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Citizens' Gateway West task force mobilizes again

BLM alternative sparks concerns that private property encroachment is back on table

The fight to keep Gateway West power lines off private property in Owyhee County has renewed.

The Owyhee County Task Force

mobilized late last week to get community members to engage the Idaho congressional delegation regarding one of the Bureau of Land Management's proposed alternative

routes for the 500-kilovolt transmission line Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power have jointly proposed.

After receiving the proposed alternative that has been included for consideration under the BLM's supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS), task force members are concerned that

the work of last year's special BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Committee subcommittee will go unnoticed by the federal agency's officials.

One of the preliminary maps for an alternative keeps the line out of the Morley

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Graduation 2015

Rimrock honor grads did it all

Twelve students are scheduled to receive their diplomas during Rimrock High School's graduation.

The seniors will walk the line in a ceremony that begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday inside the school's gymnasium, 39678 Hwy. 78 in Bruneau.

Valedictorian is Megan Cheyenne Mondoux, and salutatorian is MacKenzie ("Keni") Paige Meyers. They served as senior class president and vice-president, respectively.

The 17-year-old daughter of Penny Vance, Bob Vance and Joseph Mondoux carried a 3.85 grade-point average.

She's a six-year resident of the Bruneau-Grand View area.

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Celebrating their MHS milestone

Courtney Bryant, left, and Logan Jensen high-five on Marsing High School's graduation night Friday.

Polling problems overshadow HSD trustee election

Shanley wins; some patrons turned away

Kurt Shanley won a third term on the Homedale school board in an election plagued with problems.

Shanley defeated challenger

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Mus national champions Darren, left, and Tony Uranga.

Brothers bring mus nationals home

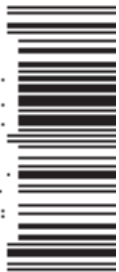
Txoko Ona in spotlight

Anyone who has seen the Uranga brothers stalk a sideline or

coach's box knows they're competitive.

But 40-year-old Tony and 33-year-old Darren have found the

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New faces join Lizard Butte Library board

Write-in candidate pulls off a narrow victory to oust incumbent Durham

Two open board seats in the Lizard Butte Library District are now occupied.

Julia Burham and Dorothy Hutchings won the trustee positions during the May 19 election.

Incumbent Neal Durham's re-election bid failed when write-in Burham out-gained him in Canyon County voting. Another seat on the board was open after Becky Salove decided not to run again.

Hutchings, a Marsing Elementary teacher, was a declared candidate in the race. Burham, a retired court reporter, ran as a write-in.

In the South Marsing precinct, Durham and Burham were in a dead heat with 56 votes each. In the Canyon County precinct, Burham only received 22 more votes than the incumbent, but that made all the difference as Durham had won the Owyhee County voting.

The challenger won the election by just 21 votes, 140-119, over Durham.

Burham said she was surprised by the numbers and would like to thank all the people who helped her pass out her fliers and make phone calls.

"It just makes me feel good that I had so many people helping," she said.

She attributes her win to a strong grassroots effort by her volunteers.

"They really worked hard to get me elected," Burham said.

Hutchings received 306 votes in the election. She and Burham won the available positions as the election's top two vote-getters.

"It was pretty exciting. There was a lot of work that went into it," Hutchings said. "I'm pleasantly pleased. I was a little shocked at the mass of votes."

"I didn't think it would be that much of a distance between the votes for the three of us."

The library district's next board meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 4 inside the Lizard Butte Library's Community Room. Hutchings said she's anxious to see what will be on the agenda and what they have planned.

She also supports the library's programs.

"I'm excited about the fact that they have the first- and second-graders come there during the school year and have a story read to them," she said. "That's just exciting because a lot of kids don't get stories read to them."

Hutchings added that she will, "jump in with both feet and see what happens. I'm just excited to get going and do some more great things for this great library."

Burham had filed a declaration of candidacy prior to the March 20 deadline, but it was discovered that, although her petition had enough signatures, some were disqualified because they were from people who weren't registered to vote.

Library trustees serve six-year terms.

— SC



Marsing-Homedale Cemetery sexton Bruce Benson uses an aging lawnmower to groom the area between headstones Thursday.

Third time is charm for cemetery levy

District now has money for improvements

The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District patrons have approved two-year temporary levy after twice rejecting permanent levy overrides.

The levy will provide \$30,000 per year in 2016 and 2017. It only needed a simple majority to pass and received 507 affirmative votes (73.3 percent) in the May 19 election. There were 692 votes cast.

"Looking at the total amount of votes and other stuff that was going on, the cemetery's was twice as many," cemetery sexton Bruce Benson said. "It looked like people went out just to vote for it."

Benson was only expecting half as many district voters to cast ballots for the levy.

"I was really shocked to see that kind of number," he said.

Benson added that he's "very happy and very relieved" about the levy's passage. After voters rejected the previous two levy attempts, he admits that he wasn't optimistic about this election.

In 2014, the district twice failed to achieve the super-majority to pass a permanent override levy.

District board members will talk about some priorities for how to use the money at their next meeting at 2 p.m. on June 1.

"I have many plans. I've got projects in my head that I've been wanting to do out here to make it better," Benson said. "We've just never had the money. Hopefully now we can start doing some things."

Those plans include opening another section of the cemetery. The grounds have been expanded from one section to five sections since the cemetery opened more than 50 years ago. Creating a new portion will involve putting in a new road, and Benson thinks that work might begin next year.

Several people in the community, including Benson and American Legion Post 128 members, have also been working on making a map of gravesites and associated names for people to find where their family members are buried.

The new levy will cost a property owner \$10 annually per \$100,000 of taxable property value.

District board members said the cemetery has grown four

times as big as it was in the 1960s and expenses have more than quadrupled since 1969.

Passage of the levy saved district commissioners from making tough decisions. They said expenses would have been cut, meaning less maintenance to the cemetery. District board members added that the budget cuts could have been in chemicals, fertilizer, equipment and labor.

The district recently began receiving payments from Owyhee County to refund ag replacement money that had mistakenly been sent to the Riverside Cemetery District in Grand View for 10 years.

The total paid to Riverside Cemetery over the decade of discrepancies was \$13,345. The refund to Marsing-Homedale Cemetery will be delivered in four payments between now and January in the amount of \$3,336 each.

Not receiving those funds contributed to a serious cash flow problem for the district. Its budget was in the red for several months, and the board froze 2015 wages for the directors and Benson. The directors also raised lot prices by \$25 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

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Strong majority OKs Marsing school levy

High cost of operation behind levy try

Marsing school patrons have approved a two-year supplemental levy to cover operational expenses within the district. This is the first operational supplemental levy the district has sought in at least 40 years. It will generate \$400,000 each school year for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The ballot measure received 381 votes in the May 19 election, 240 of them (62.9 percent) were in favor of the levy.

District superintendent Norm Stewart didn't know how to get a true read on what the potential outcome of the vote was going to be but he had hoped for the best.

"You really don't know until the numbers come in," Stewart said.

Property owners in the district will pay \$78 annually on \$100,000 of net taxable property value. That figure is based on a projection of "no growth" in the district. With three percent growth, the cost to property owners would decrease to \$68 per year per \$100,000 in net taxable value.

"I'm very pleased that the voters decided to support the levy and be able to support the school district and the kids so we can provide the best possible education that we can," Stewart said. "I'm very excited about the pas-

sage of the levy." He went on to say, "We need to look at getting the curriculum that's needed for the next school year so we can hit the ground running, and then we also need to start going out for bids for the HVAC sections of the high school and the primary wing of the elementary school so we can be ready for kids when they arrive in August."

Zone 4 school board trustee Michelle Jacobi, who won re-election last week, is also looking to the future now that the levy has been approved.

"In (terms of) what we do next after the money from the operational levy runs out, it's definitely a short-term fix, and we need to look at the long-term direction past those two years," Jacobi said.

Stewart thinks a teacher compensation bill recently signed by Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter might also benefit the district.

"We're hoping that the career ladder is going to help by the end of the two years, that it will help offset some of the underfunding aspects that we've had," Stewart said.

Over five years, the career ladder is designed to give all teachers a raise every year — starting with a \$33.5 million boost in state funding in 2015-16.

Stewart said expense estimates show that the district needs \$354,000 for each of the next two years to operate.

— SC

Marsing school trustee wins another 4 years

Zone 4 was only contested race

Mrs. Owyhee County United States will serve four more years on the Marsing School District board of trustees.

Michelle Jacobi was challenged by Jeff Wasson, who ran as a write-in candidate, in the May 19 election. Jacobi received 53 votes while 27 people in Zone 4 voted for Wasson.

"I love, of course, the support that the community showed me to be able to serve them for the next four years," Jacobi said. "We have some big challenges ahead of us, and it's definitely time to get back to work."

The incumbent said she ran for re-election because she's passionate about serving, being involved and doing what she can to improve future generations

of the community. Jacobi added that her vision for governance of the school district is to create a culture of high expectations, commitment to learning and a positive school climate.

She said she didn't know what to expect in her re-election bid.

"Being the first election that I've been challenged, expectations were out the door," Jacobi said.

Jacobi, 40, has lived in the Marsing School District for 12 years.

She started serving as a trustee in 2009 to fill out Jaime Wood's term and ran unopposed in 2011.

Chad Showalter, who ran unopposed, will continue on the school board, too.

The school board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the district office on 8th Avenue West.

— SC



Homedale emergency personnel tend to Dakota Kangas at the scene of a May 19 accident.

Near head-on crash closes U.S. 95

Man partially ejected from truck refuses treatment

A stretch of U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale was closed for about two hours last week because of a near head-on crash.

A 22-year-old Parma resident was severely injured when the red Ford pickup he was driving drifted across the centerline and collided with a trailer being pulled by a white Dodge truck driven by Charles Wilson, a 65-year-old Homedale-Marsing area resident.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge said the Ford's driver,

Dakota Kangas, was partially ejected and left hanging from the vehicle after the impact May 19 near South Main Street.

Although he appeared to be in severe pain when he was pulled from the wreckage and moved to a Homedale Ambulance, Kangas refused medical treatment after his family arrived on scene, McFetridge said.

McFetridge also cancelled a LifeFlight helicopter that had been dispatched to the Homedale Municipal Airport in preparation of airlifting Kangas.

McFetridge said family members transported Kangas from the scene in a private vehicle. His medical condition is unknown.

The accident occurred shortly

before 8 a.m., McFetridge said. The highway was reopened to traffic shortly before 10 a.m.

Although the cause of the accident is still under investigation, McFetridge said it appears Kangas was traveling north on U.S. 95 when he veered into the southbound lane.

McFetridge said it appeared Wilson, who was driving southbound, was able to maneuver his vehicle enough to avoid the head-on collision, but Kangas' truck struck the trailer, and the tractor's bucket ripped the driver's side door off the Ford. The door was left dangling from the bucket after the impact, McFetridge said.

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From page 1

✓ Nationals: Seven states represented here

perfect way to channel their competitive nature and nurture their culture.

Trading the grid iron and diamond for a card table, the Homedale brothers are reigning national champions in the Basque game mus.

Their championship has turned Homedale into the center of the North American Basque Organizations (NABO) universe.

The NABO Mus Tournament will be held Saturday at Txoko Ona Basque Club, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

The Urangas’ championship is the first big splash for a team with Txoko Ona ties since 2005 when Tony Larrocea was part of the duo that finished second in the national tournament.

Older mus players have taken notice of the Urangas, who only began playing the game in the past eight or nine years. For the most part, they learned the game playing at the club; Tony picked up the game when he spent some time in the Basque country.

“To me, what was special was watching the reaction of other people to what we had done,” Tony said. “We hadn’t been playing that long, but for the others who had been playing 30 or 40 years, their reaction was really strong and excited.”

That reaction from the generation

Tourney time

The 2015 NABO mus tournament starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

There are 43 teams from seven western states registered for the tournament, including 24 from California, seven each from Idaho and Oregon, two from Wyoming and one each from Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Txoko Ona will provide a light breakfast and lunch for the tournament players, while Chef Jesus Alcelay of Boise’s Cottonwood Grille will prepare the champions dinner. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., with play resuming at 2 p.m.

before them gave the Urangas a new perspective on the title that sent them to October’s world tournament in Mexico and will bring 42 teams to Homedale from seven states.

“I didn’t know how big it was until I got the reaction of the players around here,” Tony said.

Although mus in its various incarnations is a game brought from the old country in Europe, the Urangas never played the game while growing up. Only after hanging around at the card games in the Homedale clubhouse – and Tony’s trip overseas — did the men begin picking up the game.

For all their spirit for competition and their heritage as standout Homedale High School athletes, the brothers are humorous and humble when it comes to their new passion, and the reason why they play together.

“We’ve always been partners,”

Tony said. “No one else would play with us because we’re not that good.”

Of course, Tony’s outlook is contrary to reality. The brothers had previously qualified for the national tournament but didn’t make the trip. Last year, though, Tony and Darren took a chance, and it paid off as they outlasted 41 other teams in San Rafael, Calif.

The brothers’ championship ended California’s stranglehold on the national tournament. This is the first time that Txoko Ona has hosted the tournament, which hasn’t been held on Idaho soil in about 15 years, the Urangas figure.

Reaching nationals is a badge of honor for many.

“Some guys go around and play in six, seven or eight different tournaments to try to make the national tournament,” Darren said.

— JPB

Mus success takes brains and strategy

Mus is more than just four people sitting around a table playing cards, national champions Tony and Darren Uranga say.

There’s a ton of strategy and communication, and the stakes grow bigger as the game winds down.

The North American Basque Organizations national tournament that will be played Saturday in Homedale will use one of the two main variations of the game, the origin of which could go back as far as the 14th century.

The Eight Kings version, in which threes are used as kings and twos are used as aces, hails from the Bizkaia area of Basque country and is the most widely played game at Homedale’s Txoko Ona Basque Club, Tony Uranga said.

The national tournament, however, employs Four Kings, which precludes the wild cards.

The closest cousin to the game in other cultures is pitch, although the Urangas concede there really isn’t another card game quite like mus.

Teammates communicate with one another through signals, but the Urangas say it is important to be subtle with the communication because only a few standard signs are allowed, and every player knows what they mean.

There are four parts to the game, including *Haundia*, in which the highest possible cards – preferably kings — are desirable; *Txikia*, in which low cards are sought; *Pareak*, which is a hand formed by two of a kind, three of a kind (or *mediak*) or two pairs or four of a kind (“*dobleak*”); and *Jokua*, in which the best hands have values of 31 or more. If no player attains 31 or more, *Puntuak* kicks in, and the hand closest to 30 is best.

Face cards are worth 10 points and the rest of the deck is valued according to the face value of the cards.

The game includes betting and scoring as well.


Math is a big part of the game, and the Uranga brothers’ professions help them immensely. Tony is a computer engineer in the research and development department of Marvell Semiconductors, while Darren is the Middleton School District’s business manager.

“Being able to do math fast in your head helps,” Tony said. “You have to know how many points are on the table and how many points are in your hand.”

There’s no clock, but the pressure builds as the action winds down, just as on the athletic field.

“There’s big strategy at the end of the game,” Darren said.

— JPB



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It has come to the attention of this department that there could be a significant increase in the usage of area roads under jurisdiction of the Homedale Highway District.

Of particular concern is the heavy traffic (particularly overweight traffic), that continues to deteriorate the condition of roads within the Homedale Highway District road ways.

In conferring with legal counsel and area prosecuting authority, it was confirmed that Idaho Code §49-1006 expressly provides that:

The owner and the operator, driver or mover of any vehicle, object or contrivance over a highway or bridge, shall be jointly and severally responsible for all damages which the highway or bridge may sustain as the result of illegally operating or driving or moving any vehicle, object or contrivance, or as the result of driving or moving any vehicle, object or contrivance weighing in excess of the maximum weight. . . .

Idaho Code §49-1006. Emphasis added.

The code articulates that the owner found responsible for causing damage to a public road, may be held responsible for all damages and costs associated with repairing the road.

Secondly, the negligent placement or spillage of foreign debris or other material on the public road is subject to prosecution under Idaho Code §18-3906—PLACING DEBRIS ON HIGHWAY (Littering).

The Homedale Highway District wishes to apprise you of these issues as we perceive this matter to involve ongoing points of concern.


We invite your suggestions and comments on measures which will be taken to address and remediate these problems.

Respectfully,
Homedale Highway District

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✓ Gateway West: BLM says RAC's preferred route is still on the table

Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, running it south of the NCA across Owyhee County private property. The subcommittee's majority opinion had endorsed a route in which Segments 8 and 9 ran parallel with existing power lines in the NCA, avoiding private property in Owyhee County.

But BLM spokesperson Heather Feeney says the proposed route around the NCA is just one of the alternatives being considered as the SEIS is analyzed under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). She said no preferred alternative has been identified for the SEIS yet, and that analysis for new routes continues.

Feeney said this phase of the process will include public-accessible maps, a 90-day comment period and public meetings. The draft SEIS will be published in September with a decision on the segments expected in June 2016.

The subcommittee's preferred alternative through the NCA, which was adopted by the full RAC, also is part of the analysis, she said.

"The RAC's work was very

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— Jerry Hoagland
District 1 county commissioner

valuable in examining what options exist for routing segments 8 and 9. Their two reports gave us a very solid starting point for the work that remains with processing the right-of-way application for the remainder of the Gateway West project and were very helpful in scoping for the SEIS.

"The RAC majority's recommendation became the companies' revised proposed route, and as such, it will be fully analyzed and considered in the SEIS."

Feeney said the NCA route fulfills the minority conclusion in the RAC subcommittee report that said the SEIS should assess "all viable routes both within and outside the NCA."

Feeney also reiterated that the

subcommittee's work did not absolve the BLM from its analytical obligations under NEPA.

She said adding the southerly route to the list of alternatives achieves a number of objectives:

- It "provides for the range of reasonable alternatives that are a requirement of good NEPA analysis."

- It provides "a way of fully analyzing as a design feature the smaller distance of 250 feet that is now allowed to separate parallel transmission lines."

- It "represents an alternative that came out of the internal scoping that always accompanies public scoping for an EIS."

The perceived focus on the non-NCA route has caused pessimism

among supporters of the majority report's recommendation of lines across the NCA.

"Gateway West is never going to end with a good result," District 1 county commissioner Jerry Hoagland said. "Washington D.C. seems to know what is best for the locals — local wildlife, I guess."

Hoagland said the non-NCA alternative would avoid the property of vocal opponents Robyn Thompson and Ernie Breuer in Oreana, but encroaches on neighboring private property. It would run on the south side of Idaho highway 78, blocking the view of the Owyhee mountains then along Sinkers Creek then south of Murphy to the Hemingway substation.

"Note, not one tower in the Birds of Prey," Hoagland said. "They, Washington, D.C., have decided that the NCA is too important to place other power lines in — even though it is crisscrossed with numerous power lines."

Feeney says the exact alternative route south of the NCA, which will include a mixture of public and private ground, is still being developed.

"It is still a priority to avoid

private lands, as well as avoiding sage-grouse habitat and impacts to cultural resources such as the Oregon National Historic Trail, among others," Feeney said.

Hoagland says the non-NCA alternative shows BLM's intention to ignore the RAC subcommittee's months of work reviewing all possible routes before settling on the route supported by the Board of County Commissioners.

"We have to put a stop to these bureaucracies making rules and making decisions that are contrary to local decisions," District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi wrote in an email thread created by the task force. "They do not even listen to our congressional delegation."

The task force has urged concerned citizens to contact their congressmen to rally support, but Hoagland's response showed a hint of resignation.

"(Am I) frustrated? Yes," Hoagland wrote in an email. "BLM says this is only an alternative to look at, but the way the local agencies have been bowing to Washington D.C. directives, I believe it is a done deal."

— JPB

✓ Trustee: Challenger unsure if he'll protest; other difficulties reported

Jeff Christoffersen by 42 votes in the Zone 1 trustees race on May 19, but the victory may be overshadowed by issues at the North Homedale polling place.

Because of confusion over zoning boundaries and some citizens' addresses, some voters were prevented from casting a ballot, Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell confirmed.

Barkell said she doesn't know how many people were turned away.

"I applaud the people that demanded to vote, and that's their right and they should continue to do that. It's their right," Barkell said.

"I feel terrible that some people were denied their rights. It's definitely a training issue, and we need to polish up our practices and get that right."

Barkell is asking any Zone 1 patrons who weren't allowed to vote to call her office.

Having an accurate number of those people who were turned away would be "very beneficial," she said. Barkell said the remedy to the problem is to "touch every elector in the county" and make sure they are in the right zone in the county records.

Christoffersen told The Owyhee Avalanche late Friday afternoon that he would wait to decide whether he would contest the election. The Board of County Commissioners canvassed the vote during their Tuesday meeting in Murphy, starting the clock on the 20-day window to contest the



Teddi Proud submits her ballot at the Homedale Senior Center.

election.

Shanley won the election with 58.5 percent of the vote (144-102). The men were even at 55 votes apiece in the South Homedale precinct. In the troubled North Homedale precinct, Shanley won by 41 votes (87-46). He also received two votes in absentee balloting.

Zone 5 Trustee Shane Muir won another term in an uncontested race.

The county's trustee election headache wasn't isolated to Homedale.

In the Glens Ferry district trustee election, no ballots were available at the Bruneau polling place because of a mistake in the Owyhee County elections office. Barkell said it was assumed that the two trustee candidate forms received were for separate zones, which would mean no election would be necessary. The

candidate had, in fact, filed for the same zone.

If the Glens Ferry election is re-run, Barkell said the county would mail ballots to the 28 registered voters in the Indian Cove portion of the school district. Any elections would be held in August at the county's expense.

There were problems in other counties, too, apparently, and even in the Glens Ferry district. Barkell said Elmore County is dealing with a problem in which a trustee candidate was placed in a zone other than the one he had claimed in his nomination papers.

Barkell explains the problems in an open letter to county citizens that appears on Page 18 of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The clerk figures that the confusion during the first contested Homedale trustee election since the Legislature consolidated elections under the county banner arose from several different factors.

Barkell said the confusion may have caused some voters to be assigned to incorrect precincts and zones.

For starters, the Zone 1 boundaries have changed because of reapportionment after the 2010 Census, which may have pushed some patrons who were in Zone 1 into Zone 5 in the area near Railroad Avenue.

Similar road names within the Owyhee County portion of the school district may have contributed, too. Cascade

Drive near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds is in Zone 1, while Cascade Avenue is in Zone 2.

But there may have been confusion even on the boundary roads of Johnstone and West Market because of house numbering.

Conventional numbering is even on one side of the road and odd on the other, but in some places in Homedale there are even and odd house numbers on the same side of the street. Barkell said that the county's voter registration software can't distinguish the quirkiness of house numbers on the wrong side of the street.

Barkell also said there were communication problems with the North Homedale precinct on Election Day because the poll workers' cellphone got poor reception inside the Homedale Senior Center.

The state county clerks association may push for a change in the school district election laws, Barkell said. A resolution could be drafted during the association's annual meeting in August.

School districts are the only governmental entities whose elections are open only to those electors who live within the zone that is being contested.

In all other district elections, such as highway and library, all patrons in the districts can vote in every election. Only the candidates must hail from a specific zone, unless the district board is seeded by at-large commissioners.

— JPB



Weigh-in proves routine, challenging
Left: Scott Jensen with the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office tags a lamb's ear at Friday's weigh-in for the Owyhee County Fair. Above: Homedale FFA member Jennifer Bautista wrestles her lamb out of the scale.

Homedale struggles to staff pool

Lack of certified lifeguards could delay opening

A lack of certified lifeguards could delay the Homedale Municipal Pool season opener. City officials had hoped to have the pool cleaned and ready for spring and summer usage by Monday, but not enough lifeguards on the 2015 staff have

achieved certification. The city is still seeking candidates who are either certified or willing to receive certification. The next certification class doesn't take place until June 16. Those people already certified as lifeguards would be able to start right away, while non-certified candidates wouldn't be able to start until they complete the class and receive their certification. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said the city pays for certification

with candidates receiving 50 percent of the class cost when they are hired and the remaining reimbursement when they complete the summer's work at the pool. There's a chance the pool could still open next week if the bare minimum of lifeguards are found. For more information on becoming a lifeguard or working at the pool this summer, call City Hall at 337-4641.

Homedale road damage warning broadened

Commissioners put all users put on notice about heavy traffic, littering

All users of roads in the Homedale Highway District will be held responsible for damage, commissioners have decreed. Eight days after drafting a letter to a specific group of producers, the commissioners broadened the scope of their warning to include anyone who drives or hauls on the 92 miles of roads in the district. "I think we're singling out a few people, and in my opinion we should put the letter in the paper to all producers not just a select few," board chair and Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Larry Prow said. At Thursday's special meeting, commissioners rescinded their original letter, replacing it with a document that has been published on Page 4 of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. The rescission had been in the works only a day or so after the regular meeting on May 13. As echoed by Prow during last week's special meeting, the commissioners were uncomfortable that the letter would target only a few producers. Now, all road users are on notice. The letter maintains admonishments that the commissioners reserve the right to hold anyone

who damages roads financially responsible under state law. With an eye toward the problem of spillage of manure and feed and other waste from speeding trucks, the commissioners warn that littering also will be punished. In their letter, commissioners voice concern about heavy traffic, and especially overweight trucks, that persistently deteriorate the condition of roads. Prow also mentioned the potential for damage if heavy equipment being hauled slipped off trailers and gouged the pavement. At the request of director of highways Stewart Constantine, Thursday's agenda was amended to include the acceptance of a draft road maintenance agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department, which is planning to replace the Idaho highway 19 bridge across Succor Creek west of Homedale. The project will place two culverts across River Road, which also will be widened. Constantine also was authorized to consultant with Paragon Engineering's Joe Barton to wrap up preparation for a request for bids to rehabilitate portions of East Thompson Road. — JPB

Scholarships Homedale High School

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University of Washington Purple & Gold Scholar; Idaho Opportunity
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Isabelle Fogg — Boise State University Marching Band; U of I Academic Achievement
Coy Gardner — U of I Academic Achievement
Jaden Goodrich — U of I Academic Achievement; U of I Stephen and Katherine C.; ISU Bengal Incremental
Jennifer Hernandez — ISU Bengal Incremental; U of I Academic Achievement
Julissa Hurtado — Homedale Lions Club
Dayne Jacobs — George Murray/American Legion; Conner Landa Athletic
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Andy Martinez — Frank Haylett Memorial; College of Southern Idaho Presidential Scholar Freshman Academic Award; CSI Dr. James Taylor Memorial
Hattie Mertz — Seattle University Merit; Conner Landa Athletic

Miguel Montejano — U of I Academic Achievement; U of I Freshman Access
Kerigan Morris — YMCA Civil Engagements; Idaho Opportunity; Oklahoma State University; Homedale Lions Club; Dr. George & Mrs. Lenora Wolff; Conner Landa Athletic
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Sami Riha — U of I Academic Achievement; ISU Bengal Incremental
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Several strategies to battle aphids

Aphids are the most common insects found on trees, shrubs, and garden ornamental plants. More than 350 different aphid species exist, but most can feed on only a few species of plants. However, with so many kinds of aphids, few plants grown in our area do not support at least one aphid. Most species rarely injure plants or even attract attention, but a few aphid species do cause problems.



Sarah Perkins

Have you noticed aphids already this year in your gardens, flowerbeds, or on your trees and shrubs? If you have, you are not alone. Aphids are already making their way onto the list of pests for gardeners this season.

Aphids feed by sucking the sap from plants. When aphid populations go unnoticed and increase over time without treatment,

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their feeding can cause wilting and sometimes even dieback of shoots and buds. Some aphids can cause leaf curling when the insect infests emerging leaves. It's best to control them as soon as possible to prevent further damage.

On shrubs and garden plants, aphid control can be as simple as washing them off with forceful jets of water. Hosing plants can lethally injure aphids, and the few that survive usually are not able to find their way back onto the host plant. Another gentler method of aphid control is the use of insecticidal soap spray. Neem oil sprays can also be gentle and effective.

Should you want to use chemical insecticides for aphid control, here are some options:

- Contact Insecticides with no residual activity: pyrethrins.
- Contact Insecticides with residual activity: acephate, bifenthrin, beta-cyfluthrin, or permethrin.

- Systemic Insecticides: acephate, imidacloprid, or dinotefuran.

You can find these chemicals in various brands of insecticides. Ask in the garden section at local stores for products with these chemicals for aphid control, and as always follow the label for use. Each brand may be different.

We do not recommend home remedies for any type of disease, pest, or other plant/garden issue. It's best to find a reputable source for information.

Our office is happy to help you diagnose your plant and weed questions and problems as well. Plant clinics are held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. most Thursdays at the Extension Office in Marsing.

— 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. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Vacation Bible School
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2953 or (208) 834-2287

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

Thursday

Vacation Bible School
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2953 or (208) 834-2287

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

Oregon Food Bank Harvest Share
12:30 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

Jordan Valley Community Mobile Food Pantry
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

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

Friday

Vacation Bible School
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2953 or (208) 834-2287

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

Saturday

National Mus Tournament
9 a.m., registration, 10 a.m., tournament, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N.

6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

National Mus Tournament champions dinner
5 p.m., social hour, 6:30 p.m., dinner, reservations by phone only, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-3041 or (208) 337-3840

Monday

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

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting
2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

Tuesday

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

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

Senior center bridge
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Marsing P&Z meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

Wednesday

Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Thursday, June 4

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

Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Mother Nature

A Bureau of Land Management conservationist was explaining to a group of ranchers the new policy to be followed in rangeland improvement. He said that, "From now on, nature would be allowed to do it instead of man." He went on, and stated that, "Nature was a benevolent old girl and could be counted on to do the job much better."

An old-time rancher stood up and said, "I've worked with Mother Nature all my life, and I know her as a mean old lady."

Johnson Bar

A BLM employee was explaining to the Grazing Advisory Board the direction land management would take in proposed wilderness areas. Since mechanized equipment could not be used, he suggested horses and/or mules be used for needed work.

Bob Skinner and Grady Romans were taking this all in. Grady bent over and whispered to Bob, "I'd like to see him on the Johnson Bar of a Fresno."

This statement wouldn't mean much to anybody who didn't know what a Johnson Bar was. It is a long handle that protrudes from the back of a Fresno or ditcher, etc., and it used to control the tool. On a Fresno, tilting the bar forward or downward controls how much material is scooped up. If a rock or stump is hit the handle can become a so-called "Widow Maker." It took a strong man to hold the bar ... pardon the expression ... a big dumb Swede ... hence a Johnson Bar.

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

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

May 27: Ham salad on bun, potato salad, carrot salad
May 28: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread
June 2: Chicken chow mein, rice, stir fry vegetables, salad bar, milk
June 3: Sausage & biscuits, potatoes/country gravy, carrots, salad bar, milk
June 4: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, bread, salad bar, milk

Marsing Senior Center

Salad bar available daily. All breakfast orders come w/meat, eggs, fruit, juice & milk

May 27: Beef tips over noodles, peas & carrots, roll, oranges
May 28: Pork stir fry, rice, vegetables, orange jello w/pineapple, roll
June 1: Breakfast, ham/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, toast
June 2: Turkey ala'king, potatoes, beans, biscuits, milk
June 3: Pizza, green beans, salad bar, fruit salad, milk
June 4: Hamburger w/bun, potatoes, peas, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

May 28: Oriental chicken w/noodles, stir fry veggies, tropical fruit, fortune cookie
June 2: Meat loaf, mac & cheese, spinach, peaches, milk, juice
June 4: Pork stew, mixed veggies, baking powder biscuits, stewed apples, milk, juice

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Homedale Public Library fuels up for summer

With school out, the staff and supporters of the Homedale Public Library are focusing on programs for the sunny months.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program continues and the “Every Hero has a Story”-themed weekly sessions begins next Wednesday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library will hold its spring book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 on the lawn in front of the library.

The Teens and Tweens program for ages 10-17 has ended for the school year, but Story Time for younger children continues each Friday.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call 337-4228 for information.

Dragon tale to be told

This week’s Story Time, which takes place at 10:15 a.m. Friday,



Zaria Parker, left, tries to run away as RanDee Cole zings a paint balloon during Friday’s Teens and Tweens 2014-15 finale at Homedale Public Library.

details a young dragon who looks forward to breathing fire for the first time as his seventh birthday approaches.

“Not Your Typical Dragon” by Dan Bar-el has a twist, however. Instead of lighting his birthday cake candles, young Crispin breathes whipped cream all over. He runs away from home and learns valuable lessons from Sir George.

Book sale planned

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library will hold their spring book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

Lightly used hardback, paperback, fiction and non-fiction books will be available for 50 cents per pound.

Selections will range several topics as well as children’s and young adult selections.

Summer reading approaches

The library’s summer reading program is open to boys and girls through age 9.

Sessions will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Thursday in June, and children will be able to win prizes for reading and attending the activities.

The schedule includes:

- June 4 — Firefighters to the Rescue
- June 11 — Super Stories
- June 18 — Animals are Heroes, Too
- June 25 — Heroes throughout History

Homedale women on dean’s list

Two Homedale students have been placed on the George Fox University dean’s list.

Among the 800 dean’s list honorees were Becca Schroeder, a senior majoring in biology, and Melanie Schroeder, a junior majoring in English.

Students had to attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 to qualify.

Food bank stop in JV on Thursday

The monthly Rural Harvest Share stop is planned for Jordan Valley on Thursday.

The Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services program provides free fruits and vegetables to anyone who shows up.

The next stop is planned for 12:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St.

The mobile pantry will be open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

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Cemetery preservation workshop set in Silver

Three representatives from the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District will participate in a special event in Silver City. A cemetery preservation workshop will be held Thursday and Friday. The event is part of Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. On Thursday, attendees will gather from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. inside the Silver City Schoolhouse. That workshop will focus on the process of creating a preservation plan for historic cemeteries. The workshop on Friday will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Silver City Pioneer Cemetery. Attendees will participate in a hands-on demonstration of proper cleaning, repair and maintenance of cemetery objects. A sack lunch will be provided during the workshop. The Idaho Heritage Trust organized the presentation and demonstration. The Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District representatives are among the maximum allowed 12 participants for the two-day event. Sally Donovan and Bruce Howard, of Hood River, Ore.-based Donovan and Associates, will lead both events. According to the Trust's website, Donovan and Howard are recognized professionals in the Pacific Northwest in the care and preservation of historic cemeteries. They travel all over the western U.S. conducting work for both private cemeteries and local, state or national agencies that manage historic cemeteries. Trudy Jackson with the Idaho City Pioneer Cemetery is quoted on the Trust's website: "Bruce and Sally were awesome to work with. They were very knowledgeable and are a wealth of information. They gave me direction for the future."

Wolf has left Adrian

A lone wolf that was spotted several times outside of Adrian has apparently left Malheur County. The male wolf known as OR22 because it was the 22nd wolf to be radio-collared in the state of Oregon. Philip Milburn, a district wildlife biologist in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Ontario office, said OR22 wandered into Malheur County on April 10. Tracking signals showed the wolf left the area May 16 or May 17, Milburn said. Last week, The Capital Press agricultural newspaper reported the wolf had moved west into Grant County and was last tracked to an area south of Prairie City. OR22 spent some time in farm country near Adrian. A number of farmers saw the wolf sleeping in a wheat field and ditch workers spotted the predator swimming in a canal. No other wolf has been known to spend more than a small amount of time in Malheur County, Milburn said. He added that it separated from the Umatilla River Pack in February. OR22 had been feeding off two cow carcasses, Milburn said. Both were already dead when the wolf found them. The Capital Press report stated that when the carcasses were removed shortly before May 16, the wolf started migrating west at a rate of about 10 miles a day.

Death notices

PHILIP L. BRODHECKER, 60, of Homedale, died Thursday, May 21, 2015. No Services will be held. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

BLANCHE GAIL KESTER, 91, who moved to Homedale as a child, died Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at home. A viewing was held on Tuesday, May 26 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Cambridge Cemetery in Cambridge. A pot luck luncheon will follow at the Cambridge fairgrounds.

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Memorial Day remembrance



Post 128 pays its respects

Top: The back of Larry Steiner's T-shirt states the mission as he and fellow American Legion Post 128 member Herb Churruca, left, prepare to place flags at the graves of veterans buried in Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Photo by Buz Fawcett

Right: Churruca, left, and Steiner salute after placing a flag at near William E. Rippee's headstone.

Below, from left: Darryl Burham, Fred Christensen and Kathy Barton salute after honoring Donald Troy, Paul D. Scott and James Zittel.

Other Post 128 members who assisted Thursday included Buz Fawcett, Cathy Sherrow, George Greenwood and Dave Kittleson.



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County gets grant for Black Sands boat facilities

The Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation has approved a grant request to replace the boat loading ramp and dock at Black Sands Resort near C.J. Strike Reservoir.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell informed the Board of County Commissioners about the \$133,881 grant award during its regular weekly meeting on May 18.

The total cost of the project is \$170,702. The county will match the remaining

\$36,821.

Barkell said the match will be a combination of in-kind work by the county road department and cash funds, which could come from the Vessel Fund. She added that the “actual amount of cash outlay is yet to be determined.”

The project will begin this fall and will include installing a new boat ramp on the south bank of the Black Sands Marina to replace the existing ramp. The new ramp will extend farther into the reservoir.

There will also be new, longer docks built in an “L” shape, along with a handicapped-accessible parking pad. A new restroom will be installed nearby along with a concrete sidewalk for accessibility to the new docks.

Owyhee County has also obtained a lease from the Bureau of Land Management to expand the existing parking lot to allow more vehicle and trailer parking at the marina.

“Our goal is to ensure that this ramp is

a clean, safe place to launch and remains accessible to the public for many years to come,” Barkell said.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional supervisor Scott Reinecker wrote a letter of support to Barkell last year regarding the Black Sands project.

“When completed, this busy boating facility will not only benefit Idaho’s anglers, but the general boating public as well,” Reinecker wrote.

— SC

Woman allegedly drives drunk with child in vehicle

Teen cited for suspected DUI outside Homedale

A Mountain Home woman was arrested last Wednesday on suspicion of driving drunk while transporting a minor.

Jennifer Eileen Delaney, 35, remains in Owyhee County Jail after her arrest late Wednesday night near the Loveridge Bridge outside Bruneau.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said an Elmore County Sheriff’s deputy detained Delaney after she and a 6-year-old girl were found inside a white 1990 Dodge Intrepid that had run off Idaho highway 78 near the bridge.

Delaney, who has been convicted of DUI twice since 2012, refused field sobriety tests, Bowman said. A breath analysis revealed blood-alcohol content nearly three times the legal limit of .08.

Once an Owyhee County deputy arrived, Delaney was arrested on felony charges of DUI and child endangerment as well as misdemeanors of driving without privileges and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container.

Delaney was spotted after

authorities received a call about a white Dodge Intrepid driving erratically while traveling on eastbound Idaho 78 near the Bruneau Sand Dunes.

“Witnesses called 911 mainly because they saw the kid in the car and the vehicle driving weird,” Bowman said.

Elmore County authorities reunited the child with her father in Mountain Home, Bowman said.

Delaney previously had spent time in jail for an August 2013 DUI conviction in Ada County and for an August 2012 DUI conviction in Elmore County.

Teen cited for DUI

A 19-year-old Wilder man suspected of driving under the influence was cited and released on May 18.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge said Officer Chris Jacob issued the citation after stopping Eric Calderon Sanchez for failing to make a complete stop at the intersection of East Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95.

Sanchez turned north into Canyon County, and Jacob made the traffic stop at U.S. 95 and Batt Corner Road, McFetridge said.

Sanchez will make his first court appearance next Wednesday in magistrate court in Homedale.

— JPB

Volunteers get ready for Breshears fishing

There’s more than fishing to the 16th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day.

The event, which is slated for Saturday, June 6 at Marsing Island Park, gives many children their first opportunity to catch a fish. It’s open to boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Sign-up forms are available at Logan’s Market in Marsing, Matteson’s in Homedale and Gus’s Gas in Bruneau.

Volunteers from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, the sheriff’s office, Idaho Department

of Fish and Game, and the Homedale and Wilder Police departments will assist the children in their fishing endeavors.

Children will vie for several prizes, including first fish caught, largest fish and first limit attained. There are prizes for both boys and girls in those divisions. The first fish awards once again will be named to honor Michael Sterkenberg, a county employee’s son who died at the age of 15 in a December 2013 car crash.

An archery range also will be set up.

Woman reports assault, gets booked

Man who skipped meth sentencing nabbed in California

A woman arrested after reporting an assault led an interesting week of warrant arrests tied to Owyhee County.

A sheriff’s deputy arrested Shannon Ithurnburn, a k a Shannon Stewart, on an outstanding felony warrant last Wednesday after she called to report an assault in a Marsing apartment.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Ithurnburn was arrested on a warrant for failing to abide by the terms of probation. Under the name Stewart, Ithurnburn had been convicted of misdemeanor battery and providing false information to an officer in April 2013. She was originally charged with felony assault on an officer, but the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Ithurnburn remains in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy awaiting extradition to Bingham County.

Bowman said the warrant was discovered on a routine background check after deputies and Homedale Police personnel

responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of 2nd Avenue West in Marsing.

Bowman said Ithurnburn had phoned in to complain that her sister had allegedly pushed a wheelchair in which their mother was sitting into Ithurnburn, causing her to be thrown across the room.

The alleged assault, which had apparently happened the day before Ithurnburn called authorities, is still under investigation, Bowman said.

Court records show the Ithurnburn is scheduled for a jury trial at 9 a.m. on Friday before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on four misdemeanor charges in an unrelated case from March. The charges include driving under the influence, fail to purchase a driver’s license, resisting arrest and assaulting a peace officer.

Man who skipped sentencing arrested

Authorities in California’s Central Valley have arrested a 47-

year-old man who went on the lam after missing several sentencing hearings in Murphy in 2014.

Jorge Ernesto Villarreal, whose hometown is listed as Traver, Calif., was arrested on May 19 in Kingsburg, Calif., which is southeast of Fresno.

Third District Court Judge Molly J. Huskey had issued a \$100,000 warrant after Villarreal failed to appear for sentencing on charges of felony methamphetamine possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

Villarreal was originally arrested by an Idaho State Police trooper on Idaho highway 51 on Oct. 13, 2013, but was released on his own recognizance prior to his sentencing hearing.

Wanted subject caught in Western Washington

A 32-year-old Homedale woman has been apprehended in Bellingham County in western Washington on a \$25,000 felony warrant.

Bowman said Cassandra Taylor apparently was wanted on a grand theft charge.

— JPB

Commissioners approve more county personnel moves

One staffer joins different department

An Owyhee County employee has been moved to a new position while two workers are new to the county payroll.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved three new hires during its regular weekly meeting on May 18. Only two of the employees are actually new to the county.

Sheriff Perry Grant asked the commissioners to approve two new hires for his office.

Grant’s former administrative assistant, Luisa Basabe, recently stepped down to spend more time with her family. Teri Naito was hired to take her place at \$13.95

an hour.

Naito spent the past five years as an administrative assistant at KTVB television in Boise, Grant said. He added that she also has dispatching and records-keeping experience from serving as an administrative assistant for Gem County for six years.

Perry also asked for a new staff member for his waterways department. Mike Beavers is no longer a waterways deputy, Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said. However, Beavers will stay on to work at the boat check station in Marsing, Grant said.

Mike Rabourn will replace Beavers in the waterways division at a pay rate of \$14 an hour.

Rabourn is a certified marine deputy who is also a certified reserve officer for Gem County.

Rabourn spent 30 years with the San Jose (Calif.) Police Department. After retirement, he spent four more years as a San Jose Police reserve officer and worked for the U.S. Marshal there for a few years before moving to Idaho a couple years ago, Grant said.

Perry does have enough funding left for this year to take on another employee in the waterways division. “The budget is sufficient,” Barkell said.

The third hire approved by the BOCC was already employed by the county. Rachele Fahey had worked in the assessor’s office since November.

Fahey will replace Trina Aman as chief deputy clerk. Aman recently retired, and Fahey will start her new full-time position at a pay rate of \$13.04 an hour.

— SC

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Avalanche Sports



Adrian's Tyler Reay wrapped up the District 2 steer wrestling title with second place Monday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Locals reach high school state finals rodeo

Tyler Reay, Adrian — Boys' all around reserve champion; State events: Steer wrestling and tie down roping (District 2 champion in both)
Bo Pickett, Homedale — Third in boys' all around; State: Steer wrestling (third); tie down roping (second); team roping (second)
Nick Eiguren, Jordan Valley — Fourth in boys' all around; State: Team roping (tied for fourth)
Quincy Pendergrass, Adrian — Fifth in girls' all around; State: Goat tying (champion); Breakaway roping (fifth)

Lorenzo Lankow, Marsing — Sixth in boys' all around; State: Bareback (champion)
Lawsen Matteson, Homedale — Seventh in boys' all around; State: Tie down roping (fourth)
Ria Kent, Marsing — Eighth in girls' all around; State: Cutting (tied for title); barrel racing (fifth); pole bending (tied for fourth)
Jacob Falls, Homedale — State: Bull riding
Carey Dines, Marsing — State: Barrel racing (sixth)
Braden Fillmore, Jordan Valley — State: Team roping

Rimrock rider makes Jr. High rodeo



Anthony Herrera in action. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

A 13-year-old Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School student is on his way to the junior high school state finals rodeo.
Eighth-grader Anthony Herrera, the son of Eliamar Quezada and Fredy Herrera, is the lone member of the school's rodeo club.
Anthony was one of the driving forces behind the school's club. According to his mother, Anthony and some friends approached school principal Dennis Wilson about reinstating the rodeo team, which had lost its advisor with the retirement of Celia Tindall at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
Jodi Jewett agreed to take over as club advisor, and Anthony became Rimrock's one-man club after he was the only student to sign up before the deadline.
Before Sunday's final District 2 junior high school rodeo, the Grand View teenager had covered each of



Anthony Herrera

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Jacob Collett puts everything into a pitch during last week's Babe Ruth win over Middleton 1.

Homedale's season ends in Babe Ruth

Homedale's stay in the Babe Ruth Prep Tournament ended last Wednesday night, but not before one last offensive uprising.
Middleton 3 scored three runs in the seventh inning to pull off a 10-6 victory in the single-elimination tournament.
"We had too many walks and errors early in the game that gave them most of their runs," Homedale coach Tony Uranga said.
Last Wednesday: Middleton 3 10, Homedale 6 — The Trojans held a 3-2 lead after scoring in the bottom of the second inning to snap a deadlock.
But Middleton 3 scored four times in the top of the third inning to take the lead for good. Homedale climbed back into the mix with three runs in the fourth inning, but Middleton still held a 7-6 lead.
Three Homedale pitchers — Daniel Uranga, Jason Puri and Clayton Wolfe — held Middleton to five hits, but Middleton took advantage of 12 walks and six errors that led to four unearned runs.
Jesse Martinat doubled and drove in three runs for Homedale. The Trojans' other four hits were singles from Uranga, Drew Deal, Wolfe and Kaden Binford.
May 19: Homedale 15, Middleton 14 (5) — The Trojans reached its game against Middleton 3 with a shellacking of Middleton 1 in Homedale.
Puri was 3-for-3 with a double and four RBI to lead Homedale in its victory.
Mason Kincheloe doubled twice, including a run-scoring double during Homedale's five-run second inning.
"This is the best we've hit all year," Tony Uranga said.
Homedale came up with 14 hits in the five-inning game. Wolfe and Deal smacked doubles with Wolfe collecting three RBI.
Jacob Collett picked up the victory. Middleton scored three unearned runs off four hits in three innings against Collett.

Homedale AAU girls keep up with bigger teams

Squad finishes second in hoops league

Jaime Wood didn't forecast how his AAU girls' basketball team would fare in a league against teams from larger towns.
By the time the Treasure Valley AAU Varsity Eighth-Grade League wrapped up, though, the coach was anxious to see the next steps in the careers of the athletes from

Marsing and Homedale.
"The girls had a great season, and I think going into it the expectations of playing those bigger (teams), I don't think they knew what to expect," he said.
Second-seeded Homedale AAU lost the league tournament championship game, 47-45, to top-ranked Eagle on May 16 at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Meridian.
Eagle was the only team to beat Homedale during the team's 10-3 campaign, including an 8-2 regular season, but Eagle's margin of victory shrunk with each new encounter.
In fact, Homedale held the lead during most of the championship game and was ahead by six points with four minutes left.
Eagle won the first regular-season matchup by 40 points then pulled off a 14-point victory in the second half of the season.

"They just got better the whole time we played," Wood said.
Homedale AAU hailed from the smallest area in terms of population among the teams in the league. Other teams were tied to Skyview, Columbia, Centennial, Boise, Mountain View and Eagle high school programs.
The majority of Homedale's athletes will compete for Marsing High School
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Grand View Days fun run pre-entry closes Monday

Plenty to do
during annual
three-day festival

Next month’s annual Grand View Days celebration will feature a new event.

The Grand View PTA is looking for participants to run in the inaugural 5-kilometer fun run.

The fundraiser will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 12.

Grand View Days will run from Friday, June 11 through Sunday, June 13.

The fun run entry fee is \$15 per person and \$40 per family, which must include a minimum of one adult. Pre-registration ends Monday, and only those who pre-register will be guaranteed an event T-shirt. Race-day registration will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the PTA’s efforts to support school activities. For more information, call Mandi Boren at (208) 834-2136.

Runners of all ages are welcome. There will be age groups of 7-and-under, 8-11, 12-17 and 18-and-older. Prizes will be awarded.

The fun run course will begin at the American Legion Post 134 hall and end at City Park.

Fun run winners will be announced during the Firemen’s Pit Barbecue, which starts at 6 p.m. Friday at Lions Park. The barbecue costs \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children.

Organizers are seeking vendors to set up in the park during the Saturday, June 12 festivities. A 12-foot-by-12-foot space costs

\$20. Tickets are now available for the Grand View Days raffle. First prize is an AR .223 rifle, second prize is an AR .22 rifle, and third prize is dinner and a movie in Boise. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six, and they’re available at Simplot Livestock, Gus’s Gas and JC Landing.

The winning tickets will be drawn during the Grand View Days street dance, which will take place from 9 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, June 12.

Two athletic competitions — a softball tournament and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament — are planned.

Entry fee for the softball tournament is \$150 per team, while players can enter the hoops competition for \$10 per person.

The basketball tournament tips off at 6 p.m. Friday, June 12 inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, and the winning team gets a cash prize.

The Saturday, June 12 schedule will include the annual parade and an opportunity for children to shoot water hoses from the fire trucks afterward.

A car show also will be held after the parade, and an ice cream social is scheduled to run all day at the Rimrock Senior Center.

The Sunday, June 13 schedule includes the Grand View Lions Club breakfast at 8 a.m. in Lions Park and a church service at 10 a.m. in City Park.

For more information on any Grand View Days event, call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

Registration open for new Grand View youth soccer

Registration is under way for a new Grand View little league soccer program.

The sign-up fee of \$20 per player includes a T-shirt uniform. Players must provide black shorts.

The six-week league will begin play in August and is open to boys and girls from preschool to

fifth grade. For more information, call Mandi Boren at (208) 834-2136.

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The Homedale AAU eighth-grade girls' basketball team included: **Top row, from left:** Gabby Rodriguez, Monse Ponce, Josey Hall, coach Jaime Wood, Jessie Wood and Emily Oldham. **Bottom row, from left:** Alex Grant, Emma Heitz, Ashley Loucks and Emily Loucks. Submitted photo

✓ AAU: Team serves as Marsing program's feeder

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come winter. Two are in the Homedale School District, and two other Marsing athletes were seventh-graders. Jake Dugger and Perry Grant served as assistant coaches.

"It was just really good for them," Wood said of the competition. "They just got another season under their belts and had some great success. I thought it was awesome.

"It was just a great group of kids to coach."

✓ Rimrock: Lobbying for team pays off for Herrera

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the steers in rodeos this year, and his performance has qualified him for the state finals rodeo, which takes place Thursday through Sunday in Filer.

Anthony's 73-point ride helped him win the Jordan Valley Rodeo steer riding championships earlier

this month. Anthony's final district rodeo took place Sunday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

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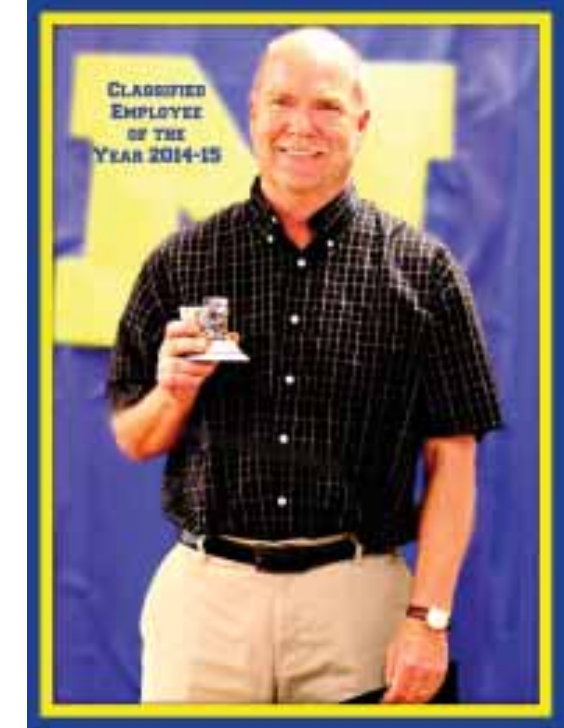
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Left: Elementary school student of the year Marcus Fuller with his parents. Right: High school student of the year Shannon Clover. Photo illustrations by Lennie Freeman / MHS



Left: Alumni of the year Brion Showalter. Right: Volunteer of the year Megan Astorquia



Left: Certified employee of the year Daryl Lemos. Right: Classified employee of the year Ken Price

Homedale summer meals begin

Free breakfast and lunch for Homedale children will be served during the week in June beginning Monday.

As part of the summer food service program, meals will be served to children up to 18 years old at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Breakfast will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday each week through June 25, while lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until June 25.

The Monday through Thursday meals will be served in the school cafeteria during the Homedale School District’s migrant summer school program.

School district food services director Vicki Eby said the Friday lunches will be available outside the cafeteria door on the west playground because summer school isn’t in session on Fridays.

Marsing schools honor greatness

Community members suggested award winners

The Marsing School District held its second annual Celebration of Success on May 18.

District officials recognized outstanding students and staff during an awards banquet and dinner at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center.

An outstanding student of the year was selected from each school, including:

- Marcus Fuller, elementary
- Kassandra Hahlbeck, middle school (not present at ceremony)
- Shannon Clover, high school

Marsing community members nominated people to receive recognition in four categories, including:

• **Classified Employee of the Year** — Ken Price, who is the school district’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers program coordinator.

• **Certified Employee of the Year** — Daryl Lemos, a high school English teacher.

• **Alumni of the Year** — Brion Showalter, a 1969 Marsing High School graduate who is president of the Showalter Construction Co.

“I was totally blown away because I didn’t have a clue, I never thought I’d get something like that,” Showalter said.

• **Volunteer of the Year** — Megan Astorquia, a 2001 MHS grad who is co-president of the elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.

“She has dedicated a lot of her

Lemos named teacher of year

Rob Troxel of Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 presented the organization’s Marsing School District Teacher of the Year award to Daryl Lemos during Friday’s year-end employee luncheon.

The Masons sponsor scholarships for graduating seniors each year and also recognize teachers of the year in Homedale and Marsing.

time to doing a lot of the events,” district superintendent Norm Stewart said,

Stewart said Astorquia received the most nominations of any category.

“(Selection committee members) really focus on the fact that, no matter what event the school was having, you could count on her being there and helping out,” Stewart said.

A committee goes through the nominations and selects a winner for each category. Stewart said organizers received a lot more submissions for this awards ceremony than last year’s inaugural event.

— SC

County producers could receive federal drought assistance

Farmers and ranchers affected by Owyhee County’s severe drought conditions may be eligible for federal assistance.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, county agricultural producers may qualify for cost-share assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program. Assistance is provided if the damage is so severe that water available for livestock or orchards and vineyards has been reduced below normal to the extent that neither can survive without additional water.

The Canyon/Ada/Owyhee FSA office in Caldwell will accept requests between Monday and June 30. Producers who need outside assistance to provide supplemental emergency livestock water because of severe drought can contact the office at 2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. B, Caldwell, ID 83605-4496 or (208) 454-8695, ext. 2.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-

shares not to exceed 75 percent of the cost of installing eligible permanent measures.

Cost-share assistance for temporary measures is based on 50 percent of the total eligible cost.

Cost-share assistance is limited to \$200,000 per person or legal entity per natural disaster.

Approved practices and measures may include:

• Installing pipelines or other facilities for livestock water or existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards.

• Constructing and deepening wells for livestock water.

• Developing springs or seeps for livestock water.

To be eligible for cost shares, practices shall not be started until a request has been filed and an on-site inspection of the problem area has been made by the County Committee (COC) or its representative. COC will review the inspection findings when considering the request for cost shares.

Masons tab Thatcher Homedale’s teacher of year



With his colleagues cheering behind him, Mark Thatcher, left, accepts his award from Mason Rob Troxel.

A man who has served his country, his family and his community was named Teacher of the Year during Friday’s Homedale School District year-end banquet.

Mark Thatcher, a U.S. Navy reservist, is a longtime high school teacher dealing with subjects such as science, chemistry, calculus, geometry and algebra.

Rob Troxel from Homedale-based Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 presented the award to Thatcher. The Masons sponsor a teacher of the year award each year in the Homedale and Marsing school districts, among others.

“It’s better and better every year, the quality of teacher we’re able to present,” Troxel said.

Homedale High School principal Dion Flaming backed up Troxel’s assertion, and marveled at how full Thatcher’s life is with the different areas he serves, including a statistician for the football team and an assistant baseball coach.

“He’s an amazing teacher,” Flaming said. “He has all these areas of his life pulling on his time, pulling him in all different directions, but he still has time.”

Flaming told his colleagues that Thatcher is probably the smartest person in the room, but he would never flaunt it.

“Mark, you’re one of the most respectful, humble people I’ve ever met,” Flaming said. “In my opinion, and every-

body’s opinion, you’re a great man and a great teacher.”

Thatcher’s humility came through after he accepted the award.

“I had no idea about this,” he said of being in line for the annual honor. “In fact, when they started talking about it, I was looking to see whose family was out there.”

Instead, his wife, DeAnn, had snuck into the Homedale Middle School cafeteria to film the presentation.

Other teachers honored at the year-end banquet included a handful of retirees, including Mary Jo Larzelier and Leslie Parker from the elementary school, Pat Warren and Scott Michaelson from the middle school, high school teacher David Hart and Sam Stone, who closed a 34-year career with one year as the district’s music director.

Other employees who are leaving the district include teachers Zach Kimball and Amber Farris and bus drivers Lindsey Love and Jessie Kerbs.

Longevity awards were presented to elementary school paraprofessional Lori Conant (25 years), food services director Vicki Eby and middle school teacher David Hann (20 years), and elementary school teacher Laura Eubanks, high school attendance clerk Jennifer Levinski and custodian Martha Guerrero (15 years).

— JPB

Big spike in reading for Homedale’s Bikes for Books



Above: Silver City Lodge No. 13 Sr. Warden Blake Titus, center, pulls a winning entry from a bucket held by elementary principal Terri Vasquez as Masons Jr. Warden George Decker holds up a bicycle. Left: This year’s winners were, from left, Juanita Hernandez, Tanner Carver, Brayden Volkers and Elizabeth “Lizzie” Egusquiza.



Elementary students read nearly twice as many books as last year

Four more Homedale Elementary School students won bikes for books Thursday, but the children’s surprise was probably surpassed by the grown-ups’ shock of what the school’s young readers achieved.

Despite having one fewer day per week in class, Homedale first-through fourth-graders read nearly 850 more books this year than during the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13’s 2014 Bikes for Books campaign.

The 18.8 percent increase meant that first- and fourth-grade students read 5,360 books during this year’s contest, which was held over about the last month of school.

First- and second-grader led the charge, reading 1,000 more books than a year ago. The 3,070 books constitute a 48.3 percent increase

over last year’s volume.

First-graders read 730 more books this year, and second-graders read 650 books, which was 71.1 percent more than last year’s total.

Four lucky students won bikes in a drawing conducted by Silver City Lodge No. 13 Sr. Warden Blake Titus and Jr. Warden George Decker during an assembly Thursday morning.

Each student earned tickets in the drawing by reaching reading thresholds.

Juanita Hernandez, who was the top reader in Tammy Glaser’s first-grade class at 100 books, received one of the bikes.

She is the 7-year-old daughter of Justo Hernandez and Lorena Perez.

Other bicycle winners were:

- Tanner Carver, a 6-year-old

first-grader and son of Mary Richmond and Thomas Carver

- Brayden Volkers, an 8-year-old third-grader and the son of Keith and Elizabeth Volkers
- Elizabeth “Lizzie” Egusquiza, a 10-year-old fourth-grader and the daughter of Joe and Sarah Egusquiza

This was the third year for the Masons’ Bikes for Books program at Homedale Elementary.

Homedale grad Rogers releases new western romance

Jacquie Rogers is returning to familiar territory in her latest romance novel.

The 1969 Homedale High School graduate recently put the finishing touches on “Much Ado About Mustangs.” It is the fifth book in her “Hearts of the Owyhees” series and will be released on Monday.

The novel will first be available through www.amazon.com, but Rogers said it will also be on the Nook e-reader service and the Apple store.

Rogers said the novel is set in Silver City and Murphy along with a fictional ranch near Silver City. She added that in recent

weeks, she’s been spending about 20 hours a day finishing the book.

The featured character in “Much Ado About Mustangs” is a woman who appears to be a British aristocrat named Lady Pearl Montford. Readers will learn that she is actually a professional equestrian trick rider from Kentucky.

Rogers started writing the book last year, but it got delayed when she became sidetracked with a number of short stories and a novella. Of the 85,000 words in “Much Ado About Mustangs,” 72,000 were written in April. This book took much longer to write than what is typical for her, Rogers said.

This is her eighth novel, and Rogers said when she’s not writing, she spends the rest of her time thinking about writing. She also teaches writing classes and holds workshops on how to write about the Old West.

The author said she keeps using Owyhee County as her backdrop because she knows the people of the area so well. She added that every one of her characters is “an amalgam of people I know.”

Rogers currently lives in Seattle with her husband but plans on moving back to Owyhee County. The transit authority in

Seattle is developing a new light rail route and will soon demolish her home as part of the project. She is also past-president of the Greater Seattle Chapter of Romance Writers of America.

The “Hearts of the Owyhees” series is currently up for an award from www.easychairbookshop.com. Rogers said she’ll find out if she won in the next week or so.

She had a booth at last year’s Owyhee County Fair and would like to return this summer but isn’t sure if she can make it.

Rogers’ family history in Homedale dates back to 1939 when her grandfather, Alfred Neil Walker, moved his family from Broadwater, Neb., to what would become Graveyard Point Road six miles southwest of Homedale.

— SC

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HOMEDALE TEACHERS RETIRE

HMS' Warren turns attention to grandchildren

Longtime Homedale teacher Pat Warren has decided that after 26 years on the job, now is the time for someone else to have her sixth-grade classroom.

Warren's final day at Homedale Middle School was May 21, the last day of classes for the school year.

"It's time to retire and spend more time with grandchildren, playing the piano, and reading postponed stacks of books," Warren said.

She added that her time with the school was much more rewarding than previous jobs she had held in the insurance industry and music

stores.

"I felt I needed work in something more compatible with parenting, and I also believe that God calls people to work in public service and that He has enabled me to fulfill such a calling here," Warren said.

Warren had high praise for her co-workers.

"One of the best parts of teaching has been the privilege of working with colleagues who were supportive and demonstrated daily the highest levels of expertise and professionalism, including the cooks and janitors. What a wonderful staff works here at the middle

school!" Warren said.

She holds her former students in equally high esteem: "I count it as a privilege that every year I've had the opportunity to work with the best and brightest of Homedale's young people."

Warren went on to say that, "The hardest parts (of her job) were finding the right approach to encourage students to achieve



Pat Warren

and enlisting the help of caregivers who were themselves often exhausted and discouraged from all the stresses of daily living."

She also wants to acknowledge and thank all of the administrators she's worked for over the years.

"They allowed me much latitude in pursuing student activities, such as 20 years of taking students caroling to senior citizens and writing essays for disabled veterans," Warren said.

The veteran educator has no regrets about going into teaching and would encourage others to do the same.

"This kind of civic service al-

lows us all to pay back to a heritage of this wonderful community," Warren said.

The mother of three lives in Caldwell, and has been married to her husband John for 45 years. The couple's children, all college graduates, now live out of the area.

Their daughter Rebekah is a microbiologist for Deibel Laboratories in San Francisco. The couple's son JJ is a computer programmer for Schweitzer Engineering in Pullman, Wash. Their other son Nathan is a senior program engineer for Samsung in Austin, Texas.

The Warrens have five grandchildren.

— SC

Retirement is part of Michaelson's readiness plan

After spending the better part of the past 35 years in the Homedale School District, Scott Michaelson is open to new possibilities.

He completed his final year as a middle school reading and physical education instructor Thursday, and said goodbye to his colleagues at Friday's year-end breakfast.

"I have enjoyed working in the Homedale School District over the years, and if my path leads me back to help with a need in Homedale, I would be happy to help," Michaelson said.

As he approached the end of the school, Michaelson was faced with a decision. He had qualified for full retirement, and realized his pension wouldn't increase much over the next few years.

"As I contemplated my family's future, I felt God was leading me down a new road," he said.

The map hasn't materialized yet, though.

"I have no immediate plans," he said. "I decided to retire to free up my schedule to be ready for whatever doors He opens."

Michaelson spent the final five years of his Homedale career coaching the high school tennis team. It was only one of the many

athletic assignments he had held over the years.

"The most memorable moments through the years have come through coaching athletics and friendship made along the way," he said.

Arriving in Homedale in 1980, Michaelson taught reading, science and elementary physical education for 16 years before leaving to serve as Nampa Christian High School principal for four years.

Michaelson returned to Homedale as middle school principal in 2000, and began teaching reading a year later.

Athletics have been a constant in Michaelson's career, but he did take some time away from basketball in the winter of 1984 to marry. He and his wife, Janet, have two children. Their oldest, 22-year-old daughter Mikayla Keating, married last month. They also have a son Zac, who is 20. The Michaelsons have lived in Caldwell for 22 years.

Michaelson coached junior varsity boys' and girls' basketball before moving on the varsity boys' basketball team early in his career at Homedale. His teams won championships in four of the



Homedale Middle School reading instructor Scott Michaelson shares a moment with his students in the days before his final school year wrapped up.

five seasons under his watch.

After his start in the high school ranks, Michaelson became an assistant basketball coach at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa before he left the profession to concentrate on his master's degree.

Other stints included two years as NNC's women's tennis coach when he first started teaching in Homedale. He resigned from the NNC job when its duties overlapped with his HHS varsity coaching gig.

Michaelson also served as

Homedale's junior varsity baseball coach and an assistant coach in softball.

After attaining his master's degree, Michaelson returned to coach middle school basketball occasionally.

— JPB

Elementary's Larzelier looks forward to more time with family

A fourth-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School is calling it quits after 23 years on the job.

Mary Jo Larzelier has spent her entire teaching career with the district except for one year when she taught in Albania. The Homedale resident has also taught first grade.

Larzelier has been married to her husband Doug for 44 years, and the couple has five children — Heidi, Nicole, Matt, Amaia and Stephanie. Of those five children, Larzelier said four of them are grown and have families of their own.

Prior to starting teaching, Larzelier worked at a phone company, and a doctor's office and was a stay-at-home mom.

She said she had a difficult time deciding if she wanted to teach or go into nursing, but her dad encouraged her to teach.

"I always wanted to work with people, so I thought nursing because I had an aunt who I adored who was a nurse. I had a sister who taught," Larzelier said.

She added that her dad pointed out that teaching would also give her summers off.

Now, after 23 years in the classroom, Larzelier is ready to spend

her time elsewhere.

"I just really felt when I was called into teaching, God led me that way, and it's time," she said.

She also said she's really looking forward to not being on the clock, and not have to follow a schedule every day.

Between her children and grandchildren, her mother, her husband's mom and the rest of



Mary Jo Larzelier

her family, she knows she'll stay busy in retirement. She added that she loves to see other parts of the world but doesn't have any big travel plans right now.

Looking back on her teaching career, Larzelier said the best thing about working at Homedale Elementary were her students.

"I've never looked outside this district even though pay is higher (in other districts)," she said. "I've loved this district, I've loved the people I work with, I've had good administrators. I just like teaching in Homedale."

However, she admits that she has been bothered in the past

with mandates that are imposed on teachers either by the state or the federal government.

Larzelier said she strives to stay positive and keep an optimistic outlook.

Her favorite phrase is: "We (adults) think children think like we think but don't feel like we feel, when exactly the opposite is true."

She doesn't know where the phrase came from but explained that the axiom helped give her patience with the "day-in, day-out grind," and helped her think like a child.

— SC

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 30, 1990

Shoofly 4-H club wins recognition

The Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing has announced proudly that the Shoofly 4-H Livestock Club of Homedale won recognition and \$25 in the Idaho Community Pride program sponsored by Chevron USA.

The Shoofly Club, led by Dennis Dines and Susie Larrocea, both of Homedale, and Diane Bruneel of Nampa, received a \$25 cash award for their project. Forty members of the club worked on the award-winning project, which involved improvements at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds at Homedale.

The 4-H’ers planted trees there last fall to provide shade and add beauty to the grounds. Improvements were also made in the sheep and swine area. Bleachers were painted, and the area cleaned to provide a larger area for 4-H’ers and FFA’ers to work with their animals. “Both activities added greatly to the look and comfort of exhibitors and fair-goers,” according to Donna Watterson, county 4-H secretary.

Retiring teachers honored

Two retiring teachers in the Marsing school system, Dorothy Dinsmore and Duane Tucker, joined a number of elementary and middle school children in receiving recognition at a special morning awards assembly held in the school’s multipurpose room Thursday.

Dinsmore, who has taught in Marsing since 1968, received a T-shirt and “superior teacher” award after she was called forward for public introduction by Jan Mayer, a third-grade teacher. A student in Mayer’s class, Brandon Johnson, was charged with giving her the gifts.

Tucker was called up to receive a gift of 17 ties, one for each year of his teacher career, by Kay Dee Kinnett, a COSSA resource teacher, and a number of her students. Tucker has been a fourth-grade teacher in Marsing for 10 years.

Bombing range opponents picnic

Two hundred people from Bruneau, Rogerson, Mountain Home and other points celebrated Mother’s Day at Bruneau Park with a picnic and barbecue sponsored by “opponents of the Saylor Creek bombing area.” The expansion plans has generated intense controversy across Southern Idaho, and the celebration was an appropriate way to observe the end of the Air Force hearings on expansion.

A brass trio from the Homedale High School band, composed of Mike McAbee, Amy Moysard and Wyatt Kettle, opened the meeting at noon with patriotic selections. Amy sang “The Star Spangled Banner” as a solo. Tom Hall, Bruneau rancher, welcomed the gathering and introduced the speakers.

Speakers included Navy Commander Robert G. Stevens, state legislator Noy Brackett, Sen. John Peavey and Mike Humiston from Boise. Various candidates expressed their views on the Air Force expansion plan.

Cattlemen defend Interior secretary

Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan was correct earlier this month in urging Congress to reexamine the controversial Endangered Species Act now threatening tens of thousands of natural resource jobs in the northwest, the Idaho Cattle Association said Monday.

ICA President Bert Brackett, Three Creek, said “environmental extremists” are attacking the Cabinet Member “simply because he had the courage to say out loud what most reasonable people with common sense believe.”

“As producers of the food supply that saves and enhances human life around the world, I believe America’s farmers and ranchers will not hesitate to speak out in defense of Secretary Lujan and common sense,” Brackett said.

“All Secretary Lujan did was suggest that Congress take a look at the Endangered Species Act and consider changes necessary to guarantee some reason and a little common sense in enforcing it. Sounds pretty outrageous, doesn’t it? We think not, and we applaud Secretary Lujan for having the courage to ask some tough questions, in the face of certain orchestrated rage by those individuals and groups now using the Act merely as a ploy to further their own causes,” he said.

50 years ago

May 27, 1965

Awards given members of graduating class

Awards and scholarships given to members of Homedale High School’s graduation class at commencement exercises Tuesday night were:

Kay Bright – Full tuition and fees, approximately \$400, Boise College; \$100 Beta Sigma Phi.

Elaine Eidemiller – Valedictorian; College of Idaho, \$200 Honor Student; University of Idaho, County Honor Award Tuition and fees renewable; Readers Digest gift subscription.

Neva Ethington - \$100 Seminary Award, Ricks College, Rexburg.

Mark Evans – Full tuition and fees, Boise College, approximately \$400.

Ray Hunt – TVCC Ontario, Oregon, \$700 work and study grant academic; College of Idaho, \$200 Honor Student; Kiwanis Citizenship, \$100 to any school in Idaho; Danforth Foundation “I Dare You Award.”

Doralee Jemmett – College of Idaho, Honor Student \$500; Work Grant, \$250; NDEA Grant \$500; Salutatorian.

Janet Kinder – Kiwanis Citizenship Award \$100; Danforth “I Dare You Award.”

Zoe Ann Linder – Full tuition, Lady Catherine Beauty School, Boise.

Tony Maher – TVCC Ontario, \$700 work and study grant athletics; Boise College, \$250 athletics.

Candy Phillips – U. of Kansas \$100 summer school to study art; U of Idaho, full tuition, fees, and room Idaho vocational rehabilitation.

Helen Selders – College of Idaho, \$400 achievement award; Caldwell Thursday musicale, \$100; Simplot matching, \$100.

Future Homemakers of America

Newly elected officers of the Future Homemakers of America are as follows: Sarah Brandon, treasurer; Diana George, secretary; Delaine Gaviola, president; Colleen Paxton, vice president; Susan Chadez, historian; Roselyn Metcalf, student council representative and Donna Nelson, reporter; Marie Jereb, degree chairman.

Mrs. Matteson heads teachers’ association

Mrs. Katherine Matteson is new president of Homedale Teachers Association, moving up from vice president the past year. She succeeds Herb Fritzley.

New vice president is Nolan Taggart; secretary, Bettie Easley; treasurer, Gaymon Bennett; and P.T.A. representative, Duane Ash.

Physical fitness tests conducted at junior high

Qualifying in the over 50 percentile group in all tests were:

Seventh grade – Debra McPherson, Patti Bell, Linda Morris, Leora Zanks, Katy Lentfer, Evie Watson.

Over 80 percentile – Seventh grade, Marsha Haylett, Linda Basey, Jeanne Louder.

Over 50 percentile – Eighth grade, Laura Young, Janell Thatcher, Barbara George, Carol Gordy, Linda Kershner, Shirley Degroat, Vicki Goicoechea, Susan Robinson, Kathy Simon, Debbie Kushlan, Becky Carter, Marcia Richards.

Over 80 percentile – Eighth grade, Marilyn Cegnar and Joan Proctor.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pegram entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnston of Wilson community with a dinner in honor of their birthdays Friday evening. Guests were Mrs. Alfred Curtis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Metzger and two daughters, Mrs. Junior Uranga and three daughters, Bob Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Markley, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram and two grandchildren, Tommy and Pamela Pegram. Homemade ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hibbs were callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kolsky Sunday evening.

140 years ago

June 5, 1875

EXTENT OF THIS TERRITORY. Idaho embraces an extent of territory larger than all of Prussia. It first formed part of the Territory of Oregon. The part lying north of 46° of north latitude was included in one time within the Territory of Washington. In 1863 Idaho was organized as an independent Territory, whose limits were subsequently diminished in 1864 by the organization of Montana and by the addition of the southern part of Dakota. These limits were further reduced some years after in the laying out and organization of Wyoming Territory, leaving us nearly 56,000,000 acres, quite a sufficient scope for all the population that may grow up and come here during the next quarter of a century.

MOREQUARTZDISCOVERED–MUCHEXCITEMENT. There has been much excitement in town since Saturday, resulting from the discovery of rich rock in considerable quantities about a mile and a half west of the Stoddard ledges this side of Wagontown. Parties have gone out there and brought back samples of the quartz picked up on the surface of the mountain which are immensely rich. From 240 grains of ore assayed, the result shows \$7,290 to the ton in silver and \$9,425.34 in silver and gold combined. This rich stuff seems to by lying round loose on the ground, and men can make splendid wages by going there, picking it up promiscuously and bringing it home with them. Several claims have already been located. There seems to be no defined veins or bed of the quartz, but there is a well-grounded supposition that there must be rich lodes of it somewhere in the vicinity, and it may eventually turn out to be the most important discovery of the kind ever made in this Territory. All the samples brought to town are remarkably rich, and there is plenty more of the ore behind. Mr. Kirkpatrick and several other gentlemen have been out there and they are so favorably impressed with their prospecting explorations, that they will return again in a day or two and commence permanent operations. Matters wear an encouraging look in connection with our mining operations this coming summer, and we are doubtless on the eve of most important developments.

OAT MEAL is much more nutritious than either corn or barley, and being very cheap ought to come into general use on all our public and private tables. It has both fattening and health-inspiring properties. It sits lightly on the stomach and is easily digested. For growing children and for persons who do brain work there is nothing superior to it. A little oatmeal mixed in water makes a cool and refreshing drink, and contractors who provide their laborers with it will find it far better than any form of stimulant, and in the long run more satisfactory to the men themselves. Oats grown in far northern localities have larger and plumper grains than any other, and it is for that reason that Scotch oatmeal ranks so high.

BEEF CONSUMED IN SOUTH MOUNTAIN. From the 1st of last September to the 1st inst., a period of nine months, there were 498 beeves slaughtered at South Mountain, averaging about 450 pounds to each animal. This makes a total of 224,100 pounds of beef that the South Mountain people have eaten during that time. As a matter of course, they have also consumed a proportionate amount of mutton, pork and other meats.

IMMIGRANTS. The population of Owyhee County will be doubled, if not trebled this season. A large number of immigrants have already arrived, and we hear of many more coming from every direction. The fame of Silver City, South Mountain and the new mines near Wagontown has gone abroad and will attract thousands who come with the expectation of fortunes. While some will realize their brightest anticipations, many will be disappointed. Our mines and mills will all soon be in full blast, and it will require a large army of woodchoppers, teamsters, coal burners, miners, &c., to keep them going. To those in search of employment, and who are willing to work, there is no better country than this on the face of the globe.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Hurricane Charlotte

Every now and then, a feller has a weekend that is hard to forget. I had one years ago on a beautiful ranch in Southern California.

It was one of those trail rides you read about in Western Horseman magazine. There were about 200 head of assorted real estate agents, bankers, insurance men, judges, lawyers, doctors and a hand full of “token cowboys” to catch runaway horses, sing ol’ campfire ditties and add “color” to the project. It’s kind of a boys’ camp for big boys. Now I’m here to tell ya these fellers do it up right! It’s catered by a famous cook. None of this ol’ salt pork and beans, no sir! Chalupas and tacos made from homemade tortillas, crab legs, barbecue, steaks, lobster meat and chicken wings!

Mariachi and bluegrass music filled the air every time the ride stopped for refreshments. I planned on sleepin’ in the big tent, but I heard some of the celebrants around the campfire makin’ plans to set the tent afire. I drug my bedroll out into the grass. I woke at 5 to the sound of “Under the Double Eagle” played by a marching band complete with a bass drum marching through the camp.

At noon, they entered me in a horse race. They said I won.

I was just about to fall asleep on my feet when they brought out the mud wrestlers! Harley said we better stay. Now I had never heard of this mud wrestlin’, but it’s where two opponents get out in this mud arena and rassle. In this case, it was two ladies who appeared to me to be “professionals.” There was some debate over who won, but then the mud rasslin’ ring master announced that he’s got a mud rassler who’ll rassle anybody in the crowd. To make it interesting, they auctioned off the right to choose the opponent. An ex-friend of mine bought the rights and selected me to represent the “boys club.” Two big ol’ boys caught me halfway to the car and helped me change into the mud rasslin’ costume furnished by the management.

It was a little muddy bathin’ suit. They drug me back into the arena by my hind legs. It was like those ol’ movies where they’re havin’ a boxing match or a dog fight. All these fellers hoverin’ around in a circle wavin’ cigars and five dollar bills.

I wuz just gettin’ set to make my move and faint when this lady walks up and puts her chin on the top of my head! I looked her right in the neck and said, “Ma’am, what’s your name?” She said, “Hurricane Charlotte.” I didn’t ask any more questions. The next 15 minutes was like bein’ in a clothes dryer with an anvil and 50 pounds of horseshoes! Every time I’d look up, another part of her was descending on me! I remember them dragging me to the shower afterwards.

They said I did good. ... I only got pinned five times!

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor Marsing School District grateful for levy success

On May 19th, we presented the patrons of the Marsing Joint School District No. 363 with the opportunity to vote on a two-year “Operational Cost Supplemental Levy.” The levy passed with a 62 percent positive vote.

On behalf of the school board, administration, staff and students, I want to personally offer our sincere appreciation to all those who supported the future education of our students. Several of our patrons as well as our staff were tireless in their efforts to get the facts out to the voters so they could make an informed decision. Many staff members willingly gave of their own time, after working hours, to actively participate in providing information to the patrons. Lastly I would like to offer our sincerest thanks to the 240 voters who cast their yes votes in support of our students.

The need for additional funds for maintenance, curriculum and other items under this levy are crucial. As we look forward the future, we will continue to provide the best possible quality education for our students and use this additional funding in the most fiscally responsible manner.

Clay Sauer
School board chair, Marsing Joint School District

County clerk explains election difficulties

We struggled with the election for school zones this time around and would like to offer our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused our voters, candidates and poll workers.

In the Homedale area, we had some confusion with

Letters to the editor

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addressing and road names that caused voters to be assigned to incorrect precincts and zones. Some voters were even turned away at the polls, and if this happened to you, again, we extend our apologies. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we muddle our way through an unyielding voter registration system and continue to learn new processes.

In the easternmost part of Owyhee County, at the Bruneau polling location, we failed to offer a ballot for the patrons of the Glenns Ferry School District Trustee Zone 2 race. The District had three open positions on the Board; we received two declarations of candidacy, and mistakenly assumed that the declarations were for different positions, when in fact they were both for the same zone. Because of our oversight, some patrons of the district were not able to vote. Again, we apologize for the frustration this may have caused.

If you should have any questions, further concerns or would just like to vent, I would be happy to meet or talk with you at any time.

Angie Barkell
Owyhee County Clerk

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Healthcare availability to veterans improves slightly



In March, I wrote about working with Idaho veterans to press for needed changes to the Veterans Choice Program to ensure that Idaho veterans can access the services they so greatly deserve. Thankfully, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently made needed changes to its policy regarding private health care access for veterans that means more veterans can get health care closer to home without traveling distances to VA care facilities.

The Veterans Choice Program offers the alternative of care in a private medical facility if veterans live 40 miles or more from the closest VA medical center, clinic or facility. However, the VA’s original implementation of this program left many veterans unable to access the program’s benefits because of the VA measuring 40 miles “as the crow flies” rather than by driving distance. This was discriminatory for many veterans, including many in Idaho. Given our mountainous terrain, distances traveled by care can be far greater than simple air miles.

I have been disappointed with the VA’s efforts to make the Choice Program difficult to use when improved access to high-quality veterans services is greatly needed. That is why I joined legislative and written efforts to get the VA to change course. I co-sponsored S. 207, the Veterans Access to Community Care Act of 2015 that would require the VA to consider distance by driving miles and begin measuring the 40-mile distance from the nearest facility that provides the service needed by the veteran rather than the closest VA facility in general.

Additionally, I joined Senate colleagues in pushing back

against President Obama’s request for Congress to allow the VA to move the funds for the Veterans Choice Program into other VA accounts. We urged VA Secretary Robert McDonald to act quickly to address the problems with the Veterans Choice Program and implement the program as Congress intended. I will continue to push the VA to allow veterans seeking specialty care to utilize the program.

Secretary McDonald’s recent announcement that highway miles will be the new standard for measuring distances and availability for treatment in private health facilities is a step in the right direction. In making the announcement, Secretary McDonald stated, “This update to the program will allow more veterans to access care when and where they want it. We look forward to continued dialogue with veterans and our partners to help us ensure continued improvements for veterans to access care.”

The Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 was intended to provide veterans relief, not extra bureaucratic hurdles. I will continue to rely heavily on the valuable input of Idaho veterans as I continue to work to make sure that Idaho veterans can properly access the services they need. Thank you to all the Idaho veterans who have provided the insight necessary to improve veterans programs.

— 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 Couple must be mature and on the same page with finances

Dear Dave,
I have a question about budgeting. I give myself and my husband \$150 a month each for blow money to be used on whatever we want. I'm upset because he spends all his eating out, then he buys other things he wants that he has no money for. Am I being too stingy?

— Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,
I think you guys are handling your money poorly. You're acting like his mother instead of his wife, and he's acting like a little boy instead of a man. You don't want to give your husband an allowance and then not be happy when he spends money "he didn't have" because he went over what you dictated to him. That's a bad budget process.

The budget process, if you're the

nerd in the family, should start with you writing it all out. Then he sits down with you, has an equal say in the decisions and you two OK it *together*. He needs to understand that this is you asking him to man-up and be part of the decision-making process, so that you can both be in agreement as to what's best for the family. In one sense, you may not like it at first, because right now you've got control of things. But in another sense, I'll bet you're pretty tired of carrying the weight of all the financial decision-making and being the only adult in the household.

He doesn't even have to work on all that much. I want *you* to lay it out, but I expect *him* to sit down and go over it all with you. You're not asking him to be an accountant with a pocket protector, but you have every right to expect him to be in on the decisions that are made about



your family and your finances!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are debt-free except for our home, and we're

currently putting money aside for our fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Currently, we have our emergency fund account in the same bank as our checking and savings accounts. Do you think we should move it to a different bank?

— Steve

Dear Steve,
I wouldn't worry too much about that if I were you. The only exception to that might be if you had loans that you owed to that same bank. Then, I would probably move my emergency fund out of there just in case something went wrong with the loans.

Some commercial loan documents now give the bank the right to take money out of your account to pay the loan — without your permission. If you had a

car loan, for instance, with that particular bank, I wouldn't keep a bunch of money in that bank. They normally don't do that unless you're *way* behind on the bill — and then it gets pretty adversarial.

Sometimes there can be things like a simple clerical error, and there's no chance of that happening if the money's in another bank. But in your situation, I don't see any harm in you being there.

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

Idaho Freedom Foundation State pension-spiking good ol' boys club alive and well

by Wayne Hoffman

Yet again, a former state lawmaker will strike gold thanks to a quirky little loophole in state law that allows legislators to turn a pittance of a retirement benefit into something extraordinary.

Gov. Butch Otter announced that former Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes of Soda Springs will become the next director of the state Department of Administration. This will be Geddes' second state executive branch stint; Otter had previously plugged him into an ill-fitting role at the State Tax Commission.

Geddes didn't stay long enough to trigger the pension spiking that comes into play once a legislator fills a full-time government job for 42 months. In an unusual move, Geddes left the Tax Commission to lobby for the Idaho Farm Bureau. Geddes' new role at the Department of Administration will allow him to turn an otherwise miniscule annual pension into one paying in excess of \$37,000, provided he clocks another 30 months in the position.



Last legislative session, the House voted 38-32 to end the special perk for lawmakers, but the Senate wouldn't take up the legislation from Republican Steve Harris of Meridian. Meanwhile, another state senator, Democrat Elliot Werk of Boise, caught the brass ring when Otter offered him a position as a state tax commissioner.

This is a special perk that applies only to legislators. Once they nab a job in state government making upwards of \$90,000 or \$100,000 a year (Geddes' salary will likely be around \$95,000), they're able to parlay years of work as a part-time legislator into a big retirement benefit that is unequaled.

This special privilege for elected officials allows them to score a lucrative benefit at the expense of the taxpayers they were elected to serve. Suddenly our "public servants" aren't serving us as much as we're serving them by guaranteeing an exclusive retirement package.

Equally problematic — and not often discussed — is the fact that Idaho's retirement policy that rewards friends of the executive branch is one that breeds a class of pliant legislators who will do nothing to jeopardize their future employability with the governor. Gone are the usual and necessary checks and balances that lawmakers are

supposed to bring when interacting with the executive branch; too many legislators are looking for the next big thing: a steady job, a steady paycheck and an extremely stable and stratospherically more rewarding retirement benefit than anything they'd be able to otherwise achieve in their private-sector jobs and Statehouse political career that requires standing for election every two years.

At its best, it's the sort of thing that makes taxpayers resentful and suspicious of state government and the people serving in it. At its worst, it's the type of policy that has the potential to breed corruption and cronyism because lawmakers are too docile to really question anything coming from a governor who is able to dispense high-paying jobs and happily-ever-after retirement packages.

The Legislature will continue to vigorously defend this special retirement benefit despite the fact that there is zero benefit to the public for having it. That is, they'll do so as long as voters are willing to let them get away with it.

— *Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.*

✓ Letters to the editor

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Konner Bahem's medical outlook greatly improved

I have had a lot of people asking me about my son since the fundraiser last fall at Fisher's Saloon. This is just an update.

Even though we took Konner to The Huntsman Cancer Institute in November for his surgery, for several reasons that surgery was postponed. He did eventually have surgery on Feb. 10. They made an incision from his breastbone down. They removed 21 lymph nodes and did an exploratory. They saw no more signs of cancer, and the lymph nodes were all clean.

At our follow-up appointment in March, the doctor told him that the chance of a reoccurrence has now dropped

from 40 percent to less than 5 percent so long as he follows the protocol. The protocol includes monthly blood work to check his tumor markers, periodic chest x-rays and contrast CT scans.

Konner has recovered well, so we are now hopeful.

Thanks to all who have been there for him. There is no way we can express our gratitude.

Sylvia Bahem
Homedale

Retired MHS teacher reflects on colleagues, students

Farewell, Marsing High School.

I write this as I complete my 28th year of teaching at Marsing High School. Teaching and coaching has been

my life. As I look to my future out of education, I want to thank the Marsing community and the school district staff, students, and parents for letting me serve this district for my entire teaching career.

To the colleagues I have worked with, thank you for all your support. I have learned so much from you. What teachers do for kids each and every day is truly amazing.

I especially want to show my gratitude towards all the students who entered my classroom. I have recently heard from several of you. Please know that your kind words are cherished. I may not remember your name the next time we meet, but I certainly remember the impact you made in class. Every single day of every single year of my teaching career is because of you. I wish all of you continued success.

Ed Pfeifer
Retired Social Studies teacher
Marsing High School

Public notices

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2011, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:
Parcel RPA00100950040A
Local Motion Transportation
314 E Owyhee Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as Lot 4 in Block 95 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$146.08
Late Charge: \$ 2.92
Interest: \$ 78.18
Costs: \$375.00**
TOTAL \$602.18
Parcel RP01N05W194800A
Phyllis Kathryn Stanfield
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as E2SW Section 19, 1st N, 5th W Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$ 13.58
Late Charge: \$.28
Interest: \$ 7.28
Costs: \$375.00**
TOTAL \$396.14
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before July 8, 2015, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on July 13, 2015, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.
5/20, 5/27, 6/3, & 6/10.
Dated this 15th day of May, 2015
Brenda Richards, COUNTY TREASURER and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
5/20,27;6/3,10/15

CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, the Marsing City Council will hear comments from the public regarding the updating of the Official Schedule of District Regulations (Land

Use Table) in Article VII of the Marsing Zoning Ordinances.
The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 10, 2015, at the regular City Council Meeting, at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding updating the Official Schedule of District Regulations will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the 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 June 10, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.
Dated this 15th day of May, 2015
5/20,27/15

NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF SUBDISTRICT NO. 3 HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Vacancy Commissioner Subdistrict No. 3 Declared: That the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, declared the office of Commissioner of Subdistrict No. 3 to be vacant.
Meeting To Fill Vacancy: The Board of Commissioners will meet at the Moxie Java Bistro 404 US Highway 95 Homedale Idaho 83628, at 12:00 p.m. on 8th, the day of June, 2015, at which time the Commissioners will consider all *Written Requests For Appointment* to the position of the office of Commissioner of Subdistrict No. 3 and consider the appointment of a qualified individual to fill the vacancy.
Term of Office: The term of the appointed commissioner for Subdistrict No. 3 will expire on January 11, 2016.
Qualifications: Residents of Homedale Rural Fire Protection District who are interested in being appointed to the position of commissioner are encouraged to submit a *Written Request for Appointment*, which can be obtained from and filed, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 5th day of June, 2015, with the District Secretary at 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours (8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to Noon on Friday). In order to serve in this position a person must be a qualified elector of Subdistrict No. 3 and have been a resident within the Fire District for a period of at least one (1) year.
Persons filing *Written Requests for Appointment* and all other persons are invited to attend said meeting.
Mikeal D. Parker, Secretary, Homedale Rural Fire Protection District
5/27/15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE, ADULT
CASE NO. CV-15-555
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: PATRICIA ANN DORE, Petitioner.
A Petition to change the name of Patricia Ann Dore now residing

in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Iris Hart. The reason for the change in name is for personal reasons.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of June, 2015 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
DATED this 14th day of May, 2015.
THE HUNTLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC, Kirsten A. Ocker, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 2188, Boise, Idaho 83701. Phone 208-388-1230 Fax 208-388-0234
5/20,27;6/3,10/15

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV 2015-0532
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES RAYMOND DRAPER, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Celia C. Draper has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Decedent Charles Raymond Draper. All persons having claims against the Decedent or his Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be: (1) presented to the Personal Representative in care of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley, LLP, P.O. Box 1617, Boise, ID 83701; and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.
DATED: May 12, 2015.
HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY, Jason D. Melville, of the Firm, Attorney for Personal Representative, 877 Main Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 1617 Boise, ID 83701-1617 Telephone: (208) 344-6000 Fax (208) 954-5946 ISB No. 5706 Email: jmelville@hawleytroxell.com
5/20,27;6/3/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 024196-ID / APN: RPA08900040010A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 8/21/2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, 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, to wit: LOT 1, BLOCK 4, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT KNOWN AS "PLAT SHOWING SILVER SAGE SUBDIVISION NO. 1", FILED MAY 29, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225021, OWYHEE COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 106 SILVERSAGE PLACE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is commonly associated

with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 KARL W GROBER, AND OMA P GROBER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRY WIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 4/20/2004, recorded 4/30/2004, as Instrument No. 247615, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 10/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 4/10/2015 is \$73,571.10, including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (858)750-7600 DATED: 4/10/2015 CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP
5/6,13,20,27/15

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
CASE NO. CV14-0416
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF HELEN D. SULLENS and RON M. ATKINS, as Personal Representative of the estate of HELEN D. SULLENS, Defendants.
Under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, against the defendant, the estate of HELEN D. SULLENS, I am commanded to sell that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, located at 200 Reich, Marsing, Idaho, 83639, and situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
A part of SW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 3N., Rge. 4 WBM, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly to-wit:
Commencing at the SE corner of SW1/4SW1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 3N, Rge. 4 WBM; thence South 89°24' West 500 feet along the South line of said Section 34, to a point in the West line of Reich Street; thence
North 00°36' West 383 feet along the West line of Reich Street to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continue
North 00°36' West 90 feet; thence
South 89°24' West 90 feet; thence
South 00°36' East 90 feet; thence
North 89°24' East 90 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on the 23rd day of June, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., of said day in the main lobby at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, I will, in obedience to said Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, sell the above described real property, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment of the plaintiff, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America. The plaintiff has the right to submit a credit bid.
Further, that the said real property is subject to redemption by the defendants within six (6) months after the date of the sale pursuant to Chapter 4; Title 11 of the Idaho Code. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.
Dated this 21st day of May, 2015.
PERRY GRANT, SHERIFF OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
/s/Teri Naito, Civil Deputy
SCOTT E. FOUSER, ISB No. 2968, FOUSER LAW OFFICES, P.A., 802 Arthur Street, P.O. Box 606, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0606 Telephone (208) 454-2264 Fax (208) 454-0136, Attorney for Plaintiff
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