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School's out, reading's (still) in



Youngsters flock to local libraries

Children have begun the summer programs at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing and the Homedale Public Library. Reading and activities are planned each Wednesday in June. **Top:** Derek Rich, 3, gets some help panning for "gold" in Homedale. **Right:** Catriona Hardy reads "I'm Dirty" to about 24 children in Marsing.



Homedale school levy will go to voters again

Trustees agree on same amount for same needs

On the same night they passed a \$9.9 million budget, Homedale school trustees decided to send a two-year supplemental levy back to the voters.

"None of the needs that we have identified have gone away," superintendent Rob Sauer told the board June 10. "We still have those needs."

The trustees voted unanimously to place the two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy on the Aug. 27 ballot. That's the last day in the

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Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant talks potential cost as Marsing Mayor Keith Green looks on.

Rough numbers emerge from Marsing meeting

Citizens were anxious for dollars-and-cents details and the reasoning behind a law enforcement contract at last Wednesday's Marsing City Council meeting.

What they got was a plea from

both the city council and Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant to be patient as the two entities work on possibly reuniting for enhanced

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Manager to step down after this year's county fair

Board taking applications until end of month

This year's Owyhee County Fair, the third for manager Karen Edwards, will be

her last.

The county fair board is accepting applications for a new secretary and manager until Saturday, June 29.

"I will continue to be the fair board manager and secretary through the fair and summer, but the fair board is hoping to fill the position for a new manager and secre-

tary prior to fair so the new manager will have the chance to see how everything runs during the fair and hopefully provide for a smooth transition for the new manager," Edwards said.

Fair board chair Lath Callaway, a Marsing resident, said applicants will be interviewed during the next board meeting. The

meeting is set for 8 p.m. on Monday, July 8 at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing. The meeting was moved from the traditional first Thursday because that is the Fourth of July.

"She's done a great job the two years

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Owyhee will take a 2% PILT hit

Feds announce another \$1.2M annual payment

Owyhee County will receive nearly \$30,000 less in federal compensation than it did a year ago.

The federal government announced the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) schedule for fiscal year 2013 last week.

Owyhee County is set to receive \$1,216,850 as compensation for tax revenues lost on the 3.6 million acres of Bureau of Land Management-administered land in the county.

The drop in payment — which amounts to a 2.3 percent cut for Owyhee County — is attributed to budget sequestration. In FY 2012, the county received \$1,245,549.

Idaho Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch derided the PILT funding cut.

“Once again, the administration is trying to make the sequester as difficult as possible on the American people,” Risch said.

County PILT funding	
Fiscal year	Payment
2013	\$1,216,850
2012	\$1,245,549
2011	\$1,221,211
2010	\$1,209,356
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243
2003	\$682,283
2002	\$594,479
2001	\$566,318
2000	\$368,447
1999	\$349,064
Total	\$12,659,099

— Source: Dept. of Interior

“The president talks about investing in infrastructure, like roads, education and first-responders, yet the cuts they are making directly impact the very things the administration says are a priority.”

With the drop in property values in the recent past, county commissioners had been using PILT money to balance the budget. Before, PILT money was placed in a trust fund for future county administrative building needs.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Owyhee County has received more than \$1.2 million in PILT money.

Since 1999, the Department of Interior has paid Owyhee County more than \$12.6 million.

Statewide, Idaho counties are receiving \$26.3 million in FY 2013, roughly \$200,000 less than a year ago.

“Local communities in Idaho are going to feel a significant impact with a cut to their PILT payments,” Crapo said.

There are 32.6 million acres of federally managed land in the state between BLM ground and that managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

“Nearly 80 percent of Idaho’s counties depend on these instrumental funds that help provide for schools, road maintenance, law enforcement and emergency response,” Crapo said.

The senator added the administration should have looked at cuts in discretionary spending before reducing support to counties.

“The president has made job creation and opportunity in rural areas a top priority for his administration yet these cuts will further exhaust and strain the resources of our rural communities,” Crapo said.



Owyhee County rancher Doug Burgess, middle, discusses the grazing permit renewal situation with Bureau of Land Management officials, including Boise District manager Jim Fincher, right.

Grazing open house attracts small crowd

Owyhee Group 2 comment period ends Friday

Fewer than 15 people signed in during last week’s open house addressing the renewal of grazing permits in the Bureau of Land Management’s Owyhee Field Office.

BLM officials said they have been meeting one-on-one with ranchers who will be affected by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) pertaining to 25 allotments in the Jump Creek, Succor Creek and Cow Creek watersheds.

“We’ve been meeting with permittees, and they specifically asked, ‘Do we have to come (to the open house),’” BLM Owyhee Field manager Loretta Chandler said.

Chandler said that comments received during the one-on-one meetings would be included in the record that will be used to determine the Final EIS, which is due out Oct. 4.

The BLM is taking comment on the DEIS until Friday.

The low turnout Thursday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center concerned Homedale rancher Travis Hyer.

“If people want to have an impact on (the DEIS), they have to come to the meetings and be a part of it,” Hyer said. “They can’t rely on the actions of a few people when it comes to their future.”

Hyer asked BLM officials

on hand, which included Boise District manager Jim Fincher, project coordinator Jake Vialpando and several biologists, if the impact of aerial predators such as crows and magpies on the sage-grouse population was studies as much as the perceived impact of grazing on sage-grouse habitat.

Other ranchers, including Reynolds Creek’s Tony and Brenda Richards, Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard and District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi also attended.

Chandler said the BLM already has begun to implement at least one change after meeting with ranchers.

“People have said the document is hard to read, and I agree,” she said. “We struggled to structure it so it could be accessible, but not overly long.”

Not every alternative — there are six proposed — applies to each of the allotments, and permittees had difficulty pinpointing the impacts on their leased ground.

Going forward, Chandler said, the BLM will look at adding an index to reference individual allotments.

Permittees pointed out how restrictive a cut of anywhere from 3 to 53 percent in AUMs (Animal Unit Monthly, the formula used to determine how much forage is needed to feed cattle) would be.

“People are concerned about the workability of the alternatives, and that’s why we’ve invited them in — to find ways to make it work,” Chandler said.

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Grand View presents weekend of “Americana”

Txoko Ona picnic set Sunday

County commissioners serve as Saturday’s grand marshals

All the work turns into fun this weekend in Grand View.

The annual Grand View Days will run Friday through Sunday in the small town, which is also marking the 125th anniversary of getting post office.

There are sports tournaments, feasts, a parade and a good old-fashioned water fight.

In short, Grand View Days may be the physical manifestation of a Norman Rockwell portrait of summer.

“I’m excited for what it offers for our little community,” Grand View Mayor Tammy Payne said. “It does have a sense of Americana.”

Payne served as grand marshal of the Saturday parade a year ago.

This year, she’ll serve as the master of ceremonies when the parade pushes off at 10 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners—District 1 Jerry Hoagland of Wilson, District 2 Kelly Aberasturi of Homedale and District 3 Joe Merrick of Grand View, who is also the board chair—will serve as parade grand marshals.

A town-wide cleanup begins Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with volunteers meeting at Lions Park.

Community organizations such as the Snake River 4-H club and the Boy Scouts always help out. Hot dogs and chips will be served at the park after the work.

The annual Adopt-a-Pole contest will be judged after 5 p.m. Thursday.

Grand View Days begins Friday with an inaugural 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Grand View Elementary School. So far, only one team has signed up for the tournament, so organizers are hoping more squads will come forward this week. Team registration is \$50, and proceeds benefit the town’s youth basketball program.

For more information on the tournament or volunteering for Grand View Days, call Shawna at (208) 834-2953 or Cyndi at (208) 834-2636.

The two-day softball tournament also starts Friday and so far has a field of Simplot, US Ecology and the Irrigators. The entry fee of \$150 per team benefits Grand View Little League and Grand View Chamber of Commerce.

The annual Grand View Firemen’s Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to dusk at Lions Park. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children ages

4-12. Children 3 and younger eat for free, as do all emergency responders.

Fireworks will be exploded over the river after dinner.

The fun will last all day Saturday, and will get a little wet after the parade.

“Right after the parade ends, the firefighter water fight starts, all kids are welcome to join in the fun, so bring you water guns,” Cyndi Fullmer, one of the Grand View Days organizers, said.

The midway opens at noon at Centennial Park. Unlimited wristbands for the midway are available for \$15. On Saturday, they’ll cost \$18.

Attractions will include face painting, Rock and Joust, Deluxe Obstacle, a 5-in-1 bounce house, game booths and a Prize Booth. An Orbiter 2000 will be available for amusement rides.

Centennial Park also will host vendors Saturday. There will be food booths, sno-cones to beat the heat as well as merchandise such as Scentsy, Mary Kay, Paparazzi Jewelry, Pink Zebra, copper bracelets by area resident Joe Lewis and Jodi Jewett with Doterra oil as well as western belts and purses.

Helicopter tours also will be offered Saturday, but no further information was available at press time.

There also will be homemade

pie served at the Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St. The senior center also will play host to a quilt show Saturday.

At Lions Park on Saturday will be the annual horseshoe tournament and a beer garden sponsored by the Y Bar and Café.

Another first-year event, the Unlimited Soap Box Derby will begin at noon Saturday and run from Gus’ Gas, and the course ends at Main Street. There is a traveling trophy up for grabs.

Also new this year is a raffle for a Bushmaster AR 15-223 rifle. Tickets are \$1 each or five for \$6 and will be available Saturday at the Grand View Chamber of Commerce’s food booth. The winning ticket will be drawn at 10 p.m. on Saturday during the street dance.

The street dance, which also will feature a beer garden, will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday’s events include The Grand View Lions Club’s breakfast at Lions Park. The Lions will start serving pancakes, eggs, and sausage at 8 a.m.

There’s no set price for the breakfast, but the club is accepting donations.

The club has been serving the breakfast for three decades.

At 10 a.m., Knight Community Church sponsors a Sunday Service in Centennial Park.

The public will get a chance to peek into the Basque culture Sunday during Txoko Ona’s annual picnic.

The picnic and entertainment will be available Sunday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

Admission is free, and lunch is available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children all and younger.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The menu will include solomo with pimientos, a roll, salad, French fries, beans and rice pudding.

There will be traditional dancing and competitions after lunch

Herribatza Dantzariak, a youth dance troupe will perform. The group includes Owyhee children and Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi is the director.

The Oinkari Basque Dancers also are scheduled to perform.

Tradition Basque strength competitions such as txingak (weight carrying) and sokatira (tug-of-war) will be waged.

Chorizos and pop, water, beer and wine will be sold in the afternoon, and sheepherder bread will be cooked in the ground and shared with attendees.

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Engineering firm vacates Homedale assignment

Wilder to buy HPD surplus car

The City of Homedale is looking for a new engineer after Project Engineering Consultants Ltd. announced plans to close its Idaho office.

The city council accepted Fred Ostler's resignation letter during last Wednesday's meeting.

Councilmen also authorized posting a request for qualifications to find a new engineering firm.

Ostler had served as city engineer since 2004, and the city brought PEC on board seven years ago when Ostler joined that firm.

According to Ostler's resignation letter, PEC will close its state office at the end of the year, ending its quest for Idaho clients.

In addition to saying he will return project-related documents, drawings and records to City Clerk Alice Pegram, Ostler also

urged the council to maintain contact with Andrew Kimmel. Kimmel had assisted Ostler in several large projects, including the Local Improvement District.

"It is safe to say that no other engineer understands and appreciates the city's infrastructure systems more than Andrew and me," Ostler said.

Kimmel has left PEC, but will remain in the Boise area.

The city and PEC had a falling out during Harold Wilson's mayoral administration when Ostler first accused the mayor of shredding bills then recanted the charge after discovering that PEC accounting practices had caused poor tracking of billing for services on the city's infrastructure projects a few years ago.

Wilder will buy cop car

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the council that the City of Wilder will pay \$8,000 for his black Charger police car.

Homedale council members declared the vehicle surplus during last week's meeting.

Once Eidemiller's new Charger is in service, the old car and accessories such as the prisoner cage, console, radar and camera, will be transferred to Wilder, with the proceeds being placed in the Fiscal Year 2013 budget.

Eidemiller also announced that he has received funding through Owyhee County's Homeland Security grant to purchase new handheld radios for his officers.

The grant will pay for five radios, and — at Eidemiller's request — the city council agreed to surplus the five 10-year-old radios currently in service.

The old radios will be transferred to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office for use by the jailers, Eidemiller said.

Irrigation ditch cleaned

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said he is talking with the South Board of Control to figure out how to share the cost of cleaning a clogged irrigation pipeline.

Bauer said that it cost \$3,000 to clear a 10- to 12-inch pipe of silt that had built up since the start of the water season.

Bauer said he is confident that the city and South Board can come to a cost-sharing agreement.

"They've allowed this extremely dirty water to reach our ditch, and that makes it their responsibility," he said.

— JPB

Marsing trustees sign off on new budget

AT&T wants cell tower behind gym

Marsing school board members passed a fee hike and next year's budget last week.

They also heard about a potential money-maker for the district even as business manager Deb Holzhey said local revenues were lower because property values had dipped.

The board approved an \$8.57 million budget June 10 after a public hearing with no testimony.

Also passed was a three percent increase in lunch prices for elementary school students and secondary students. The increase was necessary to continue a quest to come into compliance with federal guidelines.

During the budget hearing, which took place before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, Holzhey told trustees that the school year 2013-14 budget was built on 45.34 protected support units and reflected a seven percent reduction in transportation support. Local revenues are protected to drop more than eight percent over the amount of

\$857,000 in the amended budget trustees also adopted last week.

The amended budget was set at \$9.2 million, nearly \$800,000 more than the budget with which the district started 2012-13.

The district is poised to gain about \$100,000 in state funding, but lose \$140,000 in federal support.

In other business, Rich Fenton of NSA Wireless discussed a cellular tower lease proposal that could bring the district \$500 in monthly revenue, for starters.

Fenton approached trustees to test the waters after he received what he perceived as a less-than-inviting response from the town's Planning and Zoning commission.

AT&T wants to build a 150-foot tower inside a 30-foot-by-80-foot fenced area on school property behind the high school gymnasium on Main Street.

A conditional use permit is required, but Fenton was looking for — and received — the school board's blessing on a proposal before proceeding with that step.

Trustees said they would be open to a tower as long as the district's attorney signed off on the terms of the contract.

Trustees declared Michael Lankow as Joe Usabel's successor in Zone 1. Betty Ackerman and Chad Showalter will continue as incumbents after June 30.

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✓ Levy: New budget includes increase for COSSA special ed programs

election year school districts can float levies.

Board chair Tim Quintana, who is one of three board members who will be out of office by the time the election rolls around, agreed with Sauer, adding that a 20-vote loss wasn't a mandate.

"Looking at the voter turnout, I was surprised that some people who have skin in the game didn't vote," Quintana said.

Zone 1 Trustee Kurt Shanley agreed.

"I came up with 35 people that would have voted for it that didn't vote," he said. "Failing by 20 votes, it's not a resounding 'no.'"

"It's a 'maybe,' and as an advocate for these kids, I think we need to do it."

Quintana, vice-chair Kevin Miyasako of Zone 3 and Zone 4 Trustee Todd Kelly will see their terms end June 30. A replacement still has not been found for Quintana in Zone 2, while Shelley Shenk (Zone 4) and Dwayne Fisher (Zone 3) will assume board spots at the July board meeting.

The May 21 levy try was poised to supply about \$80,000 for a school resource officer. Shanley said that even if a federal grant to pay for an SRO comes through, that \$80,000 could be put to good use if the levy passes.

"We have no shortage of needs," he said. "I guarantee you we can find a use for it if the grant comes through."

When the board's attention turned to the budget, Shanley spoke up again — even if no patrons showed up for the public hearing to do the same.

"You look at all these line items," he said. "There really is not fat to trim here."

He did make one suggestion that was adopted: Make the school district newsletter to parents available online at www.homedale-schools.org and save \$2,500 in postage and printing costs.

The district's commitment to the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency will increase \$27,000 for special education programs, but the substitute teacher budget will shrink because high school teacher Mark Thatcher is returning from his U.S. Navy deployment in the Persian Gulf.

— JPB

✓ Marsing: Officials stress contract issue is still in fact-finding stages

coverage.

If the citizens want more coverage, that is.

"We will discuss more particulars (later), but this meeting is to get a feel for what the citizens want," Councilman Aron Streibel said.

"If the citizens are comfortable to go forward, we'll go further into negotiations."

Even though meeting inside Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center was intended to be general in nature, citizens still insisted on getting down to the nitty-gritty.

Richard Cromwell, a World War II veteran and a former California Highway Patrol officer, worked up his own math, and Cindy Moore also was curious about the bottom line, asking if it was an \$80,000 contract.

"The sheriff has not approached us and asked for a specific amount," Mayor Keith Green said. "This is to see if the public wants to negotiate a contract."

When audience members pointed out that they needed facts before they could form an opinion, Grant obliged.

He said the first-year budget for one full-time deputy would cost \$82,000. The price would fall to between \$71,000 and \$73,000 in the second year because equipment and a vehicle would be in place.

Grant also suggested the county could retain citation and court revenues to augment the contract, but said the city may elect to keep that revenue, too.

Green said that the city paid about \$76,000 annual during the Gary Aman administration.

He added that the argument over coverage existed even during Aman's time as sheriff. It reached a boiling point and led to the termination of the contract under Daryl Crandall's watch.

Councilperson Stella Bush elaborated on the friction with Crandall.

"Part of the contention with the old contract was we felt there was no ordinance enforcement," she said.

Marsing since has hired a code enforcement officer (Mike Shimkus), and Bush said he meets the city's needs better than OCSO did.

Patty Johnson, whose husband worked law enforcement in Oregon, asked if there was a change in crime patterns that triggered the city's interest in re-establishing the contract.

"If anything, it's probably gone down in the last year or two," OCSO chief deputy Lynn Bowman said. "But it's sporadic."

When Green answered Moore's question on the sheriff's motivation by saying Grant wants more money in his budget, the first-year top cop was quick to clarify.

"I'm not looking for more money in my budget," Grant said. "I'm looking for safety and security, what you want."

Green also asked Grant if he's seeking contracts with other towns in Owyhee County, including Grand View.

"Grand View can't afford it," Grant said.

Bush pointed out that it appeared other county communities were having the same monetary problems as Marsing that hinder the ability to pay for law enforcement.

"It seems this is a county issue and the county needs to go out for a levy for additional officers and (it's) not a Marsing contract issue," she said.

Councilman James Ferdinand said a contract — if it comes about — could be for the same coverage as before, or it could be an *a la carte* of sorts. By state law, sheriff's deputies must enforce misdemeanors and felonies within the city limits regardless of the contract situation.

But, Ferdinand said, the city could pay for enforcement of city ordinances such as noise nuisances or enforcing park hours.

A sheriff's Posse member, Ferdinand is one of three men on the council with current or former ties to the sheriff's office. Councilman Chris Even is a full-time deputy who patrols in and around Marsing. Streibel left OCSO in the early days of the Crandall administration and now works with the Caldwell Police Department.

— JPB

✓ Fair: Community asked to help with theme, book cover for 2014 event

she was with us," Callaway said of Edwards. "We're happy with what she's done."

"It has been a learning experience for her and I both in our positions."

Callaway said that Edwards' predecessor, Kelly Haun, has offered to help Edwards teach the new manager the ropes.

The 2013 fair, themed "Cowboy Boots & Country Roots," will be held Aug. 5-10 at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

Edwards' family is moving to Nampa, and she said the decision to resign is based on the difficulty of having a fair board manager and secretary living so far from Homedale.

"I have loved fulfilling this position and enjoyed working with the fair board, extension office staff, and the people of Owyhee County," she said.

Edwards' final year as fair manager will see some extensive infrastructure changes initiated by the fair board.

Electricity capability is being upgraded to provide new and more lighting in the midway. The board also has worked to improve the quality of electricity provided to food vendors and commercial vendors.

The fair board also has launched a contest to come up with the theme and fair book cover for the 2014 event. Edwards said individuals as well as groups and clubs are encouraged to participate.

Contest entries will be displayed during this year's fair. The winning entry earns a \$75 prize.

"The fair board would love to see a wide variety of entries and are excited for this new contest," Edwards said.

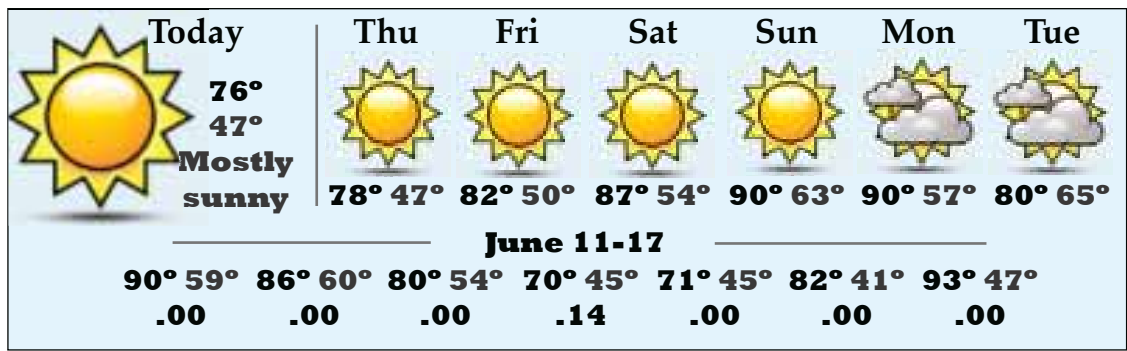
Entries must be submitted at the Owyhee County Armory building from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

More information on the contest as well as the rest of the fair offerings is available in this year's fair book.

Other contests offered for this year's fair include:

- Best theme décor
- Nature's Wonder
- Salt block lick art
- A Bountiful Harvest
- Livestock and open class

— JPB



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Water report

A check of the Bureau of Reclamation website at 2 p.m. Monday showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 35 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 109 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 151 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 250,548 acre-feet of water.



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Obituaries

Charles Wayne Blagg

Charles Wayne Blagg, 80, of Las Vegas, NV, passed away on May 13, 2013 at 1:15 pm, due to Parkinson's.

The Celebration of Life for "CW" will be held from 1-4pm at the Pour House in Marsing, Idaho on June 23rd.

Charles was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on July 21, 1932 to Charles and Vernice Blagg and was raised on a ranch 25 miles northwest of Lusk, Wyoming.

Charles is survived by his daughter Terrie Stevens, grandson Charles and his wife Lisa, his great-grandson, Jesse, all of Las Vegas, Nevada; as well as his sister Renetta and one brother Frank.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents Charles Blagg and Vernice Mashek-Blagg; his brothers Colonel Blagg and Mahlon Blagg.

Ruby Maxine Search

Ruby Maxine Search, 88, of Nampa was called home to be with her Lord on Wednesday June 5th, 2013.

After a short illness she passed away peacefully of natural causes supported with love and the prayers of family and friends.

She was born July 4, 1924 in Caldwell, Idaho, the daughter of the late George and Stella Dines, the first of five children. She rode a horse to the Last Chance School in Homedale. Then, when the family moved to Melba, her and her sister walked 3½ miles to school. She finished high school when the family moved to a farm in Homedale.

She worked driving horses with a slip hauling hay in the summer. She was working for her aunt, Nora Stark, helping cook for work crews when she met and married Burt Search in June 20, 1942.

For the first three years, they stayed at a cow camp watching the cattle for ranchers in the Owyhee foothills. They then and nurse. She moved to Autumn Wind in Caldwell shortly after Burt's death in March of 2009. She and Burt had been married for 66 years.

Maxine is survived by two sisters Irene Coley and Geniva Spall; a brother Jim (Cathy) Dines; four children: LeRoy, Larry, Leon and Allen; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Maxine was a loving and devoted wife, mother and friend. She will be remembered for her unfailing compassion and strength of character. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Montana Ave Baptist Church, 3120 South Montana Ave. in Caldwell, with burial following at 2 p.m. in the Wilder Cemetery, Wilder, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. 467-7300

She leaves behind a legacy as a wonderful mother, grandmother



bought a farm at Ridgeview just west of Homedale where the four boys were born. Later bought and farmed a place east of Homedale, providing a loving and secure home for their four children. After 13 years working fire lookouts, they moved to a small farm east of Nampa. They later moved in town to Silver Crest Senior Park. She and Janice Trought were caregivers for Burt as his health failed.

Birthday

Leavitt to be feted at OHR

The family of Legrand Leavitt will help him celebrate is 96th birthday.

The open house takes place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

The celebration will be held inside the dining hall at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, 108 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.



Legrand Leavitt

Homedale artist wins Parma ribbon

Margie Isaguirre thought she was going home empty-handed before a friend tapped her on the shoulder.

The Homedale-area resident, who works at Homedale Realty, had watched as all the awards at the Old Fort Boise Days art show had been awarded — or so she thought.

The attendees at the art show, which was held in Parma on June 8, had voted her "Cody's Paradise" as the People's Choice award winner.

Isaguirre drew inspiration for her oil painting from a photograph her grandson snapped on his way through Yellowstone Park while commuting home from his work in Williston, N.D.

Isaguirre is a member of the Parma Art Guild, which sponsored the annual art show.

Homedale-area resident Margie Isaguirre shows off her People's Choice Award winner from the Old Fort Boise Days art show. Submitted photo



Anniversary

Hills' children help mark 50 years of marriage Saturday

The children of Fred and Connie Hill will host a 50th wedding anniversary reception in their honor.

The celebration takes place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, 17703 Beet Road, Caldwell.

Call (208) 467-3082 to RSVP.

Connie was the longtime Huston postmaster and the couple still lives on property adjacent to the post office. Their children are Cyndi, Cheryl, Candi and Cary.



Fred and Connie Hill



The new Kubota tractor and implements parked in front of the Hope House's old Allis-Chalmers tractor on the Marsing grounds.

Hope House combines new, old to work acres

The Hope House based near Marsing has received the donation of a Kubota tractor with implements from the Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad, based in Emmett.

The Kubota will be put into service alongside Hope House's 1947 Allis Chalmers tractor to work the 30-acre farm that helps produce income for the organization. Hope House provides a home for at-risk children and those in need.

According to Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad, the Kubota M 6040 4x4 tractor with a front-end loader was purchased through Burks Tractor, Caldwell. The implements were purchased through General Implement, Meridian, and both companies assisted in the donation by reducing their customary costs and providing free delivery.

Hope House will hold the largest yard sale in its history Saturday.

Proceeds from the sale, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., will help with the operation of the home for at-risk children.

Vehicles, furniture, gun safes, books and bedding are among the items for sale.

Hope House is located at 7696 S. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Hope House plans huge sale

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- June 19: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, bread
- June 20: Salisbury steak, mashed potato, beets, bread
- June 25: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread
- June 26: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots

Marsing Senior Center

- June 19: White chili, hot dogs, tossed salad, baked potato, garlic bread, cantaloupe chunks, cookies
- June 20: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, pears, rolls, chocolate zucchini cake
- June 24: Breakfast to order, waffles
- June 25: Beef stew, cole slaw, pears, biscuits, cake
- June 26: Soup & sandwich bar, fruit, cookies

Adrian’s Purnell earns degree at Corban

Former Adrian High School valedictorian McKenzie Purnell has graduated from Corban University in Salem, Ore.

Purnell received a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education during a May 4 commencement inside the Salem Armory. She was one of 289 graduates on hand.

The 2009 Adrian graduate played volleyball at Corban in 2009 and 2010 and maintained a cumulative grade-point average of 3.97.

She was named the university’s Education Student of the Year in her sophomore and junior years.

The daughter of Kevin and Heidi Purnell was a Corban Community Life Team member during the 2011-12 school year. She spent four years involved as a volunteer Young Life leader at North Salem High School.



McKenzie Purnell

Calendar

Today

- Summer reading program**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Laughter Yoga**
1:30 p.m., \$3, open to everyone, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Summer reading program**
3:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.
- Homedale city budget workshop**
6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Job’s Daughters Bethel 31 meeting**
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

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
- Friends of Lizard Butte Library board meeting**
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Saturday

- Homedale Running Club**
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Homedale Farmers Market**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue. (208) 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com
- Senior center dance**
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$5, bring finger foods to share, open to everyone, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020, Tuesday through Thursday
- Saturday Night at the Movies**
7 p.m., free, Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2nd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4184

Sunday

- Txoko Ona Basque picnic**
Noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch, \$10 adults, \$5 children, 11 and younger; 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., entertainment, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., 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
- Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting**
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Wednesday

- Laughter Yoga**
1:30 p.m., \$3, open to everyone, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Summer reading program**
3:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Thursday, June 27

- 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 City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Saturday, June 29

- Homedale Running Club**
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Homedale Farmers Market**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue. (208) 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com

Monday, July 1


- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Owyhee County Fair board meeting**
8 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing

Tuesday, July 2

- 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 Chamber of Commerce meeting**
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271
- Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**
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

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Owyhee Graffiti Volume I

Shoeing Horses

A man who makes his living shoeing horses for city people told me that he had a set fee for the job. If the owner insisted on helping, he charged an extra ten dollars and if they watched, five.

One time he arrived at a suburban horse ranch to shoe a parade horse. The owner explained that his gelding was a little ornery when being shod. My friend wanted to know how ornery and he was told that the horse would bite, strike, kick and pull back. “I’ll tell you what I’ll do, he told the horseman. You just leave old dobbin with me and come back in an hour.”

He tied the horse up to a post with a stout rope then threw his hat at him. This caused quite a stir when the horse pulled back but then he smacked him on the rear with his rasp and kicked him in the belly. Mr. spoiled horse threw himself, and when he got up my friend commenced shoeing.

When the owner came back, he was very pleased and commented that dobbin even looked like he enjoyed the job. The farrier told him that “they just had a little understanding and that was all there was to it.”

That was many years ago, and the farrier is still shoeing this man’s horses and those of his friends just because he knew how to communicate with both horses and owners.

Horse Sense

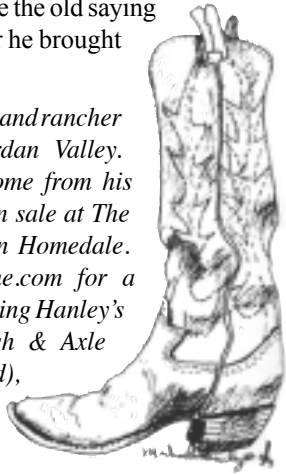
The old saying used to be that you could tell the value of a horse by the number of times it could roll over. For each roll, another 100 dollars was added. Most people take this with a grain of salt, but for a little kid it is serious business. I had an old horse that I thought a lot of, but, try as he could, he could only roll halfway.

My dad’s horse was in the corral at the same time, and we had just come in from buckarooing. His horse made five complete rolls, and he told me that his horse was worth 500 dollars. I said, “Well, since mine made it halfway, five times, he is worth 250 dollars.

“Two hundred fifty dollars,” he exclaimed, “Those rolls of his are worth about 10 dollars each, which makes him a 50-dollar horse.”

My feelings were hurt, but when my dad sold the old horse later he got six cents a pound out of him and he weighed 900 pounds. Maybe the old saying had something to with it for he brought 54 dollars.

—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.



Locals win at Eagle Rodeo

Two Marsing cowboys, and an Adrian competitor collected championships at Saturday’s ICA-sanctioned Eagle Rodeo.

An 85-point ride was good enough for another saddle bronc title for Bryan Martinat of Marsing. Two weeks ago, Martinat tied for the top spot in Central Point, Ore.

Adrian, Ore.’s Katie Davis topped the barrel racers with a 16.085-second showing.

Marsing’s Chase Robbins tied for the top bull ride with Klay Lanham. Both scored 84s.

Big group of derby drivers look to Fourth of July

The Homedale Lions Club is entering the stretch run for their annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Lions Club member Jeremy Townsend reports a bumper crop of 32 prospective drivers this year, which is a 25 percent jump from last year.

“They’re finding cars easier,” Townsend speculated about the reason for the influx of drivers.

Drivers must attend a 7:30 p.m. pre-event meeting tonight in the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant banquet room.

Tickets are still available for all three sections inside the rodeo arena at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

At press time Monday, ticket availability included:

- A section, 133 tickets left, \$20 each
- B section, 455 tickets left at \$15 each
- C section, 829 seats remain at \$12 each.

Tickets are available at NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts, 4 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

For more information, call (208) 337-4668 or visit www.homedalelionsclub.com.

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Repeat winners among 4-H oral presentation champs

Submitted by University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office

The annual Owyhee County 4-H Oral Presentation Contest was held May 28 in Bruneau and May 30 in Marsing.

One hundred 4-H members, ages 5-18, participated in the three departments of Ag, Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) and Miscellaneous, and Horse. Snake River Livestock had the largest percentage of club members participating. The Owyhee Silver Spurs had the highest average score. Members from 12 out of the 20 Owyhee County clubs participated.

Family & Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous Department

In the Cloverbud division, ages 5-7, Bruneau Canyon 4-H members Ainsley Erwin, Alix Goodman, and Isabella Goodman worked together on their team presentation about sewing.

Regan Stansell of the Owyhee Silver Spurs took first place in the Junior 1 division (ages 8-9) with her blue ribbon presentation, Hey Sugar, Sugar. Snake River Livestock's Hailee Meyers finished second.

Taking first place again this year in the Junior 2 division (ages 10-11) was Logan Stansell of the Owyhee Silver Spurs. He gave an informative presentation on Electricity. Wilson Butte 4-H members Tyler Roberts and Treylan Fisher finished second and third, respectively.

Julianne Mori of Bruneau Canyon 4-H took top honors in the Intermediate division (ages 12-14), sharing her knowledge of the Basics of Clothing. Wilson Butte's Spencer Fisher took second with a blue ribbon presentation.

Bruneau Canyon 4-H's Travis Erwin introduced a new variety of presentation to the county this year with a TV commercial. He created a top-notch commercial that was not only informative but fun and fast-paced.

In the Senior division for 15-18 year olds, Johanna Mori and



Logan Stansell of the Owyhee Silver Spurs presents his Junior 2 division-winning presentation on electricity. Submitted photo

Zach Tindall, both of Bruneau Canyon 4-H, chose to do their presentations about their years in 4-H. Johanna took first place with "What 4-H Taught Me." Zach shared from his experience with "What is 4-H?"

Agriculture Department

Cloverbuds giving Ag presentations were Steven Field telling about the Parts of a Rabbit, Audrie Miller telling about the Characteristics of English Bulldogs, and Jade Reisinger of Snake River Livestock 4-H sharing her knowledge of rabbits.

Mila Astorquia of the Owyhee Silver Spurs earned first place in the Junior 1 division. She was followed closely by Jacque Schakade of the Snake River Livestock club, who gave a blue ribbon presentation about rabbits. Rya Buckingham of Bruneau Canyon 4-H placed third with her blue ribbon presentation. Other Junior 1 presenters were Makayla Carothers, Kasey Derrick, Mitchell Erwin, Logan Field, Jonathan Ineck,

Belisia Larzelier, Hailee Meyers, Madison Macmillan, Moss Macmillan, Makenzie Magers, Kenna McKay, Reagan Pearson and Luke Westrand.

Julietter Larzelier of the Shoofly Livestock club took first place in the Junior 2 division. Pony Express members Annie Miller and Hanna Mayer finished in a close race for second and third. Other hard-working presenters were Darion Boman, Baylee Davis, Emily Derrick, Hannah Field, Elizabeth Harmon, Justin Ineck, Sammie Jewett, Lainey Keppler, Taylor Magers, Kevin Meyers, Heidi Pearson, Kiana Quintero, Christian Sharek and Trey Wilson.

Megan Smith of Wilson Butte gave the top presentation in the Intermediate division, receiving a score of 100. Snake River Livestock's Mylee Meyers along with Joseph Ineck of Wilson Butte finished in a tie for second place. Other Intermediate presentations, most of which

received blue ribbons, were done by Annie Bass, TJ Davis, Allison Hall, Sakota Hall, Dillon Kellar, Mikaela Keppler, Julianne Mori, Taylor Pearson, Zeke Quintero, Hailey Sharek, Dylan Westrand, and Katelyn Wilson.

In the Senior division, Shelby Criffield of the Shoofly Livestock Club took first place with a blue ribbon presentation called "Club Lamb What?"

Horse

In the Cloverbud division, 7-year-old Gene Showalter shared his knowledge with a well-prepared presentation entitled "How to Catch, Halter and Tie a Horse Safely." Audrie Miller of Pony Express, who is also 7, demonstrated "How to Clean Out a Horse's Foot."

Taking first place in the Junior 1 division was Fallon Wasson of the Owyhee Silver Spurs with her blue ribbon presentation. Colton Andrus of the Owyhee Ruff Riders took second place, followed closely by Josune Jaca. Matea

Jaca from the Wilson Butte 4-H club placed fourth, and Jonathan Clair of the Owyhee Ruff Riders placed fifth.

In the Junior 2 division, Taylor Ann Thomas-Fisher of the Owyhee Silver Spurs gave a first-place presentation with "How to Saddle a Horse Western Style." South Mountain Cowboys member Kiana Quintero took second, and Katelyn Workman of the Owyhee Outlaws finished third. Finishing in fourth place was Annie Miller of the Pony Express. From the Owyhee Ruff Riders, Carter Clay took fifth and Amber Allen of the Dust Devils took sixth. Other participants in the Junior 2 Horse department were Darion Boman, Treylan Fisher, Lauren Jensen, Jaiden Vincent, Jordyn Vincent, and Kari Woods.

Sage Raine of Jordan Valley FFA took first place in the intermediate division of the Horse department with a blue ribbon presentation entitled "What's the Skinny on the Bit?" The topic of the second-place presentation by Madison McLeish Shields of Dust Devils was "Shoo, Fly!" South Mountain Cowboys member Cheyenne Davis received a blue ribbon and finished third. Montana Wasson of the Owyhee Silver Spurs finished fourth, followed closely by Cheylah Volkers in fifth, and Halie Workman of the Owyhee Outlaws in sixth. Other participants in the Intermediate Horse department were Janey Clay and Krista Mayer.

Top-notch presentations were given in the Senior division (ages 15-18) of the Horse department. Carlie Purdom of the Dust Devils took first place for the second year in a row by a narrow margin, this year over Adrianna Salutregui of the Owyhee Silver Spurs. Jaycee Engle of the Owyhee Outlaws took third place with her presentation on Hay Fires. Tanner Fisher of Wilson Butte gave a blue ribbon presentation for fourth place, with Warren Dalley following in fifth, and Samantha Woods finishing sixth.

South Mtn. 4-H news

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club spent May with community service and fundraising activities.

Three of the activities involved the 54th annual Big Loop Jordan Valley Rodeo.

Club members sold programs at the rodeo on May 18-19 and then returned on May 20 to clean up the rodeo grounds after the event.

On May 6, the 4-H'ers cleaned up the grounds of the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum.

The club has eight livestock projects for this year's Owyhee County Fair. There are six swine projects and two sheep projects, all of which have been weighed in.



The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club members are: Front, kneeling, from left: Martina Stanford, Christopher Mackenzie and Kyle Roe. Middle row, kneeling from left: Cassity Gluch, Kelsey Gluch, Baylee Davis, Kiana Quintero, Shawn Roe, Zeke Quintero, T.J. Davis and Don Youren. Back row, standing, from left: Stephanie Youren, Cheyenne Davis, Garrett Youren, Brandon Roe. Submitted photo

NOCWMA begins battle against pepperweed

Odd weather patterns have derailed spray day plans, but Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area officials are still on the job.

Pepperweed is starting to sprout, and NOCWMA has herbicide to help property owners to knock out the weed.

Anyone wanting to obtain herbicide for pepperweed can call the NOCWMA office in Marsing at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or email gina.millard@id.nacdn.net to arrange pick up.

Saving the sage-grouse



Members of the Owyhee Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation took a tour last month to see some of the results of restoration projects in Owyhee County. Photos by Ken Miracle



Meadow restoration helps habitat for more than bird

Wet meadow — particularly in a dry year — is key to the survival of many sagebrush species, including sage-grouse. That’s why a project to restore two wet meadows deep in the Owyhees was the focus of a field tour on May 29.

This spring, 24 ranchers, conservationists and biologists visited the meadow to see its progress after restoration that began last fall. The group saw sandhill cranes, ducks, pronghorn and other species.

“These wet meadows are very important in dry years, especially near fire areas,” The Nature Conservancy’s Idaho director of restoration and stewardship Arthur Talsma said.

Meadows provide sage-grouse brood-rearing habitat and water for other wildlife, which will be especially important in drought years such as this, Owyhee Sage-Grouse Local Working Group secretary Karen Steenhof wrote in a report.

Sandhill cranes and nesting killdeer were found in the meadow.

In September 2012, the Conservancy, working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group and landowner John Urquidi, restored the first wet meadow area at Little Jacks Creek basin. Dave Bunker, a restoration contractor, assisted in moving

earth and restoring an old irrigation system for the project.

The restoration tripled the size of the meadow and put in measures to reduce soil erosion. Fences were repaired and added to protect the spring-fed system. The area was also fenced to provide for proper cattle management while providing livestock and wildlife water. By increasing the availability of forbs, grasses and insects — elements that sage-grouse depend on for survival — the project will help sage-grouse brood and rear their young.

The site at Jacks Creek was chosen for its proximity to several sage-grouse leks and the 2012 Jacks Creek fire that burned about 50,000 acres of sagebrush. During the tour, visitors saw the first part of the meadow restoration. In the second phase, to be completed this fall, a wet meadow about a mile to the east of the current project site will be restored.

The Conservancy and the landowner will jointly monitor and treat the site for noxious weeds in partnership with the Cooperative Weed Management Area.

— *This submitted article was a collaborative production of the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area, the Owyhee Sage-grouse Local Working Group and The Nature Conservancy.*

Lifelong fascination fuels Miracle’s Owyhee efforts

Volunteer part of high school program that visits Reynolds Creek, Oreana annually

by Deborah Richie
Sage Grouse Initiative

Ken Miracle encountered his first sage-grouse as a toddler on his uncle’s ranch on the Idaho-Nevada border. The native Idahoan who lives in Boise has been hooked on sage-grouse just about ever since.

“He’s our No.1 volunteer,” says Art Talsma, director of stewardship and restoration for the Idaho Nature Conservancy. “His ability to work with ranchers is a real plus, too. He’s always friendly and understands their walk of life, plus he knows the habitat really well.”

Miracle volunteers with The Nature Conservancy and the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group on sage-grouse conservation projects, from wet meadow restoration to juniper control.

“My favorite projects I help with are restoring wet meadows to improve the quality of the habitat for the broods of chicks,” Miracle said. He explained that it’s a complex effort that involves removing junipers that suck up water from springs, re-establishing natural stream flows, and fencing meadows. The goal is to have plen-

tiful forbs and native grasses with insects for the growing sage grouse chicks.

Many of those efforts are supported by Sage Grouse Initiative dollars, via the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The NRCS launched the Initiative in 2010, and it’s now a large partnership effort dedicated to achieving wildlife conservation through sustainable ranching and preventing a listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Talsma points out that The Nature Conservancy’s role in sage-grouse conservation is closely linked to the NRCS and the Sage Grouse Initiative. TNC provides key technical expertise and plans projects, like a current venture to use infrared satellite imagery to define the most important junipers to remove that encroach on sage-grouse leks.

This time of year, you will likely find Miracle outdoors at dawn, leading breeding lek tours to watch dancing male sage-grouse. He is also involved with 20 Idaho high schools that take field trips to view sage grouse breeding grounds and learn about wildlife, a project Miracle and Talsma share together, along with Jason Pyron



Ken Miracle



Ken Miracle, far left, keeps an eye on sage-grouse in all types of weather, including snow as during this lek tour.

of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Marsing’s FFA members took part in one of those tours in Oreana and Reynolds Creek in the spring. Rimrock High School students took the tour two years ago.

Miracle retired four years ago after two separate careers. He spent the first part of his profession selling and marketing farm machinery, putting him closely in touch with the ranchers he can now chat with so easily about sage-grouse conservation. He then went to work for the state of Idaho, heading up human resources for the state Department of Agriculture.

“That’s how I got assigned to the Owyhee Local County Working Group,” he says, sparking his keen interest to continue helping them as soon as he retired.

Local working groups are made up of stakeholders of ranchers, agencies, industry,

and conservation groups who have developed community-based conservation plans to address their sage-grouse issues. The Owyhee group is one of many across the 11 western states that are taking a cooperative approach to conserving sage grouse.

Miracle plays an especially important role as a volunteer for the working group and The Nature Conservancy. He took up amateur photography three years ago, and generously shares his outstanding wildlife photos, which include sage-grouse.

Talsma appreciates Miracle’s reliable help and especially his ability to hike over rough terrain with a heavy camera to capture great shots that showcase both projects and wildlife.

“Ken is a great ambassador,” Talsma said. “He helps the ranchers want to be involved in the Sage Grouse Initiative.”

OCHS field trip to travel Back Country Byway

June trip starts Saturday in Jordan Valley

A daylong excursion will take folks from Jordan Valley to Grand View as the Owyhee County Historical Society's June field trip takes in the Back Country Byway.

Anyone interested in taking the trip should meet in Jordan Valley at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The group will leave at 9 a.m.

The byway covers 102 miles, which means eight hours for travel and stops. The trip will end in Grand View. All roads are paved or well-maintained gravel surfaces. Four-wheel-drive and high-clearance vehicles aren't necessary if you stay on the byway.

There will be a potluck midday, so participants are asked to bring food to share as well as their own utensils, plates and liquid containers. Each trip party should also bring their own water supply, tables and chairs.

Jordan Valley rancher and historian Mike Hanley will discuss points of interest between Jordan Valley

and Juniper Mountain. For the remainder of the trip, pioneer resident Frankie Dougal and her daughter, Charlene Stanford, will talk about the area's history and other points of interest.

Dougal is a pioneer resident whose family is associated with the Dougal Ranch, which is about 23 miles south of Jordan Valley.

For more information, call trip leader Jerry Stuart at (208) 989-4052.

The first OCHS field trip of the season took place May 18 as about 45 people learned about the small-town life in Rockville, Ore.

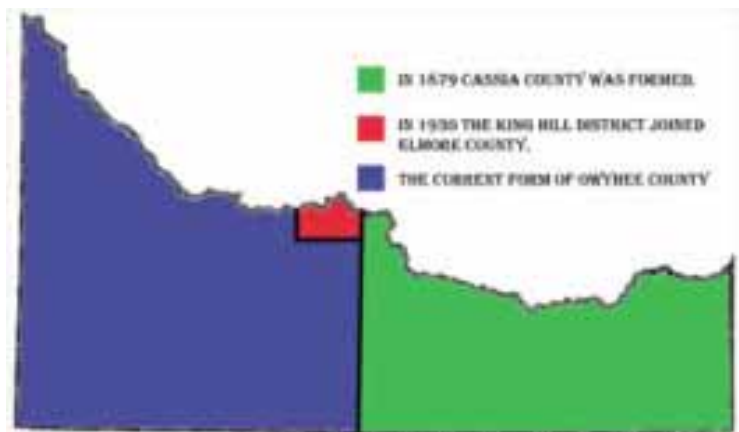
Local resident Mike Greeley told about the challenges small school districts such as Rockville faces, and the group also learned about the history of Rockville and the post offices that have served the area.

The group held its potluck lunch at Leslie Gulch and then learned about the old community of Watson, which was flooded in 1936 to create the Owyhee Reservoir.

The afternoon ended with a visit to Devil's Gate in Oregon.



Top right: Mike Greeley speaks on the history of Rockville during last month's field trip. **Bottom right:** Field-trippers took in an assortment of unusual mailboxes a few miles from U.S. Highway 95 in Rockville.



Owyhee at 150 County has seen many changes since 1863

by Joe Demshar

With Owyhee County's 150th anniversary this year, I felt I should share some fun little info with you all about the formation of our county.

Originally the county was formed with "An Act to Organize the County Of Owyhee." The act stated that, "Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho: That all that part of said territory lying south of Snake River, and west of the summit of the Rocky Mountain chain be, and the same is hereby organized into a county to be called Owyhee."

This means that the entire south of the State of Idaho was part of Owyhee County but by Jan. 22, 1864, Oneida County was formed from the eastern section. Owyhee County continued on in this form until 1879 when Cassia County was formed and the eastern boundary of the county was fixed where it is today.

Cassia County itself was divided later to also form Twin Falls County.

Finally the general election of 1930, King Hill District voted to leave and join Elmore County, giving Owyhee County its current form.

You would think that all this

upheaval would be enough for this poor county, but unfortunately it also had problems with its county seat.

Originally the county government was located in Ruby City, a now leveled and nonexistent ghost town.

Another town was formed by locals just upstream of Ruby City at a location better situated to living, and in 1867 Silver City would take over as the county seat. The county would be run from Silver City for many years, even after the town had seen a few ups and downs in both business and population.

Unfortunately it wasn't always possible for county commissioners to reach the town and so eventually, in 1934, and after a long debate, the county government was moved to Murphy so that it was centrally located in Owyhee County as well as accessible year-round.

So here it sits along with a small community of people as well as your county museum.

—Joe Demshar is director of the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, and Demshar and his staff are available to provide assistance. Contact the museum at (208) 495-2319.

Owyhee figures prominently in historic preservation awards

It has been 15 years since the Idaho Historic Preservation Council has recognized Owyhee County efforts with its annual Orchid Award.

So, during this year's 36th annual banquet in Idaho Falls, the council actually handed three of its six awards to people and places with Owyhee County ties.

The Stoddard House restoration in Silver City earned the council's Contribution to Historic Preservation for success in "the tasteful restoration of an existing building."

"Arguably the most important residential landmark in Silver City, its preservation deserves attention and recognition," the council, a k a Preservation Idaho,

wrote of the Stoddard project on its website.

Fr. Gerald J. Funke of Nampa's St. Paul's Catholic Church earned the Friend of Preservation award for his commitment to the preservation of Owyhee County buildings. He was also cited for his leadership in the restoration and maintenance of the historic structures under his purview, including the Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City and Oreana's Our Lady Queen of



Gerald J. Funke

Heaven Catholic Church.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church also received the council's Heritage Stewardship award.

This award recognizes dedication to historic preservation through the care and maintenance of historic, architecturally significant sites and structures.

The Oreana church was singled out because of the current renovation, which is seen as the latest chapter in a 50-year commitment to preserve the church.

The only other time an Owyhee County endeavor received recognition from Preservation Idaho came in 1998 for the Association of Friends of Our Lady of Tears Church in Silver City.



The Stoddard House in Silver City as it looks today after extensive renovations. Preservation Idaho awarded its 2013 Contribution to Historic Preservation Orchid Award to the building because of the work done to bring it back to the grandeur of the 19th century structure. Submitted photo

Fifty-three years ago, the Stoddard House showed the wear of a building that had stood for decades as one of the more ornate structures in Silver City. According to the Idaho State Historical Society's reference series entry, which was written in December 1981, German-born carpenter and wood carver Otto Patscheck created the original decorative wood trim. Submitted photo



New Homedale restaurant will serve fresh, not fast, food

Two recent HHS grads will manage eatery

A new restaurant with a new approach is ready to open in a familiar Homedale locale Friday.

New York Barbecue, which is nothing like southern barbecue, owner Dave Williams says, is scheduled to open Friday in the old Homedale Drive-In on the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street East.

A Southwest District Health official was scheduled for a final walk-through Monday. The inspector would have seen a completely revamped restaurant with an elaborate food preparation area.

New York Barbecue will feature chicken, tri-tip beef and chicken entrees assorted freshly made side dishes.

When Williams purchased the restaurant last winter, he had the idea to bring a style of barbecue from his old stamping grounds of upstate New York that also featured no frozen foods.

That meant six more sinks in the kitchen to meet state food preparation regulations.

“We go back to unique and different,” Williams said. “What also factors into it, you want to be good.”

Williams has enlisted local brawn to remodel the inside of the old burger joint that was famous for broasted chicken.

He also hired a pair of 2012 Homedale High School graduates, Katie Eaton and Deena Emry, to run the restaurant. Both Eaton and Emry cut their teeth on business during their time with Homedale FFA.

“Both girls I think quite a lot of,” Williams said. “And both brought ideas I hadn’t thought of.”

Emry just completed her freshman year at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. Eaton, who like Emry is studying Business, is enrolled at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Williams’ unique approach permeates the menu. Upstate New York barbecue doesn’t include tri tip, so a concession was made for local palettes, but there are no “barbecue” or tomato-based sauces in play.

Instead, the meat will be marinated in a oil and vinegar mixture before it is placed in the smoker.

There’s an item called salt potatoes that Williams virtually guarantees no one in the area has ever experienced.

The dish, which consists of golf ball-sized potatoes boiled in their skin in salt water, is native to about a 100- to 200-mile radius of Syracuse, N.Y. Williams lived about 35 miles south of the “Salt City.”

Eaton said inside the skin salt potatoes have the texture of twice-baked spuds. Melted butter is the recommended condiment.

New York Barbecue will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week. Williams said he’ll employ six to eight people.

— JPB



Katie Eaton, left, and Deena Emry will help operate New York Barbecue in Homedale.

City cites soon-to-open restaurant for work without permit

As a restaurateur prepares for an announced Friday opening, the City of Homedale has issued a citation for not following protocol.

Dave Williams says he plans to open New York Barbecue in the old Homedale Drive-In location this week, but earlier this month Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller cited the Homedale-area resident for failure to obtain a building permit. Williams faces at least a \$25 fine and is scheduled in court today for a hearing.

During last Wednesday’s meeting, the city council discussed levying a fine. Although up to double the cost of the final permit was discussed, no amount was settled upon.

At a city council meeting last month, Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem also had asked council members to initiate citation process after Williams installed a new sign without the proper permit. Every new sign put up in the city requires a \$35 permit from City Hall.

On June 11, however, Williams paid the sign permit fee. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram also said that Williams had paid the \$100 to open a building permit several months ago, but he didn’t complete the application process. Pegram said Williams turned in a building plan last week.

Pegram said last week that Pierson will examine the building plans. The final cost of the building permit is based on the price tag of the project.

Williams said Friday that he has been in contact with building inspector Steve Pierson and they are moving toward finalization of the building permit.

Councilman Steve Atkins made it clear that the council didn’t oppose the new

business.

“I think it’s a good thing,” he said. “I’d like to see him open. I’d like to see him successful.”

“He just needs to follow procedure like everyone else.”

Pierson red-tagged the project earlier this year because Williams apparently was attempting to alter the existing structure, which would require a building permit.

Williams then obtained a fence permit and built a fence on the east side of the building to house the barbecue pit.

Southwest District Health public information officer Laurie Boston said Thursday that Williams has applied for a food license and he’ll receive it after inspectors to the pre-opening walk-through. She said that health district officials have reviewed Williams’ plan.

Within a year of opening, another unannounced inspection will take place.

Even with the health permits in hand, the fact that the building permit process hasn’t been completed could delay an opening, according to city officials.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer confirmed that a developer who constructs without a building permit may be denied a certificate of occupancy, which is necessary for a business to open its doors.

If a business tries to open without a certificate of occupancy then the city could seek a cease-and-desist order that local police would enforce.

Fitzer said the permitting process is in place to ensure that construction is up to code and carried out in a safe manner. The protocol also lessens the city’s liability if anyone is harmed because of deficiencies in the building.

— JPB

HHS grads traveling to Tennessee

COSSA’s HOSA team still seeks help to get to nationals

Two recent Homedale High School graduates are heading to Nashville for a national convention.

Brenda Uriarte will be competing in the Health Occupation Students of America national competition, while Hailee Aberasturi will serve as a voting delegate from Idaho.

Both are part of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency HOSA chapter.

Four other local HOSA members will compete at nationals, too, including Notus graduates Jessica Peloquin, Rachelle Cherry and Ryann Lantz and Parma grad Rikki Frank.

The convention begins next Wednesday at the Gaylord Hotel.

Uriarte will compete there in the National Recognition Portfolio category, showcasing her senior project.

She secured a grant to purchase and install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the school.

Uriarte also will compete in the Medical Math contest at nationals, which tests contestants on medication administration such as dosage calculations and drip rates.

Aberasturi will make sure contestants get to their competitions on time in addition to casting one of two Idaho votes when the national officers are chosen. She’ll also attend breakout sessions.

Advisors Cindy Floyd and Lisa Rittenhouse said COSSA’s HOSA team is close to its \$7,500 fundraising goal for the trip. As of the middle of last week, the group needed \$780 to cross the finish line.

Uriarte was received the only \$250 scholarship awarded through the Idaho Professional Technical Education Foundation, and the rest of the money has come from donations from:

- Homedale Ambulance
- SSI-CTI Foods, Wilder
- Owyhee Dental Clinic, Homedale
- SMX Nationwide Carriers, Homedale
- Rick Echevarria
- R&M Steel, Caldwell
- Jerry and Sue Floyd

Anyone who wants to contribute to the travel fund can call Cindy Floyd at (208) 830-5560 or Rittenhouse at (208) 573-1209

Oregon Cattlemen’s centennial arrives

The Oregon Cattlemen’s Association will holds its centennial business meeting in Baker City beginning Thursday, but there still are plenty of opportunities for the public to help the organization celebrate.

Several activities scheduled Thursday through Saturday will be open to the public.

The headliner is cowboy poet and humorist Baxter Black, who will appear at the Fairgrounds Event Center at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Folks can register for the convention, buy Baxter Black tickets or obtain a day pass for public events by visiting www.orcattle.com. A pass is \$10 per day or \$20 for the three days.

Some of the other events open to the general public include a parade, ranch rodeo, Western art vendors from throughout the Northwest, a trade show, a cow dog demonstration and a ranch horsemanship clinic.

Most public events will take place at the fairgrounds or the adjacent Baker Armory. The parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday downtown.

Saturday’s Western States Ranch Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo starts at 11 a.m. Registration opens at 10 a.m.

Another team event takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday with the rock jack building contest in the Cockram Arena. Call Todd Nash at (541) 263-0426 for more information.

Avalanche Sports

Austin Williams wins state rodeo bareback crown

Marsing rider,
3 others heading
to NHSFR

Austin Williams will lead a group of four Owyheean into the National High School Finals Rodeo.

The Marsing High School senior-to-be leap-frogged from third to the bareback championship in Saturday's top 20 round of State High School Finals at Bannock County Fairgrounds.

Williams' Marsing club teammate Ricky Sullivan (bull riding) and Adrian's Quincy Pendergrass (goat tying) and Tyler Reay (steer wrestling) also will make the trip to Wyoming next month for nationals after finishing in the top four after a week of competition in Pocatello.

Reay and seven other locals finished in the top 15 of other events to qualify for the Silver State International Rodeo, which runs June 30-July 6 in Winnemucca, Nev.

The National High School Finals Rodeo takes place July 14-20 in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Williams finished with 55 points after a 70-point ride in the top 20 finals Saturday.

He rallied from a 49-point showing in the first go with a fourth-best 64-point ride in the second go and a winning ride of 72 in the third go.

Sullivan got off to a fast start then held on for a nationals berth in bull riding.

He won the second go with a 72 and was third in the first go with a 70. He placed in all three rounds after a 67-point ride in the third go, which helped him when he went scoreless in the finals.

Pendergrass finished second in Saturday's goat tying finals with a 8.54-second time and was easily entrenched as the state runner-up.

She finished third in the first and third go-rounds and was sixth in the second go.

Silver State qualifiers can enter one additional event other than the one for which they qualified. Local qualifiers are:

- Reay finished sixth in the boys' all around after competing in three events.

He had two top-three times in steer wrestling, including a second-place 5.9-second effort in Saturday finals, to grab the state's No. 3 spot into the national finals rodeo.

Reay also qualified to compete at Silver State in tie-down roping with a ninth-place overall finish, and he could also travel with partner Kade Eiguren for the team roping in Winnemucca after the pair finished fifth. Reay and the former Homedale High School student won the second go with a 9.45-second run.

- Marsing's Ria Kent won the second go-round in barrel racing with a 16.548 and finished sixth overall.

- Homedale's Bo Pickett closed out a seventh-place effort in tie-down roping with a runner-up finish at 10.53 in the top 20 finals.

- Rimrock's Zach Tindall grabbed seventh in saddle bronc during a week that included a 64-point ride in the second go. That was good for a third-place tie.

- Marsing club member Chris Cowger of Melba tied for eighth in saddle bronc. He scored a 61 for third place in the third go-round.

- Marsing's Lorenzo Lankow was 10th in bareback.

- Tom Nelson finished 11th in team roping with partner Staheli Wilkinson of McDermitt, Nev. The pair's 6.48 roping hauled in a runner-up showing in the third go.

Homedale's Andy Greeley finished 16th in bull riding, just outside the top-15 cut-off for the next level.



Above: Marsing's Austin Williams hangs on during his second-place, 70-point ride in Saturday's top 20 finals at the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo in Pocatello. **Left:** Rimrock's Zach Tindall scored a 64 in the second go and qualified for the Silver State International in Nevada as a saddle bronc rider. Photos by WT Bruce Photography

Owyheean struggle at CNFR

No Owyhee cowboy was able to make it into Saturday's short go at the College National Finals Rodeo.

Jordan Valley's Dusty Easterday and southern Owyhee County's Dalton Jim struggled to get qualifying performances during their time at the Casper Events Center in Casper, Wyo.

The Treasure Valley Community College cowboys both competed in saddle bronc, while Jim also qualified with partner Casey

Fuller in team roping.

After neither achieved saddle bronc scores in their first two go-rounds on June 9-10, Jim finished tied for 11th in Friday third go with a 65.5-point ride. Easterday was 19th with a 60.

Jim and Fuller sandwiched a 12th-place 11.2-second run the June 10 slack around two no-times on June 9 and Thursday.

Locals win at Eagle rodeo, Page 7

Wrestler plans fundraiser Friday



Noah Grossman

Marsing youth wrestler Noah Grossman is in his final fundraising push before the USA Wrestling Nationals next month.

His mother, Sarah, says he needs less than \$550 to complete his fundraising goal ahead of the wrestling tournament July 12-20 in Fargo, N.D.

Noah Grossman must raise

the money by July 5 when the training camp and nationals team practice opens at Boise State University.

There will be a fundraiser for Grossman at The Spot on Main Street in Marsing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

He is also selling Papa Murphy's Pizza cards for \$6 each. He has 80 cards remaining.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Equine chiropractory

Getting injured is an embarrassment to a cowboy. Unlike professional athletes with trainers and insurance, “playing hurt” is expected in the cowboy world. It is part of the cowboy mentality; which is better, letting your broken arm heal or rappelling down the face of Mt. Everest on a dare?

Dave had two 3-year-old fillies in training. He’s a bit of an eclectic cowboy: he paints eggs, likes Yoko Ono’s music, and has read Jack Kerouac’s book “On The Road.” So it was not unusual to find himself in the corral wearing shorts and Birkenstocks, throwing an English saddle on one of the fillies.

Sometimes horses disguise their resentment of a horse trainer’s smug arrogance by cooperating. Other days they just say “Stick it in your ear!” The filly bucked him out of his Birkenstocks, over his head and into the fence! Dave found himself on the ground and hip-locked. His knee worked but he could not lift his left leg forward. Walking was sort of a step-shuffle-step-shuffle-stumble-slide gait. As you would expect of a true cowboy, over the next three days he fulfilled his promise to help gather the neighbor’s cows, but he was handicapped. To mount his horse involved a step stool and powerful shoulders. A potty break was out of the question!

Saturday came with no improvement but he was adjusting ... eating on the sofa, walking in circles and pirouetting. Though he could still not lift his leg, he could bend over, so when Uncle Herman wanted his big Belgian mare shod, Dave said, “Bring her over.” This kind of sedentary work remained within his ability.

He’d gotten around to the offside hind leg and was holding the plate-sized foot in his hands. The big mare began leaning her huge haunch on Dave’s back, crushing him. He slowly collapsed as her 1,950 pounds pressed down and slid along his back. Dave said he heard three little clicks, like a grandfather clock’s Tick-Tock-Tick.

He crumpled and rolled, then, without thinking he rose and stepped away ... cured!

Hey, I believed him. But, I believe Moses parted the Red Sea, too.

I’ve heard of Equine Chiropractory, but not in that context.

In conclusion, Dave answered the classic question, “Is there a doctor in the horse?!”

— Baxter Black has scheduled Saturday appearance to close the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association centennial convention at the Baker County Fairgrounds in Baker City, Ore. Tickets are available at www.orcattle.com. 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.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor must be submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon on Friday. They must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

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Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter

From the Statehouse Secret programs raise concerns



It’s been almost 12 years since I first debated against, voted against and warned against the potential dangers of the USA PATRIOT Act. Back then, some Democrats cited the potential for abuse they saw in a sweeping new anti-terrorist law administered by a Republican president. Most Republicans — including the one then in the White House — rejected concerns from civil libertarians about government invasions of privacy.

Today, it’s mostly Republicans who are questioning the federal government’s secret surveillance and data-gathering programs, with their enormous, seemingly pervasive scope. And it’s mostly Democrats who are defending the Obama administration’s handling of the unprecedented power ceded to government by Congress.

It’s interesting how time, technology and politics change people’s perspectives.

As I wrote in February 2004, early in my third year in Congress, “I ascribe the purest of motives to those currently using the PATRIOT Act in the war on foreign terrorists. ... My concerns are more prospective in nature: Can I trust the law will be used as judiciously, with as much care to protecting civil liberties, once the public’s attention has turned to other matters.”

Matters like wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Great Recession, natural disasters, Europe’s economic meltdown, the Arab Spring, the killing of Bin Laden, and of course the merry-go-round of national politics.

But this is not a Bush administration or an Obama administration problem. Congress passed the law and has repeatedly reauthorized it. Some members of Congress — in both the Republican-controlled House and the Democratic-controlled Senate — have been regularly briefed on what the National Security Agency (NSA) and more than a

dozen other intelligence operations have been doing.

We can be shocked but perhaps should not be surprised by the recent revelations, or by the responses being recycled by the current administration from those used in the early 2000s about judicial oversight or checks and balances. They are as unsound and unsatisfactory now as they were then. The difference is, what then was prospective now is all too disturbingly proven.

As Justice Louis Brandeis wrote in 1928, “Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government’s purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.”

Lawsuits already are being filed challenging the NSA programs, and some members of Congress once again are preparing legislation to rein in what the leaders of our national security apparatus insist are necessary and harmless efforts to make America more secure. I did my best, even winning House approval for my amendment to withdraw funding for the no-knock “sneak-and-peek” searches allowed by the PATRIOT Act. So I wish today’s members of Congress well with their renewed efforts, and more luck than I had.

As much as such changes are needed, my concern is more fundamental than the specific programs now in the news.

It goes to the very nature of our government’s relationship with citizens, whether we are doing serious

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Everyone must take steps to reduce wildfire risk



Last year, more than 1,000 wildland fires burned more than 1.6 million acres in Idaho alone. A significant fire threat is expected again this year. The National Inter-agency Fire Center (NIFC) Predictive Services unit is forecasting “above normal potential for significant fire activity” in portions of Idaho. Southern and central Idaho are dry with substantial forest and rangeland fuel loads. As we prepare for another potentially difficult fire year, taking steps to better ensure the safety of our communities is important.

A number of resources are available that provide recommendations of ways homeowners can increase the chances of homes surviving a wildfire. For example, NIFC includes the following in its website recommendations of “Things You Can Do Today” to maintain a survivable space. These recommendations include regularly removing pine needles, leaves and other flammable materials from roofs and gutters; spacing landscape vegetation so that fire cannot be carried to the structure or surrounding vegetation; removing branches from trees to a height of 15 feet; maintaining a fuel break around all structures; storing gasoline, propane tanks and combustibles, such as firewood, away from occupied buildings; having a garden hose and fire tools, including a shovel and ladder, ready for use; and more.

While landowners have a role in improving defensible space around homes, the principal part of decreasing wildfire threat is improving the management of federal lands to reduce fuel loads. Those with homes that border federal land that lacks effective management may find it

difficult to create defensible space when the federal land they neighbor is overstocked with dead and dying trees. I have helped enact legislation that provides land managers with more tools to counter unhealthy conditions in our nation’s forests and other lands to reduce the fire threat. However, much more needs to be done to improve the conditions on federal lands to reduce the threat of large-scale wildfires. For example, I recently joined a bipartisan group of senators, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in urging President Obama not to reduce timber sales on Forest Service lands, as he called for in his 2014 budget. We stressed the serious consequences reductions could have on communities across the nation and the need for increased timber harvests to help mitigate raging wildfires and help create jobs in our forests.

Wildland firefighters, response coordinators, local governments, fire departments and law enforcement work hard to protect us from devastating fires. These remarkable individuals often work around-the-clock to keep our communities and loved ones safe. We can help improve the conditions they face. Effective land management, improving the safety of our homes and reducing fuel loads are essential steps in helping to reduce the threat of large-scale wildfires and the safety of our communities.

— 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

Grow up, settle debt with aunt and save family ties

Dear Dave,

I borrowed \$30,000 from my aunt to buy a condo eight years ago. We had a deal that she would get her money back, plus a piece of the profits, when it sold. If there were no profits, she would get back her original \$30,000. Recently the condo sold, and I lost the money I put into it, plus my aunt's money as well. I make good money and don't have any other debt, but I'm a little resentful now that she wants me to pay her back. Do you have any suggestions?

— **Christine**

Dear Christine,

I don't want to be mean, but you have no right to be resentful toward your aunt. This is the deal you signed up for, and she did nothing wrong. Wanting her money back now isn't greedy



or malicious on her part, and it's definitely not worth putting a family relationship at risk.

I know what you're thinking, because it's just human nature. You just went through a lot, and the situation didn't work out as planned. Plus, it doesn't sound like your aunt is hurting financially if she put \$30,000 toward helping you in the deal. Part of you is thinking she has plenty of money, so why doesn't she just forgive the debt and forget about everything?

If you were barely scraping by,

I might suggest that you sit down and talk with her over a cup of coffee, explain the situation and ask her to forgive the debt. Right now, the little girl part of you is whining, "Oh, come on. Just let me go!" But the grown-up Christine knows better. That part of you is whispering, "You know what to do ..."

Pay her back as quickly as possible, and get this bad deal behind you for good. You said you make good money, so just take care of your responsibility. It'll hurt some, but it's better than taking a chance on ruining the relationship with a very generous and loving aunt.

— **Dave**

Dear Dave,

I'm working on my debt snowball, and I'm trying to settle

with a pushy collector. I don't have the \$9,000 I owe, but I have \$3,000 I'd like to offer as a settlement. Recently the collector has started asking for a lot of information I don't feel comfortable providing. What should I do?

— **Daniel**

Dear Daniel,

Lots of times in these kinds of situations collectors are trying to gather up as much information as possible in order to sue you. Even if that's not the case here, there's no reason for you to be supplying them with a bunch of extra info. Just offer them the \$3,000, and make it clear that your financial coach — which is me — told you not to answer any more of their nosy questions.

Make sure they understand that your offer of \$3,000 stands

as a settlement of the debt today. If they're willing to accept the offer, get a statement in writing saying that the \$3,000 represents payment in full before you cut the check. If they choose not to accept your offer, and they keep asking questions that are none of their business, just tell them to call back when they're willing to discuss terms. Then, hang up!

— **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

Should Snowden's law-breaking be excused for its revelations?

by Robert Romano

Let us take Edward Snowden at his word. For a moment, assume he disclosed publicly the National Security Agency's (NSA) broad, sweeping surveillance of all telephone, Internet, and email communications everywhere — not to hurt people or undermine security but to stop an unconstitutionally intrusive program.

Did he do the right thing? Should we be thanking Snowden, or throwing the book at him?

That may boil down to whether the American people want to know about the type of program he is describing.

In an exclusive interview with the UK Guardian, Snowden explained the surveillance state of affairs in the U.S.: "increasingly we see that it's happening domestically and to do that they, the NSA specifically, target the communications of everyone. It ingests them by default. It collects them in its system and it filters them and it analyses them and it measures them and it stores them for periods of time."

So, basically, the agency is recording everything. Every phone call, email, Internet search, chat session, financial transaction, you name it. And then if it needs to target a particular individual, the agency can request a warrant and then develop a complete record of all of his or her communications, including those from the past.

Snowden further emphasized the point, "even if you're not doing anything wrong you're being watched and recorded. And the storage capability of these systems increases every year consistently by orders of magnitude to where it's getting to the point where you don't have to have done anything wrong. You simply have to eventually fall under suspicion from somebody even by a wrong call. And then they can use this system to go back in time and scrutinize every decision you've ever made, every friend you've ever discussed something with. And attack you on that basis to sort to derive suspicion from an innocent life

and paint anyone in the context of a wrongdoer."

Simply incredible. In short, the agency is clearly violating Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches. But do you have a right to know about it?

The only reason we're finding out about it now is because the information on the program was publicly divulged to media outlets. Snowden broke the law against the disclosure of classified information. No question. He's in a heap of trouble. But how else were the American people supposed to find out about it?

Undoubtedly, the program is a useful tool to intelligence and law enforcement agencies. More information on targets will always be better than less, whether it be terrorists, human traffickers, drug dealers, mobsters, etc. The agency could probably produce multitudes of cases of foiled attacks, positive identifications of enemy communications, and networks that have been uncovered, all derived from the database.

As Snowden admitted, the surveillance is being done "simply because that's the easiest, most efficient, and most valuable way to achieve these ends."

But that's not the point, is it? As Snowden noted in the interview, "while they may be intending to target someone associated with a foreign government or someone they suspect of terrorism, they're collecting your communications to do so."

So, guilty or innocent, everyone is being caught up in this web of surveillance. It's unconstitutional because the searches are clearly occurring prior to any warrants being issued. That is not probable cause.

So, even if officials can show that the program was helpful in unraveling terror plots, they will hard-pressed to assert it was constitutional. They'd have to argue that the exercise of war powers on the homeland, including intelligence gathering, somehow supersedes all other constitutional protections.

However, one struggles to find a wartime exception

to the Fourth Amendment in the text of the Constitution itself.

Moreover, because of the secretive nature of the program, the American people have little choice in the program's implementation.

Congressional oversight is done in secret, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Court operates in secret, the relevant agencies operate in secret. Thus, the activities cannot be challenged publicly in any government forum even when there are abuses — precisely because nobody's allowed to talk about it.

The question for the American people is if that's the sort of society they want to live in. One where all communications public and private are being stored in a government database for later use, and when it is used against the people, there is no recourse. What if it's ever used for malicious ends?

Snowden alleges that it is already being misused: "When you're in positions of privileged access like a systems administrator for the sort of intelligence community agencies, you're exposed to a lot more information on a broader scale than the average employee and because of that you see things that may be disturbing but over the course of a normal person's career you'd only see one or two of these instances. When you see everything, you see them on a more frequent basis and you recognize that some of these things are actually abuses."

What were these abuses? If they are occurring, don't the people have a right to know and to demand that the program be reined in?

The only assurance the American people have that the military and intelligence apparatus is here to protect us is that their awesome powers will not be used against them. Once that façade slips away, all that is left is a ubiquitous police state.

— *Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.*

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damage to the idea of a government based on the consent and trust of the governed, and whether what Brandeis called "the right to be let alone" truly is not only embedded in but protected by our Constitution in an age of virtually unlimited opportunities to find out what anyone — or as

it turns out, everyone — is doing.

I understand that polling indicates the NSA surveillance and "metadata" programs have at least marginal public support. That is unfortunate yet perhaps understandable in a dangerous world where privacy has become a fungible commodity. But it is wholly incompatible

with our traditional and well-founded skepticism about imbuing government with more power than the people can reasonably hold accountable.

— *Republican C. L. "Butch" Otter is in his second term as Idaho's governor. Previously, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives and as lieutenant governor.*

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 22, 1988

Three attend Boys’ State conference

Homedale American Legion Post No. 32 sent three local boys, Bob Pottenger, Charlie Garrison and Danny Itano, to Boys State held at Boise State University during May 29 – June 4.

Parents of the boys, respectively, are the M.J. Pottengers, William Garrisons and Joe Itanos.

Selected by the school system in Wilder to attend were Chad Hickox, son of Bill Hickoxes and Matt Howell, son of the Mark Howells.

The purpose of Boys State is to promote patriotism and pride in the nation’s democratic system, and to provide a better understanding of how American government functions at city, county, state and federal levels.

Participants are required to draft a bill, take part in elections, mock legislative sessions and other simulated government activities.

At the conclusion of Boys State, Pottenger was one of 10 boys selected from among 365 participants from around the state to receive a good citizenship certificate.

54 parade entries at Grand View

Among 54 parade entries, the Mountain Home Shriners are bringing their tin lizzies, the Melba veterans are bringing their cannon and the Utah Pioneer Women are bringing their float to help kick off the Grand View Centennial celebration at 10 a.m. parade Saturday, June 25.

Antique cars, numerous horse-drawn units, 4-H riding clubs, a hometown school band and the Mountain Home Forty & Eight unit’s train engine will also be on display as the parade unfolds.

Gladys Bailey, Grand View’s postmaster for 50 years, is the grand marshal for the opening event of the two-day celebration marking Grand View’s 100th year.

Rimrock FFA students

Crista Sellman, Susanne Collette, and Corey Munro, all Rimrock FFA students, were presented a plaque for placing third out of 53 teams that entered the Livestock Judging contest at the Idaho FFA State Contests in Moscow. Susanne led the team, placing eighth high individual out of 157 participants.

4-H news

4-H members from the Wilson Butte 4-H Club, Oreana Outlaws, Little Buckaroos and Bruneau Sage Riders traveled to Glenns Ferry on June 13 to participate in the district horse judging contest.

Three junior members placed in the top ten. They are: Amy and Melanie Burrie of the Wilson Butte Club placing sixth and eighth and Derrick Lee of the Little Buckaroos placing 10th.

One senior member, Suzanne Collette of the Oreana Outlaws, placed seventh in the division.

Engaged

The engagement of Leslie Gay Stover of Caldwell and Steven Patrick Nash of Homedale has been announced. The bride-elect, daughter of Mercer and Gayle Stover of Hazelton, Idaho, is a 1982 graduate of Valley High School and a 1984 graduate of College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls. She works at Cleveland Animal Hospital, Caldwell. Her fiancé, son of Rodger and Ardis Nash of Homedale, is a graduate of Homedale High School in 1982. He is a self-employed farmer and works during the income tax season at Parker and Drum Accounting in Homedale. The couple has chosen Saturday, Aug. 13, for their 7:30 p.m. nuptials at Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Caldwell.

Local Texaco station sold

Bob Ensley of Homedale has purchased the local Texaco station on Idaho Street from Gypsy Jackson, widow of the late Dale Jackson. Ensley also owns a body shop and parts and wrecking company in town. The Jacksons had owned and operated the Texaco outlet for 36 years.

50 years ago

June 20, 1963

28-ft. bridge, not 4-lane, for Succor Creek

A 28-ft.-wide bridge is planned over Succor Creek, instead of a four-lane structure as reported last week by the Chronicle.

State Highway Commission Member Doyle Symms, Sunny Slope, and members of the state highway engineering department, who conferred with property owners last week regarding right-of-way approaches, said the bridge’s elevation will be five feet above the existing grade and will be 144 feet long, according to Spud Murphy.

Early Homedale to be Historical Society topic

A panel discussion on early Homedale will be featured at the June 21 meeting of the Owyhee County Historical Society at Murphy. Members of the panel are to be Celia Cowan, Mae Mercer, Dorothy Aldrich, Paul Tracy, and Otto Blackaby. Mac Parkins will be moderator.

The discussion will cover the period from 1900, when the Tracy family moved to the area from Silver City, up to the time of the building of the river bridge, in the early 1920s.

The Cowan family moved to Homedale in 1905, the Aldrich family moved to the area just across the ferry in 1907, and Mae Mercer homesteaded, between Homedale and Wilder, in 1908 and taught school in the Homedale area. Mr. Blackaby came in 1916 and was manager of the Homedale Forwarding Co.

Officers of the Historical Society this year are Jerry Stanke, Nampa, president; Ruth Randall, Bruneau, vice-president; Fay Neel, Marsing, secretary; and Harry Townsend, Homedale, treasurer.

Owyhee County was vast rangeland — back in 1880s

Range Riders of Long Ago by Mildretta Adams
Back in the 1880s, Owyhee County was a vast rangeland for thousands of cattle and horses. There were no range restrictions, and cowboys followed the herd and the chuck wagon, wherever grazing was good. The built their sagebrush fires and slapped their branding irons on the cattle and horses, on the open range.

Among the principal cattle owners, at the date were: Con Shea, who brought in the first Texas Longhorns, Murphy and Horn; Scott and Company; Hardiman Brothers; Sommer Camp; Jack Sands; Sparks and Harrell; Bruce Brothers and Lang and Ryan.

(The latter having a permanent camp on Squaw Creek, now known as the John Keith place.)

Jack Sands came to Owyhee County as a miner in Silver City. He sold his mining property there and started in the cattle business, with headquarters at the mouth of Jump Creek canyon, and ranging his 3,500 head of cattle in Sands Basin and surrounding areas.

Bill Schnabel, a well-known cowboy of the early years, was quoted as saying: “Sands Basin was a big cow camp in the days of plenty of grass, and you could see a thousand head of cattle on a thousand hills.”

The cattle business in Owyhee County reached an all-time high in 1887 — there was an estimated 100,000 head. The severe winter of 1888-89 reduced the herds of cattle, and the plush times were over.

(These figures on livestock were taken from the famous “Blue Book,” a directory of Owyhee County, published in 1898.)

During the Indian wars, Sands Basin had its share of Indian raiders and horse thieves. It was here the Indians corralled Jeff Carter and “Seven up” Smith. They both escaped in the dark of night.

Chroniclings...

Large (and small) world — Darrell Reisch, new high school principal of Lexington, Ore., says he lived next door to Charlie Colley, cousin of the Chronicle editor. The cousins haven’t seen each other in over 30 years: Charlie Colley helped build irrigation checks and drops on the Owyhee Project as a young construction man ...

140 years ago

June 21, 1873

SELF-MADE RICH MEN. Of the New York millionaires, hardly any, except W. A. Astor, inherited any part of his property, and Astor is one of the very few men of vast inheritance who have increased instead of diminishing it. What a long list of self-created sons of Croesus have we here.

There is Cornelius Vanderbuilt, who began life with an old pirogue, running between Staten Island and New York and carrying garden stuff to market. With two or three thousand dollars raised from that source, he entered upon steadily increasing enterprises, until he had amassed the enormous sum of \$50,000,000.

Alexander T. Stewart first bought a few laces at auction and opened his way to success in a dingy little shop in Broadway, near the site of his wholesale establishment.

George Law forty-five years ago was a common day laborer on the docks, and at the present counts his fortune at something like \$10,000,000.

Robert L. and Alexander Stuart, the noted sugar refiners, in their boyhood sold molasses candy, which their widowed mother had made, at a cent a stick; and today are worth probably \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 apiece.

Marshal O. Roberts is the possessor of \$4,000,000; and yet until he was 25 did not have \$100 that he could call his own.

Horace B. Claflin, the eminent dry goods merchant, worth, it is estimated from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 commenced the world with energy, determination and hope; and see how magnificently he has invested them.

A CURRENCY CONGRESS is to be held at Vienna some time this summer, to consult about the practicability of adopting one standard of coin for all Christendom. We do not imagine that the time has yet come for an agreement upon any matter of that sort, but it will come before the death of the people now alive. While nations were isolated, as they were fifty years ago, the different currencies caused little inconvenience, but travel and traffic are increasing so rapidly that we must bring our coins, as well as weights and measures, into harmony.

NATIONAL FINANCES. On the first of this month, the total debt of the United States bearing interest was just about, in round numbers, \$1,720,000,000. The total debt, including legal tenders and other liabilities not bearing interest, was \$2,260,724,089. And there was in the treasury \$110,000,000 in cash. In three months ending May 31st 1873, the debt payments were \$7,416,827. But in the same time there was a very marked increase of cash in the treasury, and the payments might have been \$20,000,000 without the least inconvenience. The receipts for the year promise to over go the estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury by \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The national finances are therefore in a healthy condition, and hint to the next Congress the necessity of still further reducing both direct and indirect taxes.

CHAMPION FIRE EXTINGUISHER. Our enterprising young friend Charley Tregaskis, has secured the agency for this invention and will give an exhibition of its capabilities here in a few days. This fire extinguisher is a portable arrangement, and is charged with chemicals and water always ready for emergency. It produces a force of carbonic acid gas of 100 pounds to the square inch, and will throw a stream with unequaled force and effect fully 50 feet and extinguish burning tar, oil, benzene and other combustible fluids and vapors. It is a well-known fact that carbonic acid gas has forty times the extinguishing force of water, and is harmless even when thrown upon the most delicate fabrics. The price of the extinguisher and four charges of chemicals is \$60. If every household in town would procure one of these, the danger of a destructive fire would be greatly diminished, it not entirely obviated.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES June 3, 2013

Approved payment of the bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$42,156; Road & Bridge \$19,467; District Court \$768; Probation \$161; Indigent & Charity \$2,441; Revaluation \$283; Solid Waste \$482; Weeds \$199; 911 \$543; Vessel \$6.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution 2013-18 authorizing temporary intern in the Prosecutor’s office.

Adopted Owyhee County Resolution 2013-19 authorizing the sale of water from the Murphy Township.

Approved the final plat for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Addition. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

6/19/13

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES May 28, 2013

Approved renewal of alcohol beverage licenses for Murphy General Store, Idaho Pizza Company, Pour House, Fisher’s Saloon, Jumbo’s Auto Supply and Blue Canoe Catering LLC.

Approved catering permits for Blue Canoe Catering.

Approved Certificate of Residency for Alejandra Hernandez.

Approved a Professional Services Agreement for Spanish Interpretative Services.

Indigent & Charity: Approved placing liens on cases 13-27 and 13-28. Cases 13-23 and 13-28 denied. Cases 13-20 and 13-06 were approved as amended.

Approved County Comment on Draft Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Management Plan. Approved Land Use Plan Amendments Protest regarding the Gateway West Project. Ballots from the May 21, 2013 consolidated election were canvassed and approved. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

6/19/13

FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Salvage rights to: Item 1) Old gas station and shop, includes concrete block building with large metal shop and content. Item 2) Large old wooden storage shed. Both can be seen at 615 Riverside Ave, Grand View, ID. Buildings must be completely removed by July 21, 2013. Bid sheet is available at Grand View City Hall and at www.grandviewidaho.us Bids are due by June 27, 2013 at 3:30 PM. Drop sealed bid at city hall or mail to Sealed Bid 0627, City of Grand View, PO Box 69, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, ID 83624.

6/19/13

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Homedale Highway District is calling for bids to furnish and apply emulsified asphalt and to furnish, load, haul, and placing of ½ inch fractured aggregate for the seal coating of approximately 7.5 miles in the district. Separate sealed bids must be delivered to the secretary on or before July 2nd, by 5 p.m., either personally or by mail to: P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628. The sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting at 8 p.m., on July 3rd, 2013, at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado Avenue in Homedale.

For Bid Packets with specifications and bid documents and for more information, call Director of Highways Stewart Constantine at 208 337-3500.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier’s check in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal, made payable to the Homedale Highway District. Said bid security shall be forfeited to the Homedale Highway District as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal, as specified in the Instruction to Bidders.

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

Terri Uria, Secretary
6/12,19/13

INVITATION TO BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:

Furnishing road oil for approximately five (5) miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2013. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 5th day of July, 2013.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling RICK MEADE, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 880-8215.

Dated June 11, 2013
Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer
6/19/13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2013-02965 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 CARMEN M. JESENKO, 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 5th day of June, 2013.

/s/Paul Jesenko, 810 West Locust Lane, Nampa, ID 83686, 208-461-0837

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6/19,26;7/3/13

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE IMPLEMENTATION
LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on July 3rd, at 8 p.m. in the office of the Homedale Highway District, located at 102 East Colorado Avenue in Homedale, Idaho 83628, the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Highway District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners’ intent to make a decision to establish the following proposed Fee Schedule Per Idaho Code 63-1311.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed Fee Schedule: *(proposed)*

<u>Fee Schedule</u> <u>Homedale Highway District</u>	
<u>Subdivision Fees (1)</u> Preliminary Plat	Actual, if any after Final Plat Review
Improvement Drawing Review (Payable with Plan Submittal)	\$200.00 plus \$6.00 per lot (2)
Final Plat Review (Payable with Final Plat Submittal)	\$300.00 plus \$6.00 per lot (2)
Construction Phase (Payable at Preconstruction Meeting)	\$600.00 plus \$40.00 per lot (2)
Testing	Actual cost
<u>Application and Permit to use Right-of-Way (3) (Special Use Permits)</u> (Administrative Fee and Deposit shall be separate, but payable at time of application.)	
Administrative Fee (4)	
Approach, Subdivision- 1 or 2 Residential Properties	\$50.00
Approach, Non-Subdivision - 1 or 2 Residential Properties	\$100.00
Approach, Commercial & 3 or more Residential	\$150.00
Street Cut, Perpendicular to Roadway	\$150.00
Street Cut, Parallel to Roadway (5)	\$700.00 plus \$1.00 per foot
Utilities (6)	\$50.00
Other	Based on estimated construction, as determined by Highway District
Deposit (7) (Deposit Refundable upon satisfactory completion of work)	
Approach , Subdivision - 1 or 2 Residential Properties	\$200.00
Approach, Non-Subdivision - 1 or 2 Residential Properties	\$400.00
Approach, Commercial & 3 or more Residential	\$2,000.00
Street Cut, Perpendicular to Roadway	\$1,500.00
Street Cut, Parallel to Roadway (5)	\$15.00 per foot
Other	Based on estimated construction, as determined by Highway District
<u>Variance</u>	
Highway District Standards	\$550.00 plus any additional cost (8)
Setback (Section or Quarter Section Line)	\$150.00
<u>Right-of-Way Vacation/Abandonment/ Dedications/Validation</u>	\$1600.00 plus any additional cost (8,9)
<u>Right-of-Way Reclassification</u>	\$550.00 plus any additional cost (8)
<u>House Moving Permits</u>	\$5.00 plus any damage
<u>Wide load Permits</u>	\$5.00 plus any damage
<u>Sign Installation Cost (per sign or Sign Post) (10)</u>	\$75.00
<u>No Spray Zones</u>	
Initial Application	\$25.00
Renewal	\$10.00
<u>Highway Standards Manual</u>	\$10.00, plus tax, if applicable

Fee Schedule Notes:

(1) For multi-Phase developments, complete Final Plat(s) and Improvement Drawings may be submitted for the entire development for review at one time and will be subject to review fees based on the total number of lots. If Final Plats and Improvement Drawings are submitted separately for each phase, review fees will be based on each phase as a separate development. Construction phase fees will apply to each individual phase of construction.

(2) Subdivision fees shall be based on buildable lots, and developer is responsible for Engineer review costs. Developer must inform potential lot purchaser of associated approach fees.

(3) The Highway District reserves the option to increase this fee or deposit under special conditions.

(4) Administrative fees for approaches, street cuts, or other work within the right-of-way for which construction commences without first obtaining a permit to use the right-of-way, shall be triple the amount otherwise required, and permit expires sixty (60) days from issue date. Work must be completed prior to sixty (60) days, or deposit will be forfeited unless other arrangements are made with Highway District.

(5) Administrative Fees and Deposits for, street cuts, parallel to centerline shall apply to off-site roadway widening and frontage improvements for subdivisions in other jurisdictions.

(6) Utilities include power, gas, telecommunications, and cable.

(7) In lieu of deposit, major utility companies shall provide an annual Bond in the amount of \$7500.00 to the Homedale Highway District.

(8) Any additional costs will be charged at the actual amount above those included in the fee.

(9) Fee includes \$300.00 in legal costs and \$300.00 for public hearing advertisement.

(10) Sign installation cost does not include sign and sign post assembly costs. Administrative permit applies at time of permit issuance for initial sign installation.

In addition to the above listed fees, the following Public Records Request Fees will be considered for implementation:

- ☐ Certification Costs - \$1.00 per certification
- ☐ Copying costs for over 100 pages @ \$0.15 per page
- ☐ Person hour charge @ \$25.00 per hour per person
- ☐ And redaction costs for attorney review and redaction @ \$150.00

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee schedule to be imposed.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2013

Terri Uria, Secretary
Homedale Highway Dist.
6/19,26/13

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Public notices

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. CV-2013-02826
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

THE ESTATE OF GRANT R. DEMING and HOPE M. DEMING, husband and wife, Plaintiff,

vs.
FRANK BELVEDERE AND SPOUSE IF ANY, RALPH SCHRADER AND SPOUSE IF ANY, DONALD G. TUCKER AND SPOUSE IF ANY, FLOYD HUXFORD AND PATRICIA HUXFORD, husband and wife, JOHN AND JANE DOES I through X, and CORPORATIONS X, Y, AND Z, Defendants.

TO: FRANK BELVEDERE AND SPOUSE IF ANY, HUXFORD AND PATRICIA HUXFORD, husband and wife, JOHN AND JANE DOES I through X, and CORPORATIONS X, Y, AND Z

You have been sued by THE ESTATE OF GRANT R. DEMING and HOPE M. DEMING, husband and wife, the Plaintiff, in the Third Judicial District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2013-02826.

The nature of the claim against you is for quiet title.

Any time after 20 days following the publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the property form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Post Office Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650, and telephone number (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response to the other party's attorney, Larry C. Ashcraft, whose mailing address and telephone number are: Post Office Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647 (208) 587-9797.

A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court of Larry C. Ashcraft. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said District Court this

30th day of May, 2013.
Clerk of the District Court
By Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk
6/12,19,26;7/3/13

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-2013-4922
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
CANYON**

In the Matter of the Estate of DAN T. MORRIS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that such claims must either by presented to the undersigned personal representatives of the estate at the address stated below, or be filed with the above named Court.

DATED: May 24 2013
SIGNED: Tom L. Morris,
Personal Representative
Richard B. Eismann, Attorney
for the Personal Representative,
3016 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa, ID 83651-6416
6/5,12,19,26/13

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2013-2961
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: LORINDA WALLERS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against said deceased 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, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED This 30 day of May, 2013.

/s/Samantha Meshack-Hart,
Personal Representative of the
Estate of LORINDA WALLERS
COFFEL LAW, P.C., 921
7th Street South, Nampa, ID 83651. Phone 208-466-0050
Fax 208-465-9956, Attorney for
Petitioner
6/19,26;7/3/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: May 29, 2013 File No.: 7023.96863 Sale date and time (local time): September 30, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1911 Sunflower Lane Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Estella A. Rockey, a single person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Recording date: 02/27/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 264078 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 29, 2013: \$105,803.54 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 5 of Block 10 of Sunset Ranch Subdivision, part of the North half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The

sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.96863) 1002.249981-File No.
6/19,26;7/3,10/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: May 21, 2013 File No.: 7023.104844 Sale date and time (local time): September 24, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 153 N 1st Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Morgan M. Searles, an unmarried person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Recording date: 03/18/2002 Recorder's instrument number: 239015 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 21, 2013: \$38,007.82 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Parcel I: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake at the Northeast corner of Block 2 in the Gentry Subdivision in the Village

of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 22 degrees 41' East a distance of 21.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 1 degrees 30' West along the West side of First Street in said Gentry Subdivision for a distance of 180.3 feet to an iron stake which is the True Point of Beginning; said point also being South 0 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 234.53 feet from the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision as set with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence North 1 degree 30' West (also of record as North), 50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30' West (also of record as West), 125 feet; thence South 1 degree 30' East (also of record as South), 50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30' East (also of record as East), 125 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision said corner being monumented with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence South 0 degree 00'00" East a distance of 174.53 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision to the True Point of Beginning; thence continueing South 0 degree 00'00" East a distance of 10.00 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision; thence perpendicular to the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision North 90 degrees 00'00" West a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 26 degrees 30'46" East a distance of 11.17 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 120.01 feet to the True 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# 7023.104844) 1002.249565-File No.

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Vision for Grand View evolving

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plan move
forward

As Grand View gets ready for its biggest celebration of the year, city officials continue to work on reformation and reclamation.

The City Council is working on a Planning and Zoning procedure handbook, continuing a process begun 30 years ago when a P&Z commission was created.

The mayor and council members serve as the commission, but no guidelines were set down in the years since Ordinance 18 passed.

“In the meantime, we’ve had some development, so we felt we had to have some policies and procedures in place so we do have healthy development coming in,” Mayor Tammy Payne said.

So far the updates have included a building permit and fee structure, but other things — including a master plan to further flesh out zoning — are yet to come.

Grand View took a big step with the community review process, during which citizens had the opportunity to chime in.

“The community review results will be received this week,” Payne said. “We’ll use (the review) to inform us as we do a comprehensive plan.”



The Goodman Oil location was transferred to the city on June 7. From left: Councilperson Opal Ward, Goodman Oil Co. president Royce Goodman, Councilperson Mary Bradeen, Councilmen Bill Mead and community leader Bob Swenson. Submitted photo

A comprehensive plan is sorely needed.

“The ordinance that was established was very limited toward direction,” Payne said.

The city is busy moving forward with reclamation of Goodman Oil on Riverside Avenue.

On June 7, Goodman Oil Inc. president Royce Goodman signed over the site to the city in the latest step in a plan to turn the riverside spot into a day-use park.

The city is taking sealed bids on the salvage rights for the site’s buildings, which must be removed by July 21. Bids are due by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

According to a release announcing the property transfer, the city will solicit park name ideas from the community during Grand View Days. Top suggestions will appear in water and sewer bills for voting, Payne said.

The state-subsidized site cleanup process includes contracting with a geologist to sample the soil that is excavated from the site. The geologist will develop a plan to ensure that any contaminated soil is removed in accordance with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality guidelines.

Plans are to have a viewing dock and restroom built by the fall.

— JPB



Laughter yoga instructor Patti Sexton, left, leads Leora Zanks in the “Smiling Lion” routine.

Laughter Yoga comes to Homedale Sr. Center

Stress-relief class open to everyone

With the help of a local leader, the Homedale Senior Center has added a Laughter Yoga class to its calendar.

Patti Sexton has been leading Laughter Yoga classes since March, and she started a weekly class last Wednesday at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The class costs \$3 and is open to anyone, not just seniors, Sexton said. The class begins at 1:30 p.m. after lunch each Wednesday, and registration is available at the center’s front desk.

The name, however, may be a little misleading. There are no requirements to bend into yoga exercise positions such as forward bends, inversions or backbends.

“I wanted to do it to introduce it to people to relieve stress,” Sexton said. “All that is the yoga part is the deep breathing like in yoga.”

The yoga poses are replaced by laughter and hand-clapping.

“You burn as many calories in 10 minutes of laughter as you do in 30 minutes of aerobic exercise,” she said.

Last week, one person took advantage of the class. Sexton explained the concept to Homedale resident Leora Zanks before the pair began their exercises.

“It sounded interesting,” Zanks

said of her reasoning to give it a shot.

Sexton explained the Laughter Yoga was developed by a doctor in India and incorporates “eye contact and childlike playfulness.”

The first exercise Sexton guided Zanks through was “Smiling Lion,” which amounted to the women making faces at one another and then laughing heartily and ending the exercise with hand-clapping and make a large circle with their arms.

Sexton said Laughter Yoga isn’t well-known in the U.S. She surfed the Web to find information about the practice developed in India a couple decades ago. There are only four instructors in the United States.

Sexton took a class in Idaho Falls to become a leader. More training is required to become an instructor, who teaches those who will lead classes.

Sexton also leads sessions in Marsing at Coy’s Coffee at 6 p.m. on Fridays and on the first Saturday of the month at The Spot Pizza, although she said that schedule may be expanded.

“Eventually I would like to get it into churches and schools because they say it stops a lot of bullying,” Sexton said. In the countries that have Laughter Yoga, they don’t have the bullying problem like we do. (Laughter Yoga) is part of their daily routine.” — JPB



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