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School board reviews audit, talks election

Tonight's meeting starts at 5:30

By MICHELE COVINO
COURTESY

At 5:30 p.m. tonight, the Lakewood School Board will convene for its regular meeting. The board will review an audit of the school district's financial records for the fiscal year ending in June 2013. The audit was conducted by the state auditor, and the board will discuss the findings and any recommendations for improvement.

Union objects to state's school experiment

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Dillons grand opening

Celebration set for newly renovated Dillons in Lakewood

By MICHELE COVINO

A grand opening celebration is set for the newly renovated Dillons grocery store in Lakewood. The store, which is part of the new Village Plaza & Liberty development, is set to open on Friday, December 20th. The celebration will feature a variety of activities, including a live performance by the Lakewood School District's marching band.

Lady Sabats remain in top 7

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Phil Robertson off 'Duck Dynasty' after gay comments

By MICHELE COVINO

Phil Robertson, one of the most popular members of the reality TV show "Duck Dynasty," has been removed from the program after making homophobic comments on a radio broadcast. Robertson, who is a member of the Christian group the Babel Christian Center, had been on the show for several seasons. His comments, which were broadcast on a radio station in Louisiana, sparked widespread controversy and led to his removal from the show.



The Robertson family from the hit reality show "Duck Dynasty" in 2011. From left to right: Willie Robertson, Phil Robertson, and the boys.

Woman pleads guilty to stealing from co-workers

By MICHELE COVINO

A woman has pleaded guilty to stealing from her co-workers at a retail store. The woman, who is in her late 20s, was charged with multiple counts of theft. She was caught by store security while working behind the counter. The store manager stated that the woman had been stealing from the store for several months.

Idaho wildlife advocate pleads guilty to poaching

By MICHELE COVINO

An Idaho wildlife advocate has pleaded guilty to poaching. The individual, who is a member of a wildlife conservation group, was caught by game wardens while hunting for deer. The poached deer were found in a protected area. The individual is facing charges of illegal hunting and possession of poached game.