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### VanDerhoff Legion Post 32 commemorates Memorial Day

The George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 honor guard and others look on as a wreath is placed in the Snake River during part of Monday's traditional Memorial Day observance.

## Bruneau-Grand View will close two schools

Levy fails; district trustees slash \$1M, several jobs

eliminate several positions and more than \$1 million from the next budget.

The plan adopted last month was set in motion after district patrons voted May 20 to reject a two-year, \$1.2 million supplemental levy. The levy lost by 49 votes (310 against, 262 in favor).

All Bruneau-Grand View School District students will be housed in one school in the fall, and trustees are prepared to

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### May 20 election results

#### District 2 county commissioner

##### Two-year term

x-Kelly Aberasturi (I)	776 (63.1%)
George Hyer	454 (36.9%)

#### District 23B state rep GOP nomination

x-Pete Nielsen (I)	2,043 (51%)
Steve Millington	1,961 (49%)

#### Bruneau-Grand View school levy

Yes	262 (45.8%)
No	310 (54.2%)

#### Marsing-Homedale Cemetery levy

Yes	363 (44.2%)
No	458 (55.8%)

### Marsing High School celebrates the Class of 2014

Taylor Rae Brown smiles broadly as she clutches her diploma and a bouquet of flowers following Friday's Marsing High School graduation ceremony at the gymnasium.

Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Kelly Aberasturi



Pete Nielsen

## Aberasturi rolls to second BOCC term

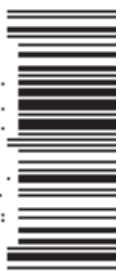
Owyhee voters help Nielsen hold off challenge

of County Commissioners during last week's Republican primary.

The Homedale-area resident defeated his predecessor, Homedale resident George Hyer, by

Kelly Aberasturi secured a second term on the Board

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# Cattle drive absent from Outpost Days

OCHS fundraiser set for June 7-8 in Murphy

There are quite a few changes in store for Outpost Days this year.

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8 at the county museum complex in Murphy.

The most noticeable change for this year's event is the end of the cattle drive, which for years was held at noon on the opening day to emulate men such as Con Shea, who brought longhorn cattle into Owyhee County from Texas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The cattle drive also was part of the 4-H Working Ranch Horse Project.

The last time a cattle drive wasn't held as part of Outpost Days was 2011 when organized scratched the event because of fears over the Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1).

While the cattle drive won't take place on the first day of the weekend festival of western heritage, the Outpost Days 5-kilometer fun run and walk will return at 8 a.m. on June 7.

Registration is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and younger. There is a discounted entry fee for a family of four or more.

Entry forms are available at the museum, 17085 Basye St., in Murphy.

Bruneau horse trainer Martin Black will present an equestrian demonstration on June 7. The member of a legendary Owyhee County family will show the development of a bridle horse.

Another new addition to the first-day lineup is a golden eagle demonstration from Nampa-based raptor rehabilitation expert Monte Tish.

People coming out to the first day of the event are encouraged to dress in Old West garb and

take part in a costume contest. The judging will take place after the live auction, scheduled for 3 p.m. on June 7.

Donations are being sought for both the June 7 live auction and the silent auction, bidding for which ends at 3 p.m. on June 8. Call Kathy Skelton at (208) 870-5717 for more information on how to help out.

A buckaroo breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. both days inside McKeeth Hall. The price will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and younger, and the menu will include pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, coffee and orange juice.

While there will be live music performed throughout the two-day event, a special concert by the Junior Jammers fiddle group will be held at 6 p.m. on June 7. Admission is \$10, and tickets are available at the museum gift shop.

The annual horny toad race will be held again at 4 p.m. on June 8.

The weekend also marks the end of the annual raffle of a gun and handmade quilt. Tickets are still available through the museum for drawings for the .40-caliber Taurus Slim semi-auto PT 740 and Charlene Nettleton's "Texas Star" donated quilt. Tickets for either drawing are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Attractions both days include lost arts tours, food vendors, and arts and crafts vendors. Some of the lost arts demonstrations will include tatting, panning for gold, weaving and quilting. Other attractions will be a Model A and Model T display on June 7, and Idaho Civil War re-enactors and the Idaho Free Trappers on both days.

Call the museum at (208) 495-2319 for more information on any aspect of Outpost Days.

## Next week

A visit with quilt-maker Charlene Nettleton.

# Woman hurt in U.S. 95 accident

A 21-year-old Homedale woman was taken to the hospital with a head laceration after a two-vehicle accident Thursday on U.S. Highway 95.

Jacy Grimm was driving alone in a 2006 Toyota Corolla when, according to Homedale Police Officer Christopher Jacob, she pulled into the path of a 1984 Oldsmobile that 30-year-old Homedale resident Caleb Morgan was driving northbound on U.S. 95.

"(Morgan) said he was going 45 to 50 mph at the time of the impact," Jacob said.

Grimm pulled away from the stop sign heading west from Pioneer Road across the highway when the accident occurred.

The force of the crash, which was reported at 5:10 p.m., destroyed the passenger-side front fender of Morgan's vehicle and sent Grimm's car into a nearby field.



First-responders, from left, Trent Price, Tom Fogg and Jeff Eidemiller tend to Jacy Grimm after Thursday's wreck. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Grimm suffered a head laceration and was transported to a local hospital by Homedale Ambulance. During his departmental report during the City Council's Thursday meeting, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said it was believed Grimm was cut by

a bobby-pin in her hair.

Grimm was treated and released at a local hospital. She was cited for failure to yield.

Jacob said Morgan suffered a minor knee injury, but he did not receive treatment at the scene.

— JPB



## Friday accident on Idaho 78 sends one to hospital

An unidentified motorcyclist hangs his head as Marsing Ambulance takes his riding partner to a landing zone for transportation to a Boise trauma center Friday on Idaho highway 78 south of Marsing High School. The unidentified rider reportedly suffered broken bones and a lung injury when his motorcycle was rear-ended by a Dodge pickup pulling a stock trailer north on the road. No other details were available. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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## Lizard Butte Library holds summer reading open house

On Friday, the Lizard Butte Library will play host to a summer reading kick-off event. The open house at both the library and the Marsing rural fire station will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Representatives from the Star Lab from the Whittenberger Planetarium at The College of Idaho will be set up at the fire station for the event. Amy Strine Trukse, the Planetarium director, will be at the fire station teaching about constellations and the stories behind them.

Science experiments, such as a Coke and Mentos candy demonstration, will be conducted at the library.

Anyone can sign up for summer reading and for a library card that night. There will also be drawings for bags and books during the event.

For more information, contact Janna Streibel at 896-4690.

The programs are open to elementary school-aged children

and will be held at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday morning in June at the library, 111 W. 3rd St. S.

The theme of the summer reading program this year is “Have a blast at your Library!” It will focus on science.

**Next Wednesday** — Attendees will learn about what makes popcorn pop.

**June 11** — A summer snowstorm will hit the library.

**June 18** — The class will study gravity.

**June 25** — Students will learn about computer code.

The library is also hosting a teen program this year. Teens will be entered into a drawing for every day they read during a one-week period. Each week, one winner will be selected.

Local businesses such as Essence of Life, Buckaroo Bunny, Whitehouse Drive-In, Sleepy Hollow Quilt Shop, Marsing Hardware and Rubbles have donated prizes.



Homedale volunteer firefighter Guillermo Machuca sprays a burnt and broken power pole with water so an Idaho Power crew can remove and replace it last Wednesday on Main Street. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## Wind-triggered fire leaves dozens without electricity in Homedale

High winds sparked a fire that destroyed a power pole in Homedale last Wednesday, leaving Idaho Power customers without power for nearly six hours.

Volunteer firefighters received the call at 6:33 p.m. and, with help of Homedale Police Officer Chris Jacob, blocked off a portion of South Main Street.

Firefighter Jason Conant said high winds blew two power lines together, and the electrical arc ignited the pole. Conant said because of the nature of the fire, crews couldn't put water on the

blaze until Idaho Power shut off the power.

The wooden power pole burned and snapped in half, leaving about 27 people without electricity. Idaho Power spokesperson Kevin Winslow said

The pole, which stood north of Don's Automotive, was replaced

once an Idaho Power crew arrived and cut the power at 8:33 p.m. Electrical service was restored at 2:25 a.m. Thursday.

Conant said one family whose home was about 20 yards from the power pole were asked to leave their house as a precaution.

— JPB

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✓BOCC: Only statehouse races planned for November general election

322 points in the May 20 election for a two-year District 2 term.

Aberasturi garnered 63.1 percent of the vote last week four years after defeating Hyer — then the incumbent — by 52 votes in the Republican primary.

The election attracted 35 percent of the county’s registered voters with some of the lowest turnout numbers occurring in the Homedale-Marsing area.

All results from the May 20 election were unofficial until the Board of County Commissioners canvassed the ballots during their Tuesday meeting, which occurred after deadline.

In 2010, Aberasturi went on to defeat Democrat Mary Tibbett (now Waite) in November.

Aberasturi won’t have a challenger in the general election on Nov. 4 this year.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) won a four-year term in an uncontested GOP primary last week.

No Democrats are seeking any of the county offices up for election this year.

In the only other contested race on the Owyhee County ballot, Legislative District 23 Seat B incumbent Rep. Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) earned 51 percent of the vote in two whole counties and part of a third to hold off a strong challenge from Steve Millington (R-Buhl).

Nielsen will try for his seventh term in the House of Representatives in November against Democrat “Spike” R. L. Ericson of Oasis.

Millington waged a primary campaign against Nielsen for the second consecutive election cycle and made great strides among voters in Elmore County and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County.

In 2012, Millington garnered only 40 percent of the vote as Nielsen held a more than 2-to-1 margin among Owyhee voters.

This time, Nielsen still carried Owyhee County, 690-482, but saw the advantage in his home county dwindle to just 53 votes (1,095 to 1,042) while Millington carried Twin Falls County, 437-258.

There were no other contested races last week, so incumbents prevailed in their primaries. None of the county officials will face challenges in November and have smooth sailing to new terms come January.

Brenda Richards (treasurer) and Brett Endicott (treasurer) earned four more years in Murphy. County Clerk Angie Barkell and Coroner Aaron Tines were elected to full four-year terms after receiving appointments to succeed Charlotte Sherburn and Harvey Grimme, respectively, mid-term.

District 23A Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) and state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) were both unopposed in their bids for their party’s nomination for November.

While Brackett doesn’t face a Democratic challenger, Wills will battle Homedale’s Mary Ann Richards in November. Richards received 22 of her 75 Owyhee County votes in Grand View, and she received 37 votes in Twin Falls County. Elmore County-specific results were unavailable.

✓Schools: 2014-15 budget hearing scheduled June 12

“(Last Wednesday), everybody was kind of down with just the initial reaction to the defeat, but we’ve gathered together and now we’re working to move forward,” district superintendent and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School principal Dennis Wilson said.

Officials have begun the work of moving all the district’s students to the high school so elementary schools in Grand View and Bruneau can be closed.

There could be about 335 students at Rimrock, and another bus route will be added.

“We’re going to use all the available space we have,” Wilson said. “We can get them in here (Rimrock). We’ll have to use our portables out back that we used for different things this year.”

The consolidation will mean the loss of about a dozen jobs throughout the district, including three positions at the elementary, secretary positions, paraprofessionals, custodians and cooks. At the high school, there will be 4.5 fewer positions when the next school year starts. Wilson said courses will be reduced with one less teacher for math, English, science and professional-technical. A half-time physical education/health education position also will be dropped.

Other positions are open because teachers have decided to leave the district, and Wilson said the trustees will try to fill the jobs with multi-faceted instructors who could handle more than one subject.

The reductions reflect a proposed 2014-15 budget that is nearly \$1.1 million leaner than the amended budget under which the district is operating now. The district has set a June 12 hearing for the proposed \$4.09 million budget.

Wilson said the cuts also could include middle school and high school athletics, but a fledgling booster group is planning fundraisers. The district has proposed a steep increase in participation fees, too. High school athletes would pay \$100 per sport (they now pay \$25), and junior high fees would go from \$15 to \$75 per sport.

The levy proposal lost by five more votes than a March 11 election. This time around, voters went to six precincts, including Chatin Flats in Elmore County, and cast 572 ballots. Only Chatin Flats and the Bruneau precinct in Owyhee County supported the measure, which went down to defeat by nearly a 2-to-1 margin in the Grand View precinct (164 no votes to 86 yes votes).

Two years ago drastic cuts were carried out when the \$1.4 million supplemental levy failed in its first try. Patrons returned in August 2012 to approve the levy with 56.1 percent of the vote, a margin of 74 votes.

— JPB

M-H cemetery levy rejected

Voters in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District rejected an override levy in a May 20 election.

The district board sought a \$30,000 levy for expenses and to upgrade lawn equipment.

Of 821 votes cast, 55.8 percent (458) were against the proposal, while 353 people voted in favor.

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# Obituaries

## Cobey Levi James Anderson/Sanford

Cobey Levi James Anderson/Sanford, 10, of Wilder, passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2014 in Wilder of an ATV accident. Cobey was born on January 22, 2004 in Caldwell, ID.

He loved the Lord, the great outdoors, fishing, camping, and riding 4-wheelers. He dreamed of riding a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, and Driving Big Trucks. Cobey touched everyone's heart in some way.

He will be missed by all his family and friends. Cobey is survived by Mother, Samantha Elizabeth Sanford; Dads: John David Sanford, Jimmy Anderson; brother, Dillin Wayne Leroy Anderson/Sanford; Grandmas: Debra June



Sutton, Peggy Anderson, Erika Sanford; Grandpas: Kenny Rex Andreason, David E. Sanford; Aunts and Uncles: Wayne Lamb, Terry Beachler, Kasey Deloen, Shane Green, Robert Sanford, Christina Seifrit, Tommy Sanford, Matt Sanford, Terry Anderson, Leo

Anderson, and many cousins.

He went on to meet his passed family: Great-grandfather, Charles Samuel Carver Sr.; Great Grandma Leona Elizabeth Carver; Great Aunt Buffy Carver; Grandfathers: Paul Sutton, Jim Anderson Sr.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, from 5:00- 8:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel (27 E. Owyhee) Homedale, ID. Cobey's Funeral Service will be held on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID. Condolences may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

## Irene Louise Thomas Walker

Irene Louise Thomas Walker, 82, of Homedale, died on Saturday, May 24, 2014. She was born in Thurston, New York on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1931 to Estelle Mae Williamson Thomas and Chester Lewis Thomas. She was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 9 children. She attended the local school district and Savona Central School, NY. After moving from New York State, she resided in Indiana, Wyoming, California and then located to Idaho.

Irene and her soul mate, John "Jack" Walker, raised their family on the Walker Farm SW of Homedale. Irene was involved in the Presbyterian Church, 4-H, a school room mother, Brownies, and Boy Scouts. She enjoyed her



farm animals and large garden and was known to be up all night canning her harvest.

Irene is survived by her Children: Donna Lowe, Jay Hawks, Kerry (Maria) Hawks,

Don Walker, Alan Walker, Cindy Walker, Zane (Jennifer) Walker, and D-I-L, Lisa Walker. Siblings: Arlene (Ray) Leonard, June (Jim) Field, Dorothy Thomas, and Bruce (Shorty) Thomas.

She was preceded in death by Husband, Jack Walker, her parents, Sister, Betty Gaskey, Brothers: Chester Jr., Charles and John

Thomas. Irene's Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel (27 E. Owyhee) Homedale, ID. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID. Condolences may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

## Homedale pool opens for summer on Monday

Homedale's municipal swimming pool will be open for free swimming today and Thursday.

Located in Riverside Park, the pool opens for the summer on Monday.

Regular pool hours will be 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It will cost \$2 per day to

swim, but family passes also are available:

- \$45 for one person
- \$65 for two people
- \$80 for three people
- \$100 for four people
- \$120 for five people

The pool will be available for rental between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday at a rate of \$35 for one hour and \$50 for two hours.

Swimming lessons will be offered in the mornings. Ten 30-minute lessons will cost \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

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

## “Hungry Thing” visits Homedale Story Time

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will feature “The Hungry Thing Returns” by Jan Slepian at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Hungry Thing is a silly monster that is always hungry, and confusion ensues when he brings a friend to school.

There will be snacks, crafts and singing, too.

Call the library at 337-4228 in the afternoon Monday through Saturday for more information.

## Local men to retire from banking industry

Two men with Homedale ties are retiring from Zions Bank this week.

An open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday in Caldwell to celebrate 12 years of service from Homedale native Ray Bicandi.

The public is invited to enjoy light refreshments and visit with Bicandi at Zions Bank's Caldwell Financial Center, 509 S. Kimball Ave.

Homedale resident Dennis Dines' last day with Zions Bank is Friday. He has worked as a commercial relationship manager at Zions Bank's Wilder Financial Center since 2005.

A vice president and commercial relationship manager, Bicandi has specialized in agricultural lending since graduating from Washington State University in 1975 with a degree in animal science.

He began his career with Farm Credit and stayed with the company until moving to First Security in 1991. After a decade with First Security, he moved to Intermountain Community Bank

before Zions Bank hired him in 2002.

Bicandi was raised on a farm in Homedale.

“Working with the agricultural customers has been very pleasurable because that's what I grew up with,” Bicandi said.

His strategy for enjoy retirement is simple.

“I plan to have no plans. The possibilities are endless,” he said.

Bicandi hopes to spend time with his family and attend the sporting events of his five grandchildren. The grandson of Basque immigrants, Bicandi plans to continue his involvement with Euzkaldunak Charities, Inc. in Caldwell, which he has supported for more than 25 years.

Before joining Zions Bank nine years ago, Dines spent 34 years with Farm Service Agency. He began his banking career with FSA prior to graduating from the University of Idaho.

Dines looks forward to “chasing grandkids to ballgames” and spending more time with his wife of 45 years, Valerie.

## Homedale students on George Fox spring term Dean's List

Senior Becca Schroeder and sophomore Melanie Schroeder, both of Homedale, have been

named to the George Fox University spring semester Dean's List.

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

*Salad Bar Daily: lettuce, tomatoes, egg salad along with either beet salad, apricots or mandarin oranges*

May 28: Ham/cheese on bun, lettuce & tomato, macaroni salad

May 29: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, bread

June 3: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, bread

June 4: BBQ chicken, egg noodles, broccoli, bread

### Marsing Senior Center

May 28: Soup & sandwich bar, assorted meat & vegetable soup, salad bar, fruit

May 29: Roast pork, baked potato w/sour cream, California blend veggies, 3 bean salad, bread, fruit cocktail

### Rimrock Senior Center

May 29: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, custard dessert

## Service notice

A celebration of life for **TOM GAMMETT**, who grew up in Marsing and died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 in Nampa, will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 202 Riverview Drive, Marsing. Please RSVP to (208) 514-6509.

## Youth tennis clinic slated for Homedale courts

The Homedale High School tennis program is hosting its second annual free clinic.

The event is open to all middle school- and high school-aged boys and girls regardless if they have any tennis experience or not.

Lloyd Williamson, the tennis professional at River City Racquet Club in Nampa, will lead the clinic, which takes place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The clinic will be held at the Bette Uda City Park tennis courts.

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# Event will help woman fight cancer

The Homedale High School drama club is teaming up with a group of young people who call themselves “Audrey’s Angels” for a fundraiser on Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the old high school gymnasium.

The event will be a benefit for Audrey Brown of Homedale who is battling cancer.

The angels group is an LDS young women’s group that Audrey was a former leader of.

There are about 18 members. The drams club has nearly 20 members.

An Improv Night is being held in conjunction with a bake sale. The Improv Night will include skits and games with audience involvement. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Audrey is the grown daughter of Jeff and Lesa Folwell of Homedale. Lesa teaches sixth grade at Homedale Middle School. Audrey and her husband Sam have a 4-year-old daughter, Violet. The family resides in Homedale but will be temporarily moving to Utah for Audrey to receive a bone marrow transplant.

The drama club is also accepting donations of Goodwill clothing at the event in an effort to help raise funds for next years play scripts. For more information contact DeAnn Thatcher at 965-0258.

# Calendar

- Today**  
**Genaro Robles fundraiser**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m., taco feed and auctions, Adrian schools cafeteria, Owyhee Avenue, Adrian. (541) 372-2337
- Thursday**  
**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020  
**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Friday**  
**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
afternoons Monday through Saturday  
**Summer reading program open house**  
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Saturday**  
**Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
afternoons Monday through Saturday  
**Senior center dance**  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Monday**  
**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421  
**Book club for adults**  
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- 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
- Wednesday**  
**Military veterans coffee**  
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing  
**Elementary summer reading program**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Summer reading program**  
3:30 p.m., ages 4-9, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
**Homedale Highway District meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

- Thursday, June 5**  
**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020  
**Lizard Butte Library board meeting**  
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867  
**Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub.com
- Friday, June 6**  
**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
afternoons Monday through Saturday


- Saturday, June 7**  
**Outpost Days buckaroo breakfast**  
8 a.m., \$5 adults, \$2.50 10 and younger, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319  
**LeRoy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day**  
9 a.m., Island Park, Marsing  
**Outpost Days**  
10 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319  
**Outpost Days concert**  
6 p.m., \$10, Junior Jammers, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

- Sunday, June 8**  
**Outpost Days buckaroo breakfast**  
8 a.m., \$5 adults, \$2.50 10 and younger, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319  
**Outpost Days**  
10 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319  
**Bruneau Valley Library board meeting**  
2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

- Monday, June 9**  
**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421  
**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
**Homedale Fire District board meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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### Owyhee Graffiti

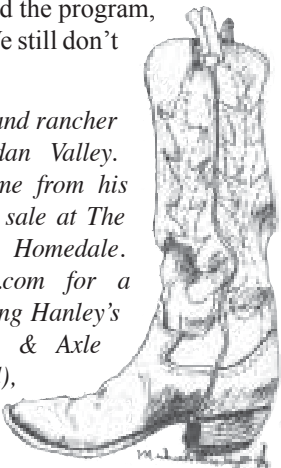
#### Milking Cows and The Warpath

I was speaking to a group of western writers at the Capitol Building in Boise. The subject came around to why the Indians left the reservations in Western Idaho, Northern Nevada, and Eastern Oregon during the Bannock War of 1878.

I told them the basic cause was that the government put them on reservations, told them to start milking cows, and to plow up their land. Then to see that they did, they sent in blue-nosed Yankees to oversee the job. I went on to say that I knew exactly how the Indians felt because I didn't like milking cows and certainly questioned the purpose of regulators coming to us from Washington, D.C.

After the program, a lady came up and introduced herself as a member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe of Fort Hall. She told me she enjoyed the program, touched my arm and said, "We still don't milk cows."

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



# Elementary honor roll Bruneau

**Fifth grade**  
**Honors** — Jorge Alcantar and Yesy Juarez

**Fourth grade**  
**Honors** — Gus Black, Rya Buckingham, Sami Jewett and Victor Lemus

**Third grade**  
**High honors** — Elias Aquiso  
**Honors** — Malakai Benson and April Varela

## Grand View

**Third grade**  
**High honors** — Cooper Raymond and Ali Ramirez  
**Honors** — Jack Meyers, Makenzie Magers, Maklay Moore, Layth Jenkins, Dallyn Hipwell, Shyann Carothers, Ella Boren, Harley Cleaver and Tanner Kerr

## MHS alum completes basic

Air Force Airman Amanda M. Wang has graduated with honors from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

The 2008 Marsing High School graduate is the daughter of Marsing resident Dianne M. Smith.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. She also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.



Amanda M. Wang

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# New grant split between Marsing schools, Hope House

Middle school after-school program ends

The state Department of Education has awarded a \$179,126 grant to the Marsing School District.

Half of the funds will be utilized by Hope House, and the other half will be used by the Marsing schools', after-school academy coordinator Ken Price said.

It is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant for providing outside-school-time programming for both Hope House and the school district.

"We are excited about the opportunities that the grant provides to both the Marsing School District and The Hope House," school district superintendent Norm Stewart said.

The grant will allow the Marsing School District to continue to offer all-day kindergarten and it will provide funding for additional opportunities for the children of the Hope House. We are very thankful to Ken Price for writing this grant, and we are looking forward to the positive opportunities it provides for our children," Stewart said.

Marsing is one of only a handful of districts in Idaho that have an all-day kindergarten program.

"We have found that the children benefit three to four times more from it," Price said.

"This is a big deal for both the school district and Hope House," Price said. "If the federal government keeps funding the

program, the grant will be good for five years."

"This is a highly competitive grant," Price said. The grant application gained 10 bonus points because it was applied for as a partnership.

Price said "the drawback to the grant" is that the portion of the application for the middle school after-school program had to be dropped.

"The grant was not enough to pay for all three needs," he said.

Stewart said "We had to make a choice about where our larger focus was going to be, and we decided that the all-day kindergarten program was a critical aspect."

He said the middle school after-school program will be dropped for the coming school year.

"We will look at other options for the future, but there is just not the funding for it," Stewart said.

Although Hope House is a non-profit organization, Price said it is eligible for the grant money because it's considered to be a community center.

Donnalee Velvick-Lowry, director of Hope House said, "This is the first time for us to be given such a wonderful opportunity."

She said the funds will be used to "enhance the learning skills for our youth in the real-world needs for employment/music/hands on training for work."

**Next week**  
*Learn what Hope House is all about.*

# June fundraiser set for teen's cancer fight

A dinner, auctions and a raffle are planned next month to help a Marsing teenager fighting leukemia.

A benefit for 17-year-old Connor Rhodes will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at the Sandbar River Park on Sandbar Avenue.

The event is a fundraiser to help the Marsing High School student's family with medical expenses related to his recent diagnosis. Cash donations can be made at any US Bank location, too.

A tri-tip dinner will be served for \$9 per plate. There will be live and silent auctions and a raffle.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10, seven for \$20 or 20 for \$50.

Among the items that will be available are a Henry's Golden Boy .22 rifle, a custom-framed picture of Claude Dallas, a 24-gun Bighorn safe and more.

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# Marsing raises bar for H.S. grades

5.0 GPA to be offered for tougher courses

Marsing High School students will be able to graduate with a higher than 4.0 grade-point average in some classes, following a school board decision earlier this month.

Principal Tim Little said the advanced placement courses will be graded on a 5.0 scale rather than a 4.0 scale to reflect the level of learning in those courses, and to help promote student success when applying at colleges.

"We want to distinguish between students who get a 4.0 taking regular classes and those

who take the tougher classes," Little said.

The courses that will offer a 5.0 GPA will be: algebra III, trigonometry, calculus, advanced English, advanced Biology, psychology, physics, chemistry and Spanish III.

Little said the increased standard will help motivate students to achieve higher grades in preparation for college.

**Personnel moves**

During their May 13 meeting, trustees hired MHS graduate Nicasio Usabel as a secondary science teacher at the high school.

The board also accepted nine resignations, including elementary teacher Diane

Berg; high school and middle school track and field coach Jim Eisentrager, who was a teacher and athletic director at the middle school; eighth-grade volleyball coach Kari Eisentrager;

Seventh-grade volleyball coach Ruben Rodriguez; middle school assistant football coach Pedro Carrillo; high school history and physical education teacher Dustin Gochenour; high school softball coach Sean Hardy; Rebecca Cossel, girls' basketball assistant coach; and custodian Marie Jones

Cheryl Katch has been transferred from Title I intervention teacher to the elementary school for a teaching position.

—KB

# 15<sup>th</sup> Breshears fishing day slated

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day lands at Island Park in Marsing on Saturday, June 7.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game organize the free fishing event each year in honor of the longtime Hunter's Education instructor in the Marsing area.

The sportsman was a Posse member and advocated for youth getting involved in hunting and fishing.


The fishing day kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 7. Children can fish free and Posse members

are always on hand to supply loaner rods and reels to those who don't have them as well as bait a hook.

The pond is planted with trout especially for the outing, and there are prizes for boys and girls based on biggest fish and first limit caught.

Organizers are seeking donations from businesses and individuals to help produce the fishing day.


For more information on the fishing day, contact Fish and Game Senior Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or Posse member Tony Malmberg at (208) 880-0782.






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# Masons honor teachers of year



Marsing Elementary third-grade teacher John Barenburg, left, receives the plaque from Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 secretary Rob Troxel. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

## Marsing: John Barenburg

A year of success was celebrated by the Marsing School District for third-grade teacher John Barenburg. He received the Teacher of the Year award at the end of the year staff barbecue Friday. Rob Troxel, secretary of the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, presented the award. Troxel said the lodge has no part in deciding who the recipients are. “It’s all up to the schools to nominate who they think is a deserving candidate,” he said. Elementary school principal Tyson Beggs said, “John is an amazing teacher, person, and colleague. John always goes above and beyond the call of duty for not only his students, but for the entire school. When it comes to technology integration in the classroom, John is second to none: He is a leader in blended learning and an amazing teacher in every aspect of teaching.” The announcement caught the teacher off-guard as he was finishing his lunch. “Wow, was that ever a surprise,” he said. “I had no idea that was coming.”

The award was handed out in front of the Marsing school staff. “Whenever I get recognitions like that, I feel immense gratitude for being recognized for my efforts,” Barenburg said. Barenburg has worked to integrate technology into the classroom, securing seven Samsung Chromebooks for his students. “Our classroom has become somewhat of a model for others. We have hosted visits from many people, including the state superintendent, Northwest Nazarene University representatives, Albertson’s Foundation, Khan Academy, and more. We have been filmed, photographed and interviewed, in order for others to see what we are doing.” “I also feel humbled because I appreciate it so much. I want to express my thanks to the Silver City No. 13 A.F. & A.M. (Ancient Free & Accepted Masons) and the Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. for the award. It made my day,” he said. —KB



Homedale School District teacher of the year Matt Holtry, right, stands with Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 secretary Rob Troxel. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## Homedale: Matt Holtry

It probably didn’t take long for Matt Holtry’s colleagues to figure out he was the Homedale School District teacher of the year. A short time into her introductory speech in which she spelled out attributes to create the acronym of “DEDICATED,” it was clear Homedale Middle School principal Amy Winters was talking about Holtry as the teacher-coach-mentor who has made a significant impact on students in the district. Holtry, who will leave the classroom to become the district’s dean of students for the 2014-15 school year, accepted a plaque during Friday morning’s staff breakfast in the HMS cafeteria from Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 secretary Rob Troxel. The Masons sponsor the teacher of the year program throughout

the districts in the lodge’s sphere of influence. It became clear that Holtry was the 2013-14 recipient as Winters began ticking off attributes such as a teacher who demands hard work from his students but also is quick to offer a guiding hand in many situations middle school and high school students may face. In accepting the award, Holtry said his career path was just as apparent early on in his life when he watched his father, Byron — a coach and educator himself — receive respectful greetings from students and athletes in the supermarket. “My dad has been my role model,” Matt Holtry said. “Growing up, I always wanted to be a teacher and a coach,” Holtry said. “That’s all I ever wanted to do.” —JPB

# Homedale schools give recognition

Homedale School District administrators and staff gathered Friday morning for a year-end breakfast. Recognition included: **Longevity** • **30 years** — Scott Michaelson • **25 years** — Nancy Smith and Pat Warren • **20 years** — Katy Belanger, Salvador Gonzalez, Debbie Pfeifer, Brenda Reay and Wendy Salutregui • **15 years** — Darrin Cook and Pam Gibbens

**Retirements** • Glenda Watts, 37 years • Marilyn Maybon, 35 years • Vicky Landa, 25 years • Bette Uda, 21 years • Chitose Itano, 16 years • Shalla Doyle, 14 years “We’re losing a wealth of talent and experience,” district superintendent Rob Sauer said. “If you look at food service alone with the amount of time and meals and connections they’ve made, the amount of students is mind-boggling that they’ve positively impacted.”

## County schools to get produce

Elementary school students in Owyhee County’s major school districts will receive fresh fruits and vegetables through state grants. The state Department of Education awarded more than \$60,000 from its Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to provide healthy snacks during the school day at elementary schools in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View and Bruneau and Homedale Middle School.

# Marsing district announces year-end award winners

About 400 people gathered at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center for the Celebration of Success banquet, the first of its kind in the community. Marsing School District students and staff were recognized with awards. Families and friends of the top achievers enjoyed a steak banquet, complete with salad, drinks, baked potatoes and a variety of desserts. Shannon Malmberg, Tristan Jarvis, Betty Ackerman and Jolyn Green helped decorate the hall with blue and yellow balloons. Meat was donated by Logan’s Market and cooked by Pete Smit. Desserts were provided by the Marsing Booster Club. Jim Eisentrager took photographs, and helped decorate. Thirty-nine local businesses sponsored the meal, which was served by school personnel, community

volunteers, the Silver Spurs 4-H club and FFA chapter members. Outstanding students of the year were: **Elementary** — Kindergarten: Raleigh Jo Lemos; First: Manuel Rodriguez; Second: Maria Guadalupe Molina; Third: Emily Catherine Vanosdall; Fourth: Miles Phillip Jerome; Fifth: Delaney May Percifield; English As a New Language (EANL): Jesus Alvarez-Moreno; Extended Resource Room: Gabriel Alexander Brough; TLC: Jesus Molina Jr. **Middle school** — Math: Louisa Metcalf; English and Spanish: Landry Samuel Villa; Reading: Alec Thomas Gibson; Science and Band: Krista Lynn Mayer; Social Studies: True Rayne Shippy; EANL: Luis Adrian Alvarez-Moreno; Physical Education: Enrique Jimenez; Health: Logan Robert Stansell; Art: Jesus Jr. Duran; Choir: Rosario Kris-

tina Santos-Garcia; Technology: Joshua Andrei Ayuba. **High school** — Math and Art: Courtney Paige Bryant; English: Morgan Lynn Hall; Science: Benjamin Brian Isert; Social Studies: Ector Quebrado; Spanish and P.E.: Samuel Jacob Galligan; EANL: Luis Guillermo Montoya-Guillen; Health: Shelby Elizabeth Dines; Speech: McKenna Marie Hall; Ag/FFA: Tanner Joe Fisher; Band: Kiera Rose Buckley; Choir: Carley Alice Bond; Business Technology: Troy A. Parquer Students of the year were: **Elementary** — Johana Bernabe Margarito; **Middle school** — Trinity Jo Wood; **High school** — Benjamin Brian Isert. Athletic awards included: **Athlete of the year** — Charlie Galvez, male; Mariah Kinney, female **Sportsmanship** — Raul Gar-

cia, male; Ofelia Herrera, female **Senior scholar/athlete** — Ben Isert, male; Keiya Buckley, female **12-sport athlete** — Austin Williams The high school rodeo club presented framed photos to team advisers Clay Sauer and Darin Miller. District awards also were handed out, and superintendent Norm Stewart shared anonymous quotes about each: **Certified employee of the year** — John DeWitt “John is always there for students and staff. He has stepped up to many leadership roles, is an extremely hard worker. He is an unsung hero.” **Classified employee of the year** — Jacky King “Jacky has gone above and beyond her job description in helping the high school run smooth.

She is a huge help to everyone with her guidance in the counseling department, organization skills and overall positive attitude.” **Volunteer of the year** — Shauna Sauer. “As one of the founders of the booster club, Shauna has spent countless hours supporting the students. She was in charge of keeping the concession stand fully stocked for every home event. She always gives a hand if you need her.” **Alumni of the year** — Dick Symms, MHS Class of 1953 “Grandson of pioneers, son of entrepreneurs, Dick Symms is an alumni Marsing School District can be proud of.” Mayor Keith Green presented a plaque to Stewart for his achievements as superintendent. —KB



# Huskies' Success Banquet celebrates achievement



About 400 people gathered at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center last Wednesday to celebrate the top achievers in the Marsing School District.



Elementary principal Tyson Beggs hands a certificate to first-grader Manuel Rodriguez.



Middle school principal Jacob Skousen gives an award for top science student to Krista Lynn Mayer.



Rodeo club advisors Clay Sauer, left, and Darin Miller received surprise gifts from the students they coached.



High school principal Tim Little awards Courtney Bryant for being the top math student.



Austin Williams, standing with his mom, Kimberly Moore, was honored for being a 12-sport athlete.



Elementary student of the year, Johana Bernabe Margarito.



Middle school student of the year, Trinity Jo Wood.



High school student of the year, Benjamin Brian Isert.



Sportsmanship award winners Ofelia Herrera and Raul Garcia.



Senior scholar award winners Keiya Buckley and Ben Isert.



Athlete of the Year award winners Charlie Galvez and Mariah Kinney.



# Homedale fourth-grader donates bike to schoolmate

Téa Uranga was a winner in Masons’ contest

Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez was amazed and proud of her students last week.

A day after announcing with amazement that her first- through fourth-graders had read more than 4,500 books for a chance to win a bicycle, Vasquez proudly stood by as one of those students, 9-year-old Téa Uranga, handed off her prize to fellow fourth-grader Yasmin Gonzalez.

“It makes me feel good because I know some other people don’t have bikes,” Téa said.

Vasquez said Yasmin’s name was drawn from the remaining

entries in the second annual Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Bikes for Books contest.

The daughter of Emelia and Jesus Gonzalez, Yasmin was speechless when Téa presented the bike last Wednesday. She was a student in Teri Uria’s class during the 2013-14 school year.

The daughter of Jennifer and Tony Uranga, Téa decided to return the bicycle because she received a mountain bike a day after her June 9 birthday last year. She spent her fourth-grade year in Stuart Emry’s class.

“I already have a bike, and I thought someone else could need a bike,” she said.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 Sr. Warden George Decker drew the original four names during a May 20 assembly.

First- through fourth-graders

read 4,510 books since the contest began in March. Children received entries into the bike drawing for each book they completed.

Two boys and two girls each in the first- and second-grade division and third- and fourth-grade division won bikes. Joining Uranga as prize-winners were:

- **First- and second-grade girls** — Mirella Santiago, a 7-year-old first-grader in Melanie Harper’s class, is the daughter of Miguel and Eufrocina Santiago.
- **First- and second-grade boys** — James Anderson, a 6-year-old in Harper’s first-grade class, is the son of Erica and Rudy Anderson.
- **Third- and fourth-grade boys** — Aidon Nelson, a 10-year-old in Teri Uria’s fourth-grade class, is the son of Tammy and Jim Nelson.

— JPB



Téa Uranga, left, and Yasmin Gonzalez stand next to Yasmin’s new bicycle. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Aidon Nelson, left, and Téa Uranga

**Reading to ride**

Homedale Elementary School first- through fourth-graders read 4,510 books during the contest:

**By grade**

- First grade** — 1,690 books
- Second grade** — 380
- Third grade** — 400
- Fourth grade** — 2,040

**By contest division**

- First- and second-grade girls** — 980
- First- and second-grade boys** — 1,090
- Third- and fourth-grade girls** — 1,360
- Third- and fourth-grade boys** — 1,080



Mirella Santiago, left, and James Anderson stand with their bikes.

## HES teachers retire

Shalla Doyle

After 14 years at Homedale Elementary School, Shalla Doyle is retiring.

Shalla was a paraprofessional, then taught first grade up until this year, when she was asked to take on the third-grade class.

“I’ve been very blessed to have the same kids I taught in first grade,” she said. “I’m going out on a high note.”

Students throughout the school have been “begging and pleading” with her not to leave, she said. “I’ve enjoyed the kids’ hugs and their excitement for learning.”



Her favorite memory of teaching first-graders is “when the children start to read. It’s like a light goes on in their brain, and

it’s fun to see that spark and enthusiasm for reading.”

She has enjoyed third grade because of how interesting it is to “see how far you can push them.” Her third graders are working on computers and doing research.

One of the highlights of her teaching years at Homedale has been “the community involvement.” She recalls that at the first grade level, many of the parents were volunteers.

“You really feel the community spirit here, and there are many loving and wonderful parents,”

she said.

Shalla was born in Omaha, Neb., and grew up in parts of Nebraska and Washington. Her dad was in the military, so her family also lived in Puerto Rico for a time.

Before coming to Idaho, Shalla taught in Alaska for three years.

She was a member of the Air National Guard for 24 years, and has worked in various maintenance, administration and educational positions.

She moved to Idaho after meeting her husband, Paddy, who is a retired Air Guardsman and farm-

er. The couple has three grown boys and two grandchildren. Ben, 38, is a pilot living in Alaska. Ryan 34, is an electrician and works for an oil company, and Neil, 22, is in the Air Guard and goes to college full-time.

Her future plans are to spend time with the newest grandbaby, then to travel to various parts of America. She plans to return to the school for volunteer work at some point.

“I want to help the kids who struggle with reading,” she said.

—KB

Marilyn Maybon

Marilyn Maybon has been a familiar face to kindergarteners at Homedale Elementary School for 35 years. This year, she said goodbye to her students for the last time, as she retires from teaching.

In reflecting on her long years at the school, Marilyn says she has enjoyed working with the staff more than anything. She will miss the “camaraderie” of her job and the supportive nature of the school employees.

“Our building has always had the best people,” she said. “It’s



like all-for-one and one-for-all around here.”

She appreciates how everyone at the school works together on

everything, and helps whenever needed.

“We are very rich in that way,” she said. “You can’t buy that kind of caring.”

Teaching kindergarten has “just been fun,” Marilyn said. She has enjoyed being around the children and likes to hear what they say.

“If you ask them a question about anything, they always have a good reason for what they do.”

She thinks the attitudes of children are “very refreshing.”

“We are just a step along their

road.”

For the future, she is working on getting a plan together, but hasn’t finalized it yet.

Marilyn was born and raised in Emmett, and taught at New Plymouth before coming to Homedale in 1979.

She and her husband Harry have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Her favorite part of Thursday’s kindergarten graduation was a song called “Moving on.”

—KB

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# The Lizard Butte Library: Dottie Christensen's labor of love

Dottie has retired from the Friends of the Library Board, a group she formed

by Karen Bresnahan

Dottie Christensen may appear a tiny lady, but don't let her size fool you. She is a very tall person when it comes to getting things done that not many people could accomplish.

Dottie and her husband Fred have been instrumental in transforming the Marsing public library from a "hole in the wall" to a modern and attractive facility.

She was the driving force behind a process that resulted in the passage of a bond and the building of the Lizard Butte Library seven years ago.

Not only did she push for community support to build the library, but she also formed the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library, which has provided support and fundraising that has ensured the library is up to modern standards.

"It's been a good thing for Marsing that has helped increase town pride," she said.

Dottie announced her retirement from the Friends of the Library board this month, but she won't be forgotten by everyone who knows her, has worked with her, and has counted on her devotion to the library. She will continue to volunteer.

"Dottie is very fun-loving, honest and dedicated to whatever she takes on," Janna Striebel, library director said. "She is very detail oriented and makes sure everything is done right. She follows through. If she says she is going to do something, it is going to get done," Striebel said.

During the bond election, Dottie and the FOL members called anyone who had indicated they were in favor of the library to remind them to come and vote, Striebel recalled.

"When she found out we needed community support, she was excited about it and never backed down on her efforts," Striebel said.

The library staff and FOL group gave Dottie a surprise party on her last day and presented her with a plaque spelling out her accomplishments.

Dottie doesn't brag about what she has done, but merely says, "Oh, I was just the right person in the right place to make it happen."

After all the years of hard work, she can look back at how far the library has come.

"It was a labor of love," she said.

1,600 patrons visited the library last month, and 45 groups made use of the community room, she said.

Dottie is proud of the juried art exhibit that has become a well-known tradition in Marsing. The show is now in its fourth year, and has attracted a variety of area artists, helped them sell their work and has benefited the library in the process. A different artist is featured each month, and

town and seeing a "dingy, old and faded wooden sign" that was barely visible from the street. The former library, started in 1983, was housed in the back two rooms of the Owyhee Plaza building at 429 Main St., next to City Hall.

"It was a little hole in the wall," Dottie said. "It was horrible. No adult wanted to go there because as soon as you opened the door, you saw a dark room with a bathroom right across from the door."

When she inquired about the possibility of a new library, she was told that "people gave up on the idea because they don't want a bond."

"What you need is a friend," Dottie told the librarian. And then she became the needed friend that helped make a new library a reality.

She and a few friends formed the FOL group and after obtaining a list of library patrons and the names of people in the fire district, they began making phone calls to generate support. She and her friends called hundreds of people.

Dottie and Fred found a consultant and met weekly for six months of planning to get the new library bond passed. And after the bond passed with 90 percent approval, and construction was complete, they called on the community to help move the books from the old building to the new.

*"If Dottie says she's going to do something, it's going to get done."*

—Janna Striebel, Lizard Butte Library director

the artists donate 10 percent or more of their proceeds back to the library. Each April, the room is reserved for Marsing High School art students to show their work.

Another community plus has been the annual Easter Egg Coloring Contest, which is sponsored by the FOL and held at the elementary school. It continues to generate an enthusiastic response from the children, who receive cash prizes.

Dottie said she is satisfied with the growth and direction of the library over the years.

"It has exceeded my expectations," she said, smiling.

She and Fred remember driving through



Dottie Christensen at her retirement party. Submitted photo

"I've never seen anything like it," Fred remembers. "The city's siren went off and people showed up in droves, with pickups, trailers and every kind of vehicle to help. It was amazing."

As for the right time to build, it was "the perfect time," Fred said.

He explained that there was a construction lull in 2007, so companies were anxious to find work, resulting in a very low bid that was made on the project.

Another important aspect of the new library building was the inclusion of a "community room" in the plans, Dottie said. "There was no public meeting place in town," she said.

After the community room was built, people donated their time to add shelving and provided needed supplies for it.

"We threw a shower for the room, and we couldn't believe all the things that people donated," she said.

Today the library has become "a good gathering place," not just for adult meetings, and children's storytime and crafts, but also for teenagers during the summer months, she said. "It's a nice, comfortable, air-conditioned place where kids and go and read and get on the computers."

Dottie credits the success of the library to the "wonderful staff" that works there. "Janna is a dream. She has everything organized and does an amazing job. The staff is always very friendly and helpful."

Fred and Dottie have been married for 61 years. He is an Iowa farm boy and she is a California farm girl. When they met, it was "kinda-sorta love at first sight," she says. "He had a 1948 Ford Victoria and it was such a cute car. It was robin egg blue."

The Christensens live in a home they built overlooking the Snake River in the Sunny Slope area. They both are wine drinkers, so it fits. He is a Merlot man, and she likes dry white wine. Their future plans are to do a little yard work and traveling. They have two grown sons, Marc, an entrepreneur who lives in Utah and owns several businesses, and Eric, a practicing attorney in Bothell, Wash. They have two grandchildren.

*"It's been a good thing for Marsing that has helped increase town pride."*

— Dottie Christensen



Dottie and Fred Christensen, of the Sunnyslope area, worked on the building of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, and Dottie formed the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library organization. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Camping out in Wyoming

It was just another camping trip with friends. A gathering, a return to nature, to get a taste of what life was like in the Wyoming forests and plains before Napoleon Bonaparte sold it to Thomas Jefferson in 1803. The transaction should have been called the Cheyenne Purchase except the Indian tribes never got a dime. I guess if the Purchase occurred today, President Obama would be forced to buy Wyoming from the Powder River Coal Co.

But, back to our campers, Roy and Regina had moved into the First Class seats of camping. Like their friends, they brought Tabasco sauce to season, T-bones to grill, potato chips to munch on, sausage, eggs and libations of all kinds and heavy-duty lawn chairs.

As to their accommodations, they eschewed camping under the stars. Roy had Boy Scout tendencies and packed his brand new teepee outfitter’s tent; big enough to sleep four, though they numbered only two.

The model of teepee he bought did not include a floor and the cover was a heavy-duty, lightweight, waterproofed polyester, guaranteed to be the envy of any pioneer. It had an adjustable smoke hole should one need to warm the tent.

Harking back to his Cub Scout days, he tied two saplings together and incorporated them into his tent erection. Regina asked if he should tie-off the lightweight polyester flaps to a tree or two, pointing out that this was Wyoming, whose state bird is the windsock and whose capital once was Scottsbluff till it just blew over there. Roy assured her this would work, and he flashed his Kindling merit badge.

The group had a grand evening. Roy went to the tent and lit the wood-burning portable camp stove he had placed between their two cots. Soon they retired. He drifted off into dreams of the cubby handshake and mumbling, “... I will do my best to do my duty ... to obey the scout law ... ZZZZZZ ...”

Regina was restless. The rustling of the leaves soon became a persistent breeze. The lightweight polyester began to spread its wings, then flapped like someone changing a sheet! She blinked and suddenly she was under the stars!

Behind her, the tent containing the portable camp stove took a deep breath and lit the heavy-duty, lightweight, waterproofed but ... apparently ... flammable polyester tent.

Roy jumped up, clad in his skivvies, and attacked the fire with bottles of water and cans of beer; grabbing, opening and racing back and forth in front of the fire! He minced and pirouetted, hopping and whooping like an Arapahoe brave with Tourette’s Syndrome. Finally he lifted the cooler full of ice and heaved it onto the polyester cremation!

They spent the night in the truck. As they recalled the story at breakfast next morning, someone mentioned Kevin Costner. “Costner?” Roy asked.

“Yeah, Dances With Flames.”

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## Letter to the editor Victorious commissioner thankful for election support

I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the citizens of Owyhee County for the opportunity to serve another two years as your commissioner.

I would especially like to thank those who wrote letters to the editor in support of me and all of those that helped in my campaign and spread the word.

I’m looking forward to working on the challenges and needs of the citizens of the county.

Kelly Aberasturi  
Owyhee County commissioner, District 2  
Homedale

## Reader’s opinion Big Loop safely, humanely promotes western values

by Alan Kidd

My friend and I came down from Alberta to see the Big Loop. We were looking for a different and entertaining event. We were not disappointed.

After hearing a lot about the Big Loop — both good and bad — we had to see for ourselves. We expected a novel rodeo and a good trade show. We did not expect the high quality of the event organization, the friendliness of all we met, the entertainment value and the care demonstrated for the livestock.

This is a great family event enjoyed by all ages. The focus on the youth was great to see, in the Grand Entry and in the events. Another surprise was the number of female contestants and the encouragement they received. The show demonstrated the best values of community pride, tolerance and family values.

The Big Loop horse roping is one of the few rodeo events that actually demonstrates real skills used by working ranch hands. While the size of the loop adds an entertaining wrinkle, roping horses is often the only way to catch them in a country where corrals are miles away. No rubber on the horns allowed ropes to be slipped and harsh jerks were eliminated — which is the way it is on a ranch where horses are valuable. When front feet were caught

(difficult with the measured big loop and competition pressures), time was called when the rope came tight. No dallies were taken and horses were not thrown. No trauma was inflicted on the horses while still showcasing the skill of the ropers.

Some activists, with nothing at risk and no real understanding of animal welfare, are attacking the agriculture industry. Through pictures and comments taken out of context, they denigrate many agricultural activities. Ironically, they only have the prosperity and luxury to indulge in their pursuits only because of the availability of cheap, safe food produced by the very people they are attacking.

It was easy to see that the Big Loop Rodeo is an economic boon to the community, and the income earned in the region would be hard to replace if the event ended. It is an annual gathering of old and new friends and a celebration of a necessary way of life that utilizes marginal lands to produce food for an ever-expanding population.

The Big Loop epitomizes all that is good about community events. The promotion of family values, fellowship, tolerance and respect for others, competition and animal care made for an awesome event.

Alan Kidd is a resident of Alberta, Canada.

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## Vision and Values Social programs undermine U.S. ability to stabilize world



Unrest continues to grow in Ukraine, particularly in light of the May 11 vote by two eastern regions that overwhelmingly passed a referendum in favor of self-rule.

Government buildings continue to fall to Russian nationalists and clashes between separatists and Ukrainian military forces are increasingly violent. Russia held a May Day parade in Moscow for the first time since 1991 — the final year of the Soviet Union. More than 100,000 Russians used the occasion to gather in Red Square and applaud the annexation of Crimea, Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine, and Vladimir Putin’s expansionist policies.

European powers and the United States have done little to curb this new Russian aggression. And while a number of public opinion polls suggest that Americans are fine with President Obama’s *laissez-faire* approach, the reality is we are shirking our foreign policy responsibilities.

In 1994, U.S. President Bill Clinton, British Prime Minister John Major, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, and Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma signed the Budapest memorandum, which pledged the nations to “respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine.” The treaty helped persuade Ukraine to relinquish its nuclear stockpile. At the time of the Soviet breakup, Ukraine had 1,800 nuclear weapons. In exchange for Ukraine giving up its nukes, the U.S. pledged to secure the nation’s borders. In the years since, Ukraine has been a U.S. ally, even sending soldiers to fight under NATO command in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But now, the fact that Vladimir Putin has grabbed Crimea

and is infiltrating eastern Ukraine begs two questions. First, do treaties signed and commitments made by the U.S. mean anything? Second, if they don’t, what does this mean for the rest of the world?

Several weeks ago, George Will pointed out “the really sinister effect of all this is to teach the world that nuclear weapons are a good thing to have.” Will is correct. By abandoning our security arrangement with Ukraine, we are creating a huge incentive for countries around the world to create and maintain their own stockpiles of nuclear weapons, thus increasing the number of nuclear decision-makers, and the probability of nuclear conflict somewhere.

One hundred years ago, no one thought war was imminent. But, as Newt Gingrich writes at CNN.com, World War I was prompted by actions in Eastern Europe and “it came as an enormous shock, in retrospect almost like the Titanic hitting an iceberg. In the end, it shattered Europe, cost tens of millions of lives, bankrupted countries and changed forever those who survived the horrors.”

One hundred years later, an aggressive Russia possesses thousands of nuclear weapons and is motivated by a renewed imperialism that threatens peace in Eastern Europe.

So why is Russia acting with such overt aggression? Under President Obama, we have been in retreat from the world. His policies have included a quick withdrawal from Iraq and an unwise draw-down of forces in Afghanistan. He



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Knocking out student loan debt quickly will brighten future

Dear Dave,

I'm finishing my last semester in college, and I've already landed my first real job making \$33,000 a year. I'm working on a budget, but I have \$15,000 in student loans. This is my only debt, and my parents said I could live at home for a year until I get on my feet, so can I put some fun money into my budget?

— Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

You can, but my advice would be to make it a really small amount until you repay those student loans. The real question is how long you want that debt hanging over your head.

I'm the kind of guy who likes to rip the bandage off. Even if it's going to hurt a little bit, I'd rather

just do it quick and have it done. With the numbers you gave me, and the fact that you'd be living at home for a while, you'd be able to plow through this student loan debt in a hurry. After that, you'd be in an awesome financial position.

My advice is to keep living like a college student. Save every penny, and have no life for just a little while longer. Trust me, the feeling will be amazing when you start life on your own with a good job and no debt. That's the time to have some fun!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free except for our house, and she would like for us to go ahead and start a family. I make good money, but I'd still like to wait a little



longer and add some extra to our emergency fund before taking that step. Who do you think is right in this situation?

— Joel

Dear Joel,

Assuming, of course, you're talking about a reasonable number of children, the old adage is true: if you wait until you think you can afford them, you'll never have them. You guys have been responsible and are in pretty good financial shape right now. So my thought is have babies if you want babies. Even if your wife told you that she's pregnant tomorrow you'd still have nine months to add on to your emergency fund.

Your financial situation tells me you're both responsible people. You'll be a good provider, and it sounds like you'd both make great parents. And the fact is babies are not that expensive. Having kids won't break your back like lots of people say. You've got extra expenses like diapers and baby stuff

the first few years, but it's not going to drive you to the poor house.

Now, if you go to the extreme and have 16 kids, that many baby birds could become quite a financial problem. But for a normal-sized family with a normal-sized income, children do not create a big financial issue. God bless you guys, Joel!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. His newest book, written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, is titled Smart Money Smart Kids. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations.

## Americans for Limited Government

### Voters are giving up on fixing Washington

by Rick Manning

A recent Gallup poll of registered voters shows that voter enthusiasm is at a 20-year low-point based upon responses to a question that has been asked and tracked since the Contract with America election in 1994.

The question is simply, "Compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?"

The acceleration of the number of respondents who are less enthusiastic to vote is a direct reversal of attitudes from just four years ago when the Republicans took back control of the House in the Tea Party election.

Now, both sides face an enthusiasm gap with Democrats trying to find the prescription to cure Obamacare depression and Republican leadership successfully using every media and legislative opportunity to beat their base into submission.

While analysts will make the point that this is the inevitable result of a six-year presidential cycle for the incumbent party, the poll belies the current D.C. wisdom that Republicans will sweep to victory in November.

As inside-the-Beltway Republicans work to push corporate cronyism and outright pandering like immigration reform, many of their core voters back home have given up hope that the system can change.

They have seen the same people who enthusiastically

embraced limited government in rallies just four years ago vote for the same big government programs that they vowed to eliminate.

They have grown wise to the every-two-years platitudes of support for cutting the size and scope of government, and have matched the rhetoric to the disappointing actual results.

Most importantly, for the first time in 20 years, a majority of registered voters (only about 70 percent of the eligible adults) are essentially declaring that their vote really doesn't matter.

If this poll was taken in the context of a nation that was happy with the direction of the country, one could conclude that it is a reflection of satisfaction with their elected officials.

After all, the truism that people are more likely to vote when they are demanding change rather than supporting the status quo remains a fact of voter behavior.

But how do you reconcile a dissatisfied electorate with a dramatic drop in voter enthusiasm?

The only possible conclusion is that Americans don't trust the entire lot of politicians in Washington, D.C., coming to the conclusion that neither political party offers a choice that is going to make their lives better.

America's middle class is being annihilated by a combination of overseas labor, regulatory policies that

target and destroy blue-collar jobs, and trade policies that incentivize companies like GE to move the production of light bulbs from a facility in Virginia to China (after lobbying to make the light bulbs manufactured in Virginia illegal.)

The Democrats offer class-warfare arguments that deny the expanding economic pie that is the history of America's prosperity delivered in a freedom-hating sneer.

Republicans, for their part, are seen as being nothing more than politicians who chase corporate favor and care little about the lives of those who don't have lobbyists prowling Capitol Hill.

The system is set up so an automatic flushing process like term limits can never become law, and the political lines are drawn so that for a vast majority of members of Congress, once they are elected, have a seat in Congress until they decide to cash out.

In essence, this Gallup poll forces the question to be asked if most Americans have given up on the notion that D.C. can be fixed.

If this attitude is not turned around, it just may be the canary in the coal mine signaling the beginning of the end for our constitutional republic.

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## ✓ U.S.: It's risky to shrink military to appease entitlement-driven society

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is shrinking our Navy — we currently have fewer than 100 ships deployed. He is shrinking our Army to its smallest size since before World War II. Obama has allowed foes to cross red lines in Syria and kill our U.S. Ambassador to Libya — both with no apparent consequences And, in addition to reneging on our security agreement with Ukraine, he has reneged on our agreement to deploy defensive missiles in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Americans have a decision to make. If we choose to continue down Obama's path of weakness and retreat, we must accept an increasingly dangerous and unstable world. Just look at the varied and growing dangers in Syria, Libya, Iran, Yemen, the Baltic States, and the South China Sea, to name just a few. But, this is not the world of 1914. It is the world of 2014, and the nuclear bazaar is just beginning for many smaller, increasingly insecure nations, from Saudi Arabia to The Philippines. And don't forget the growing

Islamic terror organizations that are just dying to get their hands on some nukes. In Obama's world, any number of security lapses or miscalculations could lead to devastating nuclear conflicts — nuclear 1914.

Fortunately, there is a better choice. Americans can still decide to lead and live up to the responsibility of being the global super power. We can embrace our heritage and history as the country that saved the world from German expansionism in World War I, Nazism and the Imperial Japanese in World War II, and the Soviet Empire during the Cold War. We can be the steady, powerful, good actor that makes smaller allies feel secure and keeps potential enemies in check.

This choice requires short-term pain for long-term gain. If we want to have a strong military, we can't continue to let spending mushroom with tens of millions of working-age Americans living lives of dependence on welfare, Obamacare, disability and myriad other taxpayer-funded

programs. We must stand up to our growing entitlement culture. For America to be strong and the world to be safe, the vast, vast majority of individual Americans must choose to work hard and not be dependent.

If the U.S. does not provide positive global leadership, then history teaches us that no other country will. And, if no nation leads, then the world really could sink into a new dark age.

We can stop it. The choice is ours.

— Former Army Reserve Officer and First Gulf War veteran Glen Meakem is the Founder & CEO of Forever.com and was previously Founder & CEO of FreeMarkets, which he took public on the NASDAQ exchange. A graduate of both Harvard College and Harvard Business School, Meakem speaks out on economic and security issues through his syndicated radio program, "Glen Meakem on the Weekend." This commentary first appeared at Foxnews.com



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

May 31, 1989

**Area farmers among Leadership Idaho Agriculture class**  
Four area farmers, Fred Demshar and Susi Larrocea, both of Homedale, and Pat Takasugi and Roger Yasuda, both of Wilder, were among the nearly 30 members of the 1989 Leadership Idaho Agriculture class featured in a recent issue of the publication, AcreAGE.

The LIA program is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Idaho annually to aid professional men and women in agriculture to develop their leadership skills and understanding of farm issues. Those participating attend five two-day workshops between October and April at scattered state locations, such as Moscow, Boise, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls. The workshops focus on such subjects as agricultural economics, marketing, research and farm technologies, government farm policies and public communications.

**Marsing home ec teacher “Teacher of the Quarter”**  
MARSING – Kate Stancliff, a home economics teacher with an infections laugh and a hearty, down-to-earth manner, is the latest “Teacher of the Quarter” in the Marsing school system.

Stancliff was selected for the honor by her peers and associates because of her skills, dedication and assorted other qualities. She was presented to members of the Marsing School Board earlier this month where she received the Brass Bell award as a token of appreciation.

The transplanted Oklahoman has been a teacher for 26 years, including 12 in Marsing, where she served a stint, among other initial teaching duties as a substitute typing teacher. “I was staying one day ahead,” she cracked, chuckling over the unaccustomed assignment.

But the desire to teach, whatever the difficulties, has been in her blood for a long time. Half Choctaw Indian by heritage, she attended Oklahoma State in Stillwater on an Indian scholarship. “I wanted to help my people,” she explained. And soon she was doing so. After sending two or three years as a rookie teacher in the Whitesboro and Wynnewood school systems, she joined the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs as a home ec teacher at its Chilocco Indian School.

**History will be relived as mail hauled from Jordan Valley to Murphy; Hanley collects, restores stagecoaches**

One of the highlights of this year’s Outpost Days in Murphy will be the arrival of Jordan Valley-Murphy stagecoach.

Mike Hanley, 47, who has lived in Jordan Valley for 40 years, will navigate one of the stages (originally used on the Jordan Valley-Silver City run) pulled by six horses.

While Hanley has made the run twice before, this run will be slightly different in that he will be carrying U.S. Mail and four silver ingots from the DeLamar Silver Mines. He will also be carrying a full load of passengers, as well as having a shotgun guard and outriders.

**Trojans boys’ 4x400 team No. 1; Linder first in 100**

Some gifted local athletes learned last weekend that the State Track Meet is a Star Wars shootout, where an injury, so-so performance, out-of-the-blue competitors, even a wrong step, can explode medal hopes in a split second.

But four of the fleetest from Homedale zapped the perils to come home newly crowned Idaho state track champions: Dusty Linder, Brad Dines, Brian Tarr and Brad Kushlan.

Linder shot the longest laser beams at BSU’s Bronco Stadium, streaking to a statewide championship in the 100-meter dash in 11.38 and helping his teammates, Dines, Tarr and Kushlan, provide a sizzling finale to the A-3 schools’ events with a first-place strike in the 4x400 relay in 3:28.75. Their time was whiskery close to the record 3:28.2 set by Clearwater Valley in 1986.

For good measure, Linder picked up third place in the 200-meter dash in 23.04 and, with teammates Dines, Tarr and Kushlan, landed fifth in the 4x100 relay in 45.56.

## 50 years ago

May 28, 1964

**Two boys chosen to attend Boys State**

Two boys from the junior class of Homedale High School were chosen to attend Boys State this summer under the sponsorship of the American Legion at their May 20 meeting.

Mark Allen Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Evans, and Richard George Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roland, were the boys selected. Boys State will be held during the week of June 7-4 at Boise Junior College.

**\$235,000 school bond issue passes Monday**

Taxpayers of Joint School district No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon counties, Monday voted 74 per cent in favor of a \$235,000 bond issue to improve and enlarge facilities at Homedale High School.

With a total of 532 votes cast, there were 394 in favor of the bond issue and 138 against it, Superintendent Deward Bell reported.

A two-thirds majority was required for passage of the bond issue.

Members of the school board met Monday evening to canvass the votes. There were 433 votes cast in the Owyhee County precinct with 340 yes votes and 93 no votes. A total of 99 votes were cast in the Canyon County precinct with 54 yes and 45 no votes.

Election judges for Owyhee precinct were Dora Upton, Verda Johnston and Donna Eachus. Judges for the Canyon district were Ruth Trostle, Juanita Holbrook and Merla Olsen.

The funds are needed to construct a new building across East Second Street from the high school and an addition beside the high school gymnasium.

The new building will house science laboratories, classrooms for commercial subjects and a music room, plus service rooms. The addition will have vocational education classrooms and shop and dressing rooms for boys’ and girls’ physical education classes.

Allen George, school board chairman, stated, after the election returns were in, “On behalf of the trustees and Citizens Committee, I express sincere thanks to everybody who supported the campaign for the bond issue and brought it to a successful conclusion.”

Supt. Bell pointed to the work of the district’s citizens’ committee headed by Ron Robinson as having been helpful in getting the bond issue passed and expressed his thanks in addition to those of Mr. George.

**Homedale sets new mile relay track record**

Homedale took first place in the mile relay event in the Class B state track meet Saturday at Nyssa, Ore. A new record of 3:33.4, breaking the old mark of 3:38.2 set by Homedale in 1963, was set by Tony Maher, Floyd Breach, Rick Roland and Rick Shanley.

Floyd Breach, with a score of 23.1 took first in the 220-yard dash event.

The 440-yard relay team, consisting of Rick Roland, Tom Morris, Floyd Breach and Rick Shanley, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Class B 440-yard relay event.

**Succor Creek watershed group elects officers**

Elections of directors and officers for the proposed Succor Creek watershed were held at the home of Buck Tiffin of Succor Creek, May 20.

Directors elected for the three-year terms were Cyrus Bishop, Harold Markley and Bob Davis. Those elected for the two-year terms were Helen Tiffin, Pat Cunningham and Pat Strode. Directors elected for the one-year terms were Sam Dunn, Bud Greeley and Duncan McKenzie.

Officers elected were Helen Tiffin, president; Bud Greeley, vice-president, and Irene Markley, secretary-treasurer.

R. T. “Spud” Savage, area conservationist, and Ralph Cleveland, unit conservationist, were also present.

Next meeting will be held at the Rockville schoolhouse at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 16.

## 140 years ago

May 30, 1874

DEFENDING FILTHINESS. Last Saturday we received an anonymous communication from Fairview as follows:

W. J. Hill – Dear Sir: Your paper of to-day informs us of the filthy and unhealthy state of our town. W. J., attend to your own business and let Fairviewers attend to theirs. We support your paper, and know what our streets are – but will say no more at present.

We were attending strictly to our business as a public journalist when we admonished our Fairview friends to clean up their streets and abolish the disease-breeding slum-holes in their midst; if they had attended to their business, we should have been under no necessity of calling attention to the filthy conditions of their town. True, we have some very liberal patrons at Fairview, and, therefore, deem it our duty to look out for their welfare. But, we do not believe that our anonymous correspondent ever contributed a cent towards the support of the Avalanche — people of his ilk are not usually liberal-minded enough for that. If he will send us a communication with his real name attached, so that we can brand him as a disciple of filthiness and an apologist of ordure, we will give him the Avalanche for one year, free of cost. A correspondence published elsewhere shows that he does not speak for the Fairview people in general. A case of smallpox is reported up there, and if they do not pay strict attention to the cleanliness of their town, it will produce sad havoc among them.

A YOUTHFUL THIEF. A promising youth named John Canty, about 15 years of age, arrived here from Baker City a while ago, and was employed a few days as waiter at the Idaho Hotel. During the early part of last week he stole a valuable young bay horse from Abe Crull, on the bend of Sinker Creek, and struck out for Boise City, armed with a shot-gun and a revolver which he had also stolen. He sold the revolver to a Chinaman at Snake River Ferry, and then pursued the even tenor of his way till he reached Boise River, where he stole a saddle from Luther McSheen and a pair of spurs from Jimmy Turner. By that time he was in possession of a splendid outfit, and ready for the road. His brilliant prospects were blighted, however. He was found camped on the south side of Boise River, arrested and sentenced to 40 days in the Ada County Jail for stealing the saddle. He is said to have walked into his cell whistling and singing as happy as a clam, saying he would have made it miserable for the officers if they hadn’t caught him asleep. Mr. Crull went over this week to claim his horse.

COMPROMISE. Many of our readers are doubtless aware that, for some time past, a serious dispute has existed in relations to the boundary line between the Minnesota and South Chariot mines. The trouble threatened to result in a tedious and expensive lawsuit, which would have been a great drawback to the prosperity of our camp. But we now have it from good authority that the matter has been compromised satisfactorily to both Companies, and that no further difficulty on that score need be apprehended.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Mrs. W. S. Hemmingway is dangerously ill.

W. H. Dewey has started up the Old Corner saloon again.

J. H. Heckman has started a jewelry store in the Express office.

About half the adults of Silver City are down with pneumonia.

John Posy got back from the Atlantic States by this morning’s stage.

George Baker arrived with his freight teams from Winnemucca this week.

New cases of scarlet fever have come to our knowledge during the past week.

Night-watchman Haas shot and killed T. W. Jones’ big black dog last Wednesday night for attempting to bite him.



Public notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV-2014-0152

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Idaho Code section 15-3-801 that, in connection with the foregoing case number in the Owyhee County District Court, STEVEN DEAN KENNEDY has been appointed Personal Representative of the probate estate of CLIFFORD EARL KENNEDY, deceased. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned attorney at number 101 Eagle Glen Lane, Eagle, Idaho 83616 (telephone no. 208-939-2600), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014.  
/s/Barry Peters, Attorney at Law  
5/28/6/4,11/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV2014-162-H  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE

In the Matter of Estate of SUSAN A. SEVY, Deceased Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (PO Box 44), Caldwell, ID 83606. Phone 208-459-4574 Fax 208-459-4573  
/s/SUFFRONA F. SEVY, Personal Representative  
5/14,21,28/14

SECOND  
NOTICE OF SALE  
Case No. CV-2013-2969  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY  
OF OWYHEE

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BARRY D. KENDALL and HEIDI A. KENDALL, Husband and Wife; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; WHISPERING HEIGHTS WATERUSERS ASSOCIATION; and JOHN DOES 1-1 0; Defendant(s).  
DATE OF SALE: June 19,

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING  
Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365  
Elmore and Owyhee Counties

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the regular meeting of the qualified voters of the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, will be held Thursday, June 12, 2014, 7:00p.m. at Blinnock Jr./Sr. High School Board Room, at which time there will be a public hearing on amending the 13-14 budget and approving the 14-15 budget and the proposed student fee increases of over 5% for the coming school year. The budget is presently determined by the Board of Trustees, is available for review in the district office, 39678 State Highway 78, until the regular meeting and budget hearing as provided by law. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 33-881, Idaho Code as amended. Meeting notices have been posted throughout the district.

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #365								
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year	Prior Year	Amended	Proposed	Prior Year	Prior Year	Amended	Proposed
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Beginning Balances	-\$74,751.00	-\$6,390.00	-\$467,806.00	-\$336,221.00	-\$438,891.00	-\$150,502.00	-\$264,607.00	-\$187,053.00
Local Revenue	-\$35,029.00	-\$739,300.00	-\$741,033.00	-\$41,033.00	-\$409,491.00	-\$413,178.00	-\$413,616.00	-\$411,125.00
County Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Revenue	-\$2,783,635.00	-\$2,607,199.00	-\$2,604,717.00	-\$2,513,721.00	-\$59,779.00	-\$88,780.00	-\$59,893.00	-\$56,221.00
Federal Revenue	-\$206,717.00	-\$137,085.00	-\$117,157.00	-\$90,188.00	-\$511,467.00	-\$467,888.00	-\$501,488.00	-\$439,354.00
Other Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$12,482.00	-\$6,773.00	-\$15,000.00
TOTALS ***	-\$3,100,132.00	-\$3,489,974.00	-\$3,930,713.00	-\$2,981,163.00	-\$1,419,628.00	-\$1,132,830.00	-\$1,248,377.00	-\$1,108,753.00
EXPENDITURES								
Salaries	1522134	1522873	1597523	1140680	322717	318036	379490	313541
Benefits	536844	515825	515035	395737	115466	84672	105869	73914
Purchased Services	999582	933245	1064304	944096	114632	109280	134884	106747
Supplies & Materials	178411	200092	157605	129189	118555	114635	136964	134397
Capital Outlay	2160	87361	62991	11417	219844	90178	94063	74961
Debt Retirement	484	572	572	572	357900	359900	359900	358800
Insurance & Judgments	38132	38132	39689	37736	5693	5693	4029	4720
Transfers	0	12482	6773	15000	0	0	0	0
Contingency Reserve	0	149392	150000	152779	165223	42675	42675	42675
Unappropriated Balances	-\$177,615.00	\$0.00	-\$336,222.00	-\$151,957.00	\$0.00	\$7,761.00	-\$9,497.00	-\$2.00
TOTALS ***	\$3,100,132.00	\$3,489,974.00	\$3,930,713.00	\$2,981,163.00	\$1,419,628.00	\$1,132,830.00	\$1,248,377.00	\$1,108,753.00

2014-2015 New Fees and Fee Increases:  
School Lunch increase-\$1.85 to \$2.05 Elementary-\$2.10 to \$2.30 Jr./Sr. High  
Activity Card-\$20.00 to \$30.00  
Sports Participation Fee Jr. High \$15.00 to \$75.00 High School-\$20.00 to \$100.00  
Professional Technical Class, Cabinetmaking \$14.00 to \$20.00-Cabinetmaking II and III \$10.00 to \$20.00  
Each Ag class \$15.00 to \$20.00-Chemistry Lab \$10.00 to \$15.00-STEM related class \$20.00

JayDene Agnew, Clerk  
Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District #365  
39678 State Highway 78  
Bruneau, Idaho 83604  
May 13, 2014

2014  
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE OF SALE: Owyhee County Courthouse front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho

Under and by virtue of an Writ of Execution by Sheriff issued on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 24th day of September 2013, in favor of the above-named plaintiff and against the Defendants, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment of Foreclosure with interest thereon, and attorney fees and costs for sale, and my fees and costs. The minimum bid is \$210,546.53, plus accrued interest and costs. A credit bid may be entered by the judgment holder in any amount less than or up to the minimum bid plus accrued interest and costs. A third party cash bid may be entered in any amount equal to, or above, the minimum bid plus accrued interest and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as

follows, to wit:  
Lot 22, Block 1, Whispering Heights Subdivision No. 2, Owyhee County, Idaho, filed for record November 8, 2000 as Instrument No. 234317 and Affidavit to correct recorded November 22, 2000 as Instrument No. 234425, Owyhee County records.

This property is commonly known as: 5964 Whispering Hills Drive, Marsing, Idaho.

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in and to the property at the time of the execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser

Following issuance of the Sheriffs Certificate of Sale there is a statutory six month redemption period, during which time the Judgment Debtor or any redemptioner may redeem the above property. If no redemption is made within that six month period, the sheriff, upon expiration of the redemption period, shall issue its Deed conveying title to the above property

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State

Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient fund to pay and satisfy the Judgment of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale by Sheriff to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money.

DATED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

SHERIFF, Owyhee County, Idaho  
By: Luisa Basabe, Deputy  
CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ. - ISB 1779, KIPP L. MANWARING, ESQ. - ISB 3817, JUST LAW OFFICE, 381 Shoup Avenue, P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405, Telephone: (208) 523-9106, Facsimile: (208) 523-9146, Attorneys for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc.  
5/28/6/4,11/14

PROPOSED CHANGE OF  
WATER RIGHT

Kim Astle of 33985 Mud Flat, Grand View, ID 83624 filed Application No. 79101 to transfer one water right with a 1962 priority date from the Snake River totaling 5.0 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to move the point of diversion from the Grand View Mutual Canal diversion near CJ Strike Reservoir to the

nearby Bybee Canal Co diversion, approximately 0.4 miles south. Water will continue to be used at the current place of use.

The Order of Tranquility of PO Box 279, Grand View, ID 83624 filed Application No. 79102 to transfer a water right with a 1964 priority date from the Snake River totaling 0.74 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to move the point of diversion from the Grand View Mutual Canal diversion near CJ Strike Reservoir to the nearby Bybee Canal Co diversion, approximately 0.4 miles south. Water will continue to be used at the current place of use.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp for a full description of the right(s) and the proposed transfer. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/9/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
5/21,28/14




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Owyhee County Church Directory		
	<b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b>  All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 E Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458  Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 <b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</b> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>St. David's Episcopal Church</b> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605  208-459-9261  stdavids@stdavidsdaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
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Grant recipients stand with Rimrock eighth-graders during last Wednesday’s presentation. Submitted photo

# Rimrock students help community through CenturyLink

Eighth-grade English students at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School doled out \$3,000 in community grants last week.

Kathy Mori’s 18 students took part in the CenturyLink Middle School Philanthropy program as a class project.

Rimrock was one of 10 middle schools in Idaho and southeast Oregon to receive money to distribute to non-profit organizations that the students had researched and chosen for donations.

The majority of the money stayed in the community. The students presented the checks to representatives of the recipient organizations last Wednesday:

- Bruneau Booster Club, \$950
- Idaho Human Rights Education Center, \$500
- Bruneau Quick Response Unit building fund, \$450
- Grand View Ambulance Service, \$400
- Rimrock Community Food Pantry, \$350
- Rimrock Senior Center, \$350

Mori, who has taught at Rimrock for nine years, originally heard about the program from school guidance counselor Melissa Kohler.

“We learned a lot about non-profits, our community, and ways that we can support our community through volunteering and donations. The process was a lot of fun,” Mori said. “Sheri Davis of CenturyLink was wonderful to work with. She kept encouraging the class and was excited about the decisions the class made.”

The program created an educational opportunity for the students.

The class learned what a non-profit organization was and what it did. Research on large non-profits such as the Red Cross was conducted, and the class took a field trip to Boise to learn more about the Idaho Human Rights Education Center. The center built the Anne Frank Memorial.

The research project eventually led the students to investigate opportunities in their own community.

“We were surprised to discover the wide variety of groups in Bruneau and Grand View,” Mori said. “These groups are built of very dedicated volunteers that give their time and talents to make our communities a better place to live.”

Non-profit organization leaders were interviewed, and after a discussion of their findings the students voted to support a handful of groups.

“We learned a lot about non-profits, our community, and ways that we can support our community through volunteering and donations,” Mori said.

The Bruneau QRU donation will go toward the group’s fund to build an Emergency Operations Center. The class will receive a paver commemorating the Class of 2018 support, and all the students’ names will be etched into the brick.

Participation in the CenturyLink program opened the students’ eyes to volunteerism and the role of non-profits in their own community.

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