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— Brenda Richards
Owyhee Initiative workgroup member

Publication: Reid to call for action next month

Nearly a decade of work on saving a part of the Western culture could take its biggest step yet next month when the U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote on a package of public lands bills that includes the Owyhee Initiative.

"That is exciting," Owyhee

Initiative Work Group member Brenda Richards said upon hearing the news last week. "With all of the turmoil with the financial package, it was waylaid, so this is very good news because it's been a long time coming.

"The ranchers in the Initiative

package, this will keep them in business."

Richards ranches with her husband on Reynolds Creek. She is also a board member for the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association

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Environmental damage averted



Calves die when semi rolls toward river

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and regional hazardous materials crews were dispatched to southeast corner of the county Friday afternoon when a semi-trailer hauling Diamond A Ranch cattle tipped over after the shoulder crumbled on a dirt road. Thirty-seven head of cattle died.

Above: Local cowboys responded to help round up the surviving cattle after the semi rolled toward the Jarbidge River.

Right: Although a haz mat crew was on site to soak up diesel dripping from the truck's tanks, no fuel reached the nearby waterway, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Bish.

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Homedale

Council set to discuss rate hikes

The Homedale City Council will take up some standing issues during its meeting tonight.

The first meeting of October begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The council will hear a status report on the Homedale Municipal Airport. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said city Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer would deliver an update on the leveling project adjacent to the airport.

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker is scheduled to discuss the construction of a community sign with the council.

The council also will discuss water and sewer user rates again and re-visit the adoption of the International Building Code as part of the city's building ordinance.

Initiating a rate hike for water and sewer that would exceed five percent is being considered by the council. Any increase greater than five percent would require a public hearing process.

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Aman files write-in papers for Nov. 4

GOP candidates
 forum slated
 Thursday

Following through on a pledge made to supporters, Sheriff Gary Aman has filed the necessary paperwork to seek re-election as a write-in candidate.

Owyhee County Clerk office staff confirmed that Aman filed the petition last week, as originally reported by the Idaho Press-Tribune.

A group calling itself “Citizens for Gary Aman” had begun a campaign to convince the three-term sheriff to seek a fourth stint as the county’s top law enforcement man. The goal was 1,400 signatures, and volunteers were dispatched with clipboards to gather signatures.

Now that Aman has filed the appropriate paperwork, supporters will be able to write

his name in on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Aman lost the Republican primary to Owyhee Sheriff’s Deputy Daryl Crandall in May. Crandall received 981 of the 1,786 votes cast in that election.

Crandall and other GOP candidates for both county and state offices will appear at the county Republican Central Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Friday’s deadline to pre-register for the general election also is on the horizon. Anyone not registered by Friday won’t be able to sign up for the vote until Election Day at their designated polling place.

The final day for the clerk’s office to receive requests for mail-in absentee ballots is Oct. 29.

In-person absentee voting will be available at polling places until Monday, Nov. 3.



Gary Aman



Daryl Crandall

Marsing City Council meeting Utility rates, infractions to be examined tonight

The Marsing City Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7 tonight at City Hall, 425 Main St.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen will give his monthly law enforcement report. A public input session is scheduled, and citizens with an issue may introduce it at this time.

Old business revisited will include updates on the water and sewer projects and the meeting of city officials with the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission, concerning the details of the City of Marsing Impact Area.

The proposed city ordinance update — detailing the change from misdemeanor to infraction for ordinance violations — was tabled during the last meeting and will be revisited.

Superintendent of public works Danny Martin and Mayor Keith Green will both make their reports.

Holiday closures scheduled

Banks and most government offices throughout Owyhee County will be closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday.

Marsing City Hall and the offices of The Owyhee Avalanche will be open that day. Deadlines for the newspaper will remain the same.

But city offices in Homedale, Grand View, Adrian and Jordan Valley will be closed Monday as will offices for Owyhee County.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi said city workers have traded Columbus Day for the day after Thanksgiving as a day off.

Jordan Valley’s city hall is always closed on Mondays.





The corner of 95 and what?

But then again, we all make mistakes from time to time. Usually, our personal mistakes aren’t immortalized in steel and enamel, as is the street sign at the corner of Industrial Road and U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale. The sign for Industrial Road — or Industrail, depending on the spelling rules of the moment — greets those heading north.


If you have a picture of a spelling faux pas on a city or state sign, please send it along to The Avalanche, by e-mail to michaellane@cableone.net.

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Sheriff's Office roundup

Wrecks tie up roadways, injure Marsing woman

Devil arrested in Marsing

Well, perhaps not *the* devil. A call was made to the sheriff's office at 11:22 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30, concerning a man walking around outside at the labor camp in Marsing, "yelling that he is the devil," to quote the report.

Roberto Deleon, also known as Juan F. Martinez, was arrested for disturbing the peace and unlawful entry. He was transported to Murphy.

It's possible that "the devil" may face deportation.

Collision at Jump Creek and Burman injures one

A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Jump Creek Road and Burman Road on Thursday at 4:41 p.m.

A car driven by Stacey Fisher of Marsing, who lives on Burman Road, was turning left at the intersection when it was rear-ended by a Nissan pickup driven by a 16-year-old male from Wilder. The force of the impact was great enough to send Fisher's car across the intersection and partly through a log-and-wire fence.

Fisher was transported to Mercy Medical Center by Homedale Ambulance.

Pending investigation, no charges have been filed against the minor driver as of deadline on Monday.

Man arrested in connection with Owyhee burglary

Robert Lee White III, 45, was arrested by the Nampa Police Department on Wednesday on an Owyhee County warrant for burglary. The felony warrant was issued July 14 of this year.

White is a suspect in a May burglary at the RV park in Marsing, in which a stereo, microwave, and bicycle were taken.

Mine site burglarized

A report of a burglary was made on Wednesday as well, when a mine site near Silver City on War Eagle Mountain Road was broken into. The owner of the site found the door to one cabin kicked in, copper components from electric motors and switches missing, and a pile of items left behind for

whatever reason, including a beer bottle given to sheriff's deputies for possible fingerprinting.

The mine's TV antenna was stolen, and mining equipment was damaged. The case is under investigation.

Semi rolls at ION station

A Cheney Transport truck flipped onto its side in the early hours of Thursday, Oct. 2, after leaving the pavement near the ION station on highway 95. The truck had been headed toward Homedale before it left the right side of the road and flipped, coming to rest across a concrete irrigation ditch. The driver, William Bleckmann, 55, of Nampa, was not injured, but was cited for inattentive driving. The highway was closed for several hours while the truck was unloaded, righted and towed, following the 3:25 a.m. call.

Rider suffers concussion

Timothy Barnes, a former Murphy resident now living in Canyon County, was involved in a single-vehicle accident with his ATV in Silver City on Sunday. The initial call came in at 5:10 p.m., and Barnes was described as unconscious and non-responsive, "and has extreme difficulty breathing." Life Flight responded and transported Barnes, whose condition was upgraded as he regained consciousness and was able to breathe and communicate more normally.

Barnes was treated and released, having suffered a concussion. The 27-year-old male is staying at his parents' home in Murphy in the wake of the incident.

Man assaulted in Grand View, investigation open

A 40-year-old man was found with trauma to the head and cuts above the eyebrows and scrapes on his face on Sunday, near the U.S. Bank on Main Street in Grand View.

The victim of the assault was conscious and breathing, and was transported by Grand View Ambulance. The case is under investigation. No report has been filed as of deadline on Monday, nor were any other details available.



Woman injured in rear-end crash

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller prepares to check the vital signs of Marsing-area resident Stacey Fisher after she was injured in a Thursday accident at the intersection of Burman and Jump Creek roads. Burman was transported by Homedale Ambulance to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.



Homedale-bound and shut down

U.S. Highway 95 was closed for a few hours early Thursday morning after a Cheney Transport semi-trailer flipped on its side and left the pavement near the ION truck stop. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene around 3:25 a.m.

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With comp plan looming, development OK'd

P&Z approves Bella Vista final plat Wednesday

With a review of Owyhee County's comprehensive plan on the horizon next year, the board of commissioners has been busy approving residential subdivisions.

In the past two months, the board has kept the door open for four subdivisions in the Marsing-Homedale area that could add more than 30 residences to about 208 acres in agricultural zones. Meanwhile, two other residential subdivision final plats have been laid at the board's door by the county Planning and Zoning Commission. P&Z commissioners previously approved the final

plat for Sunset Meadows near Marsing, and put their stamp on the final plat for Bella Vista at a meeting last Wednesday. Bella Vista's plat calls for 16 home sites on 33.44 acres of land adjacent to the Snake River south of the Walters Ferry bridge. A letter from the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District approving the developer's fire plan is all that stands between Bella Vista

and a sanctioning hearing before the Board of Commissioners. An adjacent subdivision also being developed by Bramin-Lamblin Enterprises, LLC — Rio Vista — has not come up for a final plat hearing before the P&Z board. Sunset Meadows is a 43-acre parcel off Idaho 78 south of Marsing slated for numerous three-acre lots. The land already is zoned for residential use. Bella Vista, the developer of which was recently fined by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for a Clean Water Act violation, is located in a multi-use zone south of the Walters Ferry Bridge near the junction of Idaho highways 45 and 78. Even with all the activity and approvals handed down recently by the board of commissioners, chair Jerry Hoagland said he and his colleagues are keeping a close eye on the ultimate impact of residential growth on farmland. He said that commissioners must be assured that the proposed subdivisions are well-planned and are located "in those areas where we know there is going to be growth and keep them concentrated in those areas." "I'm a farmer-rancher by heart, and I sure hate to see a lot of good farm ground covered up with homes," Hoagland said. "But I think it's hard to draw a line just where you should place those homes and developments versus trying to protect the

agricultural." The most recent approvals have included: • **Hidden Valley Estates, Phase 4** — The commissioners during their Sept. 15 meeting approved the P&Z recommendation on the final plat for this development off Old Bruneau Highway outside Marsing. The plat calls for 19 residential lots on 37.2 acres. The proposed development is in an existing residential zone. • **River Shore Estates** — This is a Kastera Homes development located north of Homedale. The final plat calls for 28 lots of three to five acres each on a 106-acre parcel. • **Lone Hawk Estates** — This subdivision slated for the end of Lootens Lane south of Homedale has been in the works for some time, according to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn. The final plat maps out seven lots on 78.91 acres of agriculture land. • **Flying Horse Ranchettes** — The P&Z commission originally rejected Scott Grinstead's 2007 conditional use permit for this four-lot development on 24 acres in agricultural zone south of Marsing off Idaho highway 78 and Pershall Road. The board of commissioners on Sept. 8 reversed the P&Z's original decision. Grinstead had appealed to the board in a Jan. 14 hearing.

— JPB

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Dozens of cattle killed in riverside rollover

Endangered bull trout apparently unaffected

A courteous act by a truck driver turned into a near-disaster for a sensitive species of fish Friday on the Jarbidge River in southernmost Owyhee County. A semi-trailer hauling more than 100 head of cattle from Diamond A Ranch overturned when the soft shoulder a road gave way alongside the Jarbidge River. There was a fear that more

than 100 gallons of diesel fuel potentially could be dumped into the river, which provides habitat for the endangered bull trout. “That was our big concern what with the bull trout — a protected species — being in the creek,” Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Jim Bish said. Thirty-seven of the 107 weaner calves being hauled in the Twin Falls-based Wagner Transportation rig died in the accident. Bish said many of the dead calves, owned by a subsidiary of Simplot Co., were smothered and crushed after the truck tipped toward the river.

Workers acted quickly with a chop saw on a chainsaw engine to cut the trailer’s ceiling panels and get the cattle out as rapidly as possible to minimize losses. The driver of the semi had pulled to the side of the windy one-lane dirt road when another vehicle approached. The truck driver had the female driver of the oncoming car move her vehicle to a pull-out to allow the other three trucks in the cattle convoy to pass. Bish said when the truck driver returned to his rig and opened his door, the shoulder gave way and the semi-trailer almost completely

rolled into the stream. Authorities, including sheriff’s deputies from Owyhee and Elko, Nev., counties were mobilized, and hazardous materials crews from Jerome and Twin Falls were dispatched in case any diesel began to spill. Bish said no fuel spilled into the river and a minimal amount even escaped the truck’s tanks. The drip of fuel was caught in a five-gallon pail, he said. “We thought we’d lost the fuel. I didn’t see anything in the river, but it’s fast there,” Bish said. “Nothing made it to the river

that region 5 (investigators) or I could find.” Bish anticipated that crews from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality would later remove any soil contaminated by the fuel drip. The veteran county sheriff’s deputy said that 67 calves were rounded up quickly by local cowboys. The balance of the surviving cows “decided they’d had enough of riding in that truck,” according to Bish, and escaped straight out of the canyon, later to be corralled by the cowboys. — JPB and MML

Workshop to tout energy savings for businesses

A free energy efficiency seminar will be held at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant in Homedale on Oct. 16. The seminar is designed to teach business owners how to improve efficiency of their lighting, office equipment and building to save funds. The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The restaurant is located at 18 W. 1st St. N., in

Homedale. The seminar will be hosted by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, the Western Alliance for Economic Development and Idaho Power Co., and will cover low- and no-cost actions business can take to reduce its energy use. An Idaho Power representative will talk about available incentive programs and

rebates. Information about grants and loans available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development program for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects also will be provided. According to the 2008 National Small Business Association survey, 77 percent of small and mid-size business owners say rising energy prices have had a negative

effect on their business. The good news is that 18 percent of these companies have taken steps to invest in more energy-efficient equipment or upgrades. According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s EnergyStar Small Business program, small firms can save between 20 and 30 percent on their energy bills through off-the-shelf cost-effec-

tive efficiency upgrades. A continental breakfast will be provided during the Homedale workshop. There is no charge, but businesses must register by Oct. 9. To register, contact the Idaho Small Business Development Center at (800) 225-3815 or by e-mail at lorainehand@boisestate.edu.

Avalanche calendar needs a few more photos — last call for 2009

The Owyhee Avalanche is seeking a couple reader-submitted photographs to round out a collection to be used the newspaper’s 2009 calendar.

You can help capture the story of Owyhee County by providing photos of Owyhee County scenery, wildlife or historical places. The newspaper will take 12

favorites for publication in the annual calendar. Photo credits will be given. Photos must be submitted digitally and at the highest resolution

possible. The photographer’s name and phone number as well as information on the photo must be included. Photo information should include location, date taken

and subject matter. E-mail photos to owyheeavalanche@cableone.net. For more information on the calendar project, call 337-4681.

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✓ Initiative: Senator commends stakeholders for resilience during process

that has been in the fight for the Initiative from its infancy earlier in the decade. Lindsay Nothorn, a spokesman for Initiative legislative sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), confirmed that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was ready to put an omnibus package of nearly 100 bills on the Senate floor for a vote around Nov. 17 during a lame-duck session. An article on the Web site of Washington, D.C., environmental and energy publication E&E Daily reported Reid had made the announcement Wednesday during a break in the voting on the financial rescue package. In the same article, Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) renewed his vow to fight the public lands legislation based on the expenditures in the bills and the lack of natural resource exploration language. Crapo, the sponsor of the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act, said the basis of Coburn’s objection in regards to the Initiative has been blunted by language directing that spending comes out of existing appropriations. “He still is objecting to the lands bill in general,” Crapo said in a Wednesday interview with The Owyhee Avalanche. “He believes a lot of these lands bills

should be made open for public drilling for oil.” Crapo said the money for rancher compensation will be from private funds as stipulated by the Democratic leadership of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. But he cautioned that the millions of dollars haven’t been secured primarily because of the progress of the legislation. “There is a bit of a cart and horse issue there because a lot of the contributions that we expect to come in (contributors) want to see a bill first, and so we are priming the pump and making some significant progress in getting a lot of interest in support,” Crapo said. “But I’m not going to declare victory on that until we’re already there, and we do have a solid commitment from all of the work group to do the same.” Crapo contacted the Avalanche before Reid’s announcement later that day. The junior senator from Idaho commended the proponents of the Initiative on their resilience. “As a matter of fact, I am very pleasantly surprised that the coalition has held together as solidly as it has,” he said. “And when issues have come up, they have hunkered down, gotten

together and worked them out. “Certainly there’s always an opportunity for attacks to be made on legislation as long as it is still in the legislative channels. But we’ve been very fortunate that in this case those have been unsuccessful and have not been significant challenges.” Crapo also acknowledged the air of anxiety carried by stakeholders in the Initiative, which would set aside 517,000 acres in Owyhee County as wilderness and designate hundreds of miles of river as Wild and Scenic. “We’ve all been feeling and experiencing the frustration of not being able to move this more quickly,” the senator said. “But, recall, a lot of the time that has been taken to get it to the point that it’s at was taken in working with the interest groups and the working group that we have in Idaho to work through our issues there rather than sending it to Congress to try to work them through here, because I still firmly believe that if we had brought a bill here that had not been vetted that it’s chances of making it past the committee like it has would have been extremely remote.” Before Reid’s announcement, Crapo seemed resigned to taking up the bill again in January when

the new congressional session begins. The senator based his pessimism on the fact that Coburn had promised a filibuster, and such a procedural move takes as many as 10 days to defeat. If the public lands package of which the Initiative passes the Senate, it must still make it through the House of Representatives before heading for the president’s desk for signature into law. While not betting on the bill getting to President Bush’s desk before the end of his term, Crapo said action could be swift. “We’ve worked this bill through now, and the work group is comfortable with it, the Senate Democratic leadership is comfortable with it, the Senate Republican leadership is comfortable with it and the interest groups who are involved are comfortable with it,” Crapo said, “so my expectation is that we are prepared now to go forward as soon as the procedural opportunities in the Senate open up.” Even if the entire process isn’t achieved in this session, Crapo said things could move fast once the 111th Congress convenes in January. “... We would expect our package to be taken up very quickly next Congress,” Crapo

said. “All of the bills in this package have been thoroughly vetted. “There is a strong desire among many senators to get this package moving, and it would be a top priority for the next session.” Another tactic employed by Coburn was tying the issue of guns on National Parks lands into the Initiative and any other public lands bill. Crapo has continued his administrative efforts to get the Department of Interior to change a 20-year-old rule requiring weapons to be stored when being transported through parks lands, and now — with the blessing of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee chair Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) — Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) has introduced stand-alone legislation to repeal the long-standing rule. “Sen. Coburn was not happy with that decision, and he would still like to try to hook the firearms issue to the lands bill,” Crapo said. “At this point, it has not been hooked to the lands bill like it was the last time around. “I think that being aware of Sen. Coburn’s intentions, I expect the Democratic leadership will not allow it to be connected this time, so he won’t have that angle.” — JPB

Church plans anniversary celebration

Homedale’s First Presbyterian Church will celebrate its golden anniversary Sunday by revisiting its past.

The church was formed in a time when teenagers sat in the parking lot and listened to the latest Elvis Presley songs. Adult members of the church were known to wake up their pastor at 2 a.m. after a Grange Hall dance and demand that he fix them breakfast.

On Sunday, the church’s members will recapture some of that celebratory spirit with a ’50s party.

After a commemorative worship service, people will gather in the Fellowship Hall and share food from long-standing church recipes.

Afterward, a church press release said, bobby sox and poodle skirts will be the order of the day for the party.

Lights on Afterschool festival set

Marsing residents are invited to take part in the Lights on Afterschool Harvest Festival, which takes place Thursday, Oct. 16.

According to a flyer, Marsing Academies has extended the invitation through a program that is facilitated by the 4-H afterschool program.

The Harvest Party will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Marsing Elementary School and the Marsing Community Garden, both of which are located on 8th Avenue West.

Scheduled free activities for the children will include a green tomato toss, a salsa-making station, compost creepy crawlies, tours of the new Native Garden in the community garden as well as the butterfly garden and seed saving.

The festival is part of several thousand Lights on Afterschool celebrations scheduled across the nation on Oct. 16.

For more information on Marsing’s Lights on Afterschool celebration, contact Ken Price at 896-4111, ext. 425 or visit afterschoolalliance.org.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Oct. 8: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Oct. 9: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.

Oct. 10: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 13: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 14: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 15: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Homedale Middle

Oct. 8: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 9: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 10: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 13: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 14: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Oct. 15: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

Oct. 8: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 9: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Oct. 10: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 13: Pizza or chicken bacon melt, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Oct. 14: Beef nuggets or chicken strips, potatoes/gravy, roll. fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 15: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Oct. 8: Tacos, rice, Red Baron pizza, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Oct. 9: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, corn, roll, beef nuggets, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 10: Hot dog, chips, veggie, sub sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 13: Desserts, tacos, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 14: Texas fries, desserts, chicken burger, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 15: Corn dog, veggie, chocolate pudding, egg roll, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

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Oct. 8: Turkey & noodles, tossed salad, roll/butter, cherry cobbler, milk.

Oct. 9: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Oct. 10: Chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, veggie, roll/butter, pineapple cake, milk.

Oct. 13: Chicken crispito, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit cup, milk.

Oct. 14: Sloppy Joes, salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

Oct. 15: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Obituary

Edwin P. Lowder

Edwin P. Lowder (Ted), 97, of Homedale passed away September 30, 2008 at home of natural causes. Viewing was at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008 from 5:00-8:00 PM, and 12:30-1:30 PM on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Homedale. Funeral Services were held on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008 at 1:30PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Homedale. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.

He was born October 19, 1910 in Francis, Utah, the 10th of 12 children born to Benjamin Franklin and Clara Pace Lowder. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to Delco, ID. He married Beulah Mae Vibbert on November 10, 1934 in Rupert, Idaho. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Beulah passed away in November 1960. Ted married LaVern Littlefield Sly on July 15, 1965 in the Manti Temple.

He is survived by his wife, LaVern Lowder of Homedale, ID, four daughters: Dixie Smith of Draper, UT, Lynda & Dick Freund of Murphy, ID, Jeanne & Dave Nelson of Kemmerer, Wyoming, Ruthann & Kevin Ensley of Homedale, ID, one son, Ed & Christy Lowder of Marsing, ID, five stepdaughters:



Beth & Neil Miller, Betty & Lloyd Gurney, Pat & Don Parry, Jackie & Delwyn Ethington and Bonnie & Mike Taylor, 23 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Edwin Lowder and one son-in-law, Lowell R. Smith.

As a young man Ted worked in the mines in Park City, UT and then Geneva Steel in Orem, UT. In 1952 he bought a farm west of Homedale where he farmed and milked cows until he retired. He was an active member of the LDS Church and served as a Temple Worker at the Boise Temple for 12 years. He loved to go camping and fishing with his family and friends.

Death notices

CHERYL LYNN HARPER, 36, an Adrian High School graduate, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in a Moscow hospital. The date of a memorial service in Eugene, Ore., will be announced. Arrangements are through Short’s Funeral Chapel, Moscow.

CONNIE J. MCCORMICK, 68, of Marsing, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at home of natural causes. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale

CAROLYN A. NIELSEN, 96, Marsing, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at the Filer LDS 1st Ward Chapel after a viewing. Interment occurred at Filer Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel, Meridian.

SAMUEL H. PARVIN, 92, of Wilder, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2008, at a retirement home in Winlock, Wash. A funeral was held Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at the Notus First Baptist Church and interment followed at the Wilder Cemetery. Dakan Funeral Chapel handled arrangements.

MICHELLE MARIE PUENTE, 40, a Caldwell resident who attended First Presbyterian Church in Homedale and whose mother lives in Marsing, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at her home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.



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Your finances

Some debt-free folks face higher insurance rates

Dear Dave,

I just received notice that my homeowners insurance is about to increase \$200 because my FICO score dropped. I recently became debt-free, so I know this score will continue to drop. I'm very confused and angry about this. What should I do?

— Shelly

Dear Shelly,

I don't blame you for being mad. This is an absurd thing that's happening in the insurance industry.

The majority of low FICO scores are because the people attached to them don't pay their bills or don't pay them on time. But people who don't have any debt — like you and me — have to pay the price because according to their rules no debt equals a low credit score.

I would tell them that an increase in my premium of \$200 is a strong indicator that I'm going to find another insurance company — AND that they can go jump in the lake! I think I'd also get in touch with an independent insurance broker, and let them try to make a market for you.

Do everything you can, Shelly, to keep from giving your business to a company like this!

— Dave

Dear Dave,


My boyfriend has a lot of debt. The other day a creditor called, and he wouldn't answer the phone. Then, he told me it would be easier for him to pay off his debts if we were married because I could act as his accountability partner. I don't want to be the money cop, and I wonder if he would truly be more motivated. What do you think?

— Janine

Dear Janine,

Someone who isn't making any headway in getting out of debt while they're single probably isn't going to do a complete turnaround just because they get married. I mean, you can act as his accountability partner if you want, but you don't have to get married to help him out that way. In fact, dating is probably a better way to do this because you can determine whether he's really changing or if he's just trying to get you on board to help him pay his bills!

Don't misunderstand, Janine. Debt, in itself, doesn't keep someone from being marriage material. But you're definitely not marriage material if you don't work, you're irresponsible, you haven't taken control of your life,



have no character or can't manage your own behaviors. These kinds of people are going to stay in debt and not be able to pay their bills for the rest of their lives. And if you marry someone like this, they'll drag you around and through all that mess, too!

I'd say date this guy a little longer, just to see if he's serious about changing. But don't get engaged yet, and don't pay one penny of his bills for him!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

How much will you allow people to borrow to go to college? I can't afford the cost of higher education without borrowing the money.

— John

Dear John,

Let me tell you something. There are a lot of good universities out there that charge about \$5,000 per semester for in-state tuition. That's less than \$1,000 a month, and you can make that kind of money with a good part-time job.

If you want to stay in a dorm or eat on the meal plan, it will cost more, but there are tons of scholarships and financial aid packages out there, as well.

Just don't have filet mignon taste when you've got a hamburger wallet!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Calendar

Today

AARP Driving Safety Program
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 or (208) 337-4647

Marsing High School Homecoming
6 p.m., various sports and spirit activities, Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West

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

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

AARP Driving Safety Program
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 or (208) 337-4647

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

County Republican candidate night
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

Adrian school board meeting
7 p.m., Adrian School Library

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
8 p.m., fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

Homedale Public Library story time
10 a.m., “Bear Wants More!”, free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Marsing High School Homecoming
6:30 p.m., royalty crowned; 7 p.m., football vs. Cole Valley Christian, Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West

Saturday

Homedale High School Drama Club plays
7 p.m., The Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf and the Nose Tree, \$3, Homedale High School, Homedale.

Sunday

Silver City Lodge No. 13 scholarship breakfast
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$5 per person, Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, Homedale

Parenting class
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

Monday

County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381

State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Homedale Fire District public hearing
12:30 p.m., fees increase, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Tuesday, October 14

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

“Every Child Ready to Read” program
6 p.m., ages 6 and younger, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Marsing school board meeting
8 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave. W.

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday, October 15

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812

DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday, October 16

Business energy efficiency seminar
8 a.m., free, register by Oct. 9 at lorainehand@boisestate.edu or (800) 225-3815, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. N., Homedale

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Lights on Afterschool Harvest Party
3:30 p.m., Marsing Elementary School and Marsing Community Garden, 8th Avenue West. (208) 896-4111, ext. 425

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday, October 17

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday, October 18

NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick
2 p.m., Sectional competition, Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West. (208) 880-1099

Sunday, October 19

Parenting class
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

For more information on submitting items for inclusion in the Calendar, call (208) 337-4681 or e-mail jbrowneditor@cablone.net.

Hyer gunning for nationals

5-time All-American shooter Hyer hopes to make it six

Stephenie Hyer is gunning for national placement. Literally.

Hyer, assistant vice president and branch manager at the Karcher branch of the DL Evans Bank in Nampa, will be competing at the national championships for sporting clays at the end of this month.

It won't be her first time there. She's taken national titles during her shooting career, and is a member of the highest classification within the sport: a Master-rank shooter.

The sport

For those who have never shot sporting clays, the sport is close to being trap shooting on lots of sugar and caffeine.

Its design is intended to replicate the difficult shots of hunting, so that the clays are thrown in a variety of directions — away from the shooter, toward the shooter and across the shooter's line of sight — and they are thrown in simultaneous pairs in the upper ranks of the sport. Competitors additionally shoot from multiple stations. Trap shooting, on the other hand, is a single clay thrown on a fixed trajectory, with shooters firing from a single station.

If it sounds like sporting clays are harder to hit, it's because they are.

Some trap shooters have hit rates near or at 100 percent. A near-perfect day for a sporting class master would be something near 95 percent, with perfect shoots coming maybe just five times across an entire season, scattered among the top shooters.

Retirement ... retired

The competitive end of sporting clays is overseen by the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA). The organization shoots at a variety of levels: fun shoots, state competitions, zone contests (Idaho is a member of the 13-state Western Zone), the U.S. Open, nationals and at the very top, a world competition held yearly.

All-American teams are chosen from the top 30 finishers in points each year. Hyer has been All-American five times since the start of her serious competition shooting career in 2002, and was ladies third at Nationals last year.

So she's the person to beat?

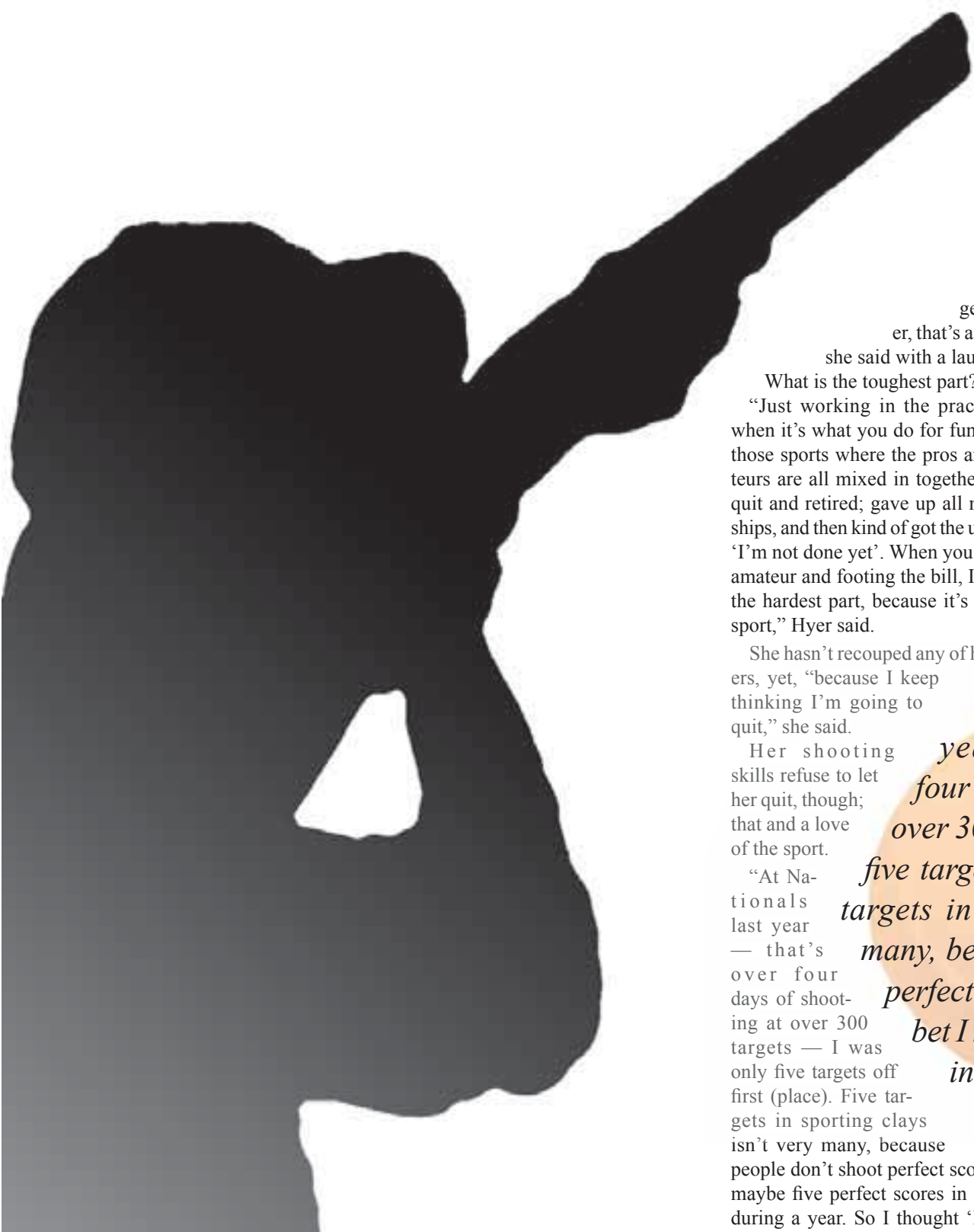
"Kind of ... getting there, I suppose. Man, I'm getting old,

five more targets in me somewhere'," Hyer said.

She has changed her approach to the sport this year, balancing work and amateur status.

"Usually I travel to a major competition about every month starting in April, and this year I went to the U.S. Open in June, and since then I haven't traveled to a major competition," she explained.

Her next event will be the Mid-South Continental Ducks Unlimited shoot In Tunica, Miss., on Friday. After Tunica, she, and 1,300 other shooters, will head to Nationals in San Antonio on Oct. 29.



it's getting tougher, that's all I can say," she said with a laugh.

What is the toughest part?

"Just working in the practice (time), when it's what you do for fun. It's one of those sports where the pros and the amateurs are all mixed in together. I actually quit and retired; gave up all my sponsorships, and then kind of got the urge and said 'I'm not done yet'. When you're really an amateur and footing the bill, I think that's the hardest part, because it's not a cheap sport," Hyer said.

She hasn't recouped any of her advertisers, yet, "because I keep thinking I'm going to quit," she said.

Her shooting skills refuse to let her quit, though; that and a love of the sport.

"At Nationals last year — that's over four days of shooting at over 300 targets — I was only five targets off first (place). Five targets in sporting clays isn't very many, because people don't shoot perfect scores ... So I thought 'I bet I have five more targets in me somewhere'."

Equipment matters

The gun a shooter chooses to make things break is as important as any golfer's club, or driver's car. Hyer shoots a Browning,

She's a natural shooter, learning from her family for the most part, rather than from professional trainers.

"I went and took a lesson in Dallas, and have used the time (not spent traveling to compete) to practice, because before I just competed. There was just no way to compete and practice, so I thought maybe practice would help," she said with a laugh.

Hyer doesn't need much, if any, help in the how-tos of shooting. Her lesson was focused on the psychological side of the sport.

"We really worked on the mental game. He tweaked a couple of little things and gave suggestions, but really we worked on the mental game and how you stay mentally focused on it, because that's the difference. You can't help the dumb mistakes. Everybody has those mistakes where you simply don't read a target right, but then you have moments when you break a pair and then miss a pair, and you wonder 'Where does that come from?'"

"Technically there isn't much of anything that I can't break, so it's just mentally staying in it," Hyer said.

Setter, and brother George, provided impetus

and will go the extra mile to keep shooting her faithful shotgun.

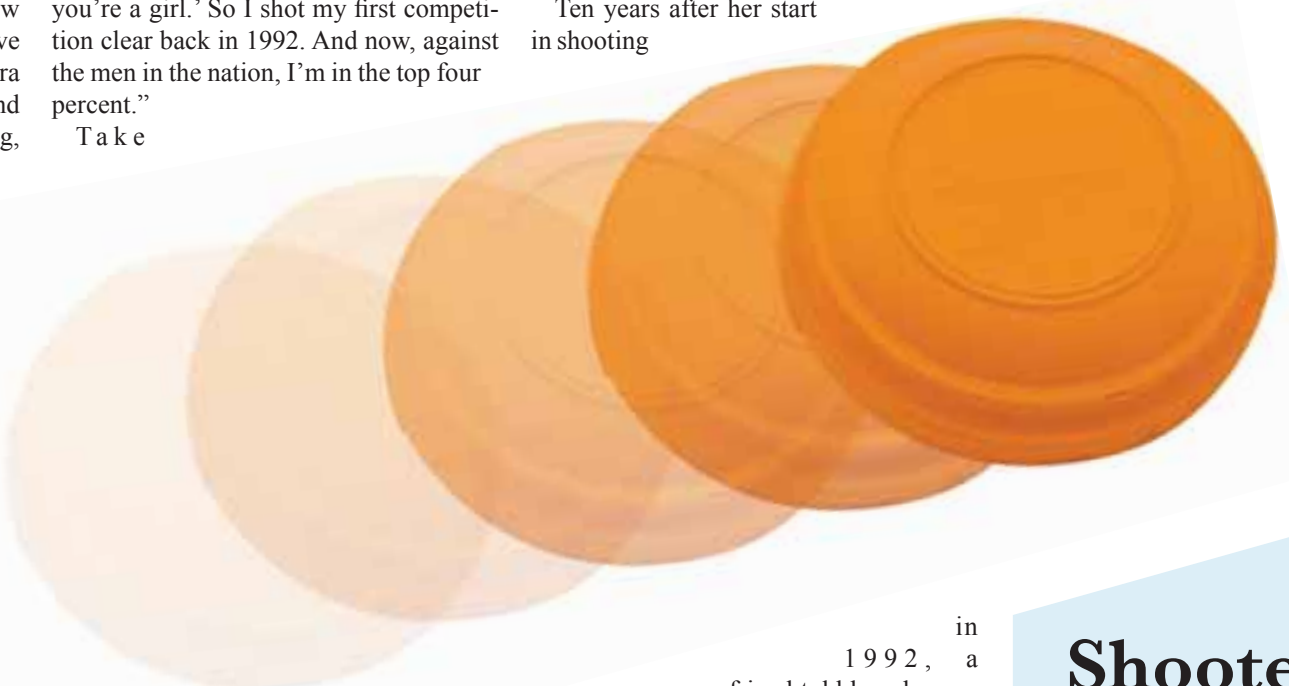
“I actually broke my Browning at the U.S. Open this year — I shot it out and Browning said ‘You need to go get a new one’, but I had my old one rebuilt — I love it, it’s my baby. I shoot a Browning Ultra .12-Ga over-under. I thought ‘I can spend the time I was going to spend practicing, trying to get comfortable with a new gun, or I can spend

of 50, and — he’s kind of a character — he punched me in the arm and said ‘You know, you might be a decent shot some day, but you’ll never be a real good shot because you’re a girl.’ So I shot my first competition clear back in 1992. And now, against the men in the nation, I’m in the top four percent.”

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really just such a friendly group. Sporting clays is very social. It’s not quiet like trap or skeet. You gab all the way around; it’s pretty much golf with a gun.”

Ten years after her start in shooting



George.

it getting really solid with the gun which I know.”

She’s had the Browning for years — since about 2002 — but shot for Verona in the middle of the period and set the gun aside for the sponsor’s product during that time. She’s been back with her beloved gun for two years now, though it had begun to show the wear and tear of competition.

“I truly shot it out. It needed to be rebuilt. You know we have one of the best gunsmiths in the world in Homedale? Roger Eubanks. He’s fabulous. Absolutely awesome,” Hyer said.

Eubanks replaced and retooled the bolt in the Browning, Hyer said. The over-under, on pulling the trigger to fire the second barrel, would break open on the shot.

“It’s a little disturbing to have your shotgun fall open ... when you finish a shot, it should not be laying open in your hands.”

The Browning company assured her it couldn’t hurt her — they advised she just shoot the bottom barrel and then the top barrel to finish out the competition. She managed to take ladies runner-up at the U.S. Open (the second-largest shoot in the world) doing just that.

“Somehow, I managed to focus for about an hour and a half — but that was about it for me,” she said. “I just really wasn’t convinced it couldn’t hurt me.” That sort of distraction would be enough to put most shooters out of a competition. Hyer took ladies’ runner-up despite a shotgun that refused to stay closed.

Early years

Hyer grew up on a farm, with brothers who all hunted, and got into competition thanks to her dog and her brother’s teasing.

“I just kind of followed them (her brothers) around. I got an English Setter puppy and began to hunt just because she was so well-bred,” Hyer said. “So we did hunting competitions. Then my brother George opened the hunting club, and a few years later he opened a sporting clays club. The first time I went out and shot I broke 17 out

Competing in the highest level Those shooting in sporting clays start at E class, rise to AA, and a few make the jump to master. Stephenie Hyer is a master-class shooter.

This makes competition tougher, obviously. She competes with the best of the best.

“National shoots are really tough. You’re up against the competition pros, the master class members who you see all the time. At the national level, you see the same faces, but they’re all over the nation, so it’s kind of fun,” she said.

“That’s half the fun of traveling; you have friends from all over the country.”

Does the sport manage to pay for itself?

“You can win money, but there’s very few besides the pros who do,” Hyer said. “They make their living with what they win and giving lessons. I’m a branch manager banker, so it’s what I do for fun. There’s shoots where you get a good check and shoots where you don’t get much of anything.”

She used to bring home more prize money, but things changed when she rose to master-class. “I made a lot of money in double-A, but now it’s really tough. Once you go up through those ranks, it’s a new level of incompetence every time you punch up a rank.”

Hyer was content to finish her career in double-A, but two years ago at Nationals she won, and had the 13th-highest score overall, and decided there was no reason not to punch up to Masters.

“As soon as I set my mind to it, it took me two more shoots,” she said. What attracts her to shooting? “It’s outdoors, and I love being outdoors. I love breaking things. It’s the bonus of clays — you get to see things disappear in the air. And I just love the people, it’s

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in 1992, a friend told her she was good enough to go All-American.

That turned out to be an excellent assessment, and by 2002 Hyer was traveling and shooting professionally.

This year, having taken the summer off from competition, her standings points-wise for the All-American team aren’t what they could be.

“I don’t even look at them,” she admits. But with the two upcoming shoots, she has a chance to put a lot of points on the board and try to get on one of the three All-American 10-member teams for a sixth time, though with her limited shooting schedule this year she’s unsure if she can make the first team.

Last year, she tried to attend the five mandatory shoots to qualify for Team USA, which competes internationally, but a job switch forced her to miss the final event.

“I have no doubt that if I’d made all the selected shoots I’d have made Team USA ... is that awful to say?” she asked. She has no regrets over having to miss the last shoot, though, because, in the end, “the job pays for the shooting. That’s the way it goes.” Hyer does get out and hunt. Birds beware.

“Pheasants seem really slow and big,” she said. “I love to dove hunt, they’re really fast. And get out with my seven nephews for ducks.”

Her favorite practice spots are 7U Hunting Ranch and Sporting Clays in Vale, Ore., Idaho Sporting Clays in Homedale, and the multiple traps she has set up in her back yard, where she often practices.

In addition to shooting for fun and competition, Hyer is more than willing to give new shooters the benefit of her experience.

“Anyone under 18, or any lady that wants to learn how, I offer free lessons, because I truly feel like the future of hunting and shooting sports is our youth and our non-traditional shooters,” she said.

You can call Stephenie (208) 880-6655 and take her up on it.

— MML

Shooters’ resources

Stephenie Hyer

World-class shooter and willing to extend free instruction to shooters under 18 and any ladies looking to learn about sporting clays. Those interested may give Hyer a call at (208) 880-6655.

Roger Eubanks

Homedale gunsmith extraordinaire. Eubanks is located at 3686 River Rd. and specializes in ventilated ribs, shotgun barrels, bore and choke. If your sporting clays aren’t breaking the way they should, Eubanks might be able to help. (208) 337-4212

Idaho Sporting Clays

Offering sporting clays and bird shoots, Idaho Sporting Clays just outside Homedale gives local shooters a spot to polish the skills they need for clays or hunting. The course is located at 5040 Sage Rd. (208) 337-4826.

7U Hunting Ranch and Sporting Clays

7U offers both sporting clays and birds as well. Located 1.5 miles from Vale, Oregon on Graham Blvd. Turn right on Birch Road and travel 1.25 miles to #3982. The club is open 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the winter, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in summer. (541) 473-2328.

National Sporting Clays Association

Founded in March of 1989 and headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, the National Sporting Clays Association is a non-profit organization owned and operated by its members. Currently more than 600 NSCA clubs exist, with NSCA representation in all 50 states and 10 foreign countries. Annual membership is \$40 for a Regular membership (includes Sporting Clays magazine). <http://www.mynsca.com>.

Steven Burch cleared of assault charges

Steven Rodney Burch walked out of Murphy a free man after his trial last week. Burch was cleared of two counts of aggravated assault stemming from an incident this spring.

Burch was arrested Friday, March 7, after he allegedly pointed a gun at one of his ex-wife's friends. No injuries were reported in the incident.

"The scariest part was what this would do to my chances for employment," Burch said of the affair.

Prior to being found not guilty, the specter of the charges hanging over him had cost him on two employment applications, he said.

The jury deliberated about one hour and fifty minutes then returned a not guilty verdict.

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Kidnap trial of Homedale man ends in hung jury

Roy L. Lyons, 41, of Homedale faced trial this week for on attempted kidnapping in the first-degree charges, stemming from an arrest following the August 5 attempted kidnapping of a Michigan woman in Idaho County near White Bird Hill.


Lyons, a former resident of Stites, was tried in Second District Court in Grangeville. The jury was unable to agree on a verdict after six hours of deliberation on Friday, and a mistrial was the result.

Bob Cooper, director of constituent affairs for the Idaho Attorney General's office, was unable to say just what the future held for the case, nor did he expect a decision on what would come next for more than a week.

Lyons was accused of attempting to kidnap the 22-year-old while she was cycling in the area. Deputy Attorney General Chris Topmiller acted as prosecutor in the case, and prosecuted Lyons for kidnapping in the first degree, with intent of forcible rape and/or oral sex.

This is not Lyon's first brush with a felony. He was convicted in December of 1989 of lewd conduct with a minor under 16 in Idaho County and has been a registered sex offender since that time. He also has a conviction for felony theft dating from 1996 in Granite County, Montana.

The charge makes him eligible for an extended sentence under the three-strikes rule, should he be convicted in any retrial.



Roy Lyons

Homedale Police deal with slasher, stalker

Two reports of cars with the tires slashed were made on Friday, Sept. 26 in Homedale, both on the same block of Idaho Avenue. The first report was made at 10:37 a.m., and the second a few minutes later at 10:58.

In the end, five vehicles on the block were discovered to have had tires slashed. The incident is under investigation, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, Homedale police officers arrested Dean Thiele in Homedale on a charge of second-degree stalking and phone harassment, after receiving a call from a woman who was the target of his alleged attentions just after midnight.

"He wouldn't leave his ex-girlfriend alone. He was told by police to leave her alone, he was cited for it, and he kept it up," Eidemiller said.

"He even continued to call on the jail phone after being booked."

The harassment had been going on for about a week and a half, the chief said.


As of Saturday, Oct. 4, the Homedale police had received yet another complaint of harassing phone calls involving Thiele.

The call was logged at 6:05 p.m.


Bronson guilty of grand theft; four sentenced for DUI

Matthew Edward Bronson of Melba, 20, has been sentenced after being found guilty on felony charges of theft (by receiving or possessing stolen property) and grand theft.

District Judge Thomas J. Ryan sentenced Bronson on Sept. 30 in a Murphy courtroom. Bronson, arrested in December 2006, was sentenced to two years deter-



Matthew Bronson




Garcia Sandoval

minate, four indeterminate on the receiving stolen property charge, and four years determinate and four indeterminate on the grand theft charge.

Convicted April 15, Bronson also has been ordered to pay \$3,046.72 in restitution and court costs of \$445.


The courts this week fined and suspended the driving privileges



Victor Rivera

of four local men, as well.

- Jaime Guerrero, 22, of Glenns Ferry, cited in April, was fined \$427.50 and must pay court costs of \$72.50, as well as serve
- Evaristo Garcia-Sadoval, 42, of Grand View, pulled over in August, lost his license for six months, will be on probation for a year, has been ordered into a treat-



Jay Jenkins

ment program and was fined \$600.

- Victor Manuel Rivera of Melba was cited July 14. He lost his license for 180 days, will face a year of probation and owes court fees and fines totaling \$644.
- Jay David Jenkins of Grand View was cited in May. His license has been suspended for six months; he will also be on probation for a year, and faces \$500 in fines and court costs.


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Jordan seeks write-ins for vacant council slots

Council to define vacation rates for water/sewer, launches logo contest

Three City Council positions remain open for the Nov. 4 election in Jordan Valley. With no petitioners for council seats one, three and five, the city asks voters to consider a write-in vote for these three positions, which will become vacant on Jan. 1. The current members holding the positions are Jerry White (seat one) and Kathy Madariaga (seat three), who are not seeking re-election. Seat five is currently vacant.

Seated councilors June Lundy (position two) and Mel Wainman (position four) will be in office until January of 2011. Seat six remains vacant until then.

Council to meet Oct. 14

The Jordan Valley City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the Jordan Valley City Hall.

In addition to the usual agenda items, new business includes an address by Mike Blackaby of Blackaby Insurance on the city insurance policy in the upcoming year, a proposed water tie-in at Basque Station and resolution No. 304 on the city's US Bank Internet banking policy, determining if the city will conduct its banking online.

Blackaby Insurance provides a commercial package policy that

covers Jordan Valley's property, auto and general liability needs. Blackaby will be answering questions and discussing the policy at the meeting.

The water tie-in at the Basque Station Motel is intended to attach the fire-suppression sprinkler system to the motel. When the sidewalks were constructed in 2005, the connection to the system was overlooked, and now the city will have to tear up the sidewalk in order to connect the system, city recorder and treasurer Adele Payden said.

Old business revisited includes discussion of the water/sewer issues regarding rates for RV hookups, properties with unplumbed buildings and vacation rates for homes not in use. The draft version of resolution 303 defines vacation rate as "no amount of water or sewer use whatsoever" and will apply only after a resident calls City Hall and has service shut off. Non-use alone is not enough to qualify for the rate; the city must be informed and the service shut off, or the residence will be billed on the full monthly rate.

Air-conditioning and heating for the City Hall building and its second floor, occupied by the Ambulance Association, will be discussed.

"We are going to split the cost of installing A/C and heating," Payden reported in an e-mail response to The Avalanche. "That way we each have our own zoned, thermostatically controlled rooms. We will then split the electrical cost."

After payment of bills, there will be a 10-minute public comment session.

The city is applying for a Special City Allotment, an Oregon Department of Transportation program that was established in 1947 by the state Legislature. The program assists small cities in repairing or reconstructing city streets. One million dollars is available for the program statewide, with a maximum of \$25,000 available to individual cities.

In order to qualify for this funding, the city must have a population no greater than 5,000 and must have completed all previous SCA projects that they applied for.

"We submit an application every year," Payden said. "We usually are approved every other year. We submitted our 2009 proposal, which was signed at the meeting, and we must do it by resolution. So, if approved, we will include it in our next fiscal year's budgeting."

Mayoral race:
Roe V. Forsythe
Jake Roe, who has served

two terms as Jordan Valley's mayor, will be facing off against Heather Forsythe for the job in November.

Roe, who currently works as a mechanic with Kinross Delamar Mining, was a mechanic for many years at the Texaco Station (now Jim's Shell) in Jordan Valley.

Forsythe is postmaster for Jordan Valley. She moved from Boardman, Ore., to take the temporary position of postmaster, initially, and was later hired for the full-time post.

Logo contest seeks entries

The City of Jordan Valley is hosting a contest to find a new logo for the city.

Logos can be submitted to City Hall, any teacher or school office, and the deadline for submissions is Oct. 31. Prizes will be awarded.

3. Entries may be designated as a class project, adult/child entry, adult entry, or child entry. Any combination of adult/child/family/friend project is acceptable.

4. More than one entry will be accepted.

5. The winner of the contest must give the City permission to use the Logo on all correspondence.

The logo must encompass the submitter's interpretation of the "spirit of Jordan Valley."

The City Council, mayor and chosen community members will judge the entries. The city recorder will label each with a number, so none of the judges will know who the entrants are. Judges will be excused, if the recorder finds that there may be a conflict of interest with any of the entries. Judges may also excuse themselves from judging because of conflict of interest.

The city suggests those looking for ideas visit the city Web site, www.cityofjordanvalley.com, to look at the banners displayed there, or examine other Web sites to spark ideas. Officials request that submissions do not copy or include portions of existing logos — only original work will be accepted.

— MML

PA: New charges in mine case are possible

Larry Bates, accused in the destruction of the Dewey mine buildings this summer, saw the case dismissed for lack of probable cause during his preliminary hearing in magistrate court on Sept. 29.

Bates faced grand theft charges in the destruction of buildings, which were cut up for firewood.

But, despite the dismissal, Bates may face further legal action, county Prosecutor Matthew Faulks said Monday.

"The case against Larry Bates is still active," he said. "There is a legal issue and an evidence issue to be addressed. I anticipate further charges, so comment on the facts of this case is not appropriate at this time."

Bates, arrested for the destruction in July, went missing early in the investigation of the affair, turning himself in after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

OWC changes meeting day

The Owyhee Watershed Council has scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

The meeting takes place at the University of Idaho's Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Michaelann Seiders of the OWC points out that this gathering represents a change from the council's regular meeting schedule. The group usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

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ATV group lends hand with mile markers on SC road

After a request for some hands to help in placing new mile-markers on the Silver City road, Bill Jones and five other volunteers from the Idaho ATV Association got together and did so.

Jones said Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman contacted him about the project.

“Obviously, the ATV group donating the labor to build and place the signs is a huge savings to the County,” Aman said. “This also shows the working relationship that we enjoy.”

The members met Wednesday morning at the Owyhee County Highway Shops, where they rounded up the signage numbers and posts.

They then made their way up the route, placing the signs every mile along the hill. The job was completed at 3:30 p.m., according to Jones.



Volunteers from the Idaho ATV Association add a mile marker on the Silver City Road. Submitted photo

Volunteers included Jones, Ron Strolberg, Russ Newcomb, Scott Dickson, Pete Collins, and Jim Maxey.

Aman said the mile posts will help emergency responders and the county road crew. From the emergency services standpoint, the markers give reference points to

use when calling 911.

“The people that are recreating most of the time do not know the names of any landmarks, and a mile post marking system was determined the way to go,” Aman said. “We started with the Silver City road and will expand as time and money works out.”

Three Creek

By Lola Blossom

Three Creek school is going full blast with fun-loving Marylin Boss again at the helm. It’s her sixth year as teacher. There are three new pupils whose parents are Dustin and Crystal Merrell of Summer Camp Ranch. Their twin boys are Isaiah and Triston, and they are in the fifth grade. Their sister Lylla is in the first grade, Kodee Severe from Devil Creek is in the second grade.

Historians have been busy. Les Sweeney and Bob Ramsey, both retired Bureau of Land Management men, with the help of Bethene Brewer, collected enough information and pictures of black cowboy Henry Harris (1867-1937) to get him inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame. The induction was held at Winnemucca, Nev., on Aug. 30, 2008. A nice booklet was printed of the well-respected buckaroo.

Bob Ramsey spent an interesting summer employed by the State of Idaho helping control grasshoppers and crickets. He got to see a lot of Idaho and enjoyed his job.

Philip Homan is gathering all kinds of information on Idaho’s famous horse queen, Kitty Wilkins. He has gotten grants from the states of Nevada, Colorado and Idaho to help in his search. He and his mom, Wilma Jewett Homan, stayed in the Brown Palace Hotel where Kitty stayed while selling horses in Denver. They also took in the college she attended in San Jose,

Calif. My latest excursion was going to Boise with Philip and his mother and staying all night. We seen Kitty’s home in Glenns Ferry and her gravestone in Mountain Home.

We visited Bill and Judy McBride and Pat Adams Davis at Little Valley for more information.

The McBrides’ home sets on a hill, and I was so enchanted by all the different kinds of trees they have planted around their house.

Shirlee Ann Hawes Coiner passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at a Twin Falls care center. She was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Bruneau, the daughter of Roland and Marjorie Riddle Hawes. She wrote a booklet of her wonderful memories of the Three Creek country when her dad owned the old Crandall Dunn home ranch on Flat Creek.

She married George Coiner on April 9, 1950, at the St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. They farmed near Hansen for nearly 60 years. She is survived by her children Tim (Kate) Coiner of Twin Falls, Walt (Holly) Coiner of Hansen, Katrina (Steve) Bradbury of Boise and George (Mo) Coiner of Bellevue, Wash., her brother Larry (Colleen) Hawes of Bellevue, Wash., her brother-in-law Lowell Elam of Boise and many grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Joe, sister Rosalee and her beloved husband.

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Marsing kicks off Homecoming week tonight

School crowns royalty before Friday football

History and imagination takes center stage beginning tonight for Marsing High School's Homecoming.

The festivities start with sports, spirit and a spotlight on the school's fall sports teams.

At 6 p.m., there will be a boys volleyball game, with the annual powder puff football game following.

At 7:40 p.m., a Civil War reenactment will help ignite the bonfire, which will be carried out by the Marsing Fire Department.

While the fire roars, the school's cheerleaders will lead the class chant.

At 7:50 p.m., a tug of war competition will be held.

At 8:10 p.m., the volleyball and football coaches will introduce their respective athletes.

Today's festivities wrap up with the school chant and fight song.

The scene shifts to Main Street in Marsing on Friday when the annual Homecoming parade pushes off at 1:45 p.m. The 2008 theme is Disney.

"We expect much improvement this year," MHS Student Body President Sean Finley said. "We hope to get not only classes involved, but also some of our clubs."

Clubs that Finley has reached out to include the Marsing chapters of the Business Professionals of America, the FFA and the Future Hispanic Leaders of America.

The Homecoming royalty will be crowned at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the football stadium, prior to the Huskies 2A Western Idaho Conference game against Cole Valley Christian.

Finley said the prince, princess, king and queen will be crowned in pregame ceremonies.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are only eligible for prince and princess. Royalty candidates this year include:

- Freshman — Raymond Evans

and Jeanette Corrales

- Sophomore — Michael Butler and Rebecca Cossel
- Junior — Ty Shippy and Mari Esquivel
- Senior — David Rios and Bianca Masscro; Mitch Green

and Kaya Stahle; Mike Moore and Dixie Kent; Jose Paramo and Kelsey Granden; and Sean Finley and Andrea Evans

Other events planned include a 7 p.m. Thursday kickoff at home for the junior varsity football

team against Cole Valley. The volleyball team already has played two home matches this week — Monday against Homedale and Tuesday against New Plymouth — and travels to Parma for a 2A WIC match Thursday.



Sierra Ridley and court enjoy a hayride at halftime at Thursday's Rimrock football game versus Tri-Valley. Photo by Kristi Schiermeier

Ridley crowned Rimrock queen

Rimrock High School senior Sierra Ridley was crowned Homecoming Queen during the school's football game against Tri-Valley on Thursday.

Senior princesses were Lee Gray and Megan McLing. Swedish exchange student Ida Ahlfor was the Junior princess and Sophomore princess was Ashley Jayo.



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HHS thespians trot out plays Saturday

The Homedale High School Drama Club is getting a quick and busy start to the year Saturday.

The club will present a double feature at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.

The double feature will include “The Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf” by Joseph Robinette and “The Nose Tree” by Alan D. Engelsman.

The Nose Tree tells the story of what can happen when three soldiers, some townspeople, a villainous princess and her handmaidens, and a nose tree all cross paths upon the stage.

The Nose Tree was presented to club adviser DeAnn Thatcher by some of last year’s Drama Club seniors.

The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf is culled from the Homedale Drama archives — or the little red closet as it’s called by the actors. The premise of “Trial” questions the accuracy of the press, the wisdom of the presiding judge and who truly is the guilty party — the wolf or the Three Little Pigs.

“We have had just seven weeks to prepare,” Thatcher said of the early-year productions. “It has been a trick to get together for practices with many of our cast busy in sports, band, working jobs, cheerleading, etc.”

“Mini-noon” practices have been pulled together along with Saturday morning rehearsals and a few practice sessions squeezed between cross country meets and games for volleyball, soccer and football.

There are several freshmen in the club, Thatcher reports. Seven seniors graduated from the club



Double feature set Jonathan Page is The Nose Tree on Saturday. Submitted photo

in the spring, but Shane Witt and Kelsey Thatcher will spend their senior years with the club.

“We are also happy our exchange student Carolina Salgado jumped on board to help us with sets and stage props,” DeAnn Thatcher said.

The club will get a chance to hone its skills by performing “The Nose Tree” for Homedale Elementary students on Thursday afternoon, and “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf” for Homedale Middle School students on Friday morning.

“This is fairly early for a production at HHS, but we were trying to get one in before the drama members had to worry about end-of-quarter tests,” Thatcher said. “We also wanted to leave plenty of time for our next production.”

Thatcher said to be on the lookout for a full-length production closer to spring.

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Bruneau library talk covers state’s wacky historical sites

The Bruneau Valley Library explores an important of Idaho and its history this month with a program entitled “Idaho’s Weird and Wacky Unique Historical Sites.”

Tricia Canady, an architectural historian for the Idaho State Historical Society, will provide the presentation.

The free event to kick off the winter season of the library’s Bruneau and Beyond speaker

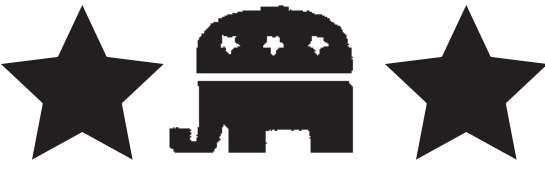
series takes place at noon on Oct. 15 at the library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. The luncheon will be moved to the community church in the event of an overflow crowd. Signs will be posted if the event is relocated.

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School’s in session

New Adrian building a big step forward

After a \$3.78 million bond issue, the first successful one, and only the second attempted in Adrian in the past 30 years, the state-of-the-art Adrian Elementary and Middle School is up and running.

The measure was a tight squeak, passing by just eight votes — 266- 258 — a 50.8 percent yes vote. With the passage of the measure, voters approved an added \$3.13 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed property value to pay for the facility over the next 30 years.

The building came in around \$3.3 million or \$3.4 million, Adrian School District Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor John Gordon said. The remaining bond funds were used for furniture and equipment at the school.

The school is far more spacious and far better equipped than the old building, constructed in the 1950s, Gordon said during a tour of the new school.

“What they moved out of,” he said. “I walk in there now, and I can’t believe we were conducting business in there 12 months ago. Not enough electricity, not enough plumbing, not enough anything.”

The new building is laid out with junior high classes occupying the north-south wing of the school, and kindergarten through fifth grade housed the longer east-west wing.

The new school, sited south of the old building and west of the high school, brings a host of improvements to the district, Gordon explained. Those improvements include:

- ✓ A fully equipped arts classroom with suitable countertops, sink-traps for clay, a ceramics kiln and more.

- ✓ Larger lockers and wider hallways: The old middle school’s main hall was just eight feet wide, and flanked with 12-inch deep lockers, Gordon said. The new halls are far wider, even when flanked by larger, 15-inch deep lockers in the junior high wing.

- ✓ Climate-controlled electric heat and air-conditioning in all the classrooms.

- ✓ Single bathrooms rather than communal facilities with stalls.

- ✓ Sound-shielded study rooms, which allow students to read or undergo tutoring without being relegated to the back corner of a noisy classroom.

- ✓ A set of new trophy cases located at the building’s main entrance, donated by Adrian Mayor Clay Webb.

- ✓ A new library, with computer access.

- ✓ A computer room, with row upon row of brand-new Dell personal computers wired into the district’s server farm — located in “the bat cave” in the upstairs of the old school building.

- ✓ A digital phone system that allows any phone to be moved to any jack, number intact.

- ✓ An overhead projection system in

every classroom, allowing for video or PowerPoint presentations without fighting with slides or film.

- ✓ Safety features: Full sprinkler systems up to modern codes, battery-ballast lighting that will illuminate exits even in the case of a power outage, and surge protection on the entire system to protect electronic equipment. (A big step up from the former building, which had a single outlet in most classrooms, and had any additional power as a retrofit, Gordon said.)

- ✓ A new base radio transmission station, to allow communication with the district buses on all portions of their routes — routes that run out to Succor Creek and north to Ivanho.

- ✓ An electronic reader board on the highway, with a wireless control.

Fifth-grade teacher Shawn Garrison, who had taught in the same room in the old building for 23 years, beamed as she finished up after the day’s lesson in her new classroom.

“We’re very proud,” she said.

— MML



All the modern conveniences

Above: The new school building’s entryway faces the old high school atop its hill. A new bus lane curves past the entrance and around the school to help control the conflict of foot and vehicle traffic.

Left: Administrative assistant Cindy Bennett’s front desk in the school’s foyer is a far cry from most old-school glassed-in cubicles.

Below: In addition to state of the art emergency lighting and audiovisual systems in every room, the school boasts a brand new computer lab with a brand new computer for every student.





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Western Family
Refried Beans **69¢** ea.
16 oz.

Western Family
Canned Tomatoes **59¢** ea.
14.5 oz.

Western Family
Diced Green Chili **59¢** ea.
4 oz.

Western Family
Evaporated Milk **99¢** ea.
12 oz.

Western Family
Seasoning & Gravy Mix **39¢** ea.
Foil Pouch

Halloween Candy!!
Asst'd Bags **\$2.59** ea.

Palmolive
Dish Soap **\$3.09** ea.
25 oz.

SOBE Drinks
20 oz. Bottle **4 for \$5**

Western Family Tomato
or Chicken Noodle Soup **69¢** ea.
10.75 oz.

Western Family
Olives **\$1.29** ea.
6 oz.

Western Family
Frozen Vegetables **99¢** ea.
16 oz.

Western Family
Liquid Bleach **\$2.09** ea.
96 oz.

Western Family
Econo Detergent **\$8.29** ea.
30 lb. Bucket

Western Family
Milk 1%, 2%, Skim **\$3.29** ea.
Gallon


Gatorade 32 oz.
Propel 23.7 oz. **\$1.09** ea.

Shasta Soda
12 Pack **\$3.09** ea.

Lay's
Potato Chips **\$2.89** ea.
11.5-12 oz.

SRM COUPON

1/2 Bushel Apples



50¢ OFF

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HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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