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Legionnaires salute fallen comrades



George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 chaplain Al Montano, left, and commander Jim Knezevich salute during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery veterans memorial. Legion members also performed a wreath ceremony at the Snake River.



Vets honored with solemnity

Marsing American Legion Post 128 chaplain Rick Sherrow, left, and member David Felty look for guidance on where to place flags as Kathy Sherrow holds the locator map Thursday at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A flag was placed at the grave of each veteran in the cemetery. For more Memorial Day coverage and a Post 128 update, read **Page 9**.

Boards regroup after levies fail

School trustees may mull next move at tonight's budget workshop

Rob Sauer says it's too early to tell what the next step is after Homedale School District patrons narrowly rejected a two-year supplemental levy.

"There's no doubt I'm disappointed with the outcome," the superintendent said. "Twenty votes is pretty close, but we'll regroup as a district and decide

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Maintenance, no repairs may be highway district's new reality

The turnout didn't surprise Larry Prow, but the results disappointed the Homedale Highway District board chair.

Voters rejected a proposal to raise the district's tax levy for the first time in 97 years during voting on May 21.

"I guess that's what the people wanted," Prow said. "I'll just have

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County power overlay sparks lawsuit worries

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning board last week took public comment on a proposed power overlay. About 25 people packed the room, with some voicing concern over the plan.

"Basically this plan puts Idaho Power between Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and that may put Idaho Power in a position with no other alternative than to sue the county," Sid Erwin, of Bruneau, said. "People need to

take a hard look at this plan."

Erwin also said that he is not excited about the overlay proposal because it is not properly written and doesn't address key issues. Erwin is an electrical engineer who previously served on the Owyhee P&Z and is now vice president of the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association.

"We are just gathering information at this point," P&Z

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Weekend events herald beginning of summer in Owyhee

Breshears children's fishing day casts off Saturday at Marsing Island Park

More than 600 pounds of rainbow trout will be planted in Marsing Island Park's pond Friday ahead of an annual children's fishing day.

The 14th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

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Bigger and better Outpost Days come to Murphy

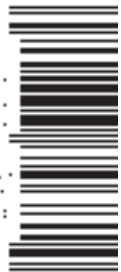
Outpost Days are just around the corner, and more entertainment is planned and officials expect more people the streets for the annual Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser.

"We're expecting a bigger crowd this year," Owyhee County Historical Museum Director Joe Demshar said. "We have more of the lost arts, such as fur traders and blacksmiths; our quilt and

gun raffle are very popular, and tickets are selling fast. In addition, we're really looking forward to the Idaho Cowboy Poets."

Idaho is celebrating the 150th

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No elections, but school boards see some big changes

Tate retains library board seat in Grand View

Come July, there will be a few new faces on local school boards, while in Homedale, officials are still looking for a new trustee.

With only one person filing in each available school board zone in Owyhee County, no elections were held May 21.

In Homedale, however, only two of the three open seats have been filled. Applications are being sought for the Zone 2 seat board chair Tim Quintana will hold until June 30 when his second four-year term ends.

Homedale’s Zone 3 position, Dwayne Fisher has been certified as Kevin Miyasako’s successor. Miyasako currently serves as the

board’s vice-chair.

Shelley Shenk will take over the Zone 4 post from Todd Kelly on July 1.

In Marsing, Michael Lankow was the only person to file for Zone 1, and he’ll succeed Joe Usabel in July.

Usabel decided to retire after 22 years on the school, 19 of which he has served as chair. His term ends June 30.

Incumbents Betty Ackerman (Zone 3) and Clay Sauer (Zone 5) were the only candidates to file for their respective positions, and each will continue for another four years.

No election was held in the Bruneau-Grand View School District as incumbent trustees were the only ones to submit candidacy papers.

Marie Robertson, who currently serves as chair, will continue in Zone 1, vice-chair Lori Bennett (Zone 3) and Howard Field (Zone 5) also will retain their seats.

Mary Huff will begin a second term as Owyhee County zone representative on the Melba

school board, and Todd F. Gluch will serve another four-year term on the Pleasant Valley School Board.

Three Creek’s school trustees makeup remains the same, too. Incumbents Zone 1 Trustee Gus Brackett, the board chair, and Zone 2’s Art Small both filed as write-ins. Clinton Lundy is the Zone 3 trustee whose term ends in 2015.

Library districts

In the Eastern Owyhee Library District, which serves the public library in Grand View, Kermit Tate defeated Rich Fulton, 21-15, in the only contested race.

Voter turnout was 5.3 percent (36 ballots cast out of 673 registered voters).

Leslie Field and Nancy Law were the lone petitioners for other Eastern Owyhee board positions. Field will succeed Frances Field, who retired after a long directorship career.

Denise M. Stewart and Kathy L. Mori were the only candidates to file for the two Bruneau Valley Library board positions.

New road commissioner ready to listen, learn

Homedale chair sees potential for new ideas

Joel Wilson plans to approach his new job as a Homedale Highway District commissioner as a learner.

“I’ll sit back, listen and learn,” he said days after winning a three-way election for the subdistrict 2 seat.

Wilson gained 185 votes to defeat Homedale business owner Ray Maxwell by 20 votes in the May 21 election. Homedale public works employee Jack Ulrich garnered 112 votes.

The Board of County Commissioners canvassed the ballots Tuesday after deadline.

There was a 26.6 percent turnout at the polls on the same day that the highway district’s attempt to raise its tax levy was defeated.

“The community is going to want the roads fixed, but then you’re faced with basically no funds per se, and we’ll have to use the funds to the best of our ability,” Wilson said of the challenge ahead for himself and holdover commissioners Scott Salutregui (subdistrict 3) and

Larry Prow (subdistrict 1 and the board chair).

Wilson will continue to listen to motorists when they come into Pruett Tire Center in Homedale where he is store manager.

He also plans to attend a three-day course for newly elected officials, which will be held in November. He takes office in October.

“I’ve been talking to neighboring commissioners from other highway districts for their input,” he said. “I’m going to gather up everybody’s information and learn from what I hear.”

Prow said he is hopeful that Wilson will have some new ideas to help the district meet its challenges.

“I think Joel’s got a good head on his shoulders,” Prow said. “He must have some abilities or he wouldn’t be in the (professional) position he’s in. He’s got to deal with quite a bit of responsibilities.”

Prow also said that he thinks Wilson’s work at Pruett will bring a new perspective to the board.

“He sees what damage the roads do to the vehicles and the tires and the shock absorbers,” Prow said.

— JPB



Joel Wilson steps into the voting booth May 21. By the end of the day he was the newest Homedale Highway District commissioner.

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Homedale city, schools exploring SRO co-op

Federal grant would fund most of four-year position

Despite failure of its supplemental levy proposal, the Homedale School District is still exploring creating a school resource officer position.

The board of trustees is scheduled to discuss the federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant opportunity during its 2013-14 school year budget workshop at 6 p.m. today.

The workshop takes place inside the district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

The grant, which Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller has discussed twice with the City Council, would provide 75 percent of the money needed to pay annual salary and benefits for an SRO for three years. There is a requirement for a fourth year of employment with 100 percent of the money coming from city funds.

During the first three years, the city would be responsible for the remaining 25 percent, and Eidemiller said at Thursday's council meeting that he has discussed a cost-sharing idea with schools superintendent Rob Sauer.

"I talked to the superintendent, and he said (board members) are still desiring a way to get a resource officer in the schools," Eidemiller said. "They're in limbo right now (because of the levy failure)."

Eidemiller said the city and the school district would split evenly the 25 percent matching funds in the first three years. In the fourth year, the school district would pay 75 percent and the city would pay 25 percent because the school resource officer would be committed to the schools for nine months out of the year.

At the end of the four years, there's a possibility more grants could be available to keep the

program going, Eidemiller said.

If the school board casts a favorable eye on the plan, the council will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., to consider applying for the grant.

The chief pointed out that under the proposed plan, the city would pay \$6,000 per year for the first three years and \$16,000 in the final year. The school district would be responsible for \$50,000 over the four years, unlike the approximately \$80,000 that was proposed in the supplemental levy for a two-year SRO position.

"This type of grant is for a long-term job," Councilman Tim Downing said. "I don't like the double taxation on the citizens of Homedale, which, really, that's about what it amounts to."

Downing added: "When we do this type of thing with payroll, we wind up having to raise taxes."

Downing also said that Homedale's tax base wouldn't support an SRO.

"The size of the community should not affect what we're going to do for the safety and security of our schools," Eidemiller said, adding that Wilder Police has an SRO.

Councilman Steve Atkins, a former Homedale policeman, said an SRO is needed.

"This is probably the No. 1 thing I get feedback on from the community when schools are brought up," he said.

Both Atkins and Councilman Aaron Tines said that a law enforcement presence is needed in the schools.

The grant application deadline was supposed to be earlier this month, but computer problems with the Department of Justice program forced officials to extend the filing deadline to 5:59 MDT on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, during its May meeting, the school board approved nearly \$18,000 to purchase and install 40 security cameras at the high school. Previously, the school had just four cameras.

— JPB



Buckaroo Bunny open in Marsing

Store owners Lena Metcalf, left, with her oldest daughter Nichole and co-owner Lisa Metcalf are ready to greet customers. The Buckaroo Bunny boutique is in full swing in downtown Marsing. The company carries the latest in fashion as well as does custom embroidery. Buckaroo Bunny is located at 401 Main St. in Marsing and store hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can contact them at (208) 896-5955 or follow them on Facebook.

Aberasturi removes sign too close to polls

A hand-made sign promoting the Homedale School District supplemental levy election briefly appeared too close to a polling place on the morning of the May 21 election.

The sign appeared on the signboard in the Homedale Senior Center parking lot, just feet from the North Homedale precinct inside the West Idaho Avenue building. The proximity was in violation of state code prohibiting electioneering within 100 feet of

a polling place.

Poll workers initially were unaware of the sign, but said District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi took the poster down and disposed of it inside the senior center before 9 a.m. May 21.

Owyhee County election clerk Jamie Wylie acknowledged that such a sign violated state law. She said that poll workers received training on the many facets of the election process, including possible electioneering situations.

Wylie confirmed that poll workers were unaware of the sign, which had been attached to the reader board in the senior center parking lot at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street West.

The deputy county clerk said that steps will be taken prior to the next election to make sure that poll workers inspect the grounds around the voting location for any such violations.

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Marsing may contract with OCSO for enforcement again

Council moves next meeting to community center, will take input

The Marsing City Council is considering re-establishing law enforcement ties with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

A formal contract would allow sheriff's deputies to patrol more frequently and give them more enforcement power. Although the deputie are currently offering some coverage, they are limited in how much time they can give the city and how they can enforce city ordinances without a contract.

Currently, deputies can enforce the law at the state level, but not at the city level because no contract is in place. City laws are tougher and carry heavier penalties, according to Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, who addressed the city council during its May 8 meeting.

The city previously had a law enforcement contract with the sheriff's office, but the agreement was terminated because of city

leaders' increasing dissatisfaction with OCSO service and responsiveness under the then-Sheriff Daryl Crandall. The majority of council members at that time felt they were not getting value for the \$76,385 contract when they were buying coverage "above and beyond" what is required by law.

Grant told the council that conditions require more of a presence in Marsing.

"We are seeing more enforcement needs during weekends and nights," Grant said. "We're also arresting more drunk drivers. We would like to see a position get added here in Marsing if possible."

Grant also added that deputies are working to build community relationships and be visible in town.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green initially said city residents were happy with the current situation

and that he didn't feel they would want to see a contract. However, councilmember and current Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even explained that under the current situation deputies could not enforce city ordinances.

Green then said it might be wise to look at the matter further and hold a public meeting to gather citizen input.

The matter will be taken up at the next Marsing City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on June 12. The meeting will be moved from City Hall — the council's typical meeting place — to the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 W. 2nd St. N.

In other news from May's meeting, city engineer Amy Woodruff said that the wastewater lagoons are currently out of compliance because of algae growth that occurs because of warmer weather. However, steps are being taken to research the situation and come up with the best solution for reducing, or eliminating the algae.

—AS



Carnival perk
A student gets her face painted during the May 21 carnival celebrating Homedale Elementary School's Box Tops for Education success during the school year.

Big Loop activist gets another charge levied

The Washington state man arrested at the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo on May 18 had a court date this week.

Adam Fahnestock, 30, of Richfield, Wash., was scheduled to go before a judge in Vale, Ore., on Tuesday after deadline.

Malheur County Undersheriff Travis Johnson said Fahnestock faced charges of second-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest — both misdemeanors — as well as trespassing.

Fahnestock has been described as a volunteer activist for an Illinois-based animal rights group. The group has videotaped rodeo performances in its campaign to secure a ban on horse roping. Rodeo proponents have charged that videos produced by the group have been altered to change the context of the film.

A bill outlawing the practice currently sits in the Oregon House of Representatives after passing the state Senate earlier.

Three Malheur deputies arrested Fahnestock during the rodeo's Saturday performance after he refused to discontinue videotaping of the rodeo. The Jordan Valley Rodeo Association instituted a ban on filming performances and the prohibition was clearly posted throughout the arena, which is private property.

Johnson also said that sheriff's deputies wrote at least six citations for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages during the three-day rodeo, which wrapped up on May 19.

Irrigation boards schedule June meetings

The three sets of directors that make up the South Board of Control governing bodies will meet Tuesday in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation

District board starts the meetings at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District directors meet at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control

convenes at 7:30 p.m.

All three meetings take place in the boardroom downstairs at South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W.

✓ Fishing: Pond closed Friday for prep

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Saturday at the pond. The free day is open to kindergarteners through sixth-graders, and participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the local food bank.

Pre-registration is suggested. Forms are available at Logan's Market in Marsing, Matteson's in Homedale, Gus' Gas in Grand View or inside The Owyhee Avalanche this week.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse personnel will be on hand to distribute a limited number of loaner rods, and Fish and Game officers as well as a few sheriff's deputies also will help children with their fishing endeavors.

Children who have their own bait and equipment are asked to use that.

While the fishing starts at 9 a.m., the gates to the park will swing open at 8:30 a.m. to allow children time to get ready to fish.

There will be prizes for the first fish caught, the biggest fish caught and the first limit caught. Each category will have a prize for a boy and a girl.

The Posse has purchased 632 pounds of rainbows ranging in size from 2 to 2¼ pounds for the day.

The park will be closed Friday to prepare for the event. Open fishing takes part after 1 p.m. Saturday under all state rules.

June 1, 2013

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Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Participants please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food bank.

The day is more than just children getting a chance to dunk a worm.

Idaho Fish and Game Senior Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson said there will be archery equipment on hand to give the children a chance to try their luck.

"That was pretty popular last

year," he said.


The Citizens Against Poaching educational trailer also will be on hand. Stocked with examples of animals illegally taken throughout Idaho, the trailer helps education on hunting and fishing laws as well as respect for the resources.

—JPB

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✓ **School:** Trustees convene 2013-14 budget workshop at 6 p.m. today

what we're going to do moving forward, whether we're going to try for a levy again and what they may be for and where we go from here."

The board of trustees could begin discussing the future as early as today when they gather for a budget workshop.

The workshop takes place at 6 p.m. inside the school district office boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave. The trustees will begin formulating the 2013-2014 budget that will be subject to a public hearing during the board's regular June 10 meeting.

The district has the option to run another levy election on Aug. 27, the final time this year that state law allows such a move. Trustees have until July 8 to notify the county of their intention to seek an election.

"If we go forward with the levy, I don't see us using the money much differently because what we identified were necessities," Sauer said.

On May 21, voters denied by a margin of 20 votes the district's proposed two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy.

Administration officials laid

out a plan to use the revenue to fill security, communication, personnel and fund balance needs over the next two years.

Canyon County voters agreed with the needs by a margin of nine votes, but the bulk of the ballots were cast in Owyhee County. Overall, 329 voted against the levy, while 309 were in favor. Owyhee's vote was 258 for and 229 against.

In March 2011, patrons rejected a two-year, \$720,000 supplemental levy proposal by a count of 353 against and 294 in favor, a 59-vote margin. Nine fewer ballots were cast last week than in 2011.

Sauer said he heard "positive feedback" about the district's transparency and openness in promoting the levy, but acknowledged that delivering more information and reaching a wider base of voters was necessary.

In the end, it came down to the pocketbook.

"The only thing I heard is people didn't want to pay taxes on this," Sauer said.

The supplemental levy would have raised property taxes by \$257.88 per year per \$100,000 of taxable value. Additionally, the Homedale Highway District

sought a levy increase that would have meant property owners pay \$168.21 per year more for every \$100,000 in taxable value.

Only 28.8 percent of 1,689 registered voters showed up at the polls last week. Owyhee County elections clerk Jamie Wylie reported that 27 people registered at the voting precincts the day of the election.

"We definitely like to see more people turn out and exercise their right to vote," Sauer said. "It's an important component to developing a responsible electorate."

— JPB

✓ **Highway:** District pays thousands to former employees

to wait and see what happens."

Prow said there has been no talk of running the levy again in August, but he's sure the board of commissioners will discuss the next step during its 8 p.m. meeting next Wednesday.

The levy sought as much as \$175,000 in annual revenue to help commissioners get out in front of the district's crumbling infrastructure.

Now, Prow says, no new construction is possible. Nielsen Lane and other roads will remain gravel.

"It's basically going to be just maintenance and that's all we can do," the subdistrict 1 commissioner said.

Highway district patrons cast 292 ballots against the levy proposal, while 198 were in favor of highest property taxes to begin rehabilitating the 92-mile network of roads. Only 490 of 1,734 registered voters (28.3 percent) visited the polls.

"I figured (turnout) was going to be low because there's no major election," Prow said. "I was kind of hoping that the people that were complaining about the roads that it would be enough to make them come down and vote."

Prow said the district's finances shouldn't be affected by the combination of purchasing a DuraPatcher and failing to pass a levy. The DuraPatcher will cost

the district about \$73,000 over the next three years.

He said that the district will still save money because the DuraPatcher has eliminated the cost of pugmilling, which includes oil, gravel and the cost for a contractor to mix it.

"We'll still have to buy oil for the DuraPatcher, but we don't have the labor cost, so I think it's going to kind of offset," Prow said.

"I'm hoping that it will (provide) better patching than what we've had before."

Oil will be stored in the DuraPatcher, but road workers will have to haul refills from a Nampa distributor when they run

low. Prow said the district still will save money, however, because the crew could get through a day's worth of work on one 10-yard dumptruck full of gravel and then use a pickup truck to tow the DuraPatcher for filling at the end of the day, if necessary.

The district recently opened the fiscal year 2013 budget to lease the DuraPatcher. The board also amended the personnel budget to make nearly \$40,000 in one-time payments for accrued vacation time, compensation time and sick leave to former employees, Prow said. The payments were made on the advice of the district's attorney, Bill Gigray, Prow said.

— JPB



Homedale's Marcia Bain votes in the Magistrate courtroom.

✓ **Outpost:** Gun, quilt raffle returns; auction time moved

anniversary of its territorial designation, or sesquicentennial. Owyhee County also turns 150 on Dec. 31, and two new museum displays will help honor that event. One is an interactive history display, and the other is a display of old artifacts from different towns. In addition, the cowboy poets have written a couple of poems to celebrate Owyhee County's 150th birthday.

Demshar said people wishing to see the Idaho Cowboy Poets need to buy a ticket, or they will not be guaranteed a good seat. They will perform at the depot, and an enclosed tent will be available if the weather turns bad. At 7 p.m. Saturday the Idaho Cowboy Poets are performing at the Depot. Tickets are \$20.

The first event Saturday is a 5-kilometer fun run and walk. The registration/entry fee is \$20 for runners. The entry fee for walkers is \$15. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. Walkers are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and runners at 8:30 a.m. Entry forms can be requested at, or emailed to, MurphyOutpost5K@gmail.com. Check the museum website [www.owyheemuseum.org](http://owyheemuseum.org) for additional information.

The famous and popular cattle

drive arrives at noon Saturday. Event organizer Tass Heim said that Longhorn cattle are no longer locally available, and roping steers will instead be used. The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Project members will be moving the cattle, and some of the participants are Owyhee County youth.

The Buckaroo Breakfast runs from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. both days. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6 and younger.

There's musical entertainment both days featuring the Junior Jammers and Chicken Dinner Road, among others.

The auction time has been changed, and will now be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Depot. Items are still being sought if anyone would like to donate. Tickets for the gun and quilt raffle are \$1 a piece, or six tickets for \$5.

Sunday also features musical entertainment and the famous Horney Toad Race.

Food vendors, the Pie Shop, craft booths and lost art demonstrations are also on the schedule both days.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum is located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2319 for information.

— AS

✓ **Overlay:** Proposed ordinance floated as protection for county's property owners

chair Connie Brandau said. "We're doing this to be in keeping with the vision of the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan and to help protect the property rights of the Owyhee County citizens. We only make a recommendation to the Owyhee County Commissioners and then they make a decision as to whether to proceed or not.

The overlay map itself is unclear, and one person at the meeting asked for clarification of what the map represented. Repeated phone calls asking for clarification on the map and map legend to Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff went unanswered.

Owyhee County officials got the idea for the power overlay from Blaine County, which developed something similar.

Although Brandau said the power overlay is a plan to protect private property of Owyhee County citizens, many people view it as a plan to make the BLM stick to the originally proposed Gateway transmission line route that was agreed to by the local

BLM, power companies and Owyhee County. That plan was later modified, and the route changed, by BLM officials in Washington D.C.

The Gateway West Transmission Line Project is a joint project proposed by Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power to build approximately 1,000 miles of new 230 kilovolt (kV) and 500 kV electric transmission lines across southern Wyoming and southern Idaho. Some of the proposed routes would take the lines directly over private property.

Officials from Idaho Power addressed the board with some of their concerns about language in the overlay document. Problematic were references to health concerns over transmission lines and the other was the ambiguity regarding voltage threshold for transmission lines. As the language currently reads, there are three places in the ordinance that appears to be contradictory.

"Idaho Power believes the voltage designation language should read 'greater than 230kV

nominal,'" Idaho Power facility siting coordinator for delivery projects Kristi Purdue said.

Brandau said that the comments and concerns Idaho Power officials raised contained good information that needed to be examined.

Purdue also pointed out that the ordinance provides an inaccurate depiction of transmission line electromagnetic fields (EMF) in regards to adverse health effects.

"There are many studies out on this issue and I would recommend looking at the studies conducted by well known and respected organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the World Health Organization, which does not regard power lines as that detrimental to health.

"I thought it was a very informative meeting," Robyn Thompson of the Owyhee County Citizens Task Force on Gateway West said. "My mindset coming into it was 'let's do this,' but after listening to comments and new information, my take is to proceed with caution."

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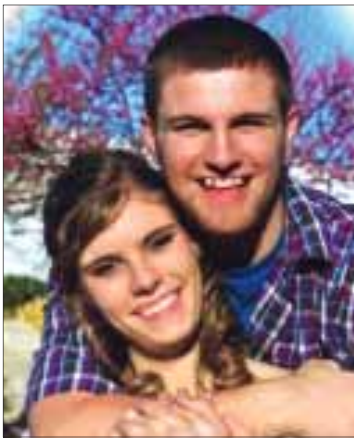
Dafni Clausen, James Miller to marry June 8 in Caldwell

Marsing High School graduates Dafni Clausen and James Miller will marry at 2 p.m., June 8, 2013.

The Marsing residents will wed at United Methodist Church, 824 E. Logan, Caldwell. A reception will follow.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Don and Dawn Clausen. She works at Fred Meyer in Nampa.

The groom-elect is the son of Rob and Trish Miller. He has enlisted in the Army and reports at the end of June.



Dafni Clausen and James Miller

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The hay meadows have water and everything looks better than last year.

The school is a busy place. Two students Dally and Jadyn Sears left the school. There are two new students, Hayden and Ian Davis. During spring break, teacher Dena Pollack went to Olympia, Wash., to visit her family and help her grandson celebrate his 10th birthday.

The Girl Scouts planted two apple trees to the west of the school buildings. Jody Cooper of the Highway District brought a backhoe to maintain the parking area.

Anyone driving by the school will soon be able to use cell phones.

Laria Lovec from the Wells, Nev., office of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has been over visiting with the ranchers about their grazing permits.

Bob Ramsey, our rockchuck hunter, has already shot 202 of the little critters. He is now working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the state trying to keep the grasshopper and cricket population down. Bob now has copies of Les Sweeny’s third edition of his Henry Harris books

on hand to sell.

Curtis and Darby Allen from Soda Springs are the new ranch couple at Devil Creek Ranch.

My newest fun excursion was when Bethene Brewer took me to visit Carla Liesen in her new home south of Oakley. Carla’s new log home is beautiful, and it is filled with western décor. Her children, Nathan and Carol Ann, were visiting their mom.

Looking at the beautifully decorated graves at the cemeteries I think of some that may never had a flower put on for many, many decades.

At Marshall Butte west of the 17-mile road between Roseworth and the Three Creek Highway are two very sad graves. Just west of the fallen-down stone cabin is the grave of Dorinda Boyd Blackwell and her son John Boyd. Dorinda died on Oct. 31, 1913 at the age of 86 at the home of her son. He died many years later and is also buried there. Dorinda was born in Virginia, and before the Civil War she had many riches and even slaves, so it’s hard to believe she ended up on an Idaho desert claim. Their tombstones are a couple of rocks with their names crudely chipped out.

Obituary

Donna J. Fisher Lowrance

Our loving mother went to be with the Lord Thursday, May 23, 2013. Mom was born in Crosby, Minnesota on December 6, 1931 to Ernest and Wilma Edick. She was the eldest of 7 children and attended Homedale High School.

She married the love of her life, John S. Fisher August 22, 1948. They made their home in the Homedale area. In October of 1965, our dad passed away leaving mom to raise 6 children. She loved the Lord and her family with all her heart and might. She prayed for each and every one of her family members to know and love the Lord, and saw many of her prayers answered.

Her number one passion was Jesus, followed closely by her grandchildren ... they were her pride and joy and she prayed for each one daily ... by name. She also loved cooking, oil painting, floral design, road trips, family reunions and camping with her family.



She possessed a servant’s heart. Both her and Grandma Edick spent many years cooking for the Oasis Worship Food Program.

She was preceded in death by her husband Johnny, her parents Ernest & Wilma Edick, her brothers Harold & Phillip, and her grandson, Anthony Christian Wilson. She left behind sisters: Luetta Dyer (Bert Evans),

Caroll (Dave) Wood; brothers: Tom (Cheryl) Edick, Bob (Rita) Edick and sister-in-law Sandi Edick. Children: Steve Fisher, Eddie (Stacy) Fisher, Kathy (Dan) Watson, Sharon (Ric) Breshears, Karen (Dan) Smede, Sandy (Jeff) Wilson; 30 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild.

Celebration of mom’s life was held Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 11:00 AM at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene in Wilder, Idaho with viewing one hour prior to service. A reception followed immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oasis Worship & Food Center, PO Box 1122, Caldwell, Idaho 83606. Mom will be inurned next to daddy at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery during a private family ceremony.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Homedale library summer reading set

Library shelves June Story Times

Now that school is out, the Homedale Public Library is ready to launch its summer reading program.

Registration began Tuesday for the monthlong activity aimed at keeping children reading during summer vacation.

The summer program will start at 3:30 p.m. each Wednesday in June beginning next week. The activities last about an hour.

There are two separate programs at the same day and time. One will cater to children ages 4 to 9, and the other is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

Themes for ages 4-9 will be:

- Next Wednesday — ”Dig Into The Egyptian Past”
 - June 12 — “Under The Earth-Gold Mining”
 - June 19 — “Uncover Dinosaurs”
 - June 26 — “Movie Surprise”
- Adults must assist the younger children in the program.
- The 10- to 17-year-olds will take part in:
- Next Wednesday — ”A Hobbit Tea Party”
 - June 12 — “A Sailor’s Treasures”
 - June 19 — “Under The Earth”
 - June 26 — “Movie Surprise”
- There will be prize drawings, snacks and prizes that can be earned with each program.
- For more information, call

the library at 337-4228 in the afternoons Monday through Saturday.

Library hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Gorilla at Story Time

This week’s Story Time at the Homedale library features “Goodnight, Gorilla” by Peggy Rathmann.

The reading takes place at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

Along with the story, there will be crafts, songs and snacks.

Story Time will be discontinued in June during the library’s summer reading program.

Summer mass returns to Silver City

With the Silver City Road open again, summer Mass has resumed at Our Lady of Tears Catholic church.

Fr. German Osorio officiated the first mass Sunday afternoon.

Fr. Gerry Funke will preside over the 1 p.m. July 21 mass.

Bishop Michael Driscoll of the Catholic Diocese of Boise will conduct the Aug. 11 mass, which

begins at noon.

The clergy of St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa will conduct the final mass at 1 p.m. on Sept. 1.



Our Lady of Tears is part of St. Paul’s Parish.

According to the Friends of Our Lady of Tears newsletter, the group plans to install new stained-glass windows in the 117-year-old structure.

Monthly mass continues at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Oreana, which is also part of the St. Paul’s Parish. Mass is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on select Saturdays.

The remaining 2013 schedule includes June 8, July 13, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, and Dec. 14.

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Melba grads omitted

Because of incomplete information received from the school district, two Owyhee County residents from the Melba High School Class of 2013 didn't appear in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Erica Collins, left, and Shawna Anderson received their diplomas during Friday's commencement at the school.



Calendar

Today

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

Thursday

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
7 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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

Wednesday

Willing Hands Humanitarian Group meeting
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., public welcome, Homedale LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-6005

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

Homedale Highway District meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Summer reading program
3:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
afternoons Monday through Saturday

Thursday, June 6

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub.com

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

Moms Night Out
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., open to all mothers of young children, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 697-1509

Gospel concert and barbecue
2 p.m., free, Adrian Presbyterian Church, 401 3rd St., Adrian

Monday, June 10

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

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

Homedale Fire District commissioners meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
1 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

Homedale School board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday, June 11

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

Eastern Owyhee Library Board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Homedale Friends of the Library meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Gem Highway District board meeting
7:30 p.m., Gem Highway District office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Marsing School Board meeting
8 p.m., Marsing School District office, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4111

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley

Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

Breaking horses

Most ranchers enjoy breaking horses for the satisfaction of doing a good job. However, it takes time, and most country people realize that once you start a bronco, you must stay with him until the job is finished. It requires time that few people have except for those who make time for the added chores of working with the bronco day in and day out. If profit was a motive, then few horses would be started let alone finished.

It is a different situation if you are breaking horses for your own use than if you do it for someone else. First of all, you have to assume that the only reason the horse is brought to you is because his owner can't do anything with him. Usually he has been handled just enough to be spoiled. It is a rule of thumb that a green horse be ridden, or worked, 30 times before he can be considered "safely" started.

The problem arises when the owner takes the horse back. Usually the only time we have to spend with colts is during the winter. Come spring, the owner takes his property home and turns it out because he doesn't have time to work a colt with irrigating coming on. Then weeks or months later, he mounts up or hooks up and often as not is bucked off or has a runaway. He then gets mad and claims you cheated him. This, of course, is after he has tried to haggle you down on the breaking fee and feed costs. He usually succeeds, and you wind up doing the job at a loss with the feed thrown in. As a result, your reputation as a horse handler is ruined, but you are lucky for the experience gained is worth more that money can buy. If you learned from it, that is!

I've been down this road, and experience has taught me that in the future I want feed furnished IN ADVANCE and paid CASH on a month basis. I also intend to charge plenty to make the owner psychologically appreciate the job more, operating on the principle that the nearest way to a man's heart is through his pocket book.

I also think it would be wise to insist that before starting on the horse, a contract be signed by myself and the customer stating that, "IF THEY TURN THE HORSE OUT FOR A YEAR, I'M ABSOLVED OF ALL RESPONSIBILITY." The net result of my insistence on a formal arrangement is that I will no longer be asked to break a horse for anybody. This is fine with me and will provide someone else, usually a young inexperienced horseman, the opportunity to learn the business end of horse breaking.

— 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.

Gospel show, BBQ set for Adrian

Gospel music and a barbecue are planned for Adrian next month.

The Joint Heirs will perform and a free barbecue will be served at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9 at Adrian Presbyterian Church, 401 3rd St., in Adrian.

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Lowder, Petet finish ANG basic

Two local 2012 high school graduates recently completed basic military training in Texas.

Zachary T. Lowder and Kyle D. Petet are Air National Guard airmen who completed their training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

Lowder, a Homedale graduate, is the son of Donna and Anthony Lowder of Homedale.



Zachary Lowder



Kyle Petet

Petet, who received his diplomas at Marsing, is the son of Ron Petet of Marsing.

The pair completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Benefit to help former Marsing man

Friends and family are pulling together to help a man who grew up in Marsing as he battles pancreatic cancer.

A benefit dinner, dance and auction for Anthony Ineck and his family is set for Saturday, June 15 at Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Ineck, a 51-year-old truck driver, now lives in Parma.

The benefit begins at 4 p.m. with a social hour and will be followed by a tri-tip dinner at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

A live auction begins at 7 p.m., and there also will be a silent auction.

Raffle tickets are being sold for beef and gun safe giveaway and a Traeger grill and cut and wrapped pig drawing.

Tickets for the beef and gun safe cost \$5 each or five for \$20. The grill and pig raffle tickets are \$1 each or five for \$6.

Auction donations are being sought.

Call Holly Reynolds at (208) 250-4409 for more information on the dinner, auction and raffle.

Reynolds also said that contributions can be made to the Anthony Ineck fund at any US Bank branch.

Time for remembrance



Top: George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 color guard stands at attention as the ceremonial wreath in honor of veterans who served at sea is tossed from the Homedale bridge into the Snake River on Monday. **Left:** In a submitted photo, Post 128 commander Julie Sterling salutes after placing a flag at a veteran's grave Thursday at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Cemetery flags honor Post 128's comrades

Grave locator project shifts to Phase 2

New commander Julie Sterling led a group of American Legion Post 128 members from Marsing in placing American flags at the graves of veterans Thursday.

The Memorial Day tradition took place at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery where Post 128 recently completed the first phase of its grave locator project.

Other officers who helped place flags included vice-commander Buz Fawcett, service officer Darrell Brown, adjutant Kathy

Barton and chaplain Rick Sherrow. Members present included Darryl Burham, Larry Steiner, Herb Churruca, Gene Clapier, Kathy Sherrow, David Felty, Sharon McIlveen, Roger McIlveen and Sharon Fawcett.

The locator will include all plots at the cemetery with special notations for the veterans interred there. The building that will house the cemetery plot maps hung on panels has been completed.

Sterling said construction of an access ramp to the structure is in the planning stages.

The third and final stage of compiling and placing names inside the building will be carried out by cemetery personnel, Sterling

said.

Post 128 will not hold monthly meetings this summer. Held on the second Tuesday of the month inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 W. 2nd St. N., the meetings will resume in September.

The balance of Post 128's new officers include second vice-commander Steve Carlin and sergeant-at-arms Dwain Stevens.

The military veterans' coffees held on the first Wednesday of each month at the community center are ongoing, Sterling said. The socials that give veterans a chance to meet and share stories begin at 9 a.m.

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Final salute to Class of 2013



Marsing seniors receive diplomas

Salutatorian Alicia Garcia, left, and valedictorian Ashley Hull share the podium in front of a sea of blue mortarboard caps during Friday's graduation ceremony inside the Marsing High School gymnasium.



Homedale graduates embrace the future

Top: An audience member photographs graduates with an iPad as Homedale High School's May 20 ceremony begins inside the school's main gymnasium.

Bottom: Whitney Uria and Kenny Harper were part of the procession of seniors who took their place at the front of the ceremony and awaited their diplomas.



Mentoring pays off for Homedale grad

Program always in search of volunteers

Jeremy Dillon is wide awake and looking to his future after graduating last week from Homedale High School.

The son of Louise Wolfley, who turned 19 the same day he received his diploma (May 20), is the latest success story of the Mentoring Network Inc.

"It's just a really good program to help the kids that need a little extra help in school and extra attention," Wolfley said.

Dillon hasn't been an official part of the program since he left middle school, but his mentor — Sharon Frost — maintained contact, going above and beyond the network's slogan, "One hour a week changes lives."

"Sharon's just been awesome for Jeremy," Wolfley said. "She goes on vacation and sends him postcards. She does everything for him — Christmas presents, birthday presents."

Both women were inside the Homedale High School gymnasium to see Dillon graduate.

"He's my child (but) it's like I share him with Sharon," Wolfley said.

Typically, mentors spend lunch hours with their children, but once Dillon was outside the program's age group, Frost continued her contact. After conferring with his mother, Frost took Dillon on a spring break trip or the movies in Nampa or a theme park in the summer.

"When Jeremy got to the high school, it was more difficult to get him out of class, so we'd go to the pizza place for lunch," Frost said. "I still meet with him every week."

Frost's influence was crucial to Dillon, who was one of four children in Wolfley's single-parent household.

"He had behavior problems and had no drive to be in school, and I just didn't know how to get him to that point anymore," Wolfley said.

The school district suggested the program.

Of course, there was some adjustment.

"In fifth grade, every time I would get to the classroom to pick him up, he was sleeping," Frost said. "Every single time."

"From sixth grade on, that stopped."

Eventually, Dillon became an honor roll student in both middle school and high school.

"His grades improved tremendously," Wolfley said. "Somehow, (Frost) just kind of turned him around."

"I think he was able to get the one-on-one attention with her where I raised four boys on my own and there was never any one-on-one with any of them."

Dillon had an agreement with his mother that he wouldn't look for a job until after he finished getting his diploma. Now, he's champing at the bit to get out in the workforce. He also wants to study to become a heavy equipment operator.

A retired Homedale schoolteacher, Frost has been involved with the Mentoring Network board of directors for 10 years and currently serves as secretary. There are about eight mentors in the Homedale area, but the program is always looking for more volunteers to help guide children who may be struggling.

Homedale High School graduate Jorge Hernandez is another person who used to be part of the Mentoring Network with help from Betty Arriaga. Hernandez eventually found his way, reaching the 3A state tournament for wrestling, and now studying law enforcement at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

For more information on the Mentoring Network Inc., visit www.mentoringnetworkid.org.

The network serves children in the Homedale, Parma, Vallivue, Nampa and Caldwell school districts.

"I think they definitely need to keep this program going because it does help children," Wolfley said.

— JPB



Jeremy Dillon, right, chats with mentor Sharon Frost at Idaho Pizza Co. during a recent lunch in Homedale.

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Kristie Garrett ended her 24-year teaching career at Homedale Elementary School on Thursday.

Garrett hands HES pupils to next generation

Kristie Garrett will miss the hello hugs and kisses the most. The Homedale Elementary School second-grade teacher sealed the final going-home messages of her 24-year career Thursday.

The lifelong Homedale resident is now retired and ready for the next chapter with her husband of 39 years, Gary Garrett.

“We are looking forward to many ball games, plays, and concerts to attend with our 12 busy grandkids,” she said.

A discussion with a colleague put in perspective Garrett’s decision to leave the only teaching job she has known – in a place where he mother also taught.

“She said, ‘Once you make that decision you just know it was the right decision,’ ” Garrett said. “ ‘You know you’ve done your best and you’re ready to let the next generation carry on.’ ”

Garrett has concrete proof of the impact she has had at the elementary school that she and her future husband attended as children.

Third- and fourth-graders come by her classroom (“My door is always open,” she says) to get hello hugs and kisses. Previous students who have moved on to careers also have stayed in touch.

One was Jessica Arvin, who went on to her own teaching career.

“When she was in college, I

got a letter thanking me,” Garrett said.

Garrett’s impact has been generational as well, but she didn’t realize it until parent-teacher conferences this year.

When she met with pupil Ahmad Garcia’s parents, Garrett realized that the second-grader’s father, Omar, was in her first Homedale class.

She’ll miss the opportunity to teach an incoming second-grader whose ties to the school go back to his great-great grandfather, also Shade Combs, who was the bus driver and handed out milk in the lunchroom when Kristie and Gary were elementary school students.

But the generational aspect of teaching is exactly why Garrett is comfortable leaving her post at this time.

“I have confidence in the new teachers and the new technology and ways of doing things,” she said.

Of course, her colleagues have done well by the students, too.

“I have been so fortunate to have an excellent second-grade team of teachers to work with as well as the whole staff in our building,” Garrett said.

“Parents and patrons cannot imagine how much care and concern goes into each and every child as we travel through a school year discussing the best way to reach them and teach them.”

— JPB

District changes

There will be changes in the Homedale School District at the start of the next school year:

Retirements — School nurse Nancy Malmberg after 25 years; second-grade teacher Kristie Garrett after 24 years; COSSA paraprofessional Trena Curt after 19 years; and high school science teacher Nancy Anthony after seven years

Resignations — High school teacher and track coach Thomas Thomas (transferring to Vallivue); high school secretary Heidi Ankeny; and high school English teacher Kris Vowell; high school music director Jessica Bohachek

Reassignments — Middle school science teacher Lindsay Miller will assume two periods of the subject at the high school to fill the vacancy left by Anthony’s departure.

Rehired — Amy Sotin-Wood, seventh-grade volleyball; and Shannon Johnson, eighth-grade volleyball

Students read their way to wheels

Masons award four bicycles

Three months of intensive reading paid off for four Homedale Elementary School students last Wednesday.

From mid-February until the first part of May, first- through fourth-graders read 5,460 books in a three-month period (54 school days) ending May 15 as part of the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 inaugural Bikes for Books campaign.

Principal Terri Vasquez announced the product of the students’ voracious reading during awards assemblies last Wednesday.

First up were the first- and second-graders, who accounted for 2,480 of the books read.

The names of all qualifying reads went into a jar, and a Mason drew the names of two winners — one both and one girl.

Among the first- and second-graders, 8-year-old Ahmad Garcia and 7-year-old Alondra Sosa won the bikes.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 senior warden George Decker and junior deacon Blake Titus made the presentation.

A second-grader in Kristie Garrett’s class, Ahmad read 40 books. He’s the son of Omar and Stephanie Garcia

The daughter of Antonio and Monica Sosa, Alondra just completed first grade. Kristi Uria’s student read 50 books.

At the third- and fourth-grade assembly, Silver City Lodge secretary Rob Troxel pulled the winning entries of 10-year-olds Thomas Symms and Xiomara Gomez. Both are fourth-graders.

Thomas, who read 20 books, is the son of Dar and Jodi Symms. He spent the year in Teri Uria’s class.

Xiomara is the daughter of Maria Pacheco. A student of Stuart Emry’s, she wasn’t present for the award ceremony.

The Masons plan to have another Bikes for Books campaign next year.

“It’s a good program for us to run, and we appreciate the teachers and the administration for helping us out,” Troxel said.

Troxel added that the children’s participation was great to see.

Vasquez broke down the reading by grade level, explaining that second- and third-graders had a lower volume because they began reading more complex



Top: Ahmad Garcia, left, and Alondra Sosa stand with their new bikes. Above: Silver City Mason Rob Troxel presents Thomas Symms with his new ride.

- chapter books.
- First-graders** — 1,680 books
 - Second-graders** — 800
 - Third-graders** — 480
 - Fourth-graders** — 2,500

— JPB






Homedale teacher of the year announced
With her family standing behind her, Homedale Middle School sixth-grade teacher Lesa Folwell, left, accepts the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 teacher of the year award from Rob Troxel during Friday’s district-wide year-end luncheon.

Next week
Read the Avalanche for more year-end coverage, including achievement awards and the announcement of Marsing’s teacher of the year.

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On to high school



Homedale eighth-graders take next step
Crystal Neil, center, hugs her daughter Shantel Neil, left, and Tanis Lentfer outside Homedale Middle School during Thursday's eighth-grade graduation. Photo by Dave Downum

Much stays same at Homedale pool

A \$50,000 renovation has added new perks to the Homedale swimming pool, but the staff that opened the pool Tuesday is nearly the same as last summer.

Justine Calzacorta has taken over as pool manager this year, but she is part of the returning staff that also includes Antonio Sturgeon, Laurien Mavey and Mykal Hill.

The pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. There also is a 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. session on Saturday.

The daily swim price is \$2, while family season passes are available for between \$45 and \$120 depending on the number of people in the family.

The pool also is available for rental during certain hours each day. Rental prices are \$35 for one hour and \$50 for two hours. The pool is open for rental from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the week, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Anyone using the pool this summer will see a new set of stairs for easier access into the pool as well as a new pool surface and a new deck around the pool.

For more information, call City Hall at 337-4641.



The Homedale city pool staff includes, clockwise from left, manager Justine Calzacorta, Laurien Mavey, Antonio Sturgeon and Mykal Hill.

Local Girls State reps chosen

High school students from Homedale, Marsing and Wilder were chosen for Girls State, which will be held June 16-21 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Participants are: Leslie Albor, Haley Kushlan and Kyler Eidemiller, Homedale; Maggie Landrey and Noelle Muller, Marsing; and Mariah Breintr and Aimee Annguiano, Wilder.

George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale Marsing Post 128 sponsored the students.



Homedale High School Girls State nominees are, from left, Leslie Albor, Haley Kushlan and alternate Kyler Eidemiller.

Marsing

Maggie Landrey is a member of the Herpetology Society and also helps rescue animals. Landrey sports a black belt in Karate.

Alternate Noelle Muller’s future plans include owning a business.

Homedale

Leslie Albor helped plan fundraising events for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America organization and started a recycling at the school. Albor also is involved in 4-H, science club, Gear-Up and soccer. She wants to go to medical school.

Alternate Haley Kushlan is captain of the Soccer Express Club, and her extracurricular activities include soccer and science club. She plans to go to school for

nursing.

Alternate Kyler Eidemiller is a member of FFA and plans to attend college in an ROTC military program. She plays softball and track.

Wilder

Mariah Breintr’s club involvement is the Idaho Meth Project. She wants to attend college and become a zookeeper. She also loves art and literature.

Alternate Aimee Annguiano is involved with the Future Hispanic Leaders of America and wants to study medicine.

She plays volleyball in her spare time.

The American Legion sponsors Girls State. According to the Legion website, Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches

young women responsible citizenship and love for God and country. Girls who attend learn first-hand how their state and local government works.

They learn how to participate in the functioning of their state’s government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens.



Maggie Landrey



Noelle Muller

Scholarships Marsing High School

Cody Rhodes — FFA marketing scholarship

Favian Robles — Debbie Sevy/Lions Club, Hispanic

Lacey Usabel — Walmart scholarship, Governors Cup, Distinguished Student Award, Treasure Valley Community College volleyball scholarship, Ted Blackstock, State of Idaho Promise B, U of I academic achievement G, Marsing Disaster Auction “community volunteer” award

Katlyn Barkell — Federal Pell grant

Kimber Bowman — Debbie Sevy/Lions Club, Disaster Auction “community volunteer” award, State of Idaho promise

B; Lewis-Clark State College financial aid package, federal pell grant

Amanda Folwell — Idaho State Music and ACT, TVCC singing

Jason Galligan — Weber Eagle and achievement

Alicia Garcia — Hispanic Youth Symposium, Boise State Scholars, Idaho Minority, Idaho promise B, National Honor Society, Dr. Harold Shockley Memorial, Alpha-Delta-Kappa Sorority, Marsing Lifetouch, Silver CityMasonic Lodge No. 13

Anai Gonzalez — Federal Pell grant

Ashley Hull — The College

of Idaho package, the Idaho Promise, academic achievement and Robert McCaslin scholarship from the University of Idaho

Josh Larsen — Embry-Riddle University Dean

Miguel Leon — Paul’s Market

Angel Loera — Hispanic Youth Symposium, State of Idaho Promise B

Gloria Martinez — State of Idaho Promise B, federal Pell grant.

Roy Olvera Jr. — Idaho Promise B, offered academic achievement scholarship from University of Idaho

Lucy Paramo — Federal Pell grant

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

The Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School Class of 2013 is currently eligible to receive \$108,615 in scholarships and grants:

Cristian Ayala — Academic Achievement Levels; College of Education; CAMP Scholarship; CAMP Stipend; Idaho Robert Lee Promise; Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant; Idaho Work Study

Bailey Bachman — Family, Career and Community Leaders

of America (FCCLA); Pratt Rodeo Scholarship; Bruneau Boosters

Kaitlin Erwin — 4-H club; Bruneau Boosters

Jesten Dick — Grand View Chamber of Commerce

Bronson Gray — Academic Achievement Level S; Freshman Access; Promise B; Idaho Work-Study; Grand View Lions Club; FCCLA

Chris Lootens — Mountain Home Rotary Club; Bruneau

Boosters

Johanna Mori — Coca-Cola; Elks Most Valuable Student; Kathryn Albertson; The College of Idaho Presidential Scholar; 4-H; FCCLA; Knowbelle Prize-Knowbelle Book Club; Bruneau Boosters

Guadalupe Rodriguez — Lions Club; Idaho Promise; Easter Owyhee County Library

Porter Simper — Lions Club; FCCLA

Sports

Ailing Emry falters at NCAA West meet

A two-week-old foot injury hampered Austin Emry’s performance at the NCAA West Regional track and field meet.

The University of Montana junior missed on three attempts on the opening height of 6 feet, 7½ inches during Thursday’s high jump at the University of Texas

in Austin.

A 2009 Homedale High School graduate, Emry is the son of Stuart and Lori Emry of Homedale.

He injured his foot while competing in the long jump at the Big Sky Conference championships the same week that he won the conference’s decathlon title.



The Idaho Power Co.’s recent fence work at C.J. Strike Reservoir has barred anglers from some popular spots. Idaho Power photo

New C.J. Strike fencing closes some fishing spots

Idaho Power Co. has installed new fences and part of C.J. Strike Reservoir has been shut off from the public, but the parks are open and fishing, including for sturgeon, is still under way.

“The closure of the areas on and around the dam are based on concerns for public safety as well as facility concerns expressed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC),” Idaho Power Spokesman Brad Bowlin said. “For some time, federal regulatory agencies, as well as our own personnel, have expressed concern for public safety and facility security at C.J. Strike.”

Bowlin said that earlier reports that Homeland Security had requested the closures were incorrect.

The decision was made to permanently close off access to the hydroelectric facility, which is in alignment with regulations at other facilities nationwide.

This closure makes some longtime favorite fishing spots off limits.

“People have been driving ATV

and other recreational vehicles on the top of the dam itself, and anglers have been fishing near the intakes,” Bowlin said.

“We understand that some people are disappointed, but extensive improvements have been made to the boating facilities, parks and wildlife management areas and there is still lots of angling opportunities from the shore.”

Denise Stewart, who owns the Fishin’ Hole store in Bruneau, said that she has received calls about the closure.

“We’ve had people call panicking that C.J. Strike is closed to bank fishing,” Stewart said. “People seem to be misreading the situation, so I try straightening them out.”

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Rick Wiley said that there will be patrols at C.J. Strike.

“Anybody caught behind the fences will be cited for trespassing,” Wiley said. “We do have regular patrols and will pay special attention to that area. We have had a few complaints, but most people understand the situation.” —AS

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

May 29: Chicken patty/bun, macaroni & cheese
May 30: Pasta primavera (broccoli, carrots, ham, mushrooms), bread

Marsing Senior Center

May 29: Soup & sandwich bar, assorted meat & vegetable soup, salad bar, fruit
May 30: Roast pork, baked potato w/sour cream, California blend vegetables, three bean salad, bread, fruit cocktail

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Unsuitable topics for column

When I’m asked where I get ideas for this column, I explain that in my travels among the agricultural masses, everyone has a story to tell ... and they tell me! Almost always they include getting bucked off, run over or humiliated in some form, by large domestic mammals. However, there are some subjects that are just not suitable for a column with such integrity, like mine. Even if I intend to be educational I am somehow led to the whacko side ... like Martin and his colonoscopy saga.

I admit I could write a serious column about the necessity of 50-year-olds to include this exam on their bucket list ... whoops. See what I mean? I’m already speaking in the double entendre: bucket list, chamber pot, honey wagon.

It would also be acceptable for me to discuss the procedure using proper medical terminology with words like preparation, fasting, administration, evacuation, but I begin to drift into wind velocity, high tide, flood warning, and the Seismic scale, which makes me sound more like a first-responder than a serious medical person!

Martin’s version is more colorful, probably TMI ... too much information, for our serious readers. For instance, he warns about scheduling the fasting stage over the holiday and not being able to eat Mom’s turkey, pumpkin pie or eggnog. She would be grievously worried about his health because he has always been known for his cast-iron stomach, able to eat road kill, metal bottle caps, and his brother’s science project growing in the refrigerator!

He also cautioned me against overdosing. I could best translate his admonition as “a little bit goes a long way!” The distance to the doctor’s office is also critical. As Martin described the two-hour trip from Bruneau to Homedale, it was like a leaky boat racing to shore and having to make frequent stops to lighten the load.

But, in the end ... pardon me, Martin got a clean bill of health and he thought by sharing his story with our readers he could benefit us all. Butt ... see, it just keeps on punning ... his attempt to make humor about a serious subject isn’t always proper, especially in my column. There are just too many temptations to use questionable analogies like, preg checking, bull’s eye, slicker than a whistle, sighting in, Roto Rooter, the long run, a tapeworm’s eye view, a snake charmer, an emissions check, Hazmat suit, shrapnel protection ...

Sorry, Martin. As you can see I have a responsibility to my readers. Call me when you want to talk about something less sensitive ... like infertility of sage-hens in Colorado.

— 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 An idea whose time has come



It seems like the ideal way to stimulate the economy of an agricultural community – a farmers market.

Perhaps the name itself limits its appeal, even though, it doesn’t have to. A name is just a name, not a pigeon hole.

Farmers market organizers in Marsing have been unable to sustain interest in an event at Island Park, and no one has attempted one in Homedale – until now.

The Homedale City Council gave its blessing to the Homedale Band Booster Club’s idea to start a fundraising farmers market in Bette Uda City Park this year.

In her presentation at a Thursday meeting boosters president Denise Dixon said 25 people already have signed up to participate in the event.

The farmers market will be a weekly event, running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday from June 14 through October.

“Weather permitting,” Dixon said.

The nuts and bolts of the arrangement: The market will use the school district’s liability insurance, the location of the booths will be moved slightly each week to preserve the grass at the park, and anyone who plans to sell at the market must have the proper permits related to the goods they are selling.

The initial intent is to use proceeds from the market to help pay for band endeavors. The obvious goal is to keep the band program at the level that departed director Jessica Bohachek had achieved in her time in Homedale.

Dixon said that other organizations, such as the FFA, would be welcome to use the venue for their own

fundraising.

The farmers market comes on the heels of the influx of business the third annual Angel Walk and related car show brought to Homedale on May 11.

It’s good to see this renewed interest in putting Homedale on the commercial map. If promoted correctly, the farmers market could attract business and shoppers from throughout the Treasure Valley.

While the market will be held on the same day as the Nampa Farmers Market, there is room for both in the valley.

And with businesses like Buttercup Soaps and Joyce’s Creations in town, the Homedale market has dynamic potential.

The lineup is seemingly endless: Bath products, keepsake gifts, produce (of course), artwork from high school and middle school students as well as adults, woodwork and metal work, live plants and even informational booths.

Dixon did the right thing to go to the council and ask permission, and not just from a protocol standpoint.

By getting the idea out to the council – and, by definition – before the people of Homedale, the boosters have started the market on a legitimate path. It shows they’re serious about making it a long-term proposition.

The market can breathe and grow as the needs change for whatever community organizations jump on board.

The publicity of the council appearance also gives market organizers plenty of exposure and time to enlist vendors to make the opening Saturday the best it can be.

— See *Idea*, Page 15

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Ending agency overlap could help reduce spending



The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released its annual report to Congress that identifies potentially redundant government programs and opportunities to save billions of dollars through eliminating government overlap. The agency also took stock of progress in reducing previously identified duplication, overlap and fragmentation, meaning multiple agencies conducting programs or activities in the same area in the federal government. GAO provided recommendations of steps that can increase efficiency and save tens of billions of dollars annually in federal spending.

Congress directed GAO to provide these annual reports through an amendment I supported that was offered by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) to debt limit legislation. The reports are meant to inform efforts to address fiscal pressures. GAO found 31 new opportunities to provide significant savings. For example, GAO recommended that Congress repeal a provision in the 2008 Farm Bill that shifted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) responsibility for inspecting catfish. I am a longtime proponent of repealing this costly move, and GAO found that eliminating this provision would “avoid duplication of already existing federal programs and could save taxpayers millions of dollars annually without affecting the safety of catfish intended for human consumption.”

The agency found that additional coordination by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and USDA could help three water and wastewater infrastructure programs with combined funding of about \$4.3 billion avoid potentially duplicative application requirements, associated costs and time.

Every effort must be made to reduce duplicative pa-

perwork affecting the ability of communities, especially small communities with less manpower and resources, to address their water and wastewater systems.

GAO also recommended that the U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense should enhance their collaboration to reduce costs, overlap and potential duplication in the delivery of health care services to veterans, service members, military retirees and other beneficiaries. Duplication of federal services often creates confusion, as people may not know who to go to for needed assistance. Further, duplication of federal services is an unnecessary expense that is unacceptable in a time of tight budget constraints and fiscal austerity.

In its 2013 progress report, GAO found that 12 percent of the 131 areas GAO identified in its past two reports were addressed, while 66 percent were partially addressed and nearly 21 percent were not addressed. Clearly, progress is needed in reducing unnecessary spending.

As the national debt now exceeds an overwhelming \$16.8 trillion, or more than \$53,000 per American, we must implement common-sense reductions. Eliminating overlap and better coordinating services provide obvious opportunities to save while improving assistance. The GAO reports again shed light on the federal program overlap that contributes to overspending and confusion, and must be considered as part of the effort to reduce overspending.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Job change only avoids boundary issues with mom

Dear Dave,

I live outside Houston with my wife and our 9-month-old daughter. I've received a job offer from a company on the other side of the city that would pay, with bonuses, \$25,000 a year more than I'm currently making. This would require moving to a new house and away from our extended family. My wife wants to move because my mom can be a little overbearing. I understand how she feels, but I'm not certain I want to move or take a new job. What's your advice?

— David

Dear David,

I'm not so sure this is a job change question as much as it is about the state of your relationships. I know it's hard to



keep the grandparents away when there's a baby in the house; that kind of goes with the territory. But I can also understand how lots of unexpected visits and unsolicited advice can wear on a person.

If it were me, I wouldn't change jobs just to run from something. My advice is to try setting boundaries in your relationships with your parents instead of installing geographical boundaries. You might want to pick up a copy of Dr. Henry Cloud's great book *Boundaries*. Remember, your mom

may not realize she's intruding on your lives. This book is full of insight, and it will give you both some good advice on how to manage relationships in a healthy, loving way.

Like I said, I really don't feel this is a job-move issue. I think you guys just need to establish some fair and reasonable emotional distance between yourselves and your family.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are debt-free except for our mortgage, and we make \$65,000 a year. At this point, we have only \$17,000 left to pay on the house. We haven't fully gotten into all the retirement planning you say should come before paying off your home. But

with so little left on the house, should we attack this last bit of debt and pay it off as soon as possible? We can have it done in five or six months.

— Nancy

Dear Nancy,

I don't see anything wrong with going ahead and knocking out the house, especially if you're that close to making it happen. Normally, the people I talk to still have \$100,000 to \$200,000 left on their mortgages. This is a little bit different story.

Usually, I'm pretty hardcore about sticking with the proper order while doing the Baby Steps. Even in my book *The Total Money Makeover*, I didn't leave room for people to go ahead and pay off a tiny, little mortgage ahead of

investing for retirement. But in this situation, I think that's exactly what I'd do.

Think about it, Nancy. You could be completely debt-free by year's end, and you're still under way with retirement planning. What a great Christmas gift for you and your husband to give each other!

— Dave

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

Americans for Limited Government Arrogance is Obama's worst enemy as scandals roil

by Rick Manning

The Obama Administration has felt the backlash from liberal media sources and appears to be reeling from a sudden realization that they aren't in Kansas anymore.

First it was Jon Stewart, whose Comedy Central "news" broadcast is must see TV for many of Obama's under 30 voter base. While dismissing Benghazi, Stewart goes apoplectic on Obama over the IRS and then-breaking Associated Press investigations scandals.

Next, "the don't blame me" defense fell flat with an unlikely source — MSNBC host Chris Matthews.

Matthews, who served in the Carter Administration and for six years as a top staffer for former House Speaker Tip O'Neill, reminded viewers and perhaps Obama himself that, "He does run the IRS. He runs the Treasury Department. He runs the United States government, and he is accountable for it, and this is nonsensical."

No solace for the Obama spin machine in that normally reliable, if little watched, outpost of the far left.

The week ended with venerable liberal old-line CBS journalist Bob Schieffer stunning the White House by demanding to know, "Why are you here?" of White House advisor Dan Pfeiffer, who was making the Sunday show rounds, Susan Rice-style, giving the designated talking points.

Schieffer, who has covered his share of White House scandals, expressed frustration and a bit of pent-up outrage that Pfeiffer was replaying the role Susan Rice played in the wake of Benghazi where he reminded viewers, "The bottom line is what she told the American people that day bore no resemblance to what had happened on the ground in an incident where four Americans were killed."

In one week, Obama's scandal defense got sideswiped

by every component of the liberal media spin machine: the primary voice to the low-information young voters, bad-information far-left voters, and a respected messenger to the too-lazy-to-change-the-channel-for-the-past-20-years baby boomer and senior voters.

Quite a trifecta, and the problem the Obama team faces is that they have no idea how to deal with a now semi-hostile media.

Their experience has been to isolate talk radio and Fox News by demonizing them, and relying on the rest of the media to carry their water.

The past week of hard questions and outright disgust over Obama's blatant over-reaching tactics of dealing with his political enemies has left the liberal media at sea.

Obama was their guy. It was inconceivable that he could actually be lying.

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, the newly awakened media will be tested as the Administration is attempting to make the CIA the scapegoat in the Benghazi scandal, and the Obama IRS claim that it was isolated to low-level employees at the Cincinnati office gets severely tested.

On Benghazi, it is almost impossible to believe that Obama really wants to take on the CIA, especially because their director at the time was a venerated war hero who had to resign his post for actions that Democrats excused from Bill Clinton.

What are the chances that retired Gen. David Petraeus sets the record straight on what happened during those fateful hours when the apparent inaction of our military led to at least two additional American deaths in Benghazi?

On the IRS front, the revelation that the person responsible for overseeing the targeting of conservative groups is now

in charge of the newly minted IRS Obamacare division threatens to become elected Democrats worst nightmare.

An already unpopular Obamacare now has a face. The face of a bureaucrat who saw nothing wrong with implementing obvious politically motivated targeting.

The IRS issue goes to the heart of the basic trust that government depends upon. An abiding faith by the American people that regardless of political differences government policies will be implemented equally and fairly.

Now, the Obama Administration has thrown away this trust, and every decision made by the IRS, every deployment of their massive new set of agents and every complaint about unfair treatment will be treated with new legitimacy.

Compounding these two issues is the AP wiretapping. Nothing gets the media upset like finding out they were being spied on. This turned cynicism into absolute outrage against Obama as well as fear that Obama was using his hardball tactics against them.

No one expects Jon Stewart, Chris Matthews and Bob Schieffer to have a Damascus Road-like conversion and suddenly run blistering pieces about Obama every night. But Obama has clearly lost the moral high ground forever. A high ground that allowed these three and others like them to avert their eyes from actions that did not fit the liberal narrative.

It is this breached relationship with his media allies that is the greatest threat to Obama's presidency and legacy, and it is likely that in Obama's arrogance, he doesn't even know it.

— Rick Manning (@rmanning957) is the vice-president of public policy and communications for Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Idea: Market will help more than just band

From Page 14

Getting the Chamber of Commerce involved would be a good move, too. (Dixon may have done this already; the May Chamber meeting was Tuesday after deadline and no advance agenda was available).

The hope is the market thrives and avoids the fate of indifference that seems to plague the Marsing market, which has been reduced to a once-a-year event to be held during the city's Third of July Celebration of Our

Nation.

Perhaps the fact that the Homedale market isn't purely commercially driven will be a saving grace. Similar markets in Boise became fractured because of differing philosophies.

Homedale has been known to have its factions, too, but given the overall strength and sense of community, there's no reason why this market shouldn't thrive and become an activity staple for years to come.

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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 1, 1988

Contel donates car

Thanks to the Homedale office of Continental Telephone Company, a sleek white 1985 Ford Escort pulled into the Homedale High School parking lot last Monday in readiness for future use in the school’s driver education courses.

It is replacing a tired tan 1977 Chevrolet Malibu, with a badly rusting roof.

Dee Monsen, manger of customer services at the local Contel office, emphasized that only a unique repositioning of cars in the Contel fleet made it possible to donate the vehicle for school use. He said it just happened that Contel learned of the school’s need for a better instruction vehicle at the same time that the unique Contel fleet reshuffling was under way.

Happenstance or not, Homedale Superintendent of Schools Ed Marshall wore a beaming smile last week as he showed off the newer vehicle. “On behalf of the School District, School Board, administration, teachers and students, this is very much appreciated and will be put to good use. We’re very appreciative to Contel for helping with the school’s driver training program,” Marshall said.

Sharon Frost is current instructor for driver education.

County election results tabulated

Aside from two nonpartisan names listed separately on the judicial nominating ballot, incumbent First District Congressman Larry Craig was the top vote-getter in either political party in Owyhee County primary elections held May 24.

Craig, unopposed on the Republican ballot, received 439 votes in an election that featured few contests and little excitement. Only 24 percent of registered voters in Owyhee County went to the polls, according to the office of Barbara Jayo, county clerk, which released the still-unofficial final tallies.

In the most spirited contest on the Democratic ballot, State Rep. Jeanne Givens of Coeur d’Alene won the right over two opponents to challenge Craig for the Congressional seat in the general elections in November. Givens won 139 votes. Her opponents, Bruce O. Robinson of Bonners Ferry and David W. Shepherd of Lewiston, received 55 and 60 votes, respectively.

Another lively contest was between two Republicans vying for the nominations to the state Senate seat in Legislative District No. 13, a flotalial district covering Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington counties. In that race, George Vance of Parma won out over Myron C. Severson of Nampa, 276 to 112 votes.

Owyhee County Commissioners Richard Bass and Chester W. Sellman won unchallenged nomination to their seats, with each gathering 394 votes on the Republican ballot. Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton also ran unopposed in either party, winding up with 238 votes on the Democratic ballot.

If you had a bank

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, that carried over no balance from day-to-day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account and every evening canceled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Well, you have such a bank and its name is “time.” Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off, as lost, whatever time you failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances. It allows no overdrafts.

Each day, it opens a new account with you. Each night, it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against “tomorrow.” You must live in the present ... on today’s deposits. Invest your time so that you get the utmost in health, happiness and success.

50 years ago

May 30, 1963

Flames destroy car Sunday near Given Springs

A car driven by Kenneth Downing burned Sunday night about 16 miles west of Murphy on the road to Homedale.

Kenneth Downing and Owen Steward attended the Southern Idaho Firemen’s convention at Shoshone Sunday and were returning home, about two miles west of Givens Springs, when they noticed sparks coming from underneath the car.

When Kenny tried to stop his car he found he had very little brakes and when stopped the back tire blew out and burst into flames.

They tried to take the tire off without success. They ran the car down the road trying to run the tire off, which also failed.

They noticed water in the borrow pit and drove into it, but the fire was already too far into the car for the water to reach. The gas tank blew up and the entire car was burned in a very short time.

Kenny believes the brake line became hot and when trying to stop caused it to break, starting the fire.

Ambulance makes 2 runs

The Homedale Ambulance was called Thursday morning, May 23, about 8:45 a.m. to an auto accident 1 mile north of Wilder where they took three Wilder girls, injured in an auto collision, to the Caldwell hospital. Drivers were Bob Ensley and Fred Watterson.

The ambulance was called late Sunday, May 26, to the Fred Breach residence where they took Earl Breach, who had suffered a heart attack, to the Caldwell hospital. Drivers were Bill Blackman and Larry Novak.

Chroniclings...

Paul Zatica went clear to Wilder after a projector Wednesday, to show a film at Kiwanis, only to arrive with no electric cord. The show went on as planned, after Faye Thompson at El Gavilan produced just the cord needed...

Manford Logan was not too disappointed when his horse, Canadian Trix, ran last at Portland Saturday. Just a warm-up for a longer race in the near future, he says...

Lonnie DeVore and brother Raymond celebrated end of school by catching five catfish in Snake River...

The exodus to Lake Owyhee today for crappie fishing is just a forerunner of the trek to the high hills this week end for opening of trout season...

Relay team sets new record

The Homedale High School mile relay team set a new state record of 3:38.2, Saturday, May 18, at the Bronco stadium, Boise, according to Conley Ward, coach. The record was for Class “B” competition.

The team was composed of Rick Roland, Roger Walsh, Tony Maher and Jay Olsen.

Blueprints of new street lighting shown C of C

Homer Anderson, local manager of the Idaho Power Company, distributed blueprints of the new city street lighting system to Homedale Chamber of Commerce members at the regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday noon.

The lights will be installed this summer, including 20 new mercury vapor lights, 28 MV replacement lights, and 4 2,500-lumen lights, three of which will be on the Snake River bridge and one near the new Presbyterian church.

The mercury vapor lights along six blocks of Idaho Avenue, four blocks of Owyhee Avenue and five blocks of Main Street will provide an average of 3½ times as much light as at present, Mr. Anderson said.

Walker wins with 2nd-round knockout

Vern Walker, Homedale boxer in his 2nd start at the Boise fairgrounds arena Thursday night, pounded out a 2nd-round knockout over Wes Sherrill, Boise.

140 years ago

May 31, 1873

A NEW PARTY. A new political party is organizing in San Francisco, which has for its object the average American patriot’s star of hope — office. It is to be composed of Liberal Republicans and Democrats, slightly leavened with straight-out Republicans who are not pleased with the style in which they have been treated, although often assured that the seeming indifference to their claims and merits practiced toward them by the people, is not so much due to the lack of appreciation, as to the scarcity of positions. It is unfortunate for the harmony of any political party that these are not always offices on hand to bestow upon those who desire to serve their country in that way. The new party is headed by Judge E. D. Sawyer, and that is enough.

LETTER FROM WARRENS. The following letter is handed to us by Mr. Geo. Hicks, of Fairview, who assures us that the writer is a reliable and truthful man:

Warrens Diggings, I. T., April 2d, 1873.

Mr. George Hicks: Having heard that one Charles Young of your place, after his return from Warren, spoke very unfavorably of this camp and the people in it, and knowing how difficult it is for men like him to confine themselves to truth, I think it is my duty in self defense, to let you and others, who have friends here, know what cause he might have had for so doing. Gotfred Gamble is to blame for many good miners losing their time and money in coming here. Last summer he needed more men. There were plenty of good men here, but they wanted him to secure them for their pay, which he could not do. So Gotfred had to send to Silver City once more, and succeeded in getting Charles Young, who, with others, arrived in September last. The reputation of Young had, as a manager of mines, set me thinking how strange it was that the quartz men of Owyhee could spare him, but I found that an easy problem to solve upon subsequent acquaintance. He said he found the ledge better than he had expected — and there was hardly any ledge in sight. He said he could keep ten stamps going with eight men in the mine when it was that number. He had worked on the Rescue about seven weeks when I and other placer miners came there to work, during which time he had not made board of his men. At that time we started a shaft, sinking to the depth of forty feet when, in place of running the levels off at the bottom, he started the works at the depth of twenty feet, thus throwing away work which had cost us no less than seven hundred dollars, and which has proved to be a loss to the Company of several thousand dollars. In our lower works we found good ore and Young having seven dollars per day had a large amount coming and thought it best to collect as soon as possible, not caring whether we, who were digging it out, got any or not. He commenced by flattering Gotfred about the ledge, and telling him how well he could sell it. Gotfred, in the meantime, had given him a deed of it, to keep other creditors from taking the mine. He was only waiting now for Gotfred to clean up, then he would be off for Boise or Owyhee. But one morning something happened that the gentlemen had never thought of: A few of us went to the mill, took possession and cleaned up for ourselves, he having received before all the money we thought he had earned. We have had possession ever since and have done very well. I believe the mine would pay well if hoisting machinery was put on. Leland is now the owner of the Rescue mine. The Charity Company will soon be making money. I wrote this at the request of the boys, and state facts and nothing more. Yours respectfully, Charles Johnson.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Why is a hen immortal? Her son never sets.

The backbone of winter is broken but the tail is yet wagging furiously.

Someone is trying to make gloves unfashionable. He has nice white hands.

Wouldn’t it look better if citizens clean up the streets in front of their houses?

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES May 13, 2013

Approved proxy for Southwest District Health for Commissioner Aberasturi to cast a vote on behalf of the Board.

Approved a ballot and affirmative vote to appoint Larry Church to a new five year term to serve on the Board of Health.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution 2013-14 authorizing the gift of a law enforcement service weapon, badge/identification card to retiring Deputy Jayne Kingston.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution 2013-15 authorizing the sale or trading and transfer of previously purchased Owyhee County Sheriff duty pistols.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution 2013-16 authorizing the sale or transition of firearms now in the custody of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

Approved a new contract for Support Services Coordinator for the Owyhee County Probation Department .

Approved renewal of alcohol beverage licenses for Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, and Last Chance Salon.

Indigent & Charity denied Case 13-19

Approved executing the Categorical Exclusion for the Bruneau Community Center Project.

Renewed BLM Communication Sites for private mobile radio services.

Approved distribution of a Request for Bid for Solid Waste Services.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution # 2013-17 opening the Silver City and Bachman Grade Roads to public travel.

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

5/29/13

REQUEST FOR BIDS RENOVATION OF THE TOWN OF MURPHY WATER TANK

Owyhee County seeks written bids for the renovation of the fourteen ft (14') by thirty-five ft (35') potable water supply tank used for the unincorporated town of Murphy and county governmental buildings at Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the six (6) page Solicitation for Bid with inclusive of a formal Project Specifications is available upon request.

The deadline for receipt of written bids, with verification of Public Works License, certificates of insurance, worker's compensation coverage and a bid security bond of not less than five (5%) percent of the amount of bid will be - Friday, June 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

In addition to a demonstrated ability to complete the required professional work at the lowest practical price, the selected Contractor is to:

- possess a current Public Works license;
- obtain and maintain all necessary licenses, permits and other authorizations necessary to perform the required work;
- provide proof of worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance in an amount equal to, or in excess of, statutory limits;
- provide proof of comprehensive and liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 on all vehicles operated in furtherance

of the project and name Owyhee County as an additional insured on the insurance policy;

- provide proof of commercial general liability insurance with the aggregate of coverage available on the basis of the project, but not less than in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate and name Owyhee County as an additional insured on such insurance policy.

- submit a security bid in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the intended amount of bid;

- provide a written history to Owyhee County detailing any judgment, claim or suit pending or outstanding against contractor;

- provide for any sub-contraction necessary and provide Owyhee County copies of such licensure and insurance compliance of such sub-contractor(s);

- enter into a formal contract with Owyhee County relating to the completing of such service and performance associated with the renovation of the fourteen ft (14') by thirty five ft (35') potable water supply tank;

- undertake work on the project within two (2) weeks of award of project;

- complete all necessary and appropriate work on the project within two (2) weeks of commencing work.

Applicable dates and deadlines associated with the Renovation of Town of Murphy Water Tank:

- Date and time for water tower and site inspection: Friday, June 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm (mountain time);

- Deadline for filing of objections to specifications or bid procedure: Monday, June 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm (mountain time);

- Deadline for receipt of written bids, with verification of Public Works License, certificates of insurance, verification of worker's compensation coverage and not less than a five percent (5%) security bid bond: Friday, June 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm (mountain time);

- Date for opening and review of bids by Owyhee Board of Commissioners: Monday, June 17, 2013 at 10:00 am (mountain time);

- Date for Owyhee County Board of Commissioners to declare successful bidder: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 10:00 am (mountain time);

Inquiries should be made to: **Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650 Phone: 208-495-2421; facsimile: 208-495-1173** or via e-mail at <**abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us**>. Bids must be identified with the subject line "Renovation of Town of Murphy Water Tank" and be received by Friday, June 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

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FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

1987 GMC 3500 fire truck. Pump, hose reel and 250 gallon tank. 6800 miles in excellent condition. Send bids to Bruneau Fire Dept, 29029 Shoo Fly Rd, Bruneau, ID 83604. Bid opening June 17, 2013. Minimum bid \$7000. For questions phone 208-845-2615.

5/29;6/5/13

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received

SUMMARY STATEMENT AMENDED FY13 AND PROPOSED FY14 SCHOOL BUDGET					
MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363					
ALL FUNDS					
	Prior Yr Actual 10-11	Prior Yr Actual 11-12	Current Budget 12-13	Amended Budget 12-13	Proposed Budget 13-14
REVENUES					
BEG. BAL.	1,817,714	2,247,844	2,093,042	2,584,240	2,033,693
LOCAL REVENUES	1,095,063	1,177,318	826,161	857,217	787,273
STATE REVENUES	4,541,392	4,263,108	3,967,691	3,979,274	4,078,900
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,406,994	1,099,311	1,253,629	1,464,595	1,324,415
OTHER REVENUES					
TRANSFERS	651,634	499,338	321,981	353,010	346,373
TOTAL BEG. BAL/REVENUES	9,512,797	9,286,919	8,462,504	9,238,336	8,570,654
EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES	3,382,568	3,043,859	3,180,963	3,259,822	3,205,126
BENEFITS	860,788	752,706	970,263	944,572	959,107
PURCHASE SERVICES	1,231,131	956,290	1,290,204	1,431,349	1,436,006
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	484,079	599,072	545,311	691,397	530,033
CAPITAL OUTLAY	191,605	123,639	486,147	675,287	514,322
INSURANCE	37,276	35,889	36,971	40,402	40,334
DEBT SERVICE	1,859,690	436,156	1,377,848	1,502,987	1,287,370
TRANSFERS OUT	651,634	499,338	321,981	353,010	346,373
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	275,785	256,682	252,816	339,510	251,983
ENDING BALANCES	538,241	2,583,288		0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,512,797	9,286,919	8,462,504	9,238,336	8,570,654
A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection in the District Office.					

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

The Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, has proposed to increase the fees listed below effective with the 2013-2014 school year. This increase does not exceed the five percent (5%) over the rates charged in the previous year, but places the District in compliance with federal guidelines. The proposed fee increases are outlined in the following schedule:

	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Food Service			
Elementary students	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.55	3%
Middle and High School students	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.85	3%

NOTICE OF AMENDED FY13 BUDGET, FY14 BUDGET AND FY14 FEE INCREASE HEARING MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, will be held on June 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the amended FY13 maintenance and operation budget, the FY14 maintenance and operation budget and the proposed fee increases for the forthcoming school year. A copy of the amended FY13 budget, proposed FY14 budget and proposed fee increases for FY14, as determined by the Board of Trustees, is available for public inspection at the School District Office at Highway 78, Marsing, Idaho, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing. This budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended.

Deborah Holzhay, Clerk, Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho
Advertised: 05.29.13 and 06.05.13 Posted: 05.24.13

in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Grand View, Idaho 83624, PO Box 310, Telephone 208-834-2253, until 5 o'clock p.m., June 12, 2013 for bus maintenance, materials and services.

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 660 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent Dennis Wilson at 208-834-2253 or 208-834-2260.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting, June 13, 2013 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, PO Box 310, Grand View, Idaho 83624
JayDene Aquiso, Clerk
5/29/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's

an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: A portion of the Northeast Quarter Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Northeast quarter Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 10'13" West along said East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 1,045.16 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49'47" West a distance of 427.17 feet; thence North 10 degrees 11'12" East a distance of 149.29 feet; thence North 30 degrees 22'36" East a distance of 241.91 feet; thence North 19 degrees 47'24" East a distance of 305.84 feet; thence North 11 degrees 26'51" East a distance of 408.60 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Northeast quarter Northeast quarter; thence South 89 degrees 59'47" East along said North boundary a distance of 96.90 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.79687) 1002.248542-File No.
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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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Friday, September 13, 2013 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650,

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 1 of Moler’s Addition to the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed December 19, 1937 as Instrument No. 54668, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SEC-

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-801 that a regular meeting and hearing will be held by the Trustees of Pleasant Valley School District No. 364 on June 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley School. The purpose of said meeting and hearing is to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2013-2014 M&O budget. A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the School District Office by the public during office hours and shall remain available until the hearing. A summary of the 2013-2014 proposed budget is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth in full herein and being posted and published with the NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING. The meeting and hearing are open to the public. The public is welcome and invited to attend and submit testimony. Time limit for testimony may be set forth by the Board of Trustees at the time of the meeting.

Rosa Maria Lowry, Clerk

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2013 - 2014 SCHOOL BUDGET								
ALL FUNDS								
Pleasant Valley School District #364								
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2010-2011	Prior Year Actual 2011-2012	Prior Year Budget 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2010-2011	Prior Year Actual 2011-2012	Prior Year Budget 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014
Beginning Balances	\$ 171,415	\$ 226,597	\$ 192,617	\$ 155,673	\$ 68,246	\$ 59,590	\$ 23,226	\$ 17,447
Local Revenue	13,152	12,886	12,358	12,677	462	910		
County Revenue								
State Revenue	175,356	93,573	159,298	140,082	1,090	1,505		300
Federal Revenue	4,939	73			17,415	17,392	13,404	13,862
Other Sources	318	289						
Transfers					11,836	8,324	13,963	11,400
Totals	\$365,180	\$333,418	\$364,273	\$308,432	\$99,049	\$87,721	\$50,593	\$43,009
EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2010-2011	Prior Year Actual 2011-2012	Prior Year Budget 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2010-2011	Prior Year Actual 2011-2012	Prior Year Budget 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014
Salaries	\$ 63,384	\$ 61,995	\$ 72,326	\$ 72,326	\$ 11,276	\$ 11,844	\$ 11,276	\$ 11,276
Benefits	24,549	26,413	27,301	29,631	8,831	9,946	9,998	11,006
Purchased Services	33,685	47,599	75,916	64,352	7,155	12,731	8,763	8,150
Supplies & Materials	6,126	3,900	7,600	7,600	2,211	1,171	4,178	3,450
Capital Outlay	2,189	2,147	3,250	3,250	2,650	20,229	3,068	3,579
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	4,150	4,285	4,650	6,000				
Transfers	4,500	0	6,200	6,820	7,336	8,324	7,763	4,580
Contingency Reserve	0	0	9,223	9,499				
Unappropriated Balances	226,597	187,079	157,807	108,954	59,590	23,476	5,547	968
Totals	\$365,180	\$333,418	\$364,273	\$308,432	\$99,049	\$87,721	\$50,593	\$43,009

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.

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TION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 905 Franklin Street, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Betty J. Stappler a married person , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Federal National Mortgage Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded November 13, 2006 as Instrument No. 258810 and re-recorded April 24, 2013 as Instrument No. 280725, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale

is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$78,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8.35000% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 9, 2006. Payments are in default for the months of January 2013 through and including May 2013 in the amount of \$591.49 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of May 8, 2013 is \$73,125.19 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 8.35000% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$73,125.19, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/ or reasonable attorney’s fees as

authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: May 15, 2013

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: 947-1553
File No.: 188759 / SI No. 8809/ Stappler

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2013-2928-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TREVAD. MAYBON, 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 13th day of May, 2013

/s/ SHAWN C. MAYBON, 1013 Fillmore St., Caldwell, ID 83605. Phone 208-989-6196 Fax 208-965-8478

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NOTICE

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program posts an updated list of Idaho Unclaimed Property owners on the internet once each month. This online list can be viewed at sto.idaho.gov(click on “Unclaimed Property”). Anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

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