willis is keeping a secret from her mother.

Her mom, Caldwell resident Heather Stanton, knows her daughter will graduate with the rest of the Homedale High School Class of 2013 on Monday, May 20.



Morgan Willis

succeed at it as long as we try,” she said.

The former Vallivue High School student isn’t just talking the talk, though.

She’s walking the walk

— See *Willis*, page 11B



Continuing the tradition

The Homedale High School seniors receiving Highest Honors medals at Monday’s graduation ceremony.

Back row, from left: Corby Schamber, Reed Maggard, Randy Vance, Nicole Keller, Jake Murray and Emilee Hann

Front row, from left: Cole Twedt, Elizabeth Albor, Veronica Sanchez, Stephanie Villarreal, Gabby Nash and Jordan Brady

Homedale High School Highest Honors graduates

- Seniors who attained grade-point averages of 3.75 or higher during their Homedale High School careers:
- Emilee Blair Hann, 4.0
 - Steven Reed Maggard, 4.0
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 - Nicole Marie Keller, 3.98
 - Cole Russell Twedt, 3.917
 - Randol Arthur Vance, 3.894
 - Jordan Lind Brady, 3.882
 - Jacob Owen Murray, 3.878
 - Gabrielle Nicole Nash, 3.82
 - Corbin Joseph Schamber, 3.8
 - Elizabeth Albor, 3.788
 - Stephanie Villarreal, 3.766

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Love ya,
Mom, Dad,
Abbi and Jay.

Marsing High School

As to be expected honor grads are leaders, too

Hull, Garcia set example families, community can be proud of

It's not enough that valedictorian Ashley Hull and salutatorian Alicia Garcia have high grades; they also are leaders, active in high school activities and volunteer in their community.

"It's nice to recognize the top two students and recognize their hard work," Marsing High School principal Norm Stewart said. "It's not only an accomplishment for them, it's an accomplishment for their parents, families and our school."

Valedictorian Hull, daughter of Angela Richardson and Cary Hull, plans on attending the College of Idaho this fall and major in Business, with minors in Psychology, Accounting and Leadership. Armed with a 4.0 grade-point average, she'll be prepared to tackle the second stage of her education.

"I have been a part of the National Honor Society for three years and have held an office every year," Hull said. "I have also loved volunteering to help others, and Marsing has been the best community to commit service to."

Hull's service projects include Stockings for Soldiers, wrapping and delivering presents for those in need and volunteering at a nursing home. She also has played varsity basketball for four years and was captain her senior year.

Volleyball is also on her roster of accomplishments, and she has many sports awards to list as proof of her abilities.

Salutatorian Alicia Garcia, daughter of Patty and Marcos Garcia, has lived in Marsing all her life. She plans to attend Boise State University and major in Elementary Education. She posted a 3.96 GPA during her school career at Marsing. Garcia has been involved in numerous clubs and sports and has held leadership positions such as: Student Council secretary, Business Professionals of America president, and Future Hispanic Leaders of America president.

"I also enjoy volunteering to help others," Garcia said. "Some of my community service endeavors include: the Marsing Annual Disaster Auction, Teens Against Tobacco Usage Awareness, serving on the Taylor's Corner planning committee, as well as the Don't Hate Anti-Bullying Campaign, and No Texting While Driving Campaign."

Both young women want to leave their mark on the world. They will walk down the aisle as part of the 51 students who will be at the Marsing graduation, which will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Marsing High School gymnasium.

—AS



Already making a difference

Salutatorian Alicia Garcia, left, and valedictorian Ashley Hull can count a multitude of achievements between them as they prepare for the next chapter in life after graduation.



"It's nice to recognize the top two students and recognize their hard work. It's not only an accomplishment for them, it's an accomplishment for their parents, families and our school."

— Norm Stewart
Marsing High School principal



Juanita DeLeon

Veteran teacher has vital message for graduates

DeLeon has taught nearly all grades during 35-year Marsing career

Juanita DeLeon has watched children work their way through the Marsing education system, so she is highly qualified to give this year's high school graduates advice on the road ahead.

Currently a middle school teacher, she has spent the past 32 years teaching myriad

subjects at both Marsing Middle School and Marsing High School.

She give another lesson — this one on overcoming obstacles — as the keynote speaker during the Class of 2013 graduation ceremony set for 5 p.m. on Friday, May 24 inside the MHS gymnasium.

DeLeon has been part of the education process in Marsing since 1978. She spent the first three years of her 35-year career as a substitute teacher and a paraprofessional in the Chapter 1 Reading Classroom.

In the past 32 years, she has taught high

school Spanish and English as a Second Language (ESL), ESL for kindergartners through 12th-graders, grades 3, 4, and 5, sixth-grade English, Science, Math, Social Studies and Art and eighth-grade U.S. History.

All her children — 30-year-old Diego, Valeria (29) and Sergio (26) — began their educations in the Marsing district before she and husband Antonio purchased a home in Nampa. The children graduated from Nampa schools.

She and Antonio have been married 31 years.

Rimrock High School

Top graduates just what world is looking for

Mori, Gray both plan careers in STEM fields

If the State Board of Education needs a couple of examples for its push for students focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Johanna Mori and Bronson Thomas Gray are available.

Mori will serve as valedictorian and Gray will receive his diploma as salutatorian when the Rimrock High School Class of 2013 graduates at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 inside the school gym.

School counselor Jennifer Zaike will serve as the guest speaker. American Legion Post 83 commander Joe King will present a citizenship award, and school board chair Marie Robertson will hand out diplomas.

Twenty-three students will graduate, including two students in the International Student Exchange program — Emily Bryson from Norway and Lovisa Bengtsson from Sweden.

Mori, the daughter of Kathy and Dan Mori, carried a 4.0 grade-point average in high school. She'll major in Physics and Mathematics when she attends The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

She's already got a jump on what it will take to pursue both degrees.

"I am most proud of my senior project because I got to make fuel ethanol, and I got some real lab and research experience," she said.

Her best high school memory is tied to science, too: Physics class experiments "because we got to do everything from learning about superconductors by trying to make a track for frictionless motion to creating our own rocket fuel and rockets."

Gray, son of Dale and Tammy Gray, compiled a 3.82 GPA and will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow to study Biology.

The 18-year-old lists his times as a legislative page at the Idaho Statehouse this past session as his



Valedictorian Johanna Mori

proudest achievement. He also served as a delegate to Boys State in the summer of 2012.

The 17-year-old Mori — who attended Girls State in 2012 — has always cultivated leadership skills.

Half of her 10-year career with the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club was spent as an officer (three years as president and two as vice-president). She was reporter and secretary during a four-year FFA career, and served one year as the school's Idaho Drug Free Youth chapter president and two as vice-president. She also served as president for the Business Professionals of America chapter and competed at the state leadership conference.

In FFA, she won three district championships in Agricultural Mechanics for Electricity and she also placed first once at the state conference.

During a six-year stint with the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter she served as co-chair for a blood drive and gave two pints of blood.

She was editor-in-chief of the



Salutatorian Bronson Gray

Rimrock High School Highest Honors graduates

Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent and building principal Dennis Wilson will announce the following highest honor students at Sunday's Rimrock High School graduation. Each student attained a grade-point average between 3.5 and 4.0 during their high school career:

- Cristian Ayala
- Bailey Bachman
- Jesten Dick
- Robert Draper
- Kaitlin Erwin
- Christopher Lootens
- Austen Meyers
- Kurtis Rath sack
- Porter Simper

yearbook twice and is a three-year member of the National Honor Society.

Mori also strived to make an impact in the community at-large. She helped created the informational pamphlet and road signs that promoted the Bruneau-Grand View School District's supplemental levy election.

She helped Bruneau Canyon 4-H raise more than \$16,000 for

the community and also helped with community clean-up and supporting the food bank and Rimrock Senior Center.

Mori donated hair to Locks of Love and Beautiful Lengths and also worked at health fairs and organized Red Ribbon Week.

When she wasn't seemingly running herself ragged for the betterment of her community, she was running for Kermit Tate's

track and field team. She reached the 1A state meet in the high jump, discus and 200 meters. She was a senior all-star in volleyball, too.

In short, she lives up to her favorite quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Gray's hobbies revolve around sports, and so does his favorite high school memory — hitting a home run this season against Wilder for Rimrock's baseball squad.

In addition to baseball, Gray also enjoys longboarding and basketball.

He participated in football and track as well as baseball and basketball during his time as a Raider.

As a National Honor Society member, he worked side-by-side with others from the chapter — including Mori — on road cleanup. He also helped out with library functions.

Extra-curricular activities at school included membership in FCCLA and BPA.

His favorite quote says it all for the Class of 2013: "Life is your occasion, rise to it."

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Jordan Valley High School

Warn, Caywood lead class of eight at Oregon school



Valedictorian Ty Warn

Both have EOU on their list of possible colleges

Two seniors will be the voice for a small graduating class at Jordan Valley High School. Valedictorian Tyrell James Warn and salutatorian Hayley Ann Caywood, the salutatorian, will speak during the Class of 2013 commencement exercise at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2013 inside the school’s gymnasium.

A potluck will follow the ceremony with meat, bread, drinks and dessert provided.

There are only eight graduates at Jordan Valley this year. Warn is at the head of the class with a 4.0 grade-point average.

The 18-year-old plans to attend Eastern Oregon University for three years before transferring to Oregon State University to pursue a civil engineering degree.

Even while carrying a 4.0 GPA, the son of Con and Gail Warn and Carol Warn found time for extracurricular activities.

He was a three-sport athlete, competing in football, boys’ basketball and track and field. Warn also is a member of the



Salutatorian Hayley Caywood

school’s FFA chapter and served on the Student Council.

When not busy with his school activities, Warn spends time with his girlfriend and also pursues interests such as playing guitar. He said pastimes such as camping and barbecues are part of his love of being active and outdoors.

If his personal motto is any indication, keeping folks on their toes is also a hobby: “Keep smiling. It makes everyone wonder what you’re up to.”

Like Warn, Caywood was active in FFA and Student Council. She also served as class secretary and also played girls’ basketball and

volleyball. She also is a member of 4-H, FFA and the National Honor Society.

Along the way, the 18-year-old daughter of Chip and Kirsten Caywood amassed a 3.64 GPA.

“Becoming salutatorian in my class is a goal I’ve been working towards for the past three years,” she said.

Still, she says her best high school memories come from her involvement with the school’s sports teams.

“Getting the opportunity to be on a basketball team with

— See *Jordan*, page 10B

Jordan Valley High School Class of 2013



Left to Right: Tyrel Lucas, Tom Nelson, Irene Stanford, Ty Warn, Jordan Jones, Hayley Caywood, Blaine Moran, and Nate Elsner

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NADINE WRIGHT

NOT PICTURED:
MARIBEL CARRILLO-OVALLE
ANTHONY HARRIS
RAMON FLETCHER KELLY

Motto — "Annis Tantum Inceptio" (the end is just the beginning)

Colors — Purple and Silver

Class song — "Hall of Fame" by The Script

Flower — Orchid

Guest speakers:

Phil Rogers, Assistant Dean of Students, Campus Ministry,
The College of Idaho
Morgan Willis and Erin Shenk, Class of 2013 seniors

HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Monday, May 20, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Perfection Repair
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Pruett Tire Factory
Paul's Markets
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Marsing High School Class of 2013



Sierra Ackerman



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Katlyn Barkell



Naomi Barroso



Kimber Bowman



William Carlson



Dusty Clausen



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Gloria Martinez



Erica Mendez



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James Miller



Elena Miranda

Marsing High School Class of 2013



Gabriel Miranda Velasco



Eleuterio Montes



Janett Morales



Roy Olvera Jr.



Lucia Paramo



Taylor Petet



Cody Rhodes



Favian Robles



Christopher Romans



Billy Sevy



Patricia Smith



Lacey Usabel



Kathlyn Welch

Speaker: Juanita DeLeon, MMS teacher

Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Motto: "Remember yesterday,
dream for tomorrow, live for today."

Graduation Ceremony:

Friday, May 24 – 5:00 p.m.

Marsing High School Gymnasium

Congratulations, Graduates!

Marsing Hardware
Haken Insurance Agency
Showalter Construction
NAPA Auto Parts
Pruett Tire Factory

Logan's Market
Gem Stop
Farm Bureau/Wayne Hungate
The Owyhee Avalanche
Rehab Authority

Greenleaf Friends Academy Canyon school's graduation carries local flavor

Six seniors with Homedale-Marsing ties to receive diplomas

More than a quarter of the Class of 2013 at Greenleaf Friends Academy has ties to the Homedale-Marsing area.

And two of those teenagers, though unrelated, spent the 2012-13 school year under the same roof.

Darrell Cereghino has shared his Homedale home with international student HyoJun Jung of South Korea.

They will be two of six Homedale-Marsing students to

receive their diplomas at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013 inside the Deer Flat Church, 17703 Beet Road, Caldwell.

Cereghino is the son of Dave Cereghino and Sheila Burnett.

HyoJun Jung's parents are HaeJong Jung and HyunSun Park of South Korea.

Other graduates with local ties include:

- Marsing's JB Bermudez-Koch, son of Jaime Bermudez and Mike and Genevieve Kelly

- Marsing's Dalton Penrod, son of Ed and Stacy Fisher

Penrod recently was a member of the third-place Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency team at the Idaho State Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition in Nampa. He received an \$11,500 scholarship.

- Homedale-area resident Andrea Gooding, daughter of Mike and Patricia Gooding and Susan Gooding
- Haley Paulsen, who lives in the Homedale area with her parents Craig and Jamie Paulsen

This year's co-valedictorian, Bermudez-Koch was GFA's

student body president in 2012-13 and also recently earned the prestigious Frist Humanitarian Volunteer Award, a national honor in recognition of his work at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Bermudez-Koch also received one of 1,000 Gates Millennium Scholarships awarded nationwide in 2013. He is one of only three Idaho students to receive the scholarship, which pays for education for as far as he wants to go in college.

Bethany Vance of Caldwell shares valedictorian honors with Bermudez-Koch. Salutatorian is

Kylee King of the Notus-Caldwell area.

The speaker of Greenleaf Friend Academy's Baccalaureate on Saturday, May 25, 2013 also has Homedale ties.

Former Greenleaf teacher, coach, counselor and interim superintendent Stan Hoaglund will address the graduates during the 7 p.m. ceremony at the Greenleaf Friends Church.

Hoaglund coached Homedale High School's football team for three years beginning in 1996. His teams won a state championship in 1997 and reached the title game in 1998.



JB Bermudez-Koch



Darrell Cereghino



Andrea Gooding



HyoJun Jung



Haley Paulsen



Dalton Penrod



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The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Academy will hold its 2013 graduation ceremony today in Caldwell.

Commencement begins at 5 p.m. inside Jewett Auditorium on The College of Idaho campus.

Local seniors include:

Homedale

- Adrian Albor Ojeda
- Kevin Tyrell Ray Bowen
- Gene Rose Bush

- Camilla Kaylann Sue Chipman Carver
- Saul Delgadillo
- Bianca Ivonne Flores
- Matthew Robert Hetrick
- Blake Cameron Johnson
- Alejandro Guadalupe Prado
- Katia Magnolia Rios

Marsing

- Cody J. Barnes
- Izzak Jacob Cook
- Wendy Marquez
- Jeremy F. Miller Jr.

Jordan

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my best friends and having two amazing coaches and may acquired voices telling me what to do was amazing," she said. "It's something I'll never forget."

A lifelong resident of Jordan Valley, Caywood will attend

either EOU or Treasure Valley Community College.

She has a \$1,000 EOU scholarship in hand already after winning the State Math test at the La Grande Math Competition.

Chances are she won't forget her roots, though. Caywood has participated in the Run, Ride and Walk for breast cancer awareness as well taking part her 4-H club's road cleanup in Arock and the town cleanup in Jordan Valley.

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Homedale High School Willis

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because when it seemed no other upperclassmen would step up for the public-speaking opportunity at graduation, Willis latched on to the chance.

“Maybe they feel it’s a big responsibility and take it on, but I was willing to do that,” she said.

Willis, who attended elementary school in Homedale, carries a 3.6 grade-point average. She plans to attend Boise State University. Although she’s undecided on a major, she’s interested in a career working with children.

As a cheerleader and a pep club member, Willis is no stranger to being out front, but she’s not sure what her reaction will be when the time comes.

“I’m actually not nervous right now, but who knows if when the day comes I’m going to get up there and say, ‘Oh my gosh, this is a lot of people.’”

— JPB

Shenk

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Memorial Scholarship upon Shenk during the organization’s year-end banquet.

To cap her year as chapter president, Shenk also won the chapter’s Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award last week.

Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, who former Idaho state officers and big supporters of Homedale FFA, also announced they would give the 18-year-old a couple Visa cash cards to help with her traveling expenses during her year as Idaho FFA reporter.

Shenk will move around the state to visit various FFA chapters as one of her reporter duties.

Shenk also runs her own photography business and plans to study Agri-Business at the University of Idaho in Moscow. The plan is to take over the family feedlot, but she’s minoring in Public Communication, too.

She maintained a 3.4 grade-point average at Homedale.

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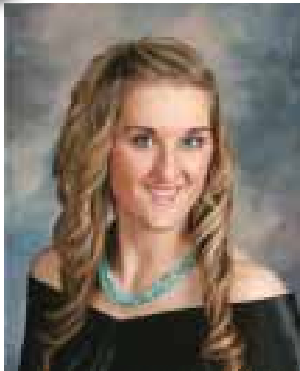
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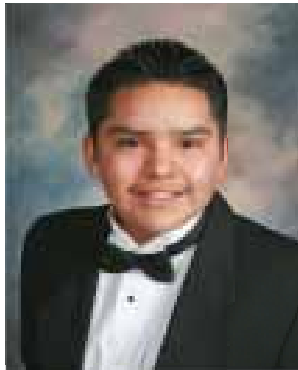
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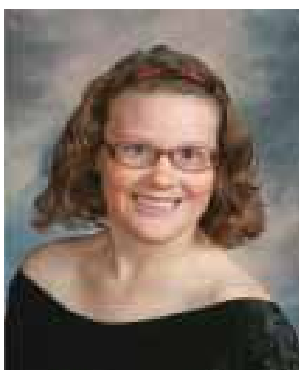
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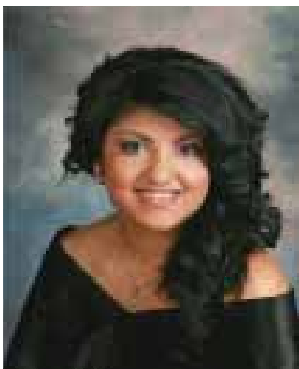
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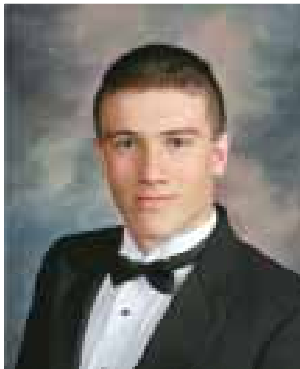
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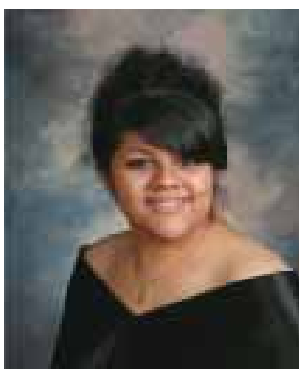
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Johanna Mori



Kurtis Rath sack



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Luis Hernandez-Rodriguez



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Antonio Varela-Cervantes

SUNDAY,
MAY 19, 2013
2:00 PM

RIMROCK HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Class Colors: Silver, Green & Black
Class Flower: White Rose

Motto: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." --Anatole France

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