

Homedale hires former Kuna coach

Another piece to the Homedale High School athletics puzzle was put in place last week when the school board approved former Kuna coach Brad Hill as the new Trojans boys basketball coach.

Hill fills the position vacated by

Randy Potter in the spring.

"Brad did a good job in the interview," Homedale athletic director Dave Hart said. "He has real strong experience, and he's enthusiastic about building the program. He'll work hard

for us."

According to a press release from the Homedale school district, Hill has served as girls basketball coach at Kuna High School, and also has experience as boys and girls basketball coach at the

junior varsity level for Skyview High School and freshman boys basketball coach at Caldwell High School.

Hill takes over a Trojans team that lost an all-state player in Nick Williams. But, unlike Maleta

Henry and Nick Schamber, both of whom took over fall programs only days before the preseason practice started, Hill will have some time to put his stamp on

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Patriarch of a powerhouse

Deward Bell is genesis of Trojans' football tradition

For five decades, Deward Bell has been attending Homedale High School football games at his own personal field of dreams.

Considered the father of Trojans football, Bell was superintendent of the town's schools when the stadium that eventually would bear his name was built on the south bank of the Snake River.

"The football field was his dream when he got here," Bell's wife, Leah, said last week.

"He used to drive past there, and it was just a dirt road down there. It was just land, and he said, 'Wouldn't this make such a wonderful stadium?'"

To this day, he has his own reserved spot where he and his wife of 58 years, Leah, sit and watch the youth of today play a game that he made king in these parts 50 years ago. Since 1986, the stadium has bore his name, a tribute to the impact he has had on Homedale.

Before the stadium opened in 1969, the Trojans had played on the small patch of grass behind the school's gymnasium and ag shop.

"He turned the athletic program around," Leah said.

Deward Bell, who turns 82 on Oct. 5, received the heartfelt thanks of the Homedale faithful

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Acknowledgement

Former Homedale High School football coach Deward Bell waves to the crowd at Friday's game after a brief halftime ceremony celebrating his contributions to the Trojans athletic program. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Homedale defense tolls for Bell during homecoming victory

Homedale High School paid tribute to Deward Bell on and off the field Friday at the stadium named after the Trojans football coaching legend.

With the 82-year-old former Homedale football coach and superintendent of schools perched in his usual spot in the bleachers next to his wife, Leah, the current Homedale football team played Bell Ball and brought home an 11-6 non-conference win over New Plymouth.

"He's been a legend in the community," third-year Trojans coach Thomas Thomas said. "And we tell (the players) it's not just a game for us or the school, but for the community."

Despite the unusual score, Homedale (2-1) did nothing in its homecoming game to tarnish the legacy laid down by Bell 50 years ago.

The Trojans were a minute away from their second consecutive shutout when New Plymouth (0-3) found the end zone. Pilgrims quarterback Kyle Harmon launched a 25-yard scoring strike to Micah McMurry.

Bell's teams carved a niche in the late 1950s by going long stretches of a season without giving up points.

"It's frustrating," Thomas said of the late score. "I wanted the defense to get the shutout."

To be sure, the Trojan defenders tried their best, using a fierce pass rush and run defense to stretch their scoreless

streak to seven quarters before

Harmon heaved his TD pass. The effort was spearheaded by a host of Homedale players, but Bryan Martinat and Josh Jolley seemed to find themselves in the center of the on-field tribute to Bell.

"Having coaches come back to watch us play makes the tradition stronger," Jolley said.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound junior defensive lineman fired up the overflow crowd late in the first half when he pounced on the ball after Martinat caused Harmon to cough up the ball during a sack.

The turnover with 3 seconds left in the second quarter set up the Trojans at the New Plymouth

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Bryan Martinat

Homedale club ready for New Plymouth rodeo

The Homedale High School rodeo club starts another season Saturday and Sunday in New Plymouth.

Club president Bryan Martinat said the team has about 15 cowboys and cowgirls who will compete in the District II season this school year.

"We have lots of girls," the junior saddle bronc rider and team roper said. "We'd like to see more guys come out and join the rodeo club."

The club meets a lunchtime, usually every other Thursday,

and anyone interested can contact Martinat, vice president Cory Uria or club advisor Julie Nauman for information on how to get involved.

The season kicks off with two rodeos in New Plymouth on Saturday and Sunday. The action starts at 10 a.m. at the Payette County Fairgrounds, according to Martinat. Admission is free.

After this weekend, the rodeo club takes the fall and winter months off. The season will start

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Huskies' perfect start ends in league play

Marsing High School's perfect run to start the volleyball season ended Thursday in a four-game loss to 2A Western Idaho Conference foe New Plymouth.

The visiting Pilgrims got the jump on the Huskies (6-1 overall, 1-1 in 2A WIC) and collected a 25-14, 25-17, 19-25, 25-17 victory.

Marsing, which was scheduled to take part in the Fruitland Tournament last weekend, received 11 assists from Kortni Scott, who also served an ace as part of her five service points.

"Defensively we are playing well, reading the attack, passing

and transitioning," Marsing coach Loma Bittick said.

Nicole Gelinat had four kills and two assists against New Plymouth to go along with a strong service match. She served 13 points, including three aces.

Marsing def. Melba

Another stellar service game carried Marsing to its sixth consecutive win, a 25-11, 25-19, 25-19 conference-opening victory over visiting Melba.



Loma Bittick

MJ Usabel served 17 points and collected five kills to lead the Huskies. Breeana Chadez had three kills and three blocks to go with 11 service points.

Nicole Gelinat had an all-around solid match with four kills, three assists, a block and two aces. Angela Martinez

was nearly perfect from the service line, powering three aces as part of her four points.

Melba (3-1, 0-1) was paced by

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Sports

HMS 7th-grade football rolls to win

The seventh-grade football team from Homedale Middle School rebounded from a shocking start to win its season opener 32-14 over Ontario, Ore., on Sept. 13.

After the Tigers went 65 yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. But the visiting Trojans roared back behind the blocking of offensive linemen Jonathan Stacey, Joel McCutchen and Matt Taggart, who opened holes for Manuel Castilleja.

Emilio Cuellar and Justin Ensley also had good games, while Colin Lootens pulled down some clutch passes to keep drives alive.

The short-handed eighth-grade football lost at home to Ontario, 55-6. Only 14 players were suited up for the game, in which Ryan Ryska threw a touchdown pass to

Jake Tolmie. Trent Acree played well at running back, and Kyle Abels and Drew Farwell led the defense.

Homedale's two teams played Weiser on Tuesday. Results weren't available at press time.

The next games for the Homedale football program come at 4:15 p.m. on Sept. 27 against Middleton. The eighth-graders are on the road, while the seventh-graders play host to the Warriors.

Volleyball

Both of Homedale's seventh-grade teams are unbeaten after victories over Fruitland and Middleton. The seventh-grade A team beat Middleton 25-17, 15-25, 15-6, and the B team won

25-20, 25-15. Against Fruitland, the A team won 25-22, 25-17, and the B teamers were 25-9, 25-17 winners over the Grizzlies.

The Trojans' eighth-grade A team lost to Fruitland 25-21, 25-6. The B team also fell to the Grizzlies 26-24, 28-30, 15-10.

The eighth-grade teams picked up victories over Middleton in play highlighted by teamwork and good passing highlighted the win over Middleton.

The teams are in the midst of a busy week this week. They've already played matches against Montario on Monday and Payette on Tuesday. The next match is Thursday at 4:15 p.m. against Weiser. The eighth-graders are on the road, while the seventh-graders are at home.

Homedale at Melba, 7 p.m. Friday
Trojans hope to ignite offense

Homedale High School puts a two-game winning streak on the line Friday night when the Trojans travel to Melba for the final non-league football game of the season.

Coach Thomas Thomas knows Friday's 7 p.m. battle will be a test for Homedale, and he also knows that the offense has to show up in order for the Trojans to gain any momentum for the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

"We have to get the offense clicking," he said after last Friday's narrow 11-6 victory over New Plymouth.

Finishing drives will be vital for Homedale, which was forced to punt four times against the

Pilgrims. New Plymouth won the offensive statistical battle, but the Trojans' defense prevented that advantage to penetrate the scoreboard.

One of the longest gains of the night for Homedale was Tyler Christensen's clutch 23-yard quarterback scramble for a touchdown in the third quarter.

The score turned out to be the difference in the ballgame, but Thomas doesn't want to have to rely on heroics every weekend.

"The offense moved the ball well, but we're not finishing drives," the third-year coach said.

Melba beat Homedale 27-7 in the last meeting between the two teams in 2003.

Trojan Fall Sports

FOOTBALL

Varsity — Friday, Sept. 23 at Melba, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity — Thursday, Sept. 22, home vs. Melba, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity — Thursday, Sept. 22 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
Varsity — Monday, Sept. 26, home vs. New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Varsity — Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Fruitland, 7 p.m.
JV games are 1 hour before varsity games, excluding tournaments

CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Snake River Valley conference meet in Payette

SOCCER

Boys soccer
Thursday, Sept. 22 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27, home vs. Middleton, 5 p.m.
Girls soccer
Thursday, Sept. 22, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Middleton, 5 p.m.

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Breaking free
Homedale running back Ryan Johnson tries to break the tackle of a New Plymouth defender. Johnson's field goal at the end of the first half propeled the Trojans to a victory. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

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17 with time for one snap — and a game-changing play.

Ryan Johnson booted a 34-yard field goal to give Homedale a 3-0 advantage at the intermission.

"We wanted a little momentum and a little life," Thomas said. "We needed something to get the goose egg off the board."

The Homedale defensive front eight harassed New Plymouth quarterbacks Harmon and backup Jeff Gruidl all night. The pair were sacked nine times for a total loss of 58 yards.

While Jolley had one of those sacks, Martinat went crazy. He recorded three sacks, forced two fumbles and was credited with four tackles for loss altogether.

Kyle Carson had 1½ sacks, too,

as the Homedale defense ratcheted up its intensity after a halftime ceremony honoring Bell.

"That's the talent of our defense," Thomas said. "Our linebackers read well. The 3-5 defense that (defensive coordinator Dave) Hart runs is getting more and more popular all the time."

Save for the late New Plymouth touchdown and another that was called back earlier in the game because of one of the Pilgrims' numerous ill-advised penalties, the Trojans' defense was in control.

Give Jolley some credit with that, too. He averaged 42 yards on four punts to keep New Plymouth pinned deep in its own end.

"Literally a third of the game is field position," Thomas said of the importance of Jolley's leg Friday.

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Sports

Prairie City trounces Mustangs

by Alek Quintero

Prairie City High School streaked out to a fast start Friday night to collect a 36-6 victory over Jordan Valley in the Tri-Co League football opener for both schools.

The visiting Mustangs (0-2 overall) found themselves trailing 14-0 in the first quarter as the Panthers returned a Jordan Valley interception for a touchdown and scored on a TD pass.

“After quick scores by the Panthers, we knew that the odds were very much against us,” Jordan Valley assistant coach Mike Quintero said. “We moved the ball very efficient but couldn’t put the ball in the end zone.”

Jordan Valley moved the ball well on offense, but failed to score any touchdowns. Prairie City, which beat the Mustangs for the league championship last year, added another score in the second quarter for a 22-0 halftime lead.

Fatigue started to bog down the Mustangs in the second half as Prairie City built a 30-0 advantage.

Quarterback Alek Quintero



Running room
Jordan Valley High School football player Emil Scown uses his blockers to gain yardage Friday night in Prairie City. Submitted photo.

scored Jordan Valley’s only touchdown of the game on a fourth-quarter run.

Quintero finished with 118 yards on 22 carries. Jerry Wroten shook off an injury that had held him out of practice a few days during the Mustangs’ bye week to collected 69 yards on 11 rushes.

Frank Beckwith rolled up 58 yards on 12 totes.

Quintero and Emil Scown made eight tackles apiece for the Jordan Valley defense, while Wroten added five stops.

Jordan Valley returns home to play Harper-Huntington at 2 p.m. Friday.

Marsing misfires in homecoming defeat

Missed opportunities and mistakes marred Marsing High School’s homecoming football game Friday.

Glenns Ferry scored the first three touchdowns of the game to grab a 33-6 non-conference victory.

Marsing’s offense actually outgained the Pilots, but 115 yards in penalties and five turnovers gave the Pilots a short field all night and overloaded the Huskies’ defense.

“The defense played well,” Marsing coach Don Heller said. “The offense put them in bad position all night.

“We had way too many penalties and they killed drives all night.”

The Huskies’ defense recovered four Glenns Ferry fumbles.

Ethan Sauer scored on a 45-yard run in the fourth quarter to get Marsing (1-3 overall) on the board, but the Huskies also suffered through a dropped pass that would have been a touchdown and a turnover in the end zone when Miguel Quebrado threw one of his two interceptions moments before halftime.

Sauer became the third different running back to lead the Huskies’ ground game, gobbling up 95 yards on six carries. Shea McClellin, who rolled up 306 yards on 41 rushers against Valley two weeks ago in a substitute role, got more touches Friday night, gaining 84 yards on 21 carries.

Marsing fumbled the ball four times, losing three of them, including a loose ball that Glenns Ferry recovered for the game’s first touchdown.

Cody Darrington, a junior fullback, scored on runs of 3 and 19 yards for the Pilots.

Marsing opens 2A Western Idaho Conference play at 7 p.m. Friday with a home game against Parma.

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Trojans soph shines on demanding course

Belen Vega took full advantage of her rare opportunity to run for the Homedale High School cross country team Wednesday at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser.

Vega, a sophomore who also plays a key role for the Trojans’ girls soccer team, finished 13th overall in a girls race that featured about 90 runners, according to Homedale cross country coach Nick Schamber.

Vega’s time of 22 minutes, 34 seconds has Schamber optimistic about the future.

“There is only one girl from our conference (the Snake River Valley) that has beaten her,” Schamber wrote in a release. “I feel she has a good shot to make state in October.”

Schamber admitted that his athletes turned in times a little slower than their norm, but the first-year coach said he expected that because of the challenging

nature of the course in Weiser.

“Rolling Hills couldn’t be a more perfect name,” he said. “The course runs around the perimeter of the nine-hole golf course where runners are either running downhill or uphill.

“There are no flat spots to be found. In fact, part of the race, runners run on the side of the hill.”

Schamber said his charges said running the hillside was the most challenging aspect of the afternoon.

The finish line didn’t offer much relief, either. The 3.1-mile race ended after a 30-meter sprint — uphill.



Belen Vega

Freshman Tyler Gibson was the first Homedale boy to cross that grueling finish line. He completed the course in 21 minutes. Junior Scott Thatcher finished in 22:06.

Levi Jones turned in a personal-best time of 26:42, while Matt Borschwa (29:03) and Troy Christensen (29:11) rounded out the Trojans’ effort.

Homedale returns to action Saturday with the Bob Firman meet at Eagle Island State Park. Schamber rearranged the schedule, dropping a meet in Middleton that was scheduled for last Tuesday in favor of the Firman, which is run on the same course that will play host to the state meet next month.

Another test will come next Tuesday with the SRV conference meet.

“This will give us a glimpse of where we stand in the league as a team and as individuals,” Schamber said.

Ailing Trojans fall to Payette in boys soccer

Injuries sapped a second comeback out of the boys soccer team from Homedale High School in a 5-2 Snake River Valley conference loss to Payette last week.

The Pirates scored four second-half goals to come from behind for the win.

Junior Guillermo Machuca and freshman Nestor Machuca scored minutes apart early in the second half as the Trojans (1-3 overall,

1-2 SRV) crept out to a 2-1 lead.

But injuries to junior defender David Liddell and starting goalkeeper Uriel Ozuna put the Trojans at a disadvantage against the Pirates.

“The psychological aspect of the game was difficult to overcome on the field with a Payette team that never stopped attacking our goal,” Homedale coach David Correia said in a release.

Liddell was hurt in the final minute of the first half.

“His speed and experience were missed during the second half,” Correia said.

Homedale held Payette in check in the first half, limiting the Pirates to one goal while launching three good shots at the Payette goal.

Ozuna had 10 saves, while Ulysses Vargas stopped three shots in relief.

Marsing Huskies

FOOTBALL

Varsity football
Friday, Sept. 23, home vs. Parma, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity football
Thursday, Sept. 22 at Parma, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 22, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, home vs. Parma, 7 p.m.

JV B volleyball team plays 2 hours before varsity
JV A volleyball team plays 1 hour before varsity

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Sports

PREP FOOTBALL LEADERS

Homedale offense							
Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	YPG	TDs
Christofferson	11	24	4	.458	155	51.7	3
Krzesnik	4	15	3	.267	50	16.7	0
Totals	15	39	7	.385	205	68.3	3
Homedale defense							
Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	TDs	
R. Johnson	3	46	227	4.9	75.7	1	
Carson	3	52	169	3.3	56.3	1	
Christofferson	3	24	84	3.5	28.0	1	
Ensley	1	2	7	3.5	7.0	0	
Lootens	3	5	6	1.2	2.0	0	
Krzesnik	1	1	-9	-9.0	-9.0	0	
Martinat	1	3	-18	-6.0	-18.0	0	
Totals	3	133	466	3.5	155.3	3	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	YPR	YPG	TDs	
Sweet	3	6	123	20.5	41.0	3	
Lootens	2	3	54	18.0	27.0	0	
Carson	2	2	5	2.5	2.5	0	
Wass	2	2	19	9.5	9.5	0	
R. Johnson	2	2	4	2.0	2.0	0	
Totals	3	15	205	13.7	68.3	3	
Scoring	G	TD	FG	PAT	2-PAT	Total	Avg.
Sweet	2	3	0	0	0	18	9.0
Carson	3	2	0	0	2	16	5.3
R. Johnson	2	1	1	4	0	13	6.5
Brockett	1	1	0	0	0	6	6.0
Christofferson	1	1	0	0	0	6	6.0
Totals	3	8	1	4	2	59	19.7

Rimrock offense							
Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	YPG	TDs
Hofer	11	27	1	.407	186	93.0	0
Aquiso	1	2	0	.500	28	28.0	0
Totals	12	29	1	.414	214	107.0	0
Rimrock defense							
Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	TDs	
Aquiso	3	52	261	5.0	87.0	2	
Hofer	3	44	166	3.8	55.3	2	
C. Hipwell	3	24	94	3.9	31.3	0	
Snyder	2	9	47	5.2	23.5	1	
Totals	3	129	568	4.4	189.3	5	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	YPR	YPG	TDs	
Aquiso	2	6	102	17.0	51.0	0	
Welsh	2	2	37	18.5	18.5	0	
Jacobo	1	3	27	9.0	27.0	0	
Richardson	1	1	20	20.0	20.0	0	
Totals	2	12	186	15.5	93.0	0	
Scoring	G	TD	FG	PAT	2-PAT	Total	Avg.
Hofer	2	2	0	0	0	12	6.0
Welsh	2	1	0	0	1	8	4.0
Aquiso	3	2	0	0	2	16	5.3
Totals	3	5	0	0	3	36	12.0

PREP STANDINGS				
Football				
3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	0	0	4	0
Payette	0	0	3	1
Homedale	0	0	2	1
Weiser	0	0	3	0
McCall	0	0	1	3
Middleton	0	0	1	2
This week's games				
(All played Friday, 7 p.m.)				
Homedale at Melba				
Fruitland at Weiser				
La Grande, Ore., at Middleton				
Last week's scores				
Homedale 11, New Plymouth 6				
Fruitland 34, Ontario, Ore., 6				
Nampa Christian 16, McCall-Donnelly 6				

Payette 35, Parma 19				
Weiser 36, LaGrande, Ore., 24				
2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Nampa Chr.	0	0	3	0
Parma	0	0	2	2
Melba	0	0	1	2
New Plymouth	0	0	0	3
Marsing	0	0	1	3
This week's games				
(All played Friday, 7 p.m.)				
Parma at Marsing				
Homedale at Melba				
New Plymouth at Nampa Christian				
Last week's scores				
Homedale 11, New Plymouth 6				
Glenns Ferry 33, Marsing 6				
Wendell 34, Melba 6				

Marsing offense							
Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	YPC	TDs
Quebrado	15	39	4	.385	376	25.1	4
B. Smith	1	8	1	.125	13	13.0	0
Totals	16	47	5	.340	389	24.3	4
Marsing defense							
Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	TDs	
Gibson	3	59	274	4.6	91.3	1	
Sauer	4	25	160	6.4	40.0	1	
Price	2	14	17	1.2	8.5	0	
McClellin	3	54	407	7.5	135.7	5	
Mantujano	1	1	1	1.0	1.0	0	
B. Smith	1	1	-6	-6.0	-6.0	0	
Quebrado	4	26	-66	-2.5	-16.5	0	
Marcial	1	6	17	0.0	17.0	0	
Totals	4	186	804	4.3	201.1	7	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	YPR	YPG	TDs	
McClellin	2	7	170	24.3	85.0	2	
Price	2	2	52	26.0	26.0	1	
Covey	2	2	19	9.5	9.5	0	
Salvas	1	2	99	12.0	12.0	1	
Branin	1	2	36	18.0	18.0	0	
Marcial	1	1	13	13.0	13.0	0	
Totals	3	16	389	24.3	117.0	4	
Scoring	G	TD	FG	PAT	2-PAT	Total	Avg.
McClellin	4	7	0	0	4	46	11.5
Price	3	1	0	0	1	8	2.7
Gibson	3	1	0	0	0	6	2.0
Salvas	4	1	0	0	0	6	1.5
Sauer	4	1	0	0	0	6	1.5
Totals	4	11	0	0	5	76	19.0

Nampa Christian 16, McCall-Donnelly 6					Punts-Avg.		4-37.0	4-42.5
Payette 35, Parma 19					Penalties		7-62	5-40
					Fumbles-lost		2-1	1-0
					Individual statistics			
1A, Div. I					Rushing — NP: McMurry			
Conf.					2-minus 7, Mena 10-43, Pollock			
All					3-33, Gruidl 1-minus 7, Harmon			
W					12-minus 24, Poole 2-minus 4.			
L					Hom: R. Johnson 11-32, Carson			
W					17-58, Lootens 1-0, Martinat 3-			
L					minus 18, Christofferson 7-39			
Cascade					Passing — NP: Harmon 11-16-			
Council					0 163. Hom: Christofferson 3-7-1			
Garden Valley					36, Krzesnik 1-3-0 5.			
Idaho City					Receiving — NP: Howell 5-			
Rimrock					85, McMurry 4-60, Poole 1-4, C.			
Tri-Valley					Johnson 1-14. Hom: Sweet 1-28,			
					Carson 1-minus 5, Wasss 1-13, R.			
					Johnson 1-5			
This week's games					Glenns Ferry 33			
Idaho City at Tri-Valley, 7					Marsing 6			
p.m.					Glenns Ferry 7 13 0 13 — 33			
Cascade at Salmon River, 7					Marsing 0 0 0 6 — 0			
p.m.								
Last week's scores								
Idaho City 64, Wells, Nev., 22								
Garden Valley 60, Cole Valley								
14								
Genessee 54, Council 8								

PREP RESULTS							
Football							
Homedale 11							
New Plymouth 6							
New Plymouth	0	0	0	6	—	6	
Homedale	0	3	8	0	—	54	
Second quarter							
Hom — FG R. Johnson 34, 11:00							
Third quarter							
Hom — Christofferson 23 run (Carson run), 5:50							
Fourth quarter							
NP — McMurry 25 pass from Harmon, 10:56							
Team statistics							
	NP		Hom				
First downs	14		9				
Rushes-yards	30-64		39-111				
Passing yards	163		36				
Passing	11-16-0		4-10-1				
Total yards	227		147				

Glenns Ferry 33		Marsing 6	
Glenns Ferry	7	13	0
Marsing	0	0	6
First quarter			
GF — Duarte fumble recovery (Adamson kick)			
Second quarter			
GF — Laib 10 pass from Crane (Adamson kick)			
GF — Darrington 3 run (kick failed)			
Fourth quarter			
GF — A. Valle 17 run (run failed)			
GF — Darrington 19 run (Adamson kick)			
Mar — Sauer 45 run (pass failed)			
Team statistics			
	GF		Mar
First downs	7		11
Rushes-yards	32-187		42-146
Passing yards	10		56
Passing	1-8-0		4-12-2
Total yards	197		202
Punts-Avg.	2-31.0		4-28.0
Penalties	6-50		11-115

Jordan Valley Rope N Ride begins Friday

by Shantel Gleason

It's that time of year again — Jordan Valley is ready to play to host to the seventh annual Owyhee Rope N Ride. Here's the best part: Admission to the three-day event is free.

The three-day event will kick off at 9 a.m. Friday with cow dog trials at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds. The top 10 dogs will qualify for Saturday's finals.

Saturday also will be highlighted by the wild and unpredictable stock saddle bronc riding.

Mule roping will take place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Contestants can enter up to four times, and each entry costs \$40. The roping is progressive after two and requires the rider to use a dry latigo or mule hide horn wrap only. No PRCA card holders may rope together.

Agri-Beef has donated the cattle for this event.

Saturday will end with a dance starting at 9 p.m. at the Lions Den. There's a \$5 cover charge, and live music will be provided by Running For Cover.

Sunday marks "last chance" horse and mule roping. Sign up is at 9 a.m. for two horses and two muleys, and the entry fee is \$100 each, with a limit for three entries per competitor. No PRCA card holders can rope together and a slick horn is required.

Net profits from this year's Rope N Ride will go to the Federal Land Multiple Use Issues. Cattlemen are joining together to rally against environmentalists who want to remove cattle grazing from the federal lands, which would affect cattlemen's business as well as business related to hunting and recreation.

The Jordan Valley Rodeo Board is seeking sponsorships to help aid the cattlemen's fight.

There also will be silent auctions, raffles, displays and a drawing for a 4-wheeler on Sunday.

For more information on the Rope N Ride, call Dennis Stanford at (541) 586-2551 or Doug at (208) 337-4094. Information is also available at www.biglooprodeo.com.

Fumbles-lost	4-4	4-3
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Individual statistics

Rushing — GF: Darrington 12-987, A. Valle 11-76, Rodriguez 2-minus 5, Crane 2-1, Laib 4-31, Crowell 1-minus 3. Mar: McClellin 21-84, Sauer 6-95, Gibson 8-7, Quebrado 7-minus 40

Passing — GF: Crane 1-7-0 10. Mar: Quebrado 3-8-2 43. Smith 1-4-0 13

Receiving — GF: Laib 1-10. Mar: Branin 2-36, Covey 1-7, Marcial 1-13

Sports

Marsing JV volleyball stumbles at start of WIC

The Marsing High School junior varsity A team rolled into 2A Western Idaho Conference volleyball action with an unblemished record last week, but couldn't sustain the momentum.

On Thursday, the Huskies (5-2 overall, 0-2 2A WIC) dropped a 25-18, 25-13 decision on the road to New Plymouth.

"We didn't play with the same spark that we have in the past," coach Janet Cooney said in a release.

Holly Heller served an ace to go with three kills and an assist. Taryn Chenoweth registered four assists and an ace,, and Amanda Staudenmier booked six service points.

Melba def. Marsing A

The Huskies' season-opening five-match winning streak came to a close in the 2A WIC opener against Melba.

The visiting Mustangs posted a 17-25, 25-19, 15-13 victory, overcoming the defense of freshman Miranda Clausen, who registered four blocks and a kill.

Jessica Elsberry served three aces as part of her six points and collected three kills.

"Jessica and Miranda had good games for us at the net," Cooney said.

C.C. Zanardi served for seven points.

Marsing A

def. Glenns Ferry

A busy week began Sept. 12 with a come-from-behind 24-26, 25-16, 15-10 win over non-league foe Glenns Ferry on the Pilots' home court.

Taryn Chenoweth controlled the Huskies' offense with 12 assists, two aces and nine service points. Fellow setter Holly Heller pounded six kills to go with four assists.

"My setters did a nice job," Bittick said. "They really set the ball for everyone to hit. This was our best hitting match of the year."

Katie Kent's three aces were part of an eight-point night.

New Plymouth

def. Marsing B

Cherie Daniels had a kill and five service points, but Marsing (0-5, 0-2) dropped a 25-18, 25-12 2A WIC match to the visiting Pilgrims.

Kaya Stahle added two kills

and an ace.

Melba def.

Marsing B

The Huskies evened the match with a hard-fought second game, but couldn't continue the magic in the deciding frame, losing 25-23, 21-25, 15-11 to their league foes.

Rose Remick served for 11 points, including one aces, and pounded five kills. Kaya Stahle added three kills.

Bianca Mascorro had a block and an ace, while Rosalia Romero served an ace to highlight her seven service points.

"The girls played hard and did many things correctly," coach Loma Bittick said. "In the end, we just made more mistakes than Melba did."

Glenns Ferry def.

Marsing B

Cherie Daniels dished two assists and served an ace in Marsing's 25-22, 25-16 non-conference loss.

Cera Jackson had two kills, and Ellie Collett added one for the Huskies, who also received seven service points from Rose Remick.

Mustangs sweep volleyball rivals

by Michelle Elsner

Jordan Valley High School's volleyball team took the first major step toward what it hopes will be a run into the state tournament by beating arch-rival Prairie City on the road Friday.

The Mustangs made the 5-hour bus ride and quarter-mile warmup run pay off by hanging a 25-17, 25-21, 25-13 loss on the Panthers.

"The team was very excited to play the Panthers because of our past, but we played like pros and got the job done," back row player Hayley Johnson said. "Communication is the key to winning a game like the one against Prairie City."

Jordan Valley started strong in the first game, but Prairie City climbed back into the match briefly in the second game as the Mustangs' back row

players were unable to close up holes.

Jordan Valley used its second wind to sprint past Prairie City in the deciding game.

"The whole game was not won by one person," said Jordan Valley coach Jacque Naegle. "Everyone contributed to beating the Panthers."



Lauren Cuvelier

Lauren Cuvelier powered home 17 kills to go with seven blocks and 11 serving points. Angela Larsen had two blocks and four kills. Cassia Troutman put down two blocks and three kills.

Chelicy Payne had three kills. Michelle Elsner contributed two kills and seven serving points. Bailey Kershner had 16 assists and 19 serving points, and Breann Hipwell had 11 assists and nine serving points.

Michelle Baltzor had 11 serving points.

√ Bell

Friday night in a simple ceremony at halftime of the Trojans' old-fashioned 11-6 win over New Plymouth in the 2005 homecoming game.

And the man who helped him launched a decades-long dynasty on the banks of the Snake River, Rudene Perkins, also showed up to pay his respects to the man who kicked off a program that has won 36 league championships and numerous state titles since he took over from James Bostwich in 1955.

"It's so beautiful Friday night to be there and see all the kids," Leah Bell said of a typical night of football that she and Deward Bell enjoy sitting beneath the painted sign marking their permanent seats in the bleachers.

"It's wonderful to see (the players) grow up and go on."

The desire for success ran through Deward Bell's veins when the World War II veteran arrived in Homedale in June 1955 after five seasons as coach at Paul, where his teams a 20-10-1 record before the school merged with Minico High School.

That was just the beginning for Bell, who assumed the helm of a Homedale program that was in the doldrums.

By 1956, though, the Trojans had won a Snake River Valley Class B championship and pocketed an unbeaten 9-0 season. Two years later, Homedale was poised to go on one of the most impressive runs in Southern Idaho



Basketball's best

The 1959-60 Homedale High School boys basketball squad poses for its team photo, with coach Deward Bell at midcourt. The team won 26 consecutive games, losing only its opener 41-38 to Kuna and its final game of the season — a 62-48 defeat at the hands of St. Maries in the Class AA state championship game in Coeur d'Alene. The team was, from left to right, Jim Toston, Bruce Bergeson, Myron Simpson, Tony Wolff, Rodney Leslie, Danny DeGroat, Garry Spath, Larry Smith, Dick Frazier, Dennis Brandon and Johnny Uranga. Submitted photo.

history. The Trojans lost just twice in 25 games during the next three seasons..

The Trojans finished second in the SRV in 1958 then annihilated every opponent that dared step on the field with them in 1959.

In fact, Bell's defenses of 1959 and 1960 were notoriously stingy. The Trojans had 12 shutouts in 16 games during that span.

The '59 Homedale squad opened the year with 17 consecutives quarters in which its opponents failed to score. Adrian, Ore., was the first team to score against the Trojans, but Homedale still pulled out a 40-6 victory. The Trojans outscored their nine 1959 opponents 278-

13. The 1960 team opened the year with two consecutive whitewashes, so Homedale outscored its foes 332-13 in nine games at one point.

The only loss for the 8-1 1960 team was to Marsing, the team with which the Trojans would share the SRV B championship that season.

He retired after the 1961 season, after a 42-15-1 run that included two outright league titles, a co-championship and a second-place league finish. At Homedale, he had a .732 winning percentage. Including his Paul years, Bell won 71.5 percent of the games he coached (62-25-2) in a 12-season career.



Right-hand man

Rudene Perkins, the man who followed Deward Bell to Homedale from Paul and helped build the Trojans' football program, waves to the crowd during Friday's halftime ceremony. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

But the juggernaut that was Homedale from 1958 to 1960 typified Bell's drive for perfection.

"If you want to keep your job, you'd better win," is how former Homedale football coach Jim McMillan remembers his first conversation with Bell. "He was sort of joking, but he was half-serious."

That conversation took place during McMillan's job interview. Bell hired the former Boise State quarterback in the early 1980s then proceeded to help out during practice — even though he hadn't officially worn a whistle since the 1961 season.

"I just have a ton of respect for Deward," said McMillan, who took Bell's initial admonishment

and ran with it for a 121-25 record that included five state championships.

But it wasn't all about winning for Bell. In spite of his win-or-else philosophy, he showed compassion for his players, too, McMillan said.

"On the outside, he seems really tough," McMillan said. "But inside he's got the biggest heart. Inside, he's kind of a teddy bear."

Bell's knack for churning out winners didn't stop at the sidelines of the grid iron. He also coached baseball and basketball at Homedale.

In the 1959-60 season, Bell backed up his success on the football field by guiding the Trojans' basketball team to within one win of a state championship. Homedale won 26 consecutive games between opening the year with a loss to Kuna and closing the season with a defeat at the hands of St. Maries in the Class AA state title game in Coeur d'Alene.

Deward Bell's pride in Homedale and drive to succeed was evident to anyone who crossed his path, and he summed it up in a quote in the Nov. 20, 1988, edition of the Idaho Press-Tribune.

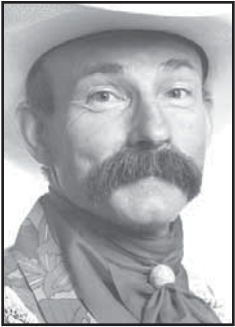
"I always expressed to the kids to have pride in themselves," Bell told the Press-Tribune two years after he retired from his superintendent job.

"If it's worth doing, then do it well."

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



The eight count

“Isn’t that Larry’s heifer?” asked Dick.

The 2-year-old black whiteface was running down the fence line along Highway 90. Traffic was moderate on the four-lane highway. The shoulder was not smooth. Arroyos and ridges thick with rocks and brush made any chase risky.

“Pull over!” said Dick.

The south gate was new. It had a cattle guard but no cattle gate beside it. Dick turned the frightened cow back to the north.

“Call Larry!” he shouted to his wife in the truck.

Larry’s wife took the call. Within five minutes, Larry had appeared and stationed himself by the north gate to turn the heifer. She was smart enough or scared enough to stay off the highway, but she became unreasonable. Larry knew her well. She would actually eat feed out of his hand. He was surprised by her rowdy behavior.

It is a common flaw in cowmen. They form opinions about specific animals. They come to trust them. I’ve seen grown men (like me) put 2-year-old kids on the back of tame Brahma bulls. But cows can revert to their primitive behavioral origins. I don’t mean baby calf, I mean buffalo, mastodon, Tyrannosaurus holstein! It is a scientific phenomenon called “getting on the fight!”

Some external stimulus or internal metabolic reaction can change a gentle herbivore into a maddened beast. We see this in other species: rabid dogs, a locoed horse or a 4-H parent whose child’s pig didn’t win grand champion!

Anyway, Larry stood his ground, a few feet beyond the gate. She was running full speed. He spoke to her, actually held out his hand as she approached him at the speed of beef! In his mind, despite the obvious, he must have thought she would remember their relationship and settle down.

Dick said she hit Larry full frontal right in the chest. He went backwards like she’d pushed him off a cliff. She stood above him between his legs, looking down at his face. Maybe she recognized him, who knows?

About that time Dick spooked her and she ran right through the fence. Larry lay there flat.

“Can you get up?” asked Dick.

“I tried to,” said Larry, “but the ref was just counting four. I decided to wait for the eight count.”

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



I was cruising Internet the other day when I bumped into Oren.

An online news article said Oren was honored when he retired, at age 71, after 14 years as publisher and advisor for a student newspaper at a major West Coast university.

At the retirement gala, Oren told journalists in attendance they need to keep fighting to reveal the secrets of our corrupt, lying national government.

Same old Oren.

Thirty-eight years ago, I was working for my parents on their weekly newspaper, pretty much resigned to being tied to the operation for the rest of my life. Then the telephone rang.

The man on the other end of the line said his name was Oren and he was the new editor of the daily newspaper in a neighboring city. He said he was looking for a sports editor and one of his rural correspondents (who also wrote news for my parents) had mentioned my name. Would I be interested?

I told Oren I didn’t have any formal journalism training.

“That’s OK,” Oren replied. “You know the area. I can teach you to be a writer.”

And that’s what he did.

Oren didn’t last long at the newspaper. He was a 1960s liberal in one of the most conservative communities in America. But he was determined to use the newspaper to enlighten the unwashed masses.

Oren decided to make sure the community approved an upcoming school bond. So he sent out reporters and photographers to get stories on how bad a shape the schools were in. There were no stories about those who opposed the levy and why. We ran photos of peeling paint and beat-up

band instruments. Oren was stunned when the bond was rejected. He didn’t understand that voters in a conservative area would look at the pictures of the damaged trumpets and tubas and think to themselves, “Why should we give schools money for more instruments when they don’t take care of the ones they have?”

Oren and the paper’s conservative publisher were at odds from day one. Although Oren was a bright guy in a lot of respects, he had one failing: He had no tact. He didn’t know when to keep him mouth shut. He was viewed by community leaders as having a negative attitude — always pointing out shortcomings rather than positives. Less than two years after he arrived, Oren was gone — pretty much run out of town “on a rail.” The “New Yorker Magazine” even did a feature story about what happened.

For a few years, I had periodic contact with Oren. Once he tried to recruit me for the staff of another newspaper he was directing. I turned him down. Then he tried running his own small-town newspaper. Again his ideas and mouth apparently got him in trouble. Finally, he settled into the university job, where he fit right in.

I’m trying to find an e-mail address for Oren to wish him well. I totally disagree with his philosophy on the role the media should play in society. But he is the person who saw in me something in me I didn’t see myself. He’s the person who took a chance on a 22-year-old college dropout with no writing experience. If it hadn’t been for Oren I don’t know what I would have done with my life — probably not much.

In my opinion Oren’s journalistic philosophy reflects exactly what’s wrong with mainstream media today. Still, I owe him-big time.

Letters to the editor

Commissioners still can amend their treasurer appointment

Monday morning, Aug. 22, I, John Falk, appeared before the county commissioners to inquire to their very wrong action in choice of replacement of the retiring treasurer.

“What do you want?” “I am here to take three county commissioners of my party to the woodshed!”

Holding a copy of The Avalanche and thrusting it forward, I ask, “Is the article of the replacement of the county treasurer true as printed?”

A long period of silence. Not a yea. Not a nay.

I cite the long-standing tradition of party involvement and their duty to abide by party vote. There are several lame excuses offered, and each time they fall back on the “Code.” Gentlemen, it is not about code; it is about right and wrong, and fairness and party loyalty.

Finally, I ask the clerk, “Is there a cat fight in the courthouse?” The clerk states that the courthouse atmosphere is congenial.

It is not too late for the commissioners to amend their decision and wipe the egg off their faces. Should they hold fast to their arrogant action, then many questions will arise. Arrogance? Ignorance? RINOs? An agenda? An affair? Theft? Incompetence? Missing funds? Nepotism? Just plain mean? Stupidity? “Boiler plate” in the Owyhee Initiative?

In have not met, talked to, or recognize the persons Wright, Charters and Richards. My criticism is of the commissioners’ arrogant, unfair action.

John Falk
Murphy

A plea for treasurer to forego retirement, stay in position

Barbara, please stay as the Owyhee County treasurer until the primary election.

Let the treasurer be chosen by the people of Owyhee County.

Peggy and Merv Robinson

Seeking answers to county treasurer’s replacement

This letter was addressed to Owyhee County Treasurer Barbara Wright, and a copy was sent to the Avalanche.

— Ed.

I have just recently heard you are taking your early retirement at the end of the month, and in doing so the county commissioners will be bringing in an outside replacement for your position.

I, like many Owyhee County citizens, would like to know why Linda Charters, with seven years of dedicated and qualified service to this county, would not be your replacement until the primary election, May 2006.

I am writing to you, requesting you do not take your early retirement at the end of this month, asking you to please reconsider and stay until the primary elections.

I also would like the commissioners to justify their decision in the outside replacement of your position.

Reva Tobias
Oreana

Commentary

More letters to the editor

Simplot-Marvel grazing deal could have dire consequences

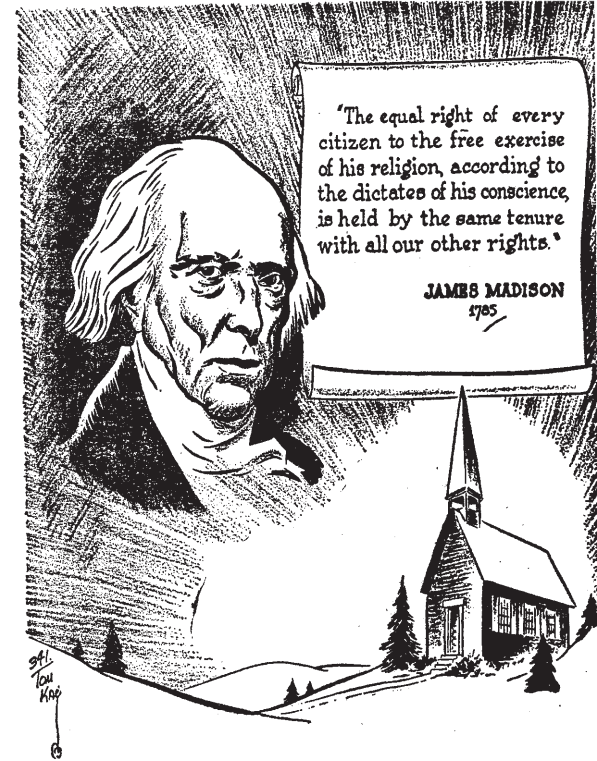
I just read the accounting of the Simplot-Marvel agreement. Marvel has based his campaign on elimination of livestock grazing federal land, but Simplot — per the agreement — will reduce a mere 5 to 10 percent. Simplot also will not “pursue legislative remedies” in exchange for continued grazing. In the agreement, Marvel will not “pursue additional lawsuits against Simplot” for a designated period of time. The settlement reminds me of the Chamberlain-Hitler “Peace in Our Time” deal. My concern is that as Chamberlain’s deal backfired, Simplot’s likewise may result in far-reaching consequences. Mike Hanley IV Jordan Valley, Ore.

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Our Constitution Forefathers knew discourse, debate were key to the survival of freedom

by Sen. Mike Crapo

On a chilly September day, in a 40-square-foot room in the Philadelphia State House, 52 highly educated men ranging in age from 28 to 81, signed a document intended to create a unified country out of a hodge-podge of independent states. The well-known painting of the signing of the Constitution gives us a romantic view of that moment, but the reality was a little different, yet eerily familiar to those of us who stand in the shadows of those great men 218 years later. Our Constitution was not created by unanimous agreement, dispassionate debate, or cheerful agreement. The Constitutional Convention was the scene of both bored doodling and fiery, organized opposition. Members spoke for entire days, only stopping from utter exhaustion. One member noted “fatigue and disgust” on the faces of many in the room after another spoke for two solid days. Committees were formed, alliances were forged, and compromises were arduously worked through. Secrecy was paramount: The members felt compelled to speak to the media only once, when a rumor emerged that the convention was forming a monarchy. Details were of profound importance. According to historian and author Fred Barbash in his book “The Founding,” in the final days, members meticulously debated a semicolon in one section, the inclusion of which may have granted Congress the power to provide for the “General Welfare.” The funding would not necessarily have to come from taxes, and may have indirectly authorized the establishment of a national bank, to the clear economic benefit of some members of the convention. It was removed in committee. The signing of the Constitution by the delegates signaled the beginning of a national debate that was concluded almost three years later, when Rhode Island joined the Union in May of 1780. Endless hours of debate, frustrating filibusters, political

maneuvering, deals done on the side, insults (delivered with utmost civility), threats made and retracted. It has a familiar sound, but for all its contentiousness, the process produced the greatest government system in the world — adaptable and successful for more than two centuries. The Constitution outlines a system that guarantees Americans basic principles of individual rights and freedoms, limited government, rule of law, sovereignty of the people, separation of powers and representative government. These principles to which we cling so passionately were born of discourse, conflicting ideas melded together in the forge of compromise, and respect for the opinions of others. Benjamin Franklin penned these words, delivered on Sept. 17, 1787: “For when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. From such an Assembly can a perfect production be expected? It therefore astonishes me, Sir, approaching so near to perfection as it does; and I think it will astonish our enemies.” As we confront enemies who would seek to eliminate our freedom, take our lives, and dismantle our country through cowardly acts of terror, let us heed the wisdom of Mr. Franklin, and understand that the bitter debates, harsh words and seemingly endless hours of stalemates that characterize our system of government are a critical part of preserving our freedoms. While the clash of ideas that occurs in America may seem burdensome and frustrating, a closer look at history reveals that at the end of the day, workable compromises surface from these debates. Solutions arise in which most all have played a part, and of which most have at least limited ownership. It is only when we stop debating and silence discourse that our freedoms and our rights vanish, and our enemies have won. — Mike Crapo is U.S. Senator from Idaho.

Wolves in Idaho Reintroduction plan isn’t working for anyone

by Frank Priestley

The federal experts released mid-year wolf population statistics recently, and to absolutely no one’s surprise, numbers are up. That’s especially true here in Idaho where the estimate topped 500 for the first time. For the past two years, the federal experts have been telling us the wolf population is about to “plateau.” We’re not wolf biologists, but we don’t see any evidence to support that claim. Wolf numbers in Montana are up slightly this year, and numbers in Wyoming and inside Yellowstone Park are down slightly. Counting or it seems collecting any reliable data on wolves is at best an inexact exercise. The numbers released this week are estimates of the roughest sort. There are still packs out there no one knows about, especially in remote central Idaho. Idaho’s wolf population could be close to double the expert estimate. Reported drops in Yellowstone and Wyoming wolf numbers easily could be just the opposite. And what real conclusions can we draw from studying Yellowstone wolves as they mingle with a million tourists each year? Has dodging Winnebagos while dining on road kill become an inherited trait? The problem is no one really knows much about wolves in the northern Rockies, and that’s unfortunate if you are a livestock producer. Equally as unfortunate is how adept the wolf cheerleaders, federal biologists included, have become at misleading the public about wolves and ranchers. These are the same people who told us only one female in each pack would breed each year. These are the same people who repeatedly

neglect to explain to reporters and other interested parties how difficult it can be to prove wolf depredation. These are the same people who continue to fight efforts to delist wolves. These are the same people who make vague, misleading comments like “coyotes kill more sheep than wolves,” and these are the same people who listened to countless Idaho residents who stood up in public meetings nearly 10 years ago to say, “We don’t want wolves here.” Let’s be honest, folks. This is a failing experiment that is costing millions of taxpayer dollars. And it will continue to drain tax dollars away from projects that could be achieving tangible results. We don’t have a clue how many wolves are out there, and we are equally as clueless in regard to how many livestock depredations are occurring. There are a select few conclusions we can draw at this point in the wolf reintroduction effort. First, the number of wolves in Idaho continues to increase with no indication of a population plateau. Second, our government is spending millions of taxpayer dollars to monitor and manage wolves. Because of repeated livestock depredations, the feds have had to eliminate at least one entire pack in each of the past three years. Wolf management now means killing wolves, and these exercises will continue regularly. And third, the number of livestock killed by wolves continues to increase, which in turn continues to threaten Idaho farm and ranch families. Wolf reintroduction may seem like a noble cause to someone who lives in Ohio, but the fact of the matter is that wolf reintroduction hasn’t been good for Idahoans or wolves. — Frank Priestley is president of Idaho Farm Bureau.

Sports

Homedale can't find formula for volleyball wins

Jordan Warwick and Sarah Cline served five points in a row each, but Homedale High School's volleyball team couldn't capitalize on a feisty first game Thursday in a Snake River Valley conference loss.

The Trojans fell 28-26, 25-8, 25-14 to visiting Middleton on Thursday.

"The girls played hard in the first game and then they let up," first-year coach Maleta Henry said. "They tend to do that, and we are trying to overcome that. They need to know that it is OK to play to win and finish it."

Homedale is 1-6 overall and 0-2 in the SRV. The Trojans were scheduled to play in the Fruitland Tournament last Saturday.

Parma def. Homedale

In the second part of a tri-meet on the Trojans' home court Thursday, non-conference foe Parma dodged aggressive defense from Homedale for a hard-fought 25-16, 19-25, 25-21, 25-23 victory.

"Parma played much more competitively than when we played them before," Henry said, alluding to Homedale's sweep of the Panthers on Sept. 1.

Corey Hall registered nine kills, and Faith Brasher added eight kills and an ace. Sarah Cline had four blocks, while Mandy Brasher recorded five kills and three blocks.

Payette def. Homedale

Payette needed four games to beat Homedale in the Trojans' conference opener on Sept. 13.

"We should have beat the

them," Henry said. "We didn't organize ourselves well during our games.

"We are working on hitting the ball harder instead of love-tapping them over."

Faith Brasher led the Trojans with seven kills, while Hailey Hall ripped six kills. Hall and Mandy Brasher had two blocks apiece.

Adrian at Pine Eagle tournament

The Antelopes will be glad to get back to dual meet play so they can stretch their legs after a 1-3 showing in the Pine Eagle (Ore.) Tournament on Saturday.

The service game hurt Adrian's performance, according to coach Aimee Goss. The Antelopes beat Council 25-20 in pool play, but lost two other matches to Powder Valley (25-17) and Prairie City (25-17) before the tournament play began.

Kat Sillonis had three aces and 12 assists during pool play. Paige Branstiter also served well with five aces to go with six kills and three block kills. Sarah McPeak drove home eight kills and had three digs, while Ryann Bowns dished eight assists.

Adrian was eliminated in the first round of bracket play as fellow Old Oregon League member Cove sprinted home in the third game with a 25-20, 23-25, 15-6 win.

"Basically, we lost steam that last game," Goss said. "But I was pleased with (Adrian's) defense, and we attacked the ball well at key moments.

"I'm looking forward to a full match with Cove."

That will come at 5:30 p.m. on



Defensive stand

Homedale's Mandy Brasher attempts to block Parma's Rachel Leavitt as Sarah Cline, center, and Hailey Hall, right, stay ready. Brasher had three blocks in a losing effort against the Panthers. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Friday in Adrian.

Sillonis had seven assists and Bowns added 10 against Cove. Branstiter had another solid all-

around game against the Panthers, booking two aces, six kills and two block kills.

McPeak added four kills, and

Kirsten Phillips came up with three digs.

"She did great for us defensively," Goss said.

√ Rodeo

up again in the spring, probably in April.

All the usual rodeo events are contested by the club, including team roping, saddle bronc, bull riding, bareback, barrel racing and calf roping. The team also competes in goat tying and pole bending.

Martinat's team roping partner is another Homedale cowboy, senior Kalon Lord.

Other members of the club include Mikal Mackenzie and Hailee Garrett, both of whom compete in barrel racing, goat tying and pole bending, and Rye and Wade Hyer.

Martinat finished fifth in saddle bronc last year at the state rodeo in Pocatello. Uria missed the state rodeo by a few points.

"We should do pretty dang

good," Martinat said of the club's chances in District II competition this year against athletes from schools such as Bishop Kelly, Vallivue, Melba, Parma, New Plymouth, Mountain View in Meridian and Marsing. Oregon schools Jordan Valley, Vale and Ontario also belong to District II.

Uria and Martinat both expect to vie for berths in the state rodeo. They also said another Homedale cowboy with aspirations of competing at State is Wade Hyer.

The rest of the Homedale club team includes Cheyanne Andrade, Faith Brasher, Hailey Hall, Treece McClintic, Jennifer Hall, Caleb Johnson, Alysha Bahem, Danyel Barnard, Mandy Brasher, Jonnie Burns, Corey Hall, Sierra Aberasturi, Ryan Davis and Cody Gardner.

— JB

√ Huskies

five blocks from Kailee Leavitt and three kills, three assists and three aces from Emily Romero.

Marsing def. Glenns Ferry

In the final non-conference tuneup on Sept. 12, Marsing swept its host after a tough first game by a 25-23, 25-11, 25-16 count.

Breeeana Chadez had five kills, while Angela Martinez started a great week of serving with three aces and 10 points.

Nicole Gelinas added two aces, two assists and two kills.

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√ Coach

the Homedale boys basketball program before workouts begin on Veteran's Day.

"In a perfect world, he would have been here for summer camps," Hart said. "But Brad will be around for a while and have a chance to do all that stuff later."

— JB

Hill was unavailable for comment, but both Hart and Homedale principal Mike Williams said there are plans for him to meet with players in the near future.

"We're excited to have him here, and he's excited to get going," Hart said.

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