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## BOCC pencils in more raises for county workers

### FY15 budget public hearing slated Monday

Owyhee County employees stand to receive a pay increase for the third consecutive year if officials pass the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget without changes.

In addition to bumps for hourly employees, county commissioners penciled in pay raises for all elected officials except themselves and Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery.

The county budget, which totals nearly \$8.8 million, will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday inside Courtroom 2 of the county courthouse in Murphy.

The \$8,797,022 budget is 3.1 percent (\$267,369) bigger than FY14's budget of more than \$8.5 million.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the average two percent increase in employees' salary is in line with the jump in the county's property valuation.

In some cases, such as Clerk Angie Barkell and a few others, workers will receive a pay raise of greater than two percent to bring

them in line with the county pay scale, officials said.

The commissioners will forego a pay increase this year, but each will earn \$36,928.22 in salary and benefits, including retirement and medical insurance.

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## B-GV levy headed to voters

### Wilson: Schools' future at stake

On Tuesday, Bruneau-Grand View School District patrons will vote "yes" or "no" on a one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy officials say is needed to keep three schools operating through the 2014-15 year.

This is the third time the district has run a levy election this year. After the second failure of a two-year, \$1.2 million measure in May, trustees voted to consolidate elementary schools in Bruneau and Grand View with Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

A subsequent legal question led the board to rescind the elementary school closures, but the district office — which was combined with the high school — remains closed.

"People need to understand that the levy situation is a must-have," Bruneau-Grand View superintendent Dennis Wilson said. "It is a clear decision. A no vote on the levy is a yes vote for closing schools. I am truly hoping that voters get behind it."

Wilson commended the efforts of a community group that has

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## Community dedicates Austrian monument



About 75 people attended Sunday's Austrian Settlement monument in Homedale's Bette Uda City Park.

Father Arnold Miller of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell (above) gave a blessing and sprinkled holy water on all the stones.

Descendant Ernie Bahem (left) was among those who attended the celebration, which included a potluck dinner and fiddle music by Daria Paxton, 15, and accordion favorites by Helen Chadez, 90.

The centennial committee will donate \$1,000 each for upkeep and maintenance of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale, completing the second monument on Demshar property and to help the Homedale Senior Center.

About \$2,000 will be placed in a savings account for future Austrian celebrations, Joe Demshar said. — KB

## Lake Owyhee hits 0%

### SBOC chief thankful to producers for stretching season

The low-water irrigation season has been somewhat frustrating for South Board of Control manager Ron Kiester, but as it closes he's looking back with a sense of accomplishment, in spite of the tough odds faced by area producers.

"Our biggest concern right now is how much water we will have in the reservoir next year," he said.

A full reservoir normally holds enough to serve the Owyhee Project for two years, but with the continued dry conditions and the reservoir holding only 2,041 acre-feet on Monday, the extra cushion that is normally carried over won't be around next spring.

That issue is at the top of Kiester's worry list.

This year's low water availability has been compared to the low levels in 1992.

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# HPD officer makes drunk driving arrest

A 51-year-old Nyssa, Ore., man remained in Owyhee County Jail on Monday, facing a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge.

Homedale Police Officer Christopher Jacob arrested Ross Duane Saldana after 9:30 p.m. on Saturday in the first block of East Idaho Avenue after a motorist reported that a green four-door Pontiac was traveling erratically.

No information on an initial court date was available at press time.

## Man faces domestic violence charges after 2 arrests

A 24-year-old Homedale man faces two felony assault charges in connection with a domestic violence arrest.

Kyle R. D. Rogers will appear before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober for a preliminary

hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy.

Rogers was arrested after 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 after he allegedly assaulted his girlfriend at a residence on Selway Drive in Homedale. Jacob made the arrest.

According to the Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch log, Jacob and OCSO Deputy Karl Kingston responded after Rogers' girlfriend reported that he had pushed her head into a wall and attempted to strangle her.

The Idaho courts repository shows that Rogers has been charged with felony counts of domestic battery or assault in the presence of a child and aggravated assault.

He also was charged with misdemeanor destruction of a telecommunications line.

Court records show that Jacob arrested Rogers on July 22 on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge, arraignment on which is scheduled at 9 a.m. today in Magistrate court in Homedale.

Rogers remained in custody in the county jail on Monday.

—JPB

# Marsing council passes budget, learns about Island Park grant

On a night when it approved the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, the Marsing City Council also heard about a new grant to pay for the construction of Island Park restrooms.

There was no public comment last Wednesday before council members approved a \$2,287,867 budget.

City engineer Amy Woodruff talked about the opportunity to obtain a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to cover 55 percent of the cost to install new restrooms at Island Park. The city would have to come up with the other 45 percent of the project cost.

Woodruff said she and co-worker Kirby Cook went "all hands on deck" with an application when they found out about the grant. She thanked city clerk Janice Bicandi for her help.

"I think there is a good chance we can get this and it can be funded this year," Woodruff said.

She reported that the city only recently became eligible for the grant, which is based on Census data and is geared toward areas with low to moderate income levels.

"We are really excited about this," Woodruff said.

She also told the group that the city is eligible under a government service contract to buy CTX buildings, which are pre-fab restrooms.

On another topic, she said the city has begun setting up the equipment needed for sewer lagoon testing, which is underway.

Marlene Moore, representing the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and Idaho Section of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), brought a copy of a "mutual aid agreement" between the ARES and the city for approval. The city has continued to work with the group for disaster, emergency and public service situations.

"This just says we will help you and you will help us if needed," Mayor Keith Green said.

The council approved the document, which is a "statement of cooperation" for both parties. The ARES consists of federally licensed amateur radio operators who have registered their qualifications and equipment for communication duty in the public service, in case of disaster or emergency situations.

Western Alliance for Economic

Development executive director Tina Wilson spoke to the council for a second time about her effort to "start a conversation" with city groups focusing on economic development. She said she had met with Planning and Zoning officials, and they had agreed upon a Sept. 4 meeting date for the discussions. She expressed hope that the council would also be included.

Public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen said the city will be doing seal-coating north and south of the Old Bruneau Highway this week. The city has recently added new striping and new crosswalk flags across Main Street near Logans Market, he said.

Council members are currently reviewing bids for the cost of replacing five windows in City Hall and also the replacement of old lighting.

Homedale Electric has estimated the lighting replacement at approximately \$2,672. Exterior Elements has submitted a window bid of \$2,742.11.

The city is considering the work to improve the building's overall energy efficiency, Green said.

—KB

# Crews battle lightning-caused fires

Lightning ignited four fires in Owyhee country last week.

On Sunday, Bureau of Land Management Vale District crews fought a 20-acre fire at Antelope Reservoir near Jordan Valley.

Five engines were deployed with support from helicopter and air attack teams, and the fire was contained by 10 p.m. Sunday.

An Aug. 11 lightning storm sparked fires on public land in the southern part of the county.

Fire crews from the BLM Boise and Vale districts made relatively quick work of two of the fires — the Black Jack Fire in the Pole Creek Wilderness and the Old Blue Fire near Riddle west of Idaho highway 51.

The Moonie Fire near the Poison Creek Recreation site on the northwestern edge of Little Jacks Creek Wilderness spread to 100 acres before resources were redirected from the Old Blue Fire.

Three engines from the BLM Twin Falls District and a dozer

help fight the flames, while the Idaho City Hotshots arrived late on Aug. 11 to assist. No structures were threatened.

The Old Blue Fire burned about 125 acres of Idaho Department of Lands and BLM ground before crews completed a dozer line around the perimeter at 8 p.m. on Aug. 11. The blaze was controlled by 6 p.m. on Aug. 12.

The Black Jack Fire was a single-tree start that a Helitack crew from Vale BLM handled.



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# Homedale seeks fair solution for responsible fowl owners

## Public hearing to examine future of city’s chicken ban

An 8-year-old Homedale animal control ordinance amendment could disappear after a plea from a resident who didn’t know she had run afoul of the law by raising chickens.

Marti Geselle and her husband Brad asked the City Council to repeal a 2006 statute that outlawed all poultry from the city limits.

“We’re not opposed to a responsible ordinance, but an outright ban is a little heavy-handed,” Brad Geselle said.

The city rewrote its animal control ordinance in 2006 in an attempt to deal with complaints of chickens running loose in the streets.

During last Wednesday’s council meeting, Marti Geselle said she has been a Homedale

resident for a decade and was unaware of the ban.

She keeps eight hens at her East Oregon Avenue residence, and she said her neighbor has six hens.

“We’re not asking for anything extraordinary, just ordinary,” she said. “We’re asking you to repeal of fix or update Code 6.04.130.”

Noting that the Owyhee County Fair celebrating the area’s agricultural community had just ended, Geselle said Homedale should embrace its rural roots. She said any ordinance amendment should stress “responsible husbandry” of fowl.

“I have no problem with people having chickens in their back yard, if they’re contained,” Councilperson Kim Murray said. “But roosters should not be allowed. They are a nuisance.”

The city code, which made all poultry illegal and created a \$50 fine for violations, will be the subject of a public hearing during the council’s meeting at 6 p.m. on

Thursday, Aug. 28.

The ordinance identifies poultry as chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, quail, pheasants and guineas.

Murray said she favored a re-examination of the ordinance because “enough other people have talked” to her about it.

In the meantime, the Geselles ordinance violation proceedings have been put on hold.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram confirmed Thursday that the Geselles had paid a \$25 administrative fee attached to service of a 10-day compliance letter.

The Homedale Police Department issued the compliance letter because of chickens and unabated weeds. Marti Geselle told the council that they had taken care of the weeds since receiving the letter.

HPD Officer Andrew Arnold said Monday that he written “a handful” of compliance letters

this summer, including two in the past month. Only a couple of those were written for chickens exclusively (the others included abatement issues), and the residents rectified the problem by getting rid of the poultry, Arnold said.

A citation is written and a fine issued only after the violator has failed to comply within 10 days of receiving the original notice letter, HPD Sgt. Mike McFetridge said. He is unaware of any fines levied because of illegal possession of poultry in town.

But there are chickens in town. Councilman Steve Atkins complained that there is a rooster in his neighborhood that wakes him up too early on Saturday mornings.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that any ordinance change should keep the ban on roosters intact and perhaps limit the number of poultry a person can keep.

“If you guys decide to change the ordinance, maybe limit it to five or six per household,” Christoffersen told the council.

McFetridge acknowledged that enforcement could be difficult.

“The problem is people don’t claim them when we come to their homes,” and there is no way to prove ownership, he said.

Councilman Aaron Tines suggested the city make available leg bands similar to the license tags that are sold to dog owners, who are required to register their pets with the city.

Marti Geselle had her own poultry control solution during the discussion, which turned light-hearted toward the end.

“I think if you just tell people, ‘If you can catch a chicken, it’s a free chicken dinner,’ that would solve the problem,” she said.

— JPB

Council clears way for new business, **Page 10**

# Two DUI convictions doesn’t stop man from driving

A Grand View man who had his driver’s license suspended after his driving under the influence conviction last month apparently was still on the road after his sentencing.

Steven Max Collett appeared before Magistrate Judge Dan C.

Grober on Monday after deadline for arraignment on a driving without privileges misdemeanor.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Larry Kendrick cited Collett on Aug. 4, three weeks after Grober had sentenced the man for two separate DUI incidents five

days apart in April.

Collett spent 50 days in jail after his arrests. OCSO Deputy Scott Snyder arrested Collett on misdemeanors of DUI and marijuana possession on April 12 and placed him in custody again five days later on misdemeanor

counts of excessive DUI and drug possession.

On July 14, Grober suspended Collett’s driver’s license for a year and ordered him to serve two years’ supervised probation. Grober suspended the balance of a six-month jail term, but ordered

Collett to pay \$1,500 in fines and court fees.

Collett entered a guilty plea to the DUI the same day of his sentencing on both DUIs, and county prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dropped the drug charges.



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# Wilderness Artist-in-Residence sought

The Bureau of Land Management is looking for an Artist-in-Residence in the Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness from Sept. 20 to Sept. 27.

The application deadline is Aug. 22. The residency offers uninterrupted time for the artist to pursue their work and is open to all professional artists 18 years of age and older who are United States citizens.

“The BLM’s Artist-in-Residence program promotes awareness through art of the exceptional natural and cultural treasures protected by the National Landscape Conservation System,” BLM Acting Idaho State Director Tim Murphy said.

“The program is founded on the belief that artists look closely at the way the world works, notice things that others may have missed, challenge ideas, experiment and create new opportunities to look at the world.”

All disciplines of artists will be considered, including photographers, painters, sculptures, videographers, writers, poets, musicians and composers. Final selections are based on the merit and professionalism of the artist and the proposal presented in the application.

Selected works from the artist will be showcased in a venue to be announced and in future BLM exhibits and publications.

The residency offers the artist the opportunity to take guided backpack and/or horseback trips and hikes in two or three of the six areas within the Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness.

Visit [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/environmental\\_education/artist-in-residence.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/environmental_education/artist-in-residence.html) to learn more about the program and access the application form.

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### Corrections

Details on how the City of Marsing will use some of its Fiscal Year 2015 budget were incorrect in last week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. The city’s scheduled bond payments will come out of the water and sewer funds, respectively. The only sewer line work performed in the city last year was the emergency slip-lining of the East Bruneau trunk line.

The Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show reigning competitor was misidentified in a photo caption on Page 11B of last week’s edition. The rider was Jaiden Vincent.

# MRW holds annual fundraiser Saturday

Several auction items, live music and a car show highlight the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District’s annual fundraiser Saturday.

The event takes place at Givens Hot Springs.

The festivities start at 3 p.m. for show and shine parking. It costs \$8 to enter a car in the show, and each entrant receives a barbecue dinner ticket.

The barbecue starts at 4 p.m., and tickets are \$8 per person or \$20 per family. Folks can swim at Givens Hot Springs for half-price with the purchase of a meal ticket.

The live auction starts at 6 p.m. Some of items include a Bighorn gun safe, a Traeger smoker grill, a vintage 1910 Victrola record player, antique and handcrafted items and several pieces of local art.

To obtain a show and shine entry form, contact MRW at [info@mrwfire.org](mailto:info@mrwfire.org) or MRW Fire BBQ, 11606 State Hwy 78, Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641.

In addition to the dinner, auction and car show, Treasure Valley bluegrass band Idyltime will perform live music. There will be a mechanical bull ride, children’s games and a bounce house.

# State grazing meetings set

Ranchers can weigh in on the Idaho Department of Lands’ grazing program review in a pair of upcoming meetings.

Ranchers and stakeholders are invited to give public comment for the review, which will help shape what future public lands grazing leases and fees look like.

Meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

- Thursday at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S., in Nampa
- Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area building, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley.

Information on the review process is available at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing/rate/index.html>.

According to the IDL timeline, the process will culminate next summer with the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners voting on the agency’s recommendations regarding changes to the grazing fee formula.

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✓ Levy: Polls open 12 hours Tuesday for vote on one-year, \$600K measure

been working to obtain levy support.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday:

- **Bruneau** — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.
- **Grand View** — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.
- **Oreana** — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd.

Mail-in-ballot voters in the Riddle precinct and Elmore County's Chattin Flats precinct should have already received their ballots. Completed ballots must be postmarked by the close of the polls.

Same-day voter registration with photo identification and proof of 30-day residency will be available.

Contact the Owyhee County elections department at (208) 495-2421 for more information.

The \$600,000 amount is half of the two-year \$1.2 million proposal that patrons voted down in two other elections earlier this year.

Opinions of some area patrons about the levy seem to be mixed, especially at the Rimrock Senior Center.

"This is a bitter pill to swallow," said Harry Kern, president of the Rimrock board of directors. "It's been defeated twice, and now they're coming back for a third try. We are a retirement community and most of us are on fixed incomes. It's probably 50-50 if it gets passed."

"I just hope the school district can get organized," senior Sandi Riley said. "The whole district seems to be in shambles, and it's just poor planning."

Sherry Colyer heads the community group working to gain public support for the levy. Despite narrow defeat of the two-year levy option twice this year, the former nine-year school board member said she is convinced there is enough support to get it passed this time.

Colyer has lived in Bruneau for 38 years. She has also been an EMT for 36 years and is associated with the Colyer Herefords and Angus ranch.

"I think the communities realize the importance of keeping the elementary schools in the communities and are going to support it," she said.

The committee has held informational meetings over the summer to educate voters. Volunteers have put flyers in business windows and sent out mailers, in addition to going door-to-door encouraging people to vote.

"It is crucial for the future of the district to pass this supplemental levy. Without it, the consequences are far-reaching, with long-term effect for all communities," Colyer said.

Colyer said the problem should be evident because 94 of the state's 115 school districts have passed supplemental levies to continue operations.

"State school funding needs to change. Ever since school funding shifted from property tax to state funding, the supplemental levies have been on a steady increase," Colyer said.

If the levy fails again, Colyer said, "the district will deplete the current fund balance and will be essentially broke."

The levy vote is an opportunity for area patrons to think about what they want, Wilson said.

"They need to think about what type of schools they want. Do they want their schools to remain in their towns, or do they want consolidation?" he asked.

Wilson wants area residents to realize that in order to maintain the schools and to move forward, the levy is necessary.

"The money we receive from the state is not enough to run three schools, so the levy situation is not going away," he said. "If they want their schools, they have to support the levy."

Even if the levy is approved, Wilson said another levy will be needed next spring to continue operating all the schools, or the district will look at consolidation again for next year.

If the levy doesn't pass, Wilson said the district will have to look at options for borrowing money and then seek another levy in the spring to pay off the loan.

"We don't have a definite plan yet about the future," Wilson said.

He laid out the worst-case scenario if voters reject the levy and the district is unable to meet its financial obligations: the State Department of Education may take control of the district. If that happens, Wilson said the DOE will have three options:

- Deconsolidate the district and split it up into smaller areas
- Consolidate the district with other districts
- Assign a state administrator to do what he thinks is necessary

"This has never happened before, and we don't want to be the first district to turn over control to the state," Wilson said.

—KB

✓ Owyhee: Directors could determine Gem plant cut-off at next meeting

In August 1992, the reservoir was at zero percent and the water allotment was set at only 1.5 acre-feet, he said.

Thursday, the South Board was still making water deliveries despite only 1 percent or 3,962 acre-feet in the reservoir. That percentage fell to zero by Monday all but ending the water year for producers who rely on the reservoir to irrigate their fields.

A small amount of water must remain in the reservoir at the end of the season.

During their Sept. 9 meeting, South Board of Control directors will decide when to end the irrigation season for the Gem Irrigation producers who are tapped into the Gem Pumping Plant on the Snake River in Marsing. The pumps that feed the old Gem Irrigation District acreage normally run until about mid-October, but a shutoff date could be sooner, Kiester said.

It has been a hard year, as Owyhee Reservoir-reliant producers were faced with an allotment of 1.7 acre-feet of water for their crops, when a normal year gives them about 4 acre-feet.

Kiester said he feels grateful for the "attitude of cooperation" that has helped all the irrigation managers and ditch riders address the problem.

"It takes cooperation. That's the only way you can look at it," he said.

Estimates at the beginning of the year had the allotment set at just one-half acre feet, Kiester recalled.

He called the early estimates "very scary," but said it has turned out "better than we thought."

"I feel like we had a fairly good year on the 1.7 acre-feet. I've heard several compliments about what a good job the managers have done," he said.

He said it has been a wonder that producers have been able to go this long on what little water they had.

In spite of lower water allotments, Kiester said area producers have been able to complete two to three cuttings of alfalfa and a couple of cuttings of hay.

"That's pretty good for 1.7," he said.

Kiester said the overall success of the irrigation season was because of the early release of data that helped producers plan ahead for their planting.

"Some left fields empty, while others switched to crops requiring less water," he said.

The important thing was that producers had the information early in the season, he said.

Another concern frustrating water managers is the increase of problems because of silt.

"There has been a lot of talk about it, and the South Board as a whole wants to address the problem more seriously for next year," he said.

Kiester is putting together a letter he will send out later this month to address the topic. He is currently studying the costs spent on alleviating the problem and is working on estimating the costs of lessening it.

Silt buildup is generally attributed to an increase in runoff from row crops like corn, and the mud clogs the irrigation pipes for all water users.

Kiester is also looking to the future with plans to install a new pressurized irrigation system south of Homedale. The pipe system will be installed this winter with the help of a \$300,000 Bureau of Reclamation grant awarded to South Board. The grant is for a two-year project to install a pressurized pivot system on 700 acres of land located three miles south of Homedale, Kiester said.

The system is designed to conserve water and lessen silt, he said.

—KB

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# Obituaries

## Belva Gordon (Larsen)



It's with great sorrow to let all our friends know that our mother, Belva Gordon (Larsen), of Nyssa, OR, passed away amongst her family on August 14, 2014.

She was born on November 14, 1936 in Marsing, Idaho, the eighth and last child of Nels Elmer and Lucille Irene Larsen. She grew up on her family's farm there and graduated from Marsing High School in the spring of 1954.

After a stint of clerical work, she met and eventually married Jerry Dean Gordon of Nyssa, OR, on August 31, 1958 in Marsing. They farmed in the Nyssa area, ranched a bit at Sinker Creek and Arock and returned to farming in the Nyssa area until 1988. She enjoyed a wide variety of activities, i.e. bowling, pinochle games with friends, painting, sewing, knitting and, above all, time spent with kids and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bob, Gordon, Ward and Lowell, sisters Glenda, Mildred and Audrey. She's survived by a son, John Gordon of Nyssa, OR, a daughter, Jana Barlow of Nyssa and another daughter, Julie Witty of John Day, OR. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We'll all miss her dearly.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Owyhee Cemetery with Bishop Robert Wagstaff conducting.

## Geraldine Frances Joyce

Geraldine Frances Joyce of Juntura, Oregon passed away August 17, 2014 in Vale, Oregon. She was born to Edward and Theresa Ford on September 25, 1929 in Seattle, Washington. She attended schools in the Seattle and Portland area. She graduated from Saint Mary's Academy in Portland, Oregon in 1948. She received her teaching certificate from Marylhurst College in 1951. She taught second grade at the Vale Elementary School from 1951 to 1953. In 1953 she married Thomas P. Joyce. They made their home in Juntura, Oregon and raised their eight children on the family ranch.

Her faith was especially important to her. She was a faithful member of Saint Charles Catholic Church in Juntura. In addition to being a member of the Altar Society, and prayer group, she loved pilgrimages to the California Missions, Yugoslavia, France, and Poland. A special trip included a pilgrimage to Detroit, Michigan, where her great uncle, Venerable Solanus Casey, is honored.

Geraldine prepared great meals for her family, the branding crews, cattle truck drivers, the vet, and anyone who came to the door. She especially enjoyed moving to "Cow Camp" in the summer to work alongside Thomas re-



pairing fences and tending to the cattle. She enjoyed the beauty of God's creation especially loving the creeks, the wildflowers and huckleberry picking. Her highlight of the summer was a Mass celebrated by Bishop Connolly, with family and friends.

As a lifelong learner and educator, she sought further education through classes, historical field trips, reading, and family excursions to new places.

Geraldine enjoyed her time with her family whom she dearly loved. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, and her siblings. She is survived by her sister, Theresa (Edward) Hale, children, Daniel, Rosemary (Dave) Wilson, Michael, Timothy, Nancy (Ron) Cunningham, An-



thony (Katherine), Mark (Wendy) and Maria, 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the Rosary will be recited at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Vale. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Vale. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery, Vale. Services are under the direction of the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. An online guest book is available at [www.nampa-funeralhome.com](http://www.nampa-funeralhome.com)

Memorials may be sent to Saint Charles Catholic Church, Juntura, Oregon or Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Vale, Oregon.

# School menus

**Homedale Elementary**

Aug. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Aug. 21: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar

Aug. 25: Wiener wrap, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Aug. 26: BBQ chicken, steamed carrots, roll, veggie & fruit bar

Aug. 27: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar

**Homedale Middle**

Aug. 20: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, salad & fruit bar

Aug. 21: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad & fruit bar

Aug. 25: Nachos or ham/cheese hot pocket, salad bar, fruit bar

Aug. 26: Hamburger or spicy chicken sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar

Aug. 27: Chicken or beef nuggets, cookie, salad bar, fruit bar

**Homedale High**

Aug. 20: Spaghetti w/bread or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Aug. 21: Chicken taco or fish sticks, salad bar, fruit choice, cookie

Aug. 25: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Aug. 26: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll, salad bar, fruit choice

Aug. 27: Enchilada or burrito, toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Aug. 28: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

**Marsing**

Aug. 20: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or homemade burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12

Aug. 21: Rib-b-que sandwich or macaroni & cheese w/Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12

Aug. 25: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar 6-12

Aug. 26: French dip sandwich or beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar 6-12

Aug. 27: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corndog, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12

**Bruneau-Grand View**

Aug. 20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach salad, breadstick, fruit

Aug. 21: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Aug. 22: Pig in a blanket, tots, broccoli, fruit

Aug. 26: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, breadstick, fruit

Aug. 27: Chicken alfredo, steamed carrots, whole grain breadstick, fruit

# Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**

*Salad bar daily: Lettuce, tomatoes, egg salad with one of the following: Beet salad, apricots, mandarin oranges. Milk served daily.*

Aug. 20: Chicken patty, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, bread

Aug. 21: BBQ pork, French fries, carrots, bread

Aug. 26: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Calif. blend veggies, bread

Aug. 27: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots & onions

Aug. 28: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, bread

**Marsing Senior Center**

*Salad Bar Daily: Green salad, vegetables, fruit, milk, etc.*

Aug. 20: Baked cod or chef's choice, baked potato, spinach, fruit salad, roll, pudding, cookie

Aug. 21: Fried chicken w/milk gravy, mashed potatoes, four bean salad, squash, cornmeal roll, cheesecake

Aug. 25: Breakfast, French toast, bacon, eggs, juice, fruit

Aug. 26: Porky pine meatballs, rice, California mix, fruit salad, juice, roll, dump cake

Aug. 27: Chicken & oven brown potatoes, carrots, 4 bean salad, pickled beets, custard, orange juice

Aug. 28: Pork roast, potatoes, oriental vegetables, tossed salad, biscuit, fruit, jello, cake & ice cream

**Rimrock Senior Center**

Aug. 21: Pulled pork on bun, baked beans, cole slaw salad, pineapple upsidedown cake

Aug. 26: Lasagna, tossed salad, fruit, garlic bread, pudding

Aug. 28: Potato bar w/bacon, cheese & more, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, garlic bread

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# Fair’s over: Time to organize and revitalize

This time of year is always busy for families, especially those in 4-H and FFA. Our local fair has just finished, other local fairs have as well, and school is starting. Not to mention those who are also involved in fall sports have been juggling 4-H or FFA, practices, and getting ready for school. There is no question it is a busy, stressful time for kids and parents alike.



Sarah Perkins

This is also a great time of year to reflect on the summer’s busyness and look back on all the great things that happened, memories that were made, and the kids’ accomplishments. It’s also a great time to organize and prepare for the new year in 4-H or FFA.

## University of Idaho Extension

### New U of I column debuts

Beginning this week, the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension staff will provide advice in various areas through a weekly column.

Most of the time tack, awards, show supplies, and record books all get packed up from fair and unloaded wherever space can be found at home. This is the best time to go through, take inventory, and make a list of what is needed for next year. It’s also an opportunity to throw out what is broken, used, or not in good shape.

Those with animal projects

(whether large or small) know a lot goes into the show box. Go through and make sure everything has a lid or cap, is not expired, and is labeled properly. Washing halters, brushes, combs and anything that is not ruined by water is also a good idea so it’s clean from dirt, hair and debris and ready for the next round of animals.

If you don’t have an animal project, you can still use some of the same ideas to organize and take inventory. Go through awards and record books and put them in a safe place to look back on someday.

Then, rest and relax.

— Sarah Perkins is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. You can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

# Calendar

## Today

**Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

## 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

**Blood pressure clinic**  
9 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## Friday

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

## Saturday

**Homedale Farmers Market**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 840-0440

**Catholic Mass**  
9:30 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven church, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

**Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District fundraiser**  
3 p.m., car show, 4 p.m., barbecue, 6 p.m., live auction, Givens Hot Springs, 11309 Hwy. 78, Givens. [info@mrwfire.org](mailto:info@mrwfire.org)

## Sunday

**Catholic Mass**  
1 p.m., Our Lady of Tears church, Silver City. (208) 466-7031

**Car show benefitting Hope House**  
1 p.m., \$10 fee, Jalapeño’s Bar & Grills, 8799 Franklin Road, Boise. (208) 377-5142

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

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

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

## Wednesday

**Sage-grouse Local Working Group meeting**  
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

## Thursday, Aug. 28

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

**Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## Friday, Aug. 29

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

## Saturday, Aug. 30

**Homedale Farmers Market**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 840-0440

## Monday, Sept. 1


**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, Sept. 2

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

### Owyhee Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley IV

## Tales of the I.O.N. Country

### Grazing Advisory Board meeting, Salt Lake, January 1936

(John Scharff)

This was the important meeting in which the grazing organization for the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 was set up. From it came the Grazing Service, which was a forerunner of the Bureau of Land Management.

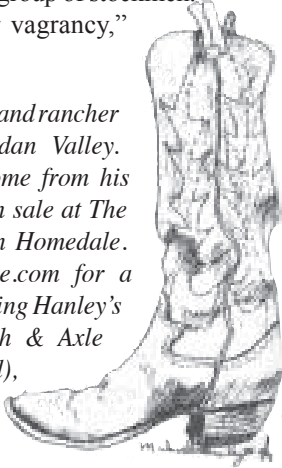
A group of stockmen and I left Burns for the trip to Salt Lake City. When we passed Venator, the train slowed down for a man waving a red lantern on the track. The conductor began to grumble and said I shouldn’t stop for the old cuss. Should just leave him standing there waving his lantern. When the man got on, it was Jim McEwen and he and the conductor good-naturedly began to kid each other. Jim and I’ve been shipping sheep, cattle, horses, and wool for forty years on this darn railroad and never received any personal consideration yet.

Later, a group of the men had gathered around in the car and were doing a little drinking and the talk was pretty loud. A boy came in and paged for Jim McEwen and said he was wanted elsewhere. Jim got up ad left but came back soon and sat down. He said he wasn’t going to do it and that was it, while the boy pleaded with him to change his mind. I asked him, “Not do what?” He said the conductor had it fixed so that Jim could eat with the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, who happened to have his private car in the train. The boy came back again looking, and Jim wouldn’t go. Jim Jones got up and said, “Come on, Jim, I’ll go with you,” so they both left.

When we got to Salt Lake it was raining, and we walked out on the street and tried to flag a taxi. A big limousine drove up and picked up the two Jims and the president and started for the hotel. I can still see Jim Jones waving to us as they drove out of sight.

The next morning, a policeman spied a man walking down a street at 4 and stopped him and asked if he needed a room. The man said he was staying in a hotel across the street (Deseret Hotel) and couldn’t stand it any longer so got up. The policeman then went over to the hotel and asked the clerk if there was something wrong with the beds because he just met a man on the street who said he couldn’t stand them any longer. The clerk said that is Mr. McEwen who is here with a group of stockmen. “I almost arrested him for vagrancy,” said the policeman.

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



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# Windy weather leaves some east county residents without power

High winds left scores of people without power at intervals last Wednesday in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

Idaho Power Co. spokesperson Stephanie McCurdy said several outages were reported in the area, affecting customers on both sides of the Snake River.

The largest outage left more than 150 customers without electrical service for 16 hours over Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Smaller outages stretching into the Oreana area left customers without power for about six hours Wednesday night.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said the power outage affecting the most residents was triggered by high winds that blew down trees over River Road near Grand View and also downed eight power poles.

McCurdy attributed the long outage the extensive damage that Idaho Power crews had to fix.

— JPB

# Owyhee County Fair

- Department awards**

**Historical**

**Grand champion** — Cliff Eidemiller; **Reserve** — Florence Paxton; **Judges choice** — Florence Paxton

**Canning**

**Grand champion** — Alan Long, pickled asparagus; **Reserve** — Robin Aberatrui, tomatoes; **Judges choice** — Florence Paxton

**Arts**

**Grand champion** — TK Gruenwald; **Reserve** — Julie Cloud; **Judges choice** — TK Gruenwald

**Fruit**

**Grand champion** — Brett and Carol McMichael, cantaloupe; **Reserve** — Carol McMichael, peaches

**Agriculture**

**Grand champion** — Mendi Gebauer, green beans; **Reserve** — Joe Lootens, peppers; **Judges choice** — Judy Pascal

**Hobby crafts**

**Grand champion** — Jerry Holloway; **Reserve** — Sid Freeman; **Judges choice** — Debbie Long
- Flowers**

**Grand champion** — Judith MacKenzie; **Reserve** — Marilyn Evans; **Judges choice** — Charlene Johnstone

**Photography**

**Grand champion** — Chiron Morgan; **Reserve** — Brenna Leuthold

**Pantry**

**Grand champion** — Sage Jolley; **Reserve** — Pauline Rhodes

**Ceramics**

**Grand champion** — Kyra Buchingham

**Needlework**

**Grand champion** — Don Gibbons; **Reserve** — Shirley Wallace

**Photo contest**

Anita Johnston

**Nature's Wonder**

Florence Paxton

**Salt Lick Contest**

Mitchell Erwin

**Bountiful Harvest**

Melina Helm

# Engagement

## Uria, Licht to wed in October

Ric and Terri Uria of Homedale are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tristen DeNae Uria, to Nolan Remington Licht, who is originally from Zortman, Mont.

Tristen is a graduate of Homedale High School and served five years in the U.S. Marine Corps. She is employed at Newmont Mining Co.

Nolan, the son of John Licht and the late Mary Catherine Licht, graduated from Spring Creek High School in Nevada and later graduated from Great Basin College. He is an electrician at Bar-rick Gold Mining Co.

The couple will be married on Oct. 25, 2014 at the Seventh Canyon Ranch in LaMoille, Nev. A reception to celebrate their wedding will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale.



Tristen Uria and Nolan Licht

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## Homedale FFA Student Sends Thank You To Community Family

I started High School as an out of district student in Fall of 2011. From the start I was greeted into the Homedale Community by new friends, Homedale football team, basketball team, FFA chapter and many local business owners. The time I have participated in high school, sports and FFA has been very impacting. The one way I can describe this experience is finding a "Community Family." In FFA I have had a great amount of support from businesses that take pride in their community and treat it like family. I feel very proud to be a part of this community and appreciate the commitment of support in itself. - Bo Pickett

I am a three year FFA member. I would like to say "Thank You" for the support of my projects past and present.

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**LANDA FARMS**

A farming operation located in Owyhee County. Another successful family owned and operated business. Currently Kyler Landa, son of Chris & Virginia Landa is an active member of the Homedale FFA and participates in many High School activities. The Landa Clan have always performed above and beyond in community support. The "community family" concept is very much the way that they live. Thank you so very much for your friendship and making Owyhee County your community family.

**PRUETT TIRE FACTORY**

Pruett Tire a family business in Homedale & Marsing operating for nearly 20 years. It is owned and managed by Dennis Pruett and his family. Dennis has always made great efforts to keep the community going with support from his Homedale & Marsing business. Many athletic and fundraising committees can always count on his support and involvement. Dennis & Michelle have raised two daughters Sumr & Wyntr in the community and they continue to be active in the business and raising children of their own in Homedale. Grandchildren Sage & Skylr Badiola also Swine exhibitors at this years fair. Continuing the reputation for loyalty to "Community Family." Thank you for your strong commitment.

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Seth Conner of Emmett-based Ideal Demolition Services makes adjustments on a piece of equipment Monday as he continues demolition of the old Valley Machine Shop in Homedale to make way for a planned Mountain View Equipment dealership. Photo by Jon P. Brown

# Homedale council learns about grant opportunities

## City transfers property to proposed business

On a night during which they held a public hearing on the fiscal year 2015 budget, Homedale City Council members also heard about infrastructure improvement grants.

City engineers Andrew Kimmel and Marty Gergen of Riedesel Engineering laid out a list of grant opportunities so the council could prepare for future projects.

“Our recommendation is if there is a grant you want to go after, you need to look three to six months ahead,” Kimmel said.

Kimmel outlined grants for street improvements, sewer and water system work and economic development. The opportunities are state-based and cover actual work as well as planning.

The most relevant grant opportunity at this point seems to be Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) money that could be used to rehabilitate North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West and bring sidewalks to the thoroughfare that passes by Homedale Elementary School and terminates at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Before Mayor Gheen Christoffersen’s administration began, the city council decided against applying for a grant to help with North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West.

“If we do nothing, 10 years from now, we’ll be talking about the same project except there will be a gravel road down there,” Christoffersen said last Wednesday.

Kimmel said LHTAC offers up to \$50,000 for planning grants, \$35,000 for signage grants and \$100,000 for construction grants. He also suggested the council consider apply for several different grants to help with the project,

including Safer Route to Schools funding for the sidewalks.

But he stressed the council must be proactive.

“This is a grant you need to be planning ahead for in order to score points,” he said. “They want to see the effort.”

He suggested that updating the city’s transportation plan, which was created at cost of about \$60,000 in 2008, would help make Homedale applications more attractive. A plan update could cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, Kimmel said.

Kimmel also mentioned the Idaho Transportation Department’s Community Choices grant program, which awards up to \$500,000 for non-motorized travel safety such as bicycle paths, street crossing and sidewalks.

In all cases, the city would have to come up with matching funds of varying percentages, he said.

Gergen talked about Federal Aviation Administration grants

that would be available for the Homedale Municipal Airport. He also mentioned that the city had run out of time to use the balance of an FAA grant it had received three years ago.

Later in the meeting, the council decided to request that the unused portion of the city’s airport grant be forwarded to the City of Jerome rather than relinquished back to the federal agency.

### Hearings draw no one

The council held two public hearings last Wednesday, but no citizens showed up to give input.

The proposed \$3.5 million FY 2015 budget faces an appropriations vote on Thursday, Aug. 28 after a brief, non-eventful hearing last week.

The budget includes raises for every staff member at the Homedale Public Library. Director Margaret Fujishin said that a budget line labeled “library clerk”

actually includes the salary budget for all clerks at the library.

The council also unanimously approved a quit claim deed that transfers property near West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and South Main Street to Mountain View Equipment.

The action came after the council held a public hearing to surplus the property adjacent to the old Valley Machine Shop. No citizens offered public input at the hearing during which Christoffersen announced that it had been discovered that part of the old shop actually sits on the city property in question.

Mountain View Equipment plans to build an agricultural equipment dealership at the site. The store would replace the company’s outlet in Caldwell, which is closing at the end of the year.

Demolition on the old buildings on the property began late last week.

— JPB

### Weather

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Aug. 13	87	56	.00
Aug. 14	85	58	.00
Aug. 15	85	60	.00
Aug. 16	87	60	.00
Aug. 17	91	57	.00
Aug. 18	94	58	.00

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### ✓ Budget: Improvements planned at fairgrounds, on roads

“I feel we’re well-compensated for what we do,” Aberasturi said. “I’d rather see the employees get some of the benefits.”

Emery sought a 3½ percent salary increase to \$92,000, but the commissioners elected to keep the second-term prosecutor at his FY14 level while giving his assistant a two percent raise.

Aberasturi rationalized the situation, saying Emery is the 12<sup>th</sup>-highest-paid PA in the state, but Owyhee “isn’t close” to the 12<sup>th</sup>-highest revenue-earning county.

Overall, employees have seen pay increases (on average) of three percent in FY14 and one percent in FY13.

The county will pay for a part-time employee in the probation office. Chief probation officer Doris Jewett, whom commissioners said is looking at retirement, will trim her workload back to about 19 hours a week in the fall. The

part-timer will pick up some of the slack and also cover the magistrate court office during hearing days in Homedale, they said.

The bulk of the 7.8 percent increase in the \$4.5 million jail budget can be attributed to employee costs, including the addition of another detention deputy to bring the jail in compliance with Idaho Sheriff’s Association manpower guidelines and avoid a reduction in liability insurance coverage.

The commissioners have proposed increased budgets for the fairgrounds and road and bridge districts with any eye on projects in the coming year.

A big project for the county road crew is reconstruction of Murphy Flat Road, which has been damaged by the effects of poor drainage, lack of maintenance and wayward irrigation water over the past three years.

The fairgrounds budget will

increase 76.6 percent to more than \$94,500. The \$41,000 increase is for building improvements, such as a new goat barn roof, Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said there was about \$70,000 available in the levy this year and that money had been set aside in previous years to save up for the improvements, so the county remained within state law on the .0001 maximum levy.

“It’s just been neglected for so long because we’ve been putting money into other things,” he said.

New restrooms still appear to be a fantasy, though.

The county’s legal services budget line will see a 366 percent (\$55,000) increase to \$70,000 after the Idaho Legislature rewrote the rules on how public defenders are compensated.

The commissioners have reduced the salary budget for the Owyhee County Historical Mu-

seum director, but they said last week that there are plans to hire a successor for Joe Demshar, who was dismissed earlier this year.

The county’s Indigent and Charity budget will drop 7 percent with reductions in the line items for hospital stays (13.04 percent to \$100,000) and professional services (6.25 percent to \$300,000). Officials say with Obamacare making more folks eligible for health insurance, the number of people seeking assistance through the county’s program has dropped.

Barkell said the county will avoid levying for the junior college tuition fund, but that expanding dual-credit opportunities for high school students will continue to strain the budget. Commissioners added \$5,000 to the budget for FY15, bringing the total available to \$60,000 after the county went \$500 over on the \$55,000 budget this year.

— JPB

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# JV girl part of unique promotion

## Malheur’s top intermediate showman to sell at Logans

A seventh-generation member of a Jordan Valley ranching family does her part to keep the cattle industry going Saturday.

Regann Skinner, a 13-year-old who just started eighth grade at Jordan Valley Middle School, will sell beef from her Malheur County Fair project at 9 a.m. Saturday at Logans Market in Marsing.

The sale is the final leg of a journey in which the daughter of Tracy and Silas Skinner raised a steer, showed it at the fair in Vale, Ore., sold it in the livestock auction and helped market the meat.

Regann participated in the Malheur County Cattlemen’s Association commercial class at the fair.

The member of the Jordan Valley Sagebrush Cowboys 4-H club was the intermediate grand champion showman this year. This was the fifth year that she had shown a Red Angus steer from the family ranch and it’s the second year she has sold her beef at Logans.

To be eligible for the Malheur County commercial class, an animal must be bred and raised in the county.

“I fed my steer corn raised by my grandparents in Homedale and hay raised from our ranch,” Regann wrote in an article submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche.

“This past spring and summer, between cutting and raking hay, I took my time in the evening to work with my steer and get him ready for fair.”

Grocers with locations in Malheur County bought several beef at the county livestock auction as part of the commercial class program.

Regann and the other exhibitors are required to make a presentation about their project and provide an article for the local newspaper.

On Friday, Regann will shadow Logans Market butcher Jeff Percifield as he makes beef cuts that will be sold Saturday. Regann will also be on hand Saturday to tell consumers about her project, her



Regann Skinner has shown Red Angus steers at the Malheur County Fair for five years. Submitted photo

family’s ranch, how important ranchers are to the local food supply and to answer any questions.

“The local grocers played a huge role in making this program possible,” Regann said. “I appreciate the generosity of Logans Market for purchasing my steer again this year.

“The local grocers’ willingness to help the 4-H program and local beef industry has allowed me the opportunity to learn about marketing to the consumer.”

Grocers bought seven steers to be sold in their local stores, including Logans in Marsing and Vale, M&W Market in Parma and Nyssa, Ore., and Red Apple in Ontario, Ore.

— Regann Skinner submitted information included in this article as part of the requirements to participate in the Malheur County Fair’s commercial class.

# IDFG announces another restrictive sage-grouse hunt

Sage-grouse hunting season in Owyhee County will open Sept. 20 with familiar guidelines.

Only the area west of the Bruneau River will be open to hunters during the seven-day season that ends Sept. 26, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

As has been the case in recent years, no hunting is permitted east of the Bruneau River.

The hunting limit is one bird per day with a two-bird bag limit.

Zone 1 in Owyhee County is north of Mud Flat Road, and Zone 2 is south of the road.

Statewide, the hunt will remain the same as in 2013, but there are new closures in the Greater Curlew Valley, which covers most of Power and Oneida Counties, and a portion of Cassia County.

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# New year at Bruneau-Grand View first in 50 without Bennett

Linda Bennett has accomplished what few people would dream of doing, but she doesn't want to call attention to herself.

She worked at her career job for 50 years.

Bennett just retired from her secretary position at the Bruneau-Grand View School District office and insisted during her last few days that her co-workers should not hold a big party.

They honored her wishes. "I'm just one of those people who doesn't like a lot of attention," she said. "I just wanted to slip quietly out the door."

She may have left quietly, but she has left a big impression on all the people in the Bruneau and Grand View communities who knew her and worked with her during her long career.

"She has just been a joy to work with," superintendent Dennis Wilson said. "She was an excellent employee. She is very gracious and such a wonderful person. She knows everybody and treated everyone as if they were her best friend," he said.

Wilson said Bennett has an uncanny ability to recall places names and dates from the past. Many people came to the district



Now retired, Linda Bennett plans more visits to her sister Belva and brother-in-law Jack Lawson's Emu-Z-um. Submitted photo

office, just so they could visit with her, he added.

Bennett worked 29 years in the district office, and prior to that she spent 21 years as secretary at Grand View Elementary. She began her career in 1964, when she was hired as a classroom aide for the second and third grades, then moved into the secretary position.

Her beginning wage was \$1.25 per hour.

"I've enjoyed the people I've met over the years," she said. "All the kids and parents and staff I have known are just wonderful people. I've enjoyed everybody I worked with. I've made the kind of friends that last forever."

During her 50-year career, she saw major changes as her work responsibilities transformed, from initially doing handwritten letters, to a much heavier workload of computerized documents and reports. The secretarial role has changed immensely over the years, she said. Bennett dealt with varying kinds of stress, depending on what was happening in the district and the community. She knew eight different superintendents, and said her role changed with each one.

She looks at all the positive things from her long-term job and treasures the friends she made along the way.

Bennett was born and raised in Grand View. Her parents were George and Lillian Bennett. She has an older brother, George Jr., who ranches in the area, and an older sister, Belva (Bennett) Lawson. Her sister operates the Emu-Z-um with her husband Jack about 10 miles outside of town.

Her parents were farmers and ranchers, and her dad owned "the first field in the area" where he grew potatoes for J.R. Simplot, she said.

At 4 years old, Linda served the Grand View Devils as a school mascot and wore a tiny uniform with a "GV" on it, when her sister Belva was a cheerleader.

George Bennett Sr. was head of the school board for 22 years, so each of the three children received their eighth-grade diplomas from their dad.

"Our folks were hard workers, so they taught all of us to be that way," Linda said. "We had many chores to take care of."

When she was only 8 years old, Bennett was responsible for cooking the evening meals for the hay crews that worked for her dad. There were about 15 people at the tables then.

"Belva was older, so she ran the tractor, and Mom would set out the meat and I did the cooking," she said.

One time, her dad told the two girls, "I don't have time to fix the flat tire on the car, because I need to get the irrigating done." So, the girls asked him, "Dad, If we fix the tire, could we still go to the movies in Mountain Home?" They fixed the tire, and then their dad took them to the movies. Bennett said she doesn't even

try to keep up with her older sister Belva because "she does everything yesterday."

Now that she is retired, Linda will visit the Emu-Z-um more often, and help Belva and Jack with some of their display projects.

Recently she helped her sister create a large display of Raggedy Ann dolls. There were hundreds of items to display.

Bennett enjoys taking groups of people around the Lawsons' property to see the variety of buildings and items there. She is proud of the Emu-Z-um and eagerly tells people about it.

Bennett, who has never married, moved to a house in Mountain Home in 1991 to help care for her aging parents. After her mother's death, her father remarried. Linda had a close relationship with her stepmother, Agnes, and after her dad passed away, she cared for Agnes until she passed away about five years ago.

With the luxury of free time on her hands, she now plans to spend more time being around her family and friends.

Her main interests are Boise State football, Disneyland and Dodger baseball.

She enjoys working in her yard, scrapbooking and she may take up painting again.

Bennett is happy that she no longer has to get up at 5 a.m. in order to drive to work in Grand View and arrive by 7:30 a.m.

She is looking forward to a carefree life of "doing whatever she wants to," without the full-time work schedule.

Story by  
Karen Bresnahan

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## Catholic Masses set this weekend in Oreana, Silver

The St. Paul's Catholic Parish summer mass schedule continues this weekend in Owyhee County.

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# Marsing Middle Schoolers begin day with games



From left, Emilee Newman, Klohi Hook, Lillie Jerome and Yesenia Flores create a pattern with a ball of yarn.

## New principal Jacob Skousen enhances first period with social activities to help with transition from elementary

New Marsing Middle School principal Jacob Skousen is starting out the 2014-15 school year with a fresh new set of ideas.

He has already come up with some new ways for students to have fun, get to know each other, and make an easy transition from elementary level to middle school.

Students will be playing some games at the beginning of their day.

The first class of the day for all the students is called “Advisory.” In it, students of sixth seventh and eighth grades are divided up into small groups and assigned an advisory teacher, who will stay with each of them for all three years.

Students gather in small groups and play seven different games, including “All Aboard,” “Husky Shuffle,” “Spider Web,” “Communication Circle,” “Hula Hoop Race,” “Human Knot,” and “Two Truths and a lie”.

“It’s all about helping them make the transition from

elementary level, where they stay in one classroom all the time, to middle school, where they must change classes and teachers every period,” Skousen said. “There are exercises in communication, and creating a sense of school identity.”

He said the first period of the day used to be called, “Homeroom,” so this is along the same lines.

The advisory teacher stays with each student assigned to them during all of middle school to create a sense of stability for the students, he said.

“We want them to feel comfortable and like they have someone they can always go to with any problems or questions,” he said.

The first-period activities are also designed to build school spirit and a sense of community between the students and their school.

Skousen said the school counselor John DeWitt will also be working with students on character-building exercises and creating monthly themes.

### The games they play

In the “All Aboard” game, students must exercise teamwork to be able to stand together on a platform for 30 seconds.

The “Husky Shuffle” is another timed activity where the students all stand on a balance beam in the gym and they are required to figure out a way to place themselves in birth order in the line without talking.

The “Spider Web” game involves students squeezing through a “spider web” without touching the sides and only one at a time can go through any particular hole.

“Communication Circle” is a student activity where students stand in a circle and each one tosses a ball of yarn across the circle to another person after answering questions. One question is to say their name and their favorite food. The last student to talk will say their favorite school activity and toss it back to the person before them.

In the timed “Hula Hoop Race,” students stand in a circle, holding hands, and maneuver a hula hoop from one person to the next, all the way around the circle. Groups compete by time.

The “Human Knot” is an activity where students stand in a circle, shoulder-to-shoulder. They all put their right hand up, and grab the hand of a person across from them. Everyone then puts their left hand up and grabs the hand of a different person. Then the group is instructed to untangle themselves and make a circle again without breaking the chain of hands.

“Two Truths and a Lie” is another activity done in a circle. Each person must make three statements about himself/herself. Two of the statements must be true and one is false. The group must determine which statement about each person is not true. Some suggestions for the statements are for each one to answer questions like, “What did you do this summer?”; the “Greatest thing you have ever done”; or “What do you do when you are not at school?”

Story and photo  
by Karen Bresnahan

## Students head back to class in Marsing, Homedale



Students gather outside Marsing Middle School on Monday for the start of of the second week of classes in the 2014-15 school year. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Starting Homedale High School together are freshmen Megan Houser; left, and Amaya Zamora. Monday was the first day of the school year for Homedale students, who are now on a four-day schedule. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



# Avalanche Sports



Lee Stanford  
Senior boys' all around



Devon McDaniel  
Pee Wee boys' all around



Halle Burch  
Pee Wee girls' all around



Wes Ireland  
Junior boys' all around

## Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo

Saturday's results  
Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds

### Open team roping

1. Cole Garland and Connor Howard; 2. Nick Eiguren and Birch Eiguren; 3. Garrett Springer and Tyler Roe; 4. Braden Fillmore and Trevor Fillmore; 5. Devon McDaniel and Birch Eiguren

### Senior Girls

**All around** — Ria Kent  
**Barrel racing** — 1. Ria Kent; 2. Kayla Jenkins; 3. (tie) Shelby Dines and Natalee Jones; 5. Cali Hoxie  
**Breakaway roping** — 1. Lacey Yates; 2. Cassidy Corta  
**Pole bending** — 1. Ria Kent; 2. Hannah Weaver; 3. Natalee Jones; 4. Hailey Amick; 5. Kayla Jenkins

### Boys

**All around** — Lee Stanford  
**Calf roping** — 1. Cole Bunker; 2. Garrett Springer; 3. Hagen Wallace; 4. Lee Stanford; 5. Nick Eiguren  
**Breakaway roping** — 1. Lee Stanford; 2. Tanner Lewis; 3. Garrett Springer; 4. Hagen Wallace; 5. Nick Eiguren  
**Cow riding** — 1. Nick Eiguren; 2. TJ Hopson; 3. Russell Stanford; 4. Braden Fillmore; 5. Lee Stanford

### Junior Girls

**All around** — Lacy Yates  
**Goat tying** — 1. Lacy Yates; 2. Josey Jones; 3. Ally McDaniel; 4. Shelby Allen; 5. Kiana Quintero  
**Barrel racing** — 1. Cassidy Corta; 2. Miko Grubaugh; 3. Rylee Branch; 4. Gwen King; 5. Annabelle Schmidt  
**Pole bending** — 1. Kiana Quintero; 2. Lacy Yates; 3. Alyvia Moffis; 4. Gwen King; 5. Josey Hall

### Boys

**All Around** — Wes Ireland  
**Flag race** — 1. Wes Ireland; 2. Sylais York; 3. Lan Larison; 4. Birch Eiguren; 5. Jayden Lopez  
**Calf riding** — 1. Wes Ireland; 2. Garrett Bunker; 3. Trevor Fillmore; 4. Gavin Hall; 5. Lan Larison  
**Breakaway roping** — 1. Devon McDaniel; 2. Birch Eiguren; 3. Wes Ireland; 4. Garret Bunker

### Pee Wee Girls

**All around** — Halle Burch  
**Goat tying** — 1. Halle Burch; 2. Zayne Hall; 3. Kyndra Williams; 4. Shawny Telford; 5. Meg Eiguren  
**Barrel racing** — 1. Sierra Telford; 2. Halle Burch; 3. Hayden Corta; 4. Shawny Telford; 5. Sage Badiola  
**Pole bending** — 1. Halle Burch; 2. Sage Badiola; 3. Georgia King; 4. Hayden Corta; 5. Zayne Hall

### Boys

**All around** — Devon McDaniel  
**Goat tying** — 1. Devon McDaniel; 2. Quinten Moffis; 3. Kash Cobb; 4. Gene Showalter; 5. Payton Lopez  
**Flag race** — 1. Trevor Rhoades; 2. Devon McDaniel; 3. Cody Siegner; 4. Landyn Lopez; 5. Payton Lopez  
**Pole bending** — 1. Gene Showalter; 2. Sammy Saunders; 3. Jake Greenwood; 4. Devon McDaniel; 5. Payton Lopez

### Mini Mite Girls

**All around** — Lily Schwabauer  
**Goat tying** — 1. Denni Jo Coleman; 2. Bailey Erskine; 3. Kaitlyn Siegner; 4. Lily Schwabauer; 5. Peyton Burrell  
**Flag race** — 1. Lily Schwabauer; 2. Josie Showalter  
**Barrel racing** — 1. Charmayne Briggs; 2. Denni Jo Coleman; 3. Lily Schwabauer; 4. Peyton Burrell; 5. Kaitlyn Siegner

### Boys

**All around** — Ty Cobb  
**Goat tying** — 1. Ty Cobb; 2. Challis Burrell; 3. Grady Grubbs; 4. Riley Steele; 5. Ross Eiguren  
**Flag race** — 1. Riley Steele ; 2. Alex Williams  
**Barrel racing** — 1. Ty Cobb; 2. Ross Eiguren; 3. Grady Grubbs; 4. Riley Steele; 5. Dom Devosier

**Note** — Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo official Patty Smith thanks the rodeo's sponsors and the volunteers that made the event a success.



Braden Fillmore of Jordan Valley competes in Senior calf roping.



Marsing's Josie Showalter was Mini Mites girls' flag race runner-up.



Homedale's Sammy Saunders dismounts while competing in the Pee Wee boys' goat tail tying

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# Reucks honored for vision to preserve Western Heritage

Husband, wife latest 4-H Distinguished Service Award winners

Story and photo  
by Karen Bresnahan

Some people are just natural-born leaders. They seem to make a big difference wherever they go, because they can imagine possibilities that others don't see. And they have the ability to put their vision into practical applications, so that others may benefit from it.

Bruce and Terry Reuck are modern-day pioneers. They have worked as a team to develop new 4-H programs in Owyhee County and the district that have been successfully implemented over the past 10 years.

On Friday, Aug. 8, they were presented with the 2014 4-H "Distinguished Service Award," recognizing their many years of service and for founding "The Ranch Horse Program" and the "Honoring our Western Heritage" program.

The Reucks have a unique vision that is focused not on the future, but on the past.

They are passionate about creating programs to educate children and preserve Western ranching traditions. Their emphasis is on teaching the traditional methods of using horses to handle cattle, and passing on age-old skills such as leather-making, horsehair braiding, and dutch-oven cooking.

The Reucks have been active 4-H leaders their whole lives, starting new clubs and enhancing the 4-H program at every place they have lived. They originally moved to Bruneau from Northern California, then Emmett, and now they have settled near Adrian, a place they say, "feels like coming home."

During 41 years of marriage they raised three children and became aware of a continuing deterioration of the ranching lifestyle. They noticed that ranching knowledge was not being passed on, except to those in ranching families.

"We wanted to plant a seed in people's minds," Bruce said. "We wanted to make a difference in how people perceived the West. We don't want to forget our heritage. It's a romance, it's a science, it's logical and practical, and it's about having compassion for animals," he said.

As leaders, the Reucks began to visualize a way to expand the 4-H horse program. They wanted to go beyond the usual focus on raising and showing animals, and



Bruce and Terry Reuck, at their home near Adrian with their dogs Charlie and Jackie.

move into teaching the practical methods and skills involved in handling cattle, like working, roping, branding and sorting.

The Reucks noticed as boys and girls got older, they quit 4-H to join FFA and often didn't further their knowledge of horse skills. They created the Ranch Horse Program "not as a project, but as a legacy" for young people. Boys and girls who go through the program are capable of hiring on, or operating their own ranches.

"We want to reinforce our heritage of ranching skills and preserve the lifestyle," Bruce said. "Generationally, we are losing people. If we don't pick it up, respect it, and carry it forward, it will be lost."

Developing the Ranch Horse Project has been a major accomplishment as well as an enriching experience for the couple. They wrote the overall goals and established three skill levels.

On Level 1, children learn dummy roping on foot, then move into dummy roping on a horse, and eventually perform ranch calf roping. Breakaway hondo devices are used to prevent injuries. By Level 3, the students are roping ranch calves and practicing single cow penning, performing a pattern and then working cows in a pattern. Ranch rodeo events focus on three young people on horseback working as a team to sort cattle by numbers.

When the Reucks brought their three young children to Bruneau in 1992, they operated a 100,000-acre ranch and started a new

4-H club, The Owyhee Outlaws, which continues today.

"We found that they were our kind of people in Bruneau. We did everything on horseback. We loved it and the kids loved it," Bruce said.

After a few years of struggling with drought conditions, they sold the ranch and downsized to a smaller one in Emmett. Once again, they started a new 4-H club, The Wild West Waddies. Under their leadership, 4-H participation in the area expanded from four to 40 members.

Terry credits her husband with the leadership, ability and vision, but Bruce credits his wife with the attention to detail and record-keeping skills that make them such a good team at accomplishing their goals.

Two years after returning to Owyhee County, they began the Ranch Horse Program in 2003.

"We came back because we missed the wide-open spaces, and this area is more of a ranching community," Bruce said.

Then, the couple had another brainstorm. In 2004, the Reucks took their idea one step further. They organized the Ranch Horse Program for District II, in partnership of the Idaho Youth District Horse Council.

"Once we started the ranch program, we just couldn't quit, so we made it bigger," Terry explained.

She created an in-depth handbook for the District program, spelling out the details and requirements of four levels of skills.

"It was a lot of fun and a lot of work, too," Terry said.

"We had a lot of help during the process," Bruce said. About 25 parents would volunteer at each clinic and at one time there were about 130 children involved.

Children from nine counties became involved in the program and it continues today.

The Reucks planned and organized seven different Ranch Horse Clinics each year during the winter months. Youngsters rotated to various areas of training, including dummy roping on foot, dummy roping on horseback, roping, reigning, trail, ranch terms and equipment, and cow work. Each child gained knowledge of every aspect.

Old-fashioned ranching skills were taught, including knowledge of equipment, knot-tying, rope parts, homemade halters and hobbles, tying horse legs, types of bits, beef parts and breeds, working a squeeze chute, cattle health, immunizations and birthing, and learning cowboy range etiquette.

The range etiquette is "all about respect for others and knowing the common sense rules that cowboys follow," Bruce said.

"We were just tickled because the kids loved it, the parents learned it along with the kids, and it was fun to watch," he said.

Then the Reucks had another idea. On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the longhorns' arrival in Murphy, as part of the Outpost Days, the Reucks started a new tradition: a year-end campout and cattle drive. Youngsters stayed at a ranch near Bruneau, slept out under the stars and drove the cattle in open country. The

children then drove a large herd of longhorn cattle into town in what became a popular part of the celebration.

"It was a hoot, and amazing to watch," Bruce said. "One year, we had about 1,200 people following the cattle and taking pictures."

By 2007, the Reucks started another new 4-H club, The Great Basin Buckaroos, a club that was "more ranch skill oriented," Terry said. The new club drew members from Canyon, Ada, Payette, and Gem counties. The club had a new twist.

"We weren't running a normal 4-H horse project," Bruce said. "We were running a project that uses horses, which is a whole different concept."

Next, they started another new pilot program called, "Honoring Our Western Heritage." The focus was learning and practicing heritage crafts. Club members could choose to do projects in one or more areas: chap-making, cinch-making, cowboy poetry, dutch-oven cooking, hitching and braiding with Yak hair or horse hair, leather-making, rawhide braiding, and rangeland stewardship.

The couple has a collection of items made by their members and children, which includes hair ropes or mecates, shoo-flies, spur straps, snaffle bits, slobber straps, braided rawhide bosals, chaps, chinks and leather-tooled yokes.

The program was well received in Owyhee County, and the club displayed their skills at area farmers markets. The dutch-oven cooking was especially popular and in 2009 club members created and printed a cookbook that included cowboy poetry written by members. Copies of the cookbook are still sold.

After many years of living their dreams, the Reucks are now retired. They live in a quiet and remote area near the state line, in Adrian. They appreciate the Owyhees.

"It's really magnificent out here. Nature is quite spectacular, and much bigger than ourselves," Bruce said.

Receiving the award is an honor to them. "It's nice to know that people think of us and appreciate what we've done," Bruce said.

All the programs and 4-H clubs they started have now been turned over to other 4-H leaders and friends who share their vision and are carrying it forward.

## Owyhees shine at Western Idaho Fair

Two Owyhee County 4-H'ers have won championships at the Western Idaho Fair and another will go for glory this week.

Megan Aman won the Senior Division Constructed championship in the 4-H District Style Revue on Saturday at Expo Idaho in Garden City. Audrie

Miller was Junior Division Constructed champion.

Hannah Quinlantan, Annie Miller, Regan Stansell and Shyanne Kelly also competed in the district style revue. Quinlantan competed as a non-4-H member, according to Owyhee County 4-H coordinator Sarah Perkins.

Stansell, Mila Astorquia and Llee Loucks earned a blue ribbon for their group presentation of their commercial about the Owyhee County Fair's theme "Sew it, Grow it, Show it."

Isabelle Fogg and Logan Stansell competed in the district oral presentations, too.

This Saturday, Megan Smith and Cheylah Volkers will compete in the Western Idaho Fair's Super Round Robin livestock show. Smith was the Owyhee County Fair 4-H grand champion showman earlier this month, and Volkers was reserve champion.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
A happy day in the milking barn

When someone tells me they grew up on a dairy farm I say, “You have paid your dues, my son.”

The offspring of a dairyman that follows in his father’s footstep is as scarce as a second-generation Nobel Prize winner, bomb dismantler, or president of North Korea! So it is with pleasure that I congratulate those dairymen who are havin’ a heyday this year.

They, like all farmers and ranchers have had ups and downs. I remember 1973-74. I have bad dreams about it. I was running an animal health/grain mill store in Idaho at a time when dairymen were beginning to move north from California. Record-high prices for grain and low milk prices sank the milk/feed ration to 1.5. I had heartbreaking conversations with desperate dairymen asking me for one more load of feed on credit.

In 2009, another national dairy wreck devastated the industry, sinking the index to a 1.6 ration. But this year, the ratio hit a record 2.55! The price for milk cwt (per-hundredweight) is twice what it was 10 years ago!

The beef cattle business recognizes the impact that the dairy business has on cattle prices. Last year’s president of the National Cattlemen’s Association was a dairyman!

The crossover began in the feedlots when they found an expanding market for Holstein steers, animals whose carcass rarely reaches Choice. Fast food burgers and taco meat has bolstered the price of the dairy breeds, since half of their offspring are male and there is a place to go with old cows. In Idaho, I worked for a company that fed potato waste. One of the products was a slurry that was high in energy but 90 percent moisture. The final ration was soupy but nutritious. I remember calculating the as-fed consumption in a pen of 1,000-pound Holstein steers: 119 pounds a day!

They were not very popular with the cowboys. As Dr. Eng said, “It’s hard to be a cowboy when the steers are following you around!”

In spite of Dr. Spock’s recommendation that we all become vegetarians and that no human at any age should drink cow’s milk, the 99 percent of us *homo sapiens* who are born omnivores kindly refuse to revert to the drudgery in which herbivores live their lives. Sorry, doctor, but we made that choice as cavemen, which allowed us to evolve to the top of the heap and, rightfully, have dominion over all the animals, bovine or not.

A bright future technologically is making dairying a less hands-on operation. It may become common for robots to take over tasks that we could never imagine. As it gets harder and harder for dairies to find a labor force that is willing to do the manual labor, the more they welcome the robots. And maybe these advances might entice more of the next generation to stay on the farm.

’Cause let’s face it, milkin’ 12 head of cows by hand in a bucket before breakfast every morning is hard labor and there’s a few ol’ timers that can remember doing it. You can find them in the nursing home after retiring from a comfortable life of working for Merck, DeLaval, Progressive Dairyman or Ohio Farm and Dairy. They ran away from home!

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, “Poems Worth Saving,” other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor  
Bruneau-GV levy preserves district, ensures its future

I write this letter to encourage the voters in Bruneau-Grand View School District 365 to vote yes on the supplemental levy of Aug. 26, 2014. After many meetings and much discussion, there are some persistent misconceptions that I would like to address, some of which are:

1) The proposed levy of \$600,000 for one year is not an add-on to the previous levy of \$700,000 per year for two years, which has expired.

2) Revenues to the district from state and federal sources have decreased steadily over the past several years. Much discussion was had on the idea that an increase in revenue from those sources will cure our woes. It would help, but very few of those state/federal revenues come without mandates on how they are to be spent.

3) In this year, it is projected that 95 of the 115 school districts in Idaho will use supplemental levies to obtain the funds needed to cover those expenses not covered by state/federal funds, i.e., supplies, maintenance, extra-curricular, etc.

4) This district passed a bond levy in 2008 that updated all three buildings. It won’t be paid off until 2028.

5) If Idaho’s tax structure had not been changed during the Risch administration, our ad valorem tax bill today would be higher than either the expired or proposed supplemental levies.

6) We need to pass this levy to operate our schools

and allow time to maintain a fund balance while making well-planned, long-range changes in our structure, if that is what we choose.

7) And, we had just as well be ready to pass a levy at some level every two years until 2028 unless we are going to be happy paying off bonds on empty buildings.

Please vote yes on Aug. 26, 2014.

Eric Davis  
Bruneau

Successful levy vote crucial to school district’s future

As patrons of the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, we are encouraging all community members to vote “yes” for the supplemental levy on Aug. 26. Our district is at a critical juncture, and your vote will decide who is in control of the future of our children and ultimately our communities.

A failed vote will most likely put our school district’s fate in the hands of the state. If this happens, the state will make the financial and educational decisions for our children and our schools. We will have no local control. Our communities will have no choice as the state will have absolute authority over our schools. They could choose to deconsolidate our district or force consolidation with another district, sending our children out of the valley for their education.

— See *Letters to the Editor*, Page 17

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
VA waitlist authors must repay performance bonuses



It is bad enough to learn of the doctored waitlists at some U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities. It is incomprehensible that the staff involved in the waitlist doctoring received merit-based bonuses funded by the taxpayer. Those involved in the waitlist scandal ought to reimburse the taxpayer for their bonuses. Additionally, the VA must change its system for awarding and recognizing what should be exemplary work.

The VA has long been under pressure to better serve veterans and address the care and claims backlog. Three years ago, the VA began to factor in wait-time targets when determining staff bonuses. According to reports, some VA staff created secret waitlists in order to appear to have complied with the targets and qualify for bonus pay. Following the scandal, then-Acting Secretary Sloan D. Gibson acknowledged that, “The metrics we [the VA] used to measure performance became an end in themselves, rather than a means to better the quality of Veterans’ care.”

It goes without saying that VA employees who gamed the system should not have received bonuses based on their misconduct. It is particularly shameful that millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded bonuses were being dispensed when a significant number of veterans were not receiving quality care. Common sense dictates that limited resources should go to directly assisting those who were intended to receive care, our nation’s veterans. The men and women of our Armed Forces, who have given greatly to protect America, deserve far better.

To get at the root of this problem, I co-sponsored S. 2545, bipartisan legislation introduced by Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.). This legislation would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require VA employees who received bonuses in 2011 or later to repay those bonuses if they contributed to a purposeful omission of the names of veterans waiting for health care from an electronic waitlist. The employees’ supervisors would also be required to pay

back bonuses if they knew, or reasonably should have known, of the employee’s purposeful omission of the names of veterans from electronic waitlists.

I co-sponsored the Senate version of the recently enacted VA reform legislation, or H.R. 3230, the Veterans’ Access to Care through Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014. H.R. 3230 contained related provisions that would begin to address this issue. The legislation would cap the amount of awards or bonuses through Fiscal Year 2024. The VA would be required to establish disciplinary procedures for employees who knowingly falsify or require another employee to falsify data pertaining to wait times and quality measures. Scheduling and wait-time metrics must not be used as factors in determining performance awards. Instead, performance awards must be based on the quality of care received by veterans at VA medical facilities. The VA would also be required to publish wait-times for scheduling appointments at VA facilities on the public websites of VA medical centers and in the Federal Register. I support these changes, although they do not go far enough. Sen. Ayotte’s measure, S. 2545, must also be enacted.

Congress must work to reform the VA and improve veterans’ access to quality care. To help guide my consideration of VA reform efforts, I recently invited Idaho veterans to share both their positive and negative VA experiences through a brief survey that can be accessed through my website at <http://www.crapo.senate.gov/contact/survey.cfm> or by contacting my offices. The input from this survey will assist me in determining what reforms will best accomplish the improvements needed for Idaho veterans.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Never base reasoning for raise on co-worker’s performance

**Dear Dave,**

What’s your advice on asking for a raise at work when you have more responsibility than a co-worker but the same title on paper? After being with my company four years, I feel like I should make more money and I have the right to complain about this.

— Vanessa

**Dear Vanessa,**

Sorry, no. You don’t have a right to complain. You agreed on your pay, and you are doing your job the way your character and integrity tell you to do the job. If someone else is a slacker in the same position, that doesn’t mean a whole lot in terms of *your* personal compensation.

I’ve got several people at my company who hold similar positions and make similar money. Some of them have been here for years, while others are relatively new. I don’t pay people for how long they’ve been in

the building, and I don’t want anyone on my team who doesn’t give 100 percent. Now, that may be a different issue than pay, but at the same time I don’t want someone who gives 50 percent and I pay them 50 percent. I want everyone at 100 percent, but that kind of thing isn’t your problem. It’s the company’s problem, because she works for them and not you.

If you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance, that’s fine. Sit down with your leader and make a logical and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. But don’t bring up your co-worker and what he or she makes in the discussion. That’s just not relevant. What *is* relevant is *your* worth and the value *you* bring to the organization.

But a comparative analysis with someone else on staff just isn’t a good idea. I’d stay away from that, Vanessa.

— Dave



**Dear Dave,**

My wife and I live in New York, and we’ve had whole life insurance for several years. There’s a seven percent penalty if we cash out the policies now. If we wait a few years, we won’t have to pay into the premiums anymore. Should we cash out the policies anyway?

— Brian

**Dear Brian,**

The reason you won’t have to pay into the premiums anymore is because you built up enough savings, and they are not paying you enough on the savings to amount to anything. The amount they should have been paying you versus the way they were ripping you off will buy the life insurance.

It’s not like you can pay for it because you still have probability of death. As long as there’s a probability of death, there’s a cost to life insurance. The only question is whether you’re paying out of your savings account or your checking account. In this case, you’re paying out of savings.

The seven percent figure is just your surrender charge, so I’d get out of that policy soon. Here’s the problem, Brian. If you die today, do you know what they’ll pay? Face value. They won’t pay face value plus the savings you paid

for. In other words, you’ll lose your savings.

I’d get term life insurance in place by the end of the week. Compare prices on term, because you’ll be surprised at the difference some companies charge for term insurance. Make sure you get good 15- to 20-year level terms policies valued at 10 to 12 times your annual incomes.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

## Letters to the editor

*From Page 16*

Our children are our most valuable asset. They are the future of our towns, our businesses, our way of life. We want the children of Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana to continue to have the same opportunities that these communities so generously gave to our own children.

Please vote “yes” on Aug. 26.

Ted and Sandy Cantrell  
Grand View

### Four-day county workweek idea insensitive to citizens

I can hardly believe what I read in the last issue of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Even thinking about a four-day week for county offices is inappropriate. The already-flawed decision to close the offices during noon hour costs citizens vast amounts of downtime.

I cannot tell you how many hours I have wasted waiting for the county to open its doors when folks (that we pay) are inside. With multiple people in each office, staggering their lunch hours would make the offices “user-friendly.”

I remember all too well driving down from Triangle a few years back, arriving at 11:40 a.m. to register a vehicle, and being rebuffed by the “no longer there” employee because waiting on me “might” cut into her lunch hour. Taken aback, I left the paperwork and came back later to find the employee contrite and apologetic — seems the assessor overheard the conversation.

The good will created by opening throughout the day would be tremendous. The ill will of a four-day week — tremendous.

What we don’t need is another insensitive, let-’em-wait, I-don’t-care, I’m-more-important-than-them decision. I have service businesses, and I’d be sunk if I didn’t take my customers’ convenience into consideration. Is Owyhee County really about to become another arm of the calloused, indifferent government we already dislike? Think U.S. Postal Service. How many extra trips have you made to accommodate their hours? Do they care? Let your voices be heard.

Don Barnhill  
Murphy

### Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

### BLM proposes burdensome, unnecessary Cove Rec rules

The Bureau of Land Management plans on imposing more rules at the Cove Rec area at CJ Strike Reservoir. They include: only being able to camp in numbered sites (fee areas), only six people per single site, no off-highway vehicle use, quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and other rules.

My family has been camping at the lake for many years.

We have enjoyed camping in the non-developed sites. We have enjoyed BBQs and boating with our large group of friends and family and staying up late around the campfire. We don’t want this taken away.

In the Federal Register, it states that one of the BLM’s functions is to “... enhance public health and safety and help prevent damage to natural and cultural resources.” If the BLM wants to “prevent damage to the natural and cultural resources,” it could quit pouring concrete at the Cove area and quit putting up signs. Also BLM officers driving around wasting gas looking for someone to ticket does not “enhance our public health and safety.”

If we don’t do something now we may be subject to paying to camp in numbered, concrete sites limited to six people. Inevitably they will also have to increase their BLM patrol presence to enforce these rules. This sounds like downtown parking in Boise, not my idea of a relaxing family camping trip.

I ask that the locals who enjoy camping at the lake as much as my family does please take a moment to write or call Jared Fluckiger, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705 or (208) 384-3334. Please let him know that we can govern ourselves and we don’t need their rules to “enhance” our camping experience.

RaeLynn Schkade  
Grand View

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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

August 23, 1989

### Fat stock sale rings up excess of \$77,000

The Junior Livestock Auction conducted at the recent Owyhee County Fair in Homedale produced a grand total of \$77,098.03 in sales for county 4-H’ers and FFA members, according to the county Extension Office in Marsing.

Some 30 beef, 53 sheep and 96 hogs were sold at the event by the 179 county youth who had raised and shown them during fair week, reported Extension official Donna Watterson, who serves as county 4-H secretary.

The grand champion market beef owned by Justin Tindall of Bruneau sold for \$2,170.35. The reserve champion beef owned by Jody Brandau of Wilson Butte was auctioned for \$1,186.80. The top beef’s sale price was up from the \$2,047.50 paid for the first-place animal last year.

J.D. Pascal of Murphy sold the grand champion market hog for \$607.20. The reserve champion hog raised by Luke Hays of Homedale went for \$506.

Adam Percifield of Marsing sold the grand champion lamb at the latest auction for \$444.50. Michelle Eason of Wilder received \$347.20 for her reserve champion lamb in the latest bidding.

### Davis represents Idaho on Great Britain trade mission

*(Reprinted from “Idaho Cattle” magazine)*

Idaho Cattle Association past president Eric Davis received the call once again this summer to shoulder a key assignment for the cattle industry, this time in an effort to secure the economic future of cattlemen through foreign trade.

This time, Davis found himself traveling from his ranch and feedlot operation in Bruneau one day and arriving the next halfway around the world in London, England — all for purposes of exploring trade opportunities between the United Kingdom and the Pacific Northwest.

On his return, the National Cattlemen’s Association regional vice-president said in addressing NCA’s Foreign Trade committee at NCA Mid-Year in Ohio that he, “like a lot of other people, have stood up in meetings and paid lip service to the concept of a global economy.”

“But when you can stand in the Tower of London one evening, as I did, and be back in your own bed in Bruneau the next, the reality of a truly global economy sinks in,” he said.

Davis returned impressed with the British agricultural industry, finding them more efficient than U.S. producers because of their limited land mass.

He said Britain leads the U.S. in fertilizer, pesticide, and herbicide application technology, citing a device that injects liquid manure and other applications directly into the ground rather than by spraying.

He also noted a wash product used at meat-packing plants that totally eliminated salmonella.

“They don’t have a 1,000-year history of dominating world trade for nothing. They’re going to compete, and we’d better wake up,” he said.

### Seven new teachers join Homedale school system

Seven new teachers are joining the Homedale school system tomorrow, according to Homedale Superintendent of Schools Ed Marshall. It’s possible that an eighth instructor, hired solely to coach wrestling, may also be signed before long, he indicated.

Only one of the new instructors, Vick Lewin, is targeted to teach at the secondary educational level. He will be teaching mathematics and science on a part-time basis.

But two other faculty members, Reed Findlay and Mike Greeley, have had their teaching positions upgraded to full-time employment, Marshall said. Findlay teaches vocational agriculture and computer courses, while Greeley is an industrial arts instructor. Dean Vance has been named vice-principal, with responsibility for junior high school administration. He also serves as a part-time counselor.

New teachers to be on duty at Homedale Elementary School are: Janie Burke, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Patricia Warren, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Debbie Turner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Mabel Itano, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Kristi Garrett, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Nancy Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

## 50 years ago

August 20, 1964

### Scouts take swim test at Givens

Second class Boy Scouts of Troop 74 worked toward passing their first class swimming requirements at Givens Hot Springs last Tuesday evening.

Taking tests were Roy Eiguren, Joni Uda, Raymond DeVore, Tommy Wilson, Royce Lineberger, Craig Blessing and Carey Inouye.

Other scouts attending the swim session were Roy Wilks, Ricky Jereb, Stanley Zatica, Gary Yamamoto, Jim Robinson, Jim Ross, David Vance, Paul Mills, Jerry Robinson, Jerry Mills and Allen Bidwell.

Adults accompanying the scouts and providing transportation were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Robinson, Roy Vance and Anton Jereb, assistant scoutmaster.

### Basque festival fetes Oinkari dancers

Attending the Basque festival in Elko, Nev., last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren and Mrs. Alice Egurrola and daughter, Julie Ann. The annual picnic was attended by approximately 5,000 Basques from throughout the United States.

According to Eiguren, the Oinkari Basque dancers of Boise Valley, who performed recently at the World’s Fair, were one of the featured attractions during the program.

Ray Mansisidor, Homedale, one of the original members of the group, took part in the dance numbers. Another dance group consisting of French Basques from the California area also presented numbers.

Activities held following the picnic included typical Basque contests, among them wood chopping and weight lifting.

### Jeanne Davis leads county fair queen contest

Jeanne Davis of Bruneau is leading in the contest for Owyhee County Fair Queen, reports Mrs. Sharon Samson, assistant manager of the fair. She is closely followed by Pat Percifield of Marsing and Karen Kushlan of Homedale. Other girls participating in the contest are Glenda Weygandt of Marsing, Dorothy Nanney of Homedale and Karen Hibbs of Wilder.

The queen will be crowned Friday evening during the Owyhee County Rodeo. She will receive a walnut cedar chest in the French Provincial design. The two runners-up will be chosen as princesses and will receive a two-piece set of luggage each. All three will be given a dozen roses. The other competing candidates will receive a tooled leather purse each.

The queen and her attendants will also ride in the fair and rodeo parade Saturday morning.

All gifts to the queen and princesses will be on display in the National Guard Armory during the fair.

Mrs. Samson also reported that 12 calves for the calf scramble contest have been received. They were purchased from Bill Tindall of Grasmere. Any boys and girls interested in participating in this event may sign up at the fair office.

### Grand View news

Owyhee County Farm Bureau Talent Find and Discussion meet was held at the LDS church Friday, Aug. 14. The judges were Mrs. Beulah Edwards, wife of the county agent of Mtn. Home, and Mrs. Elva Guisisola, teacher of Mtn. Home, for the talent events and Duane Jacobson of Nampa for the discussion event.

Talent entrants were: song by Julie Fields, piano solo by Lynne Evans of Marsing, and the winner was Carry Nucaryinouy, Marsing, piano solo.

Second division: Ballet won by Susan Harris; also Margaret Collett.

3<sup>rd</sup> division single entry by Zella Jean Fields with a folk song with guitar accompaniment.

Discussion division: single entry by Zella Jean Fields; Moderator, Roger Howard, Marsing. Topic of discussion “What are the keys to our farming future.” Walter Yarbrough was the master of ceremonies.

## 140 years ago

August 22, 1874

NOT SCALPED. John Bostick Alive and Well – Friends Delighted. (From the *Fort Wayne Sentinel*.)

Some twenty years ago one John Bostick left the then small town of Fort Wayne for the wilds of the far West. Locating finally at Silver City, in Idaho Territory, reports only reached his friends here at long intervals. Finally, some weeks since, the New York papers contained the particulars of the killing and scalping of a John Bostick in Idaho, and an item to that effect appeared in the Sentinel. His relatives and friends in this city and vicinity believed the story had reference to their John, and mourned him as dead. That their friend had been scalped by the “bloody red faces,” was a bitter pill for them to swallow, but one of them having a little hope that the report of his demise might not be true, sent a copy of the Sentinel containing the paragraph alluding to the tragedy to his address in Silver City. Behold the result. Within a day or two, a copy of The Owyhee Avalanche, published at Silver City, Idaho, has been received by Bostick’s friends here, in which the editor says it is all a hoax and that John Bostick, formerly of this city, is alive and well, hat there are no signs of his ever having had his scalp lifted, and that he is good for a dozen Indians any day. Of course, his friends are delighted, and we make the matter public that all who saw the former melancholy report may be set right in the premises.

IDAHO POLITICS. (From the *Walla Walla Statesman*.) The Owyhee Avalanche has been studying on the situation and has arrived at the conclusion that it is for the best interests of the Territory to elect some one as Delegate to Congress, who can and will do something to promote the interests of the territory, and not elect some old fossil who happens to receive the nomination of the dominant party. The Avalanche, after a careful view of the situation, is of the opinion “That Governor Bennett would succeed in securing great benefits, and more of them, for Idaho, than any other person, Republican or Democrat, that could be sent to Washington.” It is highly probably that the Governor will be the nominee of the Republican party, and that he will receive the support of many who have heretofore affiliated with the Democratic party. The Democratic candidate will doubtless be Major Foote, of Idaho City. The Major is a lawyer and a son of Governor Foote, of Mississippi. Mr. Hailey, the present Delegate, declines to be a candidate for re-election.

OWYHEE POLITICS. In this county, the troubled waters of the “filthy pool” are beginning to be agitated, and our Democratic friends seem to be taking the lead in preparing fuel with which to boil the political pot. Among the Democrats who are willing to immolate themselves for the good of the “dear people,” we hear of Tom Jones, Bill Stevens, and Tim Ragan, as aspirants for the Sheriff’s office; Judge Lyman, for Auditor and Recorder; Dr. Becket, for Treasurer; and J. P. Shaughnessy and W. H. Belcher, for Assessor.

The Republicans are quiet, although we understand that Captain Drew and Charly Leonard are each willing to accept the office of Recorder, and J. A. Rupert that of Treasurer. John Springer is spoken for Sheriff, but we have not heard him say he would accept it. Primary elections will be called before long, and then the agony will commence.

ANOTHER RICH STRIKE. Charly Leonard and F. T. Douglas have been prospecting a mine at intervals during the past two years, within sight of town, on the mountain west of Webfoot Gulch. They have at last been rewarded by striking one of the richest gold- and silver-bearing quartz ledges ever found in this camp. They call it the Northern Light, and it assays \$7,180.56 in gold, and \$350.40 in silver, making a total of \$7,510.96 per ton. They have taken in a third man with them and will immediately commence the development of the mine. We congratulate the boys upon their good luck, and hope the Northern Night will yield all the money they want.



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 27, 2014 at 8 p.m. at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2014 – 2015 fiscal year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the office of the district, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.  
Terri Uria, Secretary/Treasurer  
**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**  
**BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS**  
Balance Carryover FY 2013 – 2014 130,000.00  
Agricultural Replacement 2,492.00  
Highway User Funds 410,000.00  
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees 4,000.00  
Sales Tax/Surplus 10,000.00  
Penalties and Interest 500.00  
Property Tax 72,695.00  
Transfers and Adjustments - 11,000.00  
Rental Income 2,000.00  
LHTAC Sign Grant 25,696.40  
**TOTAL REVENUE 646,383.40**  
**BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES**  
Professional Fees: Legal 3,000.00  
Commissioner’s Salary 14,976.00  
Contingency Fund 30,000.00  
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD) 2,900.00  
Engineering Fees 2,000.00  
Equipment Lease 24,661.32  
Equipment Purchase 11,000.00  
Equipment Rental 2,000.00  
Gas, Oil and Tires 18,000.00  
Insurance [General] 5,287.00  
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses 7,000.00  
Materials/Construction/ 235,000.00  
Mileage 500.00  
Office Supplies 600.00  
Payroll Benefits and Taxes 32,000.00  
Health/Dental Insurance 20,270.08  
Phone Expense 2,800.00  
Professional Fees: Audit 5,000.00  
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools 16,000.00  
Salaries and Wages 130,000.00  
Signs 29,196.40  
Utilities 2,500.00  
Weed Control and Dust Control 11,000.00  
Workmen’s Compensation 6,100.00  
Advertising Expense 1,000.00  
Training and Education 500.00  
Ending Fund Balance 33,092.60  
**TOTAL EXPENSES 646,383.40**  
*Post August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014*  
*8/20,27/14*

**CITY OF MARSING**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, will hear comments from the public regarding the special use permit for additional signage for the pole sign at the Subway/ Pruett parking lot and an additional sign for the tire shop.  
Public Comment: The public hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on September 8, 2014 at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St, Marsing, ID, a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding this special use permit will be taken at the public hearing or maybe submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID, 83639, or delivered to Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on September 8, 2014. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.  
Dated this 15th day of August, 2014  
*8/20,27/14*

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE**  
Notice is Hereby Given: That declarations of candidacy for the Office of Supervisor of the Owyhee Conservation District must be filed with the district administrative assistant address: USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy. , Marsing, Idaho 83639 no later than

5:00pm on September 1, 2014.  
Such declarations are available at the Owyhee Conservation District (USDA Service Center), 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing, Idaho 83639.  
Individuals who run as a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> day Prior to the election.  
Owyhee Conservation District Administrative Clerk, Gina Millard (USDA Service Center), 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing, Idaho 83639. 208-896-4544 ext 102  
*8/20;27/14*

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 2014 215-M IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**MAGISTRATE DIVISION**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **DORIS I. HAGGARD**, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased 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 both be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate, at the law offices of WHITE PETERSON GIGRAY ROSSMAN NYE & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, ID 83687, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014**  
**To:** All Interested Persons  
**LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code § 40-1326 for consideration of the proposed amended budget for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2013 and ends September 30, 2014 will be held by the Homedale Highway District Commissioners at **Homedale Highway District, 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho** at **8 p.m.** on the **27th day of August, 2014**. Comments, written or otherwise, about the proposed amended budget are welcome. At said hearing, any interested person may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such proposed amended budget should or should not be adopted.  
This Notice contains a statement of the estimated revenue from property taxes and the total amount from sources other than property taxes, and also contains the proposed expenditures and revenues by fund for the fiscal year 2013/2014.  
**PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET 2013/2014**

	Current	Amended
<b>ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS 2013-2014</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	179,763.50	\$181,893.00
Highway Users	400,000.00	\$418,048.98
Ag Replacement Tax	2,492.00	\$2,492.00
Property Taxes	70,707.00	\$70,707.00
Misc. Revenue & Permit Fees	4,000.00	\$3,600.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00	\$550.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	10,000.00	\$11,057.63
Rental Income	2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Transfers and Adjustments	-11,000.00	-\$11,000.00
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	<b>658,462.50</b>	<b>\$679,348.61</b>
<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2013-2014</b>		
Professional Fees: Legal	15,000.00	-0-
Commissioner Salaries	14,976.0	\$14,976.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	1,900.00	\$2,834.85
Engineering Fees	5,000.00	-0-
Equipment Lease	24,661.32	\$24,661.32
Gas, Oil and Tires	18,000.00	\$15,000.00
Materials/Construction	287,000.00	\$250,000.00
Insurance (General)	5,287.00	\$5,287.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous	7,000.00	\$8,500.00
Mileage	650.00	\$334.27
Convention Expense, Travel, Meals, Etc.	4,000.00	\$3,380.85
Office Supplies	1,100.00	\$600.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	24,000.00	\$41,000.00
Health Insurance	14,000.00	\$14,900.00
Phone Expense	2,800.00	\$2,900.00
Professional Fees – Audit	5,000.00	\$4,450.00
Repairs and Maintenance	16,000.00	\$27,055.10
Salaries and Wages	98,700.00	\$111,000.00
Signs	4,300.00	\$3,017.15
Advertising Expense	2,500.00	\$1,000.00
Utilities	3,000.00	\$2,600.00
Weed Control	6,000.00	\$8,627.75
Worker’s Compensation	6,000.00	\$5,500.00
Insurance Deductible Buydown	3,000.00	-0-
Salt		\$1,700.00
Ending Fund Balance	58,588.18	\$100,024.32
<b>Total Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$658,462.50</b>	<b>\$679,348.61</b>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the amended budget under consideration above set out is available for public inspection from and after August 15th at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 East Colorado Ave., Homedale, Idaho during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.  
Terri Uria, Secretary *Post: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014*  
*8/20,27/14*

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.  
WHITE PETERSON, By: Wm. F. Gigray, III, *Attorneys for Personal Representative*  
WHITE, PETERSON, GIGRAY, ROSSMAN & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 E. Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, ID 83687-7901. (208) 466-9272 Fax (208) 466-4405  
ISB No. 1435 [wfg@whitepeterson.com](mailto:wfg@whitepeterson.com)  
*8/20,27;9/3/14*

**LIEN SALE**  
Unit J-15, Guadalupe Ozuna, PO Box 973, Homedale, ID 83628. 9x16 unit containing clothing, chairs and misc. household goods.  
Unit B-18, Daniel Stansell, 4994 Homestead Rd, Homedale, ID 83628. 13x13 unit containing table saw, chest of drawers, shop light, and misc. items.  
Sealed bid auction will be held at the Hwy 95 Self Storage, located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. Sealed bids will be accepted between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. All sales are cash only and all sales are final.  
*8/20,27/14*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Idaho Code Section 27-126, the tentative

budget of the Riverside Cemetery District of Owyhee County, for the year 2014-2015, as agreed upon by the Cemetery District Commissioners, is as follows:  
Anticipated Revenue  
Cash on Hand 9,050.00  
Tax Levy 4,412.00  
Other 2,000.00  
Total 15,462.00  
Anticipated Expenses  
Labor 3,000.00

Other 12,462.00  
Total 15,462.00  
A hearing is set for Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho.  
Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014  
Riverside Cemetery District,  
Dixie McDaniel, Secretary  
*8/13,20/14*



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# Public notices

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
CITY OF MARSING  
ORDINANCE A-187

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,287,867.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

SECTION 1: That the sum of \$2,287,867.00 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014.

SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:  
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUNDS:

Administrative	\$ 593,140.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 136,678.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 135,954.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 23,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$889,272.00

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Water	\$ 780,600.00
Sewer	\$ 486,920.00
Irrigation	\$ 45,925.00
Sanitation	\$ 85,150.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$1,398,595.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	\$2,287,867.00

SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.

PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.

Keith D. Green, Mayor  
ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer  
8/20/14

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District have tentatively adopted a budget for the 2015 fiscal year, for said district, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget, at the office for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Road, Marsing, ID 83639 at 2:00 p.m. on the day of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Cemetery Office.

PROPOSED BUDGET DATED AUGUST 4, 2014  
OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO OCTOBER 1, 2015

Fund Balance Carry Forward	\$18,903.00
REVENUE	
Burial Lots	14,500.00
County Warrants	36,963.00
Farm Rental	3,812.00
Labor (Opening & Closing)	18,000.00
Total Revenue	73,275.00
All Total	\$92,178.00
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENT	
Salaries	
Sexton	35,000.00
Farm Oversight	7,000.00
Part Time Help	7,000.00
Total	\$49,000.00
EXPENSES	
Gas & Oil	3,000.00
Idaho Power	3,000.00
Irrigation	2,800.00
Repair Grounds	3,500.00
Repair Equipment	3,300.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Sanitation	550.00
Property Insurance	2,300.00
Bond Insurance	125.00
Payroll Taxes	3,300.00
Legal Notices	0
Travel & Meals	0
Office Supplies	800.00
Workman's Comp.	3,000.00
Chemical & Fertilizer	2,200.00
Persi	4,902.00
Deeds	600.00
Property Tax	100.00
Total	\$34,977.00
Salaries	\$49,000.00
Capital Expenditures	\$8,201.00
All Total	\$92,178.00

Bruce Benson, Secretary-Treasurer-Sexton  
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District  
8/13,20/14

SAMPLE BALLOT

TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365, ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in *Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code*, in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)**, for the next year, for the total of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)**. The full amount of which will be collected in full during each of the **next one (1)** fiscal year, for the purpose of paying lawful and necessary expenses to operate and maintain the **District** for the one (1) fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2014**, and ending **June 30, 2015**.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:  
To vote "FOR" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked YES  
To vote "AGAINST" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked NO

Are you in favor of the Supplemental Levy in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)** for both of **the next one (1) fiscal year**:

IN FAVOR of authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$600,000.00 per year  
for one year .....

AGAINST authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$600,000.00 per year for  
one year.....

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION  
BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365  
ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a **supplemental levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, August 26, 2014**, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: "Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in *Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code*, in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)**, for the total of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,00.00)**, which will be collected in full during the next one year, for the purpose of paying lawful and necessary expenses to operate and maintain the **District** for the one (1) fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2014**, and ending **June 30, 2015**". Said election will be conducted pursuant to **Title 34, Idaho Code**.

In Elmore County: The only eligible voters are residents of the Chattin Flats voting Precinct. The Board of Elmore County Commissioners has designated the Chattin Flats Voting Precinct as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct, as such, every voter in Chattin Flats registered as of August 1, 2014, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election. Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting is available at the Elmore County Courthouse; photo identification and proof of 30-day residency is required. Contact the Elmore County Election Department at 587-2130, #206 for more information.

In Owyhee County: Bruneau residents will vote at The American Legion Building, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau; Grand View residents will vote at Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View; Oreana residents will vote at the Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana. Same-day voter registration with photo identification and proof of 30-day residency will be available. Contact the Owyhee County Election Department at 495-2421 for more information.

Riddle voting precinct: The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has designated the Riddle Voting Precinct as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct, as such, every voter in the Riddle voting precinct registered as of August 1, 2014, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election.  
8/13,20/14

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Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

The Bruneau Fire Protection District will hold a budget approval meeting on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Bruneau firehouse.

Utilities	\$1,450.00
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Administrative Expenses	200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Fuel & Consumables	1,200.00
Training	4,000.00
Rent	10,000.00
Emergency Contingency Fund	57,565.00
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$80,565.00
Carry-over Monies	57,611.00
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# Public notices

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: July 22, 2014 File No.: 7021.17976 Sale date and time (local time): November 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 605 East Selway Drive AKA 605 Selway Drive Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Efrain Sandoval, a married man as his sole and separate property Original trustee: Transnation Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Ampro Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns Recording date: 06/03/2005 Recorder’s instrument number: 252078 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of July 22, 2014: \$84,935.80 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lot 2, Block 5, Big Sky Estates No. 2, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7021.17976) 1002.263736-File No. 8/6,13,20,27/14

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 7441737509 T.S. No.: 13-00758-5 On December 5, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee,

on behalf of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 17 of Reich’s first Addition to the Village of Marsing, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 71647, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 427 1ST STREET, MARSING, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by BETTY STAPLER, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY., as original grantor(s), to ALLIANCE TITLE, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION., as original beneficiary, dated as of July 26, 2006, and recorded July 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 257472 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4) (A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank

specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated July 26, 2006 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$694.92 due from January 1, 2013, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$70,502.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.000000% per annum from December 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: July 31, 2014 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive, Suite 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT [www.servicelinkasap.com](http://www.servicelinkasap.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4477026 8/20,27:9/3,10/14

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Friday, December 5, 2014 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), of Block Four (4) according to the Resurvey of Block Four (4) of Bosma’s Subdivision No. Two (2) to the Village of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE

WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 140 Kerry Street, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Brenda M. Adams an unmarried woman, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as Successor Beneficiary, recorded December 14, 2007 as Instrument No. 263356, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$89,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.00% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated December 7, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of February 2014 through and including July 2014 in the amount of \$448.16 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of July 18, 2014 is \$91,272.94 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.00% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$91,272.94, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Dated: August 5, 2014, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer, Phone: 287-5108. File No.: 239363 / SI No. 9279/Adams This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that

purpose. 8/13,20,27:9/3/14

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: July 25, 2014 File No.: 7763.10753 Sale date and time (local time): December 1, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 10103 Locust Ln Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Nathan Parkinson Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Co, a California Corporation Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual Bank Recording date: 01/14/2005 Recorder’s instrument number: 250604 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of July 25, 2014: \$304,873.26 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: That portion of residential Lots 2 and 3, Block 4 as recorded December 16, 1981 as Sunrise Sky Park Subdivision as Instrument No. 171169 in the Recorder’s Office, Owyhee County, Idaho. Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 2, Block 4 and proceeding North 43 degrees 38’ 00” West 79.00 feet; thence South 46 degrees 22’ 00” West 260.14 feet; thence South 43 degrees 38’ 00” East 79.00 feet; thence continuing South 43 degrees 38’ 00” East 96.00 feet; thence North 46 degrees 22’ 00” East 260.14 feet; thence North 43 degrees 38’ 00” West 96.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7763.10753) 1002.233299-File No. 8/20,27:9/3,10/14





# Public notices

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:**

51-13108, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE, ID 83709-1657

Point of Diversion SESW S35 T13S R09E OWYHEE County

Source GROUND WATER

Use: DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL 01/01 to 12/31 0.1 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.1 CFS

Date Filed: 6/10/2014

Place of Use: DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL

T12S R09E S35 SWSE

T13S R09E S35 SESW

55-13924, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IDAHO STATE OFFICE, 1387 S VINNELL WAY, BOISE, ID 83709-1657

Point of Diversion NWSE S28 T05S R05W OWYHEE County

Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary TROUT CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 0.5 AF

Total Diversion: 0.5 AF

Date Filed: 5/5/2014

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE

T05S R05W S28 NWSE

55-13925, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IDAHO STATE OFFICE, 1387 S VINNELL WAY, BOISE, ID 83709-1657

Point of Diversion SESW S28 T05S R05W OWYHEE County

Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary TROUT CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 3.6 AF

Total Diversion: 3.6 AF

Date Filed: 5/5/2014

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE

T05S R05W S28 SESW

55-13926, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IDAHO STATE OFFICE, 1387 S VINNELL WAY, BOISE, ID 83709-1657

Point of Diversion SENE S24 T06S R04W OWYHEE County

Source DEER CREEK Tributary BOULDER CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 2.6 AF

Total Diversion: 2.6 AF

Date Filed: 5/6/2014

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE

T06S R04W S24 SENE

57-11849, JUNAYO RANCH LTD PARTNERSHIP, 1087 W RIVER ST STE 230, BOISE, ID 83702

Point of Diversion SWNW S33 T01S R04W OWYHEE County

Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary SALMON CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 15 AF

Total Diversion: 15 AF

Date Filed: 6/10/2014

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE

T01S R04W S33 SWNW

57-11852, LARRY MAYBON,

MARILYN MAYBON, 1146 MAYBON LN, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

Point of Diversion SESW S35 T04N R06W OWYHEE County

Source GROUND WATER

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.07 CFS

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Date Filed: 7/16/2014

Place of Use: STOCKWATER T04N R06W S35 NESW SESW

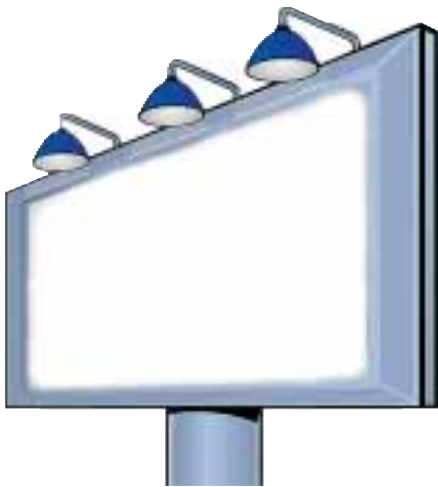
PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

Mark and Karen Stark of PO Box 3, Jordan Valley, OR, 97910, filed Application No. 79399 to transfer one water right with a 1902 priority date from Trout Creek tributary to Jordan Creek totaling 0.15 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to change the location of the point of diversion. Water will be used at the current place of use approximately 4.8 miles southeast of Jordan Valley and 2.6 miles north of Flint Road.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the rights &/or proposed transfer, please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222 and 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application(s) 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 9/8/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

8/20,27/14



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