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Local running pair earns trip to State

Evans rises to top of district in just second race for Marsing

Running all year for a 5A school apparently has paid off for Marsing High School junior Natalie Evans.

After running as a co-op athlete with Vallivue in Caldwell, Evans was required

by state bylaws to run for her own school when the district meet rolled around.

Evans made the most of the transition, winning the 1A/2A District III championship with a 20-minute, 51-second time over

the five-kilometer course at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette on Oct. 20.

Evans pushes on into Saturday's state

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District 8 volleyball



Adrian avenges loss to Crane in championship match

Adrian High School's volleyball team poses with their district championship trophy. From left, Madison Shira, Katie Bowns, Jessica Morton, McKenzie Purnell, Ester Gordon, Brittney Phelps, Terra Rust, Andrea Shenk and Sammy Bowns. Photo by Bob Radford

Antelopes bring back title

If there's anything better than beating an archrival, perhaps it's defeating that foe twice in the same week you qualify for the state playoffs.

Adrian High School's volleyball team parlayed a No. 2 seed and opening-round by into the District 8 Tournament championship Saturday and the High Desert League's top seed in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Adrian (16-5 overall) opens the state playoffs at home Saturday against the winner of tonight's opening-round matchup between North Lake (District 5 third seed) and host Imbler (District 7 runner-up).

"I think we always try to prepare ourselves to

come out strong," Adrian coach Aimee Goss said of gearing up for a second-round match against an as-yet unknown opponent.

"It's always nice to have that home match. It's gone well for us in the past. So we'll prepare as we always do and go after it."

A Saturday win puts the Antelopes back into the Nov. 7-8 state tournament at Pacific University in Forest Grove. Adrian finished second to Dufur at the state tournament in 2007.

The first-round bye for this year's 1A state playoffs was earned in Saturday's district tournament at Grant Union High School in John

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Adrian-JV loser will hit the road

Adrian smashes Huntington; Friday's winner hosts state playoff game

A quick start Friday afternoon allowed Adrian High School to rest its key players for this week's football showdown with Jordan Valley at Ward Field.

Kyle Osborn scored two firstquarter touchdowns to spark the Antelopes' 55-20 1A High Desert League win over host Huntington in a Friday matinee.

Now, the Antelopes (6-1 overall and in the HDL) will meet the Mustangs at 7 p.m. Friday with a No. 2 seed from District 6 into the

1A Oregon playoffs on the line.

Jordan Valley (8-1, 6-1 HDL) fell into a tie for second place with archrival Adrian after a 70-12 loss to league champion Crane on Friday.

No other details from Jordan Valley's loss were provided.

The winner of Friday's showdown will earn the right to host an opening-round state playoff game next week. The HDL's third-place

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Huskies still alive



Marsing meets NC on Saturday

Marsing High School senior wideout David Rios hauls in a 15-yard pass in the third quarter of Friday's 39-8 2A Western Idaho Conference seasonending loss to visiting New Plymouth. The Huskies visit Nampa Christian for a playoff game at 1 p.m. Saturday. Story, Page 3B

Pirate advance stopped

Two Homedale High School defenders corral Payette's Damien Reynolds (22) during the first half.

Pirates pummel Trojans in season finale

A grueling and physically demanding season came to an end Friday night for Homedale High School football.

But not before Payette was able to raise a few more bruises with a 62-8 3A Snake River Valley conference victory at Deward Bell Stadium.

The Pirates' Damian Reynolds and Phil Kowalski battered the Trojans' defense at better than 10 yards each carry, ending Homedale's hopes of squeaking into the state playoffs for the second straight year under coach Rob Kassebaum.

"Payette has spent more time in the

weight room and was more physical up front," Kassebaum said. "They also made us miss far too many tackles by having better feet or just being more physical."

Payette owned a 42-8 lead at halftime en route to sewing up one of the conference's three state playoff berths. The Pirates racked up 358 yards rushing, which was nine yards more than Homedale's total yardage number.

With the Pirates pounding the line of scrimmage on 46 of their 57 snaps, Homedale senior linebacker Mitch Quintana found himself recording nearly a quarter of his team's tackles on Senior Night. Quintana had 10 solo stops and another two assists.

Quintana was one of the few players who finished the season in a position at which he practiced during August two-a-days. Senior tailback Rodrigo Villarreal didn't play the final two games of his high school career, serving a suspension for violating what Kassebaum termed "team athletic policy". Other players were displaced because of injuries.

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Short-handed Homedale volleyball finishes strong

'Magnificent Seven' take third in district

Despite a sub-.500 showing in the conference season, the Homedale High School volleyball team rebounded to finish third in the 3A District III Tournament last week

Finishing the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at 3-5, the Trojans came into the district tournament with a bare-bones seven players, and proceeded to fight their way to third place despite the odds, ending its season on a high note. Homedale rallied from an early loss with wins over McCall-Donnelly and Payette before losing to Weiser in the district runner-up contest.

"Our girls came a long way from the beginning of the season," coach David Hann said. "We peaked at the right time and came together as a great team."

The Trojans' first round, as fourth seed, was in an elimination match against McCall on Oct.

The Trojans took only seven players into the tournament, as senior Rachelle Christoffersen was attending the FFA national convention. Coach Hann had seniors Haylie Freelove and Mikal Mackenzie, juniors Ashlynne Uria, Kindra Galloway, Megan Quintana and Alyssha Conant, and sophomore Taylor Thomas.

"They were our Magnificient Seven," Hann said.

The Seven took McCall in three games, 25-22, 25-10 and 25-14, to advance to face top-seeded Fruitland. Freelove posted 9 kills against McCall, and Thomas had a great night at service, with 16

Following Homedale's initial win, third-seed Pavette fell to second-seed Weiser.

Four hours after starting the

tournament, the Seven took the floor against No. 1 seed Fruitland in a semifinal.

"We played together as the team that we are," Hann said. "We were hustling, talking, digging like crazy. You could see them (Fruitland) get frustrated when we dug three and four hits in a row. In the third set, we were right with them due to our great digs by everyone. It was 16-16. Then Fruitland's ace stepped to the serving line."

Top-ranked Fruitland took the match 25-15, 25-18, 25-16, but Hann thought the Trojans had made an impression.

"We raised a lot of eyebrows that night. Spectators were impressed with Homedale," he said.

Wednesday night saw the best match the Trojans had played all year, Hann said.

Facing third-seeded Payette, the Trojans opened with a 25-20 win that stung what may have been a complacent Pirates squad.

"They didn't expect us to be much of a challenge," Hann said. "Game two finished, and they were shocked. We battled from behind and got them, 25-21."

Down 2-0, Payette managed to fight back in the third game. taking it 25-18, but Homedale had what it took to turn it around and finish Pavette's district dreams 25-19 in the fourth game.

"This match was the best series of games that we have played all year long," Hann said. "Six girls had kills, led by Haylie (eight) and Mikal (five). Megan and Haylie had key blocks. Ashlynne Uria played a phenomenal game. Everything she did was wonderful. She had four kills, amazing digs and six service points to close out the series."

He also credited setters Mackenzie and Galloway for perfect placement for attacks, and for providing the leadership and focus needed to beat the Pirates.

"They were leading the team, running after balls. It was an awesome thing to see," he said.

Weiser fell to Fruitland that night, setting up Thursday's elimination match against

"Again, we shocked the

opposing team," the coach said. "We took the first game 25-20. No one expected our Magnificent Seven to compete against teams of 12."

But they did, with the whole team playing it's heart out in the first game. Galloway had a pair of aces and a kill. Freelove nine kills and three blocks. Mackenzie four kills and a pair of blocks, Quintana eight kills and a block, Thomas four kills and Conant eight digs in that first game.

"We were playing our hardest, but the toughness of the schedule started to take its toll," Hann said. "Four games in three nights for our girls started to show."

The Trojans lost the next three games 19-25, 15-25 and 18-25.

"We might have finished in third place, but we earned a lot of respect from the other teams with our Seven," Hann said. "We received lots of compliments on our play and determination from the other teams at the tourney.

"Our girls came a long way from the beginning of the season. We peaked at the right time and came together as a great team. I have enjoyed working with these young ladies. It has been an honor."



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Washburn said the biggest highlights of the season came in the

Coach: Freshman volleyball finishes season with heart

For a team that nearly pulled off a perfect conference season, wins and losses didn't seem to mean much to the Homedale High School freshman volleyballers.

Under first-year coach Sasha Washburn, who had never coached volleyball before, the Trojans reached the 3A District III title match on Oct. 18. But when Washburn wanted to make some lineup changes for a better shot at winning the title against Weiser, her players had other ideas.

I was especially proud of the team before the last games of the tournament when I thought about benching a couple players in order to win," Washburn said. "The team joined together to say, 'We have always played together every game because we are a team. Why stop now?"

Washburn went with the players. The team finished with a 15-2 record, with its only losses coming at the hands of Weiser in the district championship match and the final 3A Snake River Valley conference match of the season.

Those matches were three days apart. The first ended Homedale's quest for a perfect SRV regular season (the Trojans finished 7-1).

showdowns with Weiser.

"Most players knew they would have an above average competitive evening, which we welcomed. I never saw my players more proud of the team as they were after beating Weiser the first time," the coach said.

The second SRV matchup with Weiser, which came in front of a home crowd inside the Trojans' gymnasium, also brought out the best in the squad. Washburn said.

"I remember Weiser's freshmen coach saying that the end games usually bring out the worst in players. Since it was my first year coaching, I waited for this time," she said. "Although the players were obviously upset when they started to lose, they gave their

"One moment in the last game that is vivid in my mind was when a successful ball went over the net after three diving passes. The three players were stacked on top of each other and stood back up in a timely manner."

The roster included: Raven Kelly, Kaitlin Garcia, Deena Emry, Rachel Gonzalez, Adrianne Dillon, Laurien Mavey, Kylie Farwell, Justine Calzacorta, Tabitha Hammett, Katie Price and Bryce



Third-quarter stand doesn't pay off

Marsing defenders swarm the Pilgrims' Kyle King in their third quarter defensive rally. Despite the Huskies holding the Pilgrims scoreless in the third, New Plymouth still dominated Marsing, taking advantage of turnovers and stalled drives, as well as Marsing's injured list.

NP hammers hobbled Huskies

Injuries hamstring Marsing, cloud upcoming playoffs

Marsing High School finished its 2A Western Idaho Conference football season at 1-4 after a 39-8 drubbing from visiting New Plymouth on Friday night.

Aided in large part by a plague of fumbles and intercepted passes, the Pilgrims kept the Huskies shut out until the final 30 seconds of the game. The Huskies' long list of injured players, five at present, was also a likely factor in the loss.

It was a brutal game, as far as mistakes were concerned.

"The story of the game is the turnovers," Marsing head coach Jake Walgamott said in a straightforward critique of the match.

"We had two fumbles and an interception in the first quarter that led to scores for New Plymouth. I feel like they were able to do whatever they wanted against us. We were never able to get the momentum to swing in our direction. It was a difficult game. New Plymouth did a good job controlling the ball and was able to control the game."

The first score of the evening came after the Huskies fumbled on their own eight-yard line with 7:02 left in the first quarter, putting New Plymouth up 7-0. That set the stage for much of what followed.

Less than a minute later, New Plymouth picked off a pass and rumbled back to the Marsing 10. With 6:32 left in the first, the score was 14-0.

The Huskies had a shot at rallying in the second quarter. Down by two touchdowns, the Marsing

defenders managed to hold New Plymouth in the red zone for three downs, but weren't able to stop the fourth-down pass that put the Pilgrims ahead 20-0 with 7:06 left in the half.

Whatever coach Walgamott said at halftime in the locker room, the team played tighter in the third, allowing no score. The Huskies' offense wasn't able to put together a winning drive, though, and the clock wound down on the third quarter with no score from either team.

The wheels fell off in the fourth.

New Plymouth opened with a quick series that ended in a 40-yard TD pass from Jaime Garcia to Seth Bodas with 11:24 left in the 27-0 game. Marsing was again unable to put together a drive, and had to kick the ball away. The Pilgrims took back the ball, and with 8:35 left, Armando Garcia found running room on a lateral and trotted 35 yards for the score, putting the deficit at 33-0.

Again, Marsing couldn't find the New Plymouth end of the field

The Pilgrims, on the other hand, were happy to grind their way into the Marsing end zone one last time, as Jaime Garcia found Danny Peterson on an 18-yard touchdown pass to go ahead 39-0 with 3:14 left in the game.

With 30 seconds left, Marsing's Joey Burril finally managed to find Sean Finley with a quick pass to save face. The conversion was successful, for the final of 39-8.

The stats tell the tale.

New Plymouth led on first downs, 21 to 14, and on rushing by a margin greater than 200 yards (264 to 62). Passing yardage was close, with Burril completing 11 of 25 passes for 125 yards for

Marsing but getting picked off three times. New Plymouth connected on nine of 14 throws for 153 yards, but the dichotomy in interceptions was a killer.

Finley led rushers with 10 carries for 49 yards for the Huskies, while New Plymouth's Kyle King racked up 140 yards on 17 carries. Jose Paramo led Marsing for receptions, with five for 47 yards, but saw the Pilgrims' Bodas nearly double that yardage, gaining 91 yards on just three receptions.

The fifth-place finish on the season means that Marsing will enter the first round of the playoffs with a Nov. 1 date on the road against 2A WIC second seed Nampa Christian (7-1 overall, 4-1 WIC).

Whether they can beat the favored Trojans may depend on whether the team can get healthy in time.

"Against Nampa Christian we are hoping to be able to overcome all the critical injuries with some of the JV players and be able to field a full squad," Walgamott said. He went on to list the roll call of injured players:

"David Rios is out with a concussion, Sammy Olvera is out with a knee, Mitch Green out with a knee/leg, Mike Moore is still out from last week's ankle injury and Logan Glenn is still out with a knee from last week."

The squad's injuries are an obvious limitation, especially in playoff season, and the coach is understandably frustrated by the bad luck.

"Not counting the normal things that happen during football, I would like to just be able to have a practice where everyone can run," Walgamott said.

— MML

GFA requires mercy from Raiders' rampage

The Rimrock Raiders football team shut out, shut down and shut off Greenleaf Friends Academy on Friday, chalking up 52 unanswered points by halftime. With the scores 52-0, the mercy rule kicked in, finishing the game early, with the Grizzlies facing an insurmountable task.

The first quarter saw scoring from Tony Ayala on a 20-yard run and the conversion run by Francisco Garcia; Ricardo Araujo with a 40-yard run and the reception for the conversion; Alex Meyers on a 10-yard fumble return; and a TJ Snyder pass to Sam Richardson, followed by a Snyder run.

That whirlwind of scoring

staked the Raiders to a 30-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was nearly a replay of the first, with Snyder finding Richardson yet again and hitting Araujo for the conversion; a 70-yard TD run by Araujo with the PAT kick from Garcia successful, and a pass from Brian Simper to Dary Langfitt, followed by another good kick from Garcia.

Defensively, Garcia and Nate Black led in tackles with five each; Meyers and Ayala had four apiece. Richardson had a pair of sacks, and Meyers, one.

Rimrock will play host to Wilder on Thursday in 1A, Div. I regular-season finale.

√ **Running:** State meet next

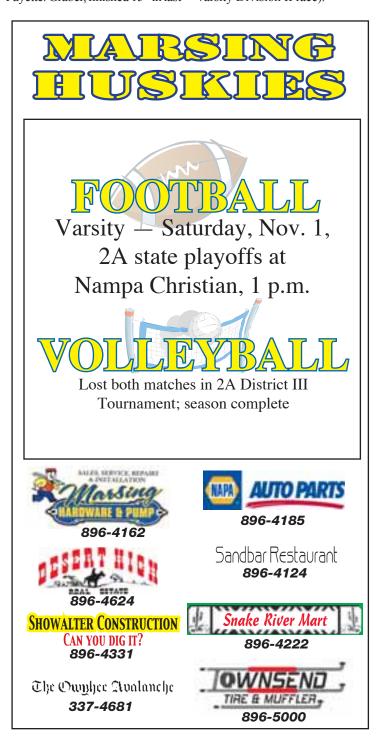
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championship meet, which will be held at Eagle Island State Park. The 1A/2A girls championship race will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Homedale-area athlete Kendra Graber, a sophomore at Greenleaf Friends Academy, will be at the 1A/2A state meet, too, after grabbing third in the district meet in Payette. Graber, finished 15th in last

year's state meet as a freshman, ran the Scotch Pines course in 21:54.

Graber and Evans both are familiar with the Eagle Island course. Evans ran a 21:14.05 and finished 24th for Vallivue in the varsity Division I competition of September's Bob Firman Invitational. Graber also ran on the wet, heavy course that day (22:39.44 for 50th in the varsity Division II race).



Five teams converge on River Bend for District

Host Homedale misses the cut for state competition

Thursday, on a crisp fall afternoon, cross country runners from five Snake River Valley conference wound their way through the River Bend Golf Course for the 3A District III championship meet. By the time the sun had neared the horizon, athletes in Weiser red had taken the boys' top spot, and the girls of McCall-Donnelly had grabbed

Team standings for the girls were McCall-Donnelly (28), Weiser (45) and Payette (53). The boys saw Weiser (18) take the gold, followed by Payette (55), McCall-Donnelly (66), Fruitland (114) and Homedale (131).

The top three teams for boys will continue on to the Saturday's 3A state meet, and the top two for girls. The meet will be held Saturday at Eagle Island State Park in Ada County.

Homedale finishers for the girls' event were sophomore Brittany Cockrum, who finished in 13th place with a 26:06 time and freshman Phaedra Stevenson, who placed 16th with a 29:00.

For the boys, freshman Ismahel Mendoza posted the best finish at 20th, with a 20:50. Senior Kenny Cockrum finished 21st at 20:53; sophomore Jarod Armenta 29th with a 22:30; freshman Anthony Adams 30th with a 22:35 and senior Shane Witt 31st with a time

Marquita Palmer, a freshman at Weiser, was the SRV girls' champ, turning in a 19:34. Her teammate Ryan Jaggi finished first among boys running, with a



Phaedra Stevenson

time of 16:15.

Homedale cross country coach Nick Schamber thought the race went well.

"It's tough to run a meet sometimes. You're a manager rather than a coach," he said.

Runners took advantage of the cool weather and good footing to turn in some great times at the

"These are some of the faster times I've seen on this course," Schamber said, "(Former Trojans coach) Troy Sullivan designed this course four or five years ago ... running a 16:10 on this course is pretty amazing.'

Shamber was pleased that Fruitland attended the district competition, as having a sixth team means the SRV will send three, rather than two, teams to the state 3A meet.



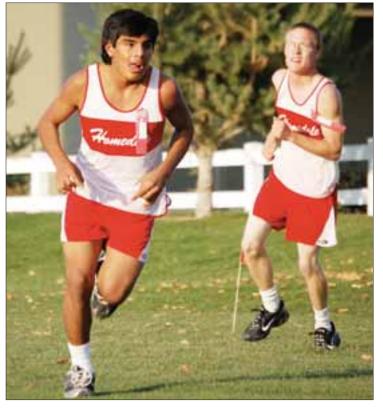
Shane Witt

3A District III Championships (Individuals going to State)

Boys — 1, Ryan Jaggi, Weiser (16:15); 2, Justin Webb, Weiser (17:35); 3, Arthur Moskalenko, Weiser (18:03); 4, Tanner Hawkins, Weiser, (18:03); 5, Dylan Crevelt, McCall-Donnelly (18:15); 6, Josh Reed, Payette (18:16); 7, Ty Higley, Payette (18:22); 8, Luke Davies, Weiser (18:26); 9, Grant Loomis, Weiser (18:28); 10, Zach Waynetska, Payette (18:35); 11, Clint Thomas, McCall-Donnelly (18:52).

Girls — 1, Marquita Palmer, Weiser (19:34); 2, Kara Socek, McCall-Donnelly (19:58),; 3, Margaret Pope, McCall-Donnelly (21:49); 4, Natalie Ball, McCall-Donnelly (22:09); 5, Kilee Gray, Weiser (23:10); 6, Shane Kerner, Weiser (23:10); 7, Terra Knighten, Payette (24:10).

Junior varsity champion -- MML Cammeron Smith of Payette.





Above: Homedale High School freshman Ismahel Mendoza, left, turns the corner on his team-best tour of the five-kilometer course at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder on Thursday as senior Kenny Cockrum, who finished one spot back in 21st place,

Left: Brittany Cockrum motors along during her 13th-place finish in the girls' race at the 3A District III meet.

Adrian-JV: Touchdown returns of pick, kick lift Antelopes to victory

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team will hit the road for a firstround game against the top seed from District 5.

In last week's convincing win over Huntington (0-7 overall and in the HDL), Adrian coach Paul Shenk pulled his starters after building a 20-0 lead in the first

12 minutes.

Quarterback Blake Ishida kicked off the scoring with a 16-yard run, and Adrian held 13-0 edge after Osborn returned a Locomotives interception 25 yards for a touchdown. Osborn then rolled in from 11 yards out for the 20-0 edge.

David Stones also scored two touchdowns for the Antelopes, finding pay dirt on 15-yard runs in the second and fourth quarters.

Stones had 53 yards on three carries, but Adrian spread out the rushing chores. Blake Purnell had a team-high 81 yards on seven carries, including a 50-yard run for the team's longest gain of the day.

Meanwhile, all three Huntington scores came on rushes by Auden Ostvik, who led all runners with 148 yards on 20 carries.

Purnell also fired a touchdown pass for Adrian, hitting Daniel Lode with a five-yard strike.

The Antelopes' special teams

were at it again Friday, too. After Ostvik's second touchdown of the game — a 34-yard run in the third quarter — Jeremy Price roared 80 yards with the kickoff for a TD.

Exchange student Toy Prayoorrat led the Antelopes' defense with 7.5 tackles, including five solo stops.

Trojans: Young players make their mark during injury-riddled season

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In fact, freshman Trey Corta started Friday night at a position — fullback — that he learned only days earlier in practice.

Corta collected 38 yards on eight carries against Payette.

Another underclassman, Trent Acree, continued to shine out of the backfield. He gained 83 yards on 18 carries, but 58 of those yards came on a touchdown run in the first quarter.

"Due to injuries and other factors, we played a lot of younger players," Kassebaum said. "We played a pretty tough schedule,

which unfortunately let other teams take advantage of our inexperience and lack of physical strength."

Acree's touchdown run perhaps never should have happened. The Payette defense seemed to let up when it appeared a Homedale offensive lineman moved early. No flag was thrown, and Acree blew through the relaxed Pirates for his score.

Acree also snagged a 22-yard pass from junior quarterback Ryan Ryska in the second quarter. It was Ryska's only completion of the night and accounted for a sliver of Homedale's 139 total yards.

Ryska was picked off once Friday and didn't throw many passes in the final games of the season. Ryska had surgery to repair an injury to his throwing arm, but his coach wasn't ready to pin the lack of a passing attack on his junior.

Kassebaum also didn't use the arm as an excuse for going for it on fourth down on the Trojans' 37-yard line with Payette holding a 35-8 advantage.

"I don't know how much Ryan's injury affected his throwing, but when you take that into account

with our lack of consistent pass (protection) and lack of discipline when running routes it felt better to run at them, especially since they did not adjust to the unbalanced front when run to our right side," Kassebaum said.

Kassebaum admitted that the injuries brought on by a tough schedule rippled through the program as call-ups depleted the junior varsity.

But those freshmen and sophomores also made a splash at the varsity with 10th-grader Emilio Cuellar trying to find holes to run through all year and sophomore

Jonny Stacey delivering a key catch during the season and playing well on defense.

Against Payette, sophomore defensive lineman Benny Mello and Corta collected five tackles

"The need to use (younger players) on the varsity also impacted our JV team," Kassebaum said. "The JVs were mainly freshmen who played against sophomores and some juniors from other schools, but (that) should help us in the experience aspect for future seasons."

— JPB

One-man volleyball team tries to spike teen drinking

New Hampshire man impresses crowds in Marsing, Homedale

Bob Holmes has beaten some of the best professional athletes in the world, but his biggest challenge comes day in and day out when he steps on a volleyball court to save teenagers from the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

He was in the Homedale-Marsing area last week to deliver his message of hope, and to play as a one-man volleyball team against — at times — dozens of high school students.

All at once.

Even facing more than 100 10th-through 12th-grade boys from Homedale High School on Wednesday morning, though, isn't as daunting as the statistics that Holmes presented during his shows — first at Marsing High School for a community-based night on Oct. 21 then inside the HHS gymnasium for that school's student body.

"Twenty-six years ago, I started doing this," Holmes said. "I do it because 100,000 teenagers tried to kill themselves last year by suicide, and I don't want kids dying. How about you?"

Holmes, who has lost only 353 times in nearly 17,000 volleyball matches

against 400,000 opponents, taunted his opponents during Wednesday's volleyball demonstrations. He also tried to motivate them to win by offering the first boys team to face him (one of more modest volleyball-regulation numbers) \$50 each to beat him then \$100 each. He offered the girls team he faced a night without homework for the entire student body if they could beat him.

But the real challenge came after his



"psycho" serve and up-tempo music had been put away and after he had notched another four victories on the volleyball court.

"What we need is some teenager in America today who will stand alone and not let their life be wrecked and ruined by drugs and alcohol," Holmes told the Homedale crowd.

During his Homedale presentation, Holmes spoke primarily about the dangers of drinking alcohol, especially drinking and driving.

"Budweiser offered to sponsor me. Even if they offered me \$1 million, I would tell them, 'Bud never made anybody wiser'," Holmes told the crowd.

Holmes urged the Homedale students to look ahead in life, and not give in to the temptation of drinking or drugs.

"Most of the advertisers advertise the fun now, but they don't care if it'll kill you 10 years from now," Holmes said. The 53-year-old New Hampshire resident told the story of a 13-year-old boy he met at one of his assemblies. That boy cried out when he tried to raise his arms above his shoulders, and Holmes said it was because that when the boy was 3 years old, his drunk dad thought it would be fun to spin his son around in the air — by his arms.

The Homedale students grew stoic after that anecdote, and Holmes hit them harder with more information about how drinking has ruined lives.

"More teenagers die every year from drunk drivers than those who have died in the Iraqi war," he said. "And somebody ought to care again."

He told the story of Jacqueline Saburido, who was severely burned in a crash caused by a drunk driver in which two of her friends died.

The photo of Saburido after several operations to repair burn damage stunned the audience.

Although Holmes dazzled crowds in Marsing and Homedale last week with his volleyball skills, he had one final request from the audiences.

"Do me a favor: Look at my heart today, not my game," he said.

— JPB





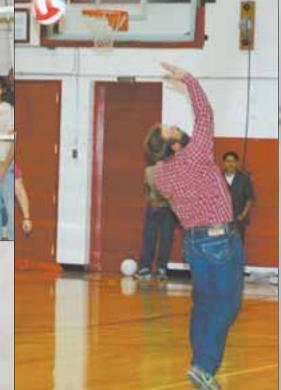
Bob Holmes shows way folks call him the "One-man Volleyball Team" as he reaches to chase down a dig during a match against Homedale High School students Wednesday.

Holmes drives a spike over the net against two Homedale High School girls players.

Homedale Industrial Arts teacher Mike Greeley shows that Holmes isn't the only guy on the court who is capable of eye-popping acrobatic returns as he hits a backwards shot during the school faculty's loss to Holmes.

Holmes takes on the entire group of 10th-through 12th-grade boys from Homedale. He beat them even after declaring that anyone — from anywhere in the gym — could return shots to help the teenagers.

Holmes flings a behind-the-back return toward his opponents.



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Local vet calls proposed transport ban wasteful

With the Sept. 23 House approval of the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act (H.R. 6598), a bill that criminalizes the sale and transportation of horses knowingly intended for slaughter for human consumption, another step in the cessation of slaughter of horses in the United States was taken.

Should the law take effect, and it faces a vote by the Senate before that could happen, local horse owners with old animals, or animals they simply cannot afford to feed, nor afford to have put down humanely, may face a crisis.

"It's pretty expensive to get out of the horse business," Dr. Randy Bean of the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic in Homedale said frankly.

He pointed to the ever-rising costs of hay and feed as one facet of the problem that put some horse owners in a position that can lead to animal abuse or abandonment of animals on public lands.

Small-bale hay, mixed orchard

grass or alfalfa intended for horses, is selling for \$175 a ton according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures. Last year at this time it was \$100. A single horse eats roughly four tons of hay a year. For a small horse owner with three old horses in the back pasture, that would amount to an added \$900 in 2008.

Feeding horses is expensive for some owners. So is having them put down.

A rendering plant will charge a varying fee. Many start at \$35 for a pickup, with costs varying according to mileage. Some will shoot a horse for an owner, some won't. The companies that won't will usually require that the owner or a veterinarian has already put the animal down. Burial of a horse requires a backhoe and a suitable piece of ground. Rental of a small backhoe for a day costs \$200 to \$400 at most rental agencies in Idaho.

Bean has several anecdotal sto-

ries ranging from ranchers finding abandoned horses on their lands to reports that there are horses with saddle-marks and brands running with the "wild" mustangs of the Owyhees.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in abandoned horses over the past few years, following the slaughter ban.

"Since they changed the law and stopped the slaughter and the sales, how are people supposed to get rid of them?" OCSO Detective Sergeant Jim Bish asked. "With hay prices, people can't feed them, sell them or get rid of them. It's a sad situation. It's not the horses fault."

He warned that abandonment wasn't an option people wanted to take, though.

"It is against the law, and if we catch them doing it, they will be charged," Bish said.

While there are valid concerns behind some portions of the ban, the legislation as it has been written strikes Bean as wasteful.

"I think that horses should be handled humanely, but I also think it (the ban) is a waste of a lot of protein and food," he said. "It needs to be humane, but there are issues with trucking and transportation, as well as care of the animals during that transport."

The concerns over transport form a major driving force behind the upcoming transport ban on horses sold for human consumption, though activists and opponents have both pointed out that the ban doesn't affect horses transported for pet food or "riding" use, which is not something that can be easily checked once the horses cross the Mexican border.

Putting down a horse via a veterinarian, while humane, doesn't address the waste. A horse given a lethal injection isn't accepted at many rendering plants. Renderers avoid introducing drugs into their pet food products, according to industry leaders.

"When I come over to put them to sleep, I think it's a waste. It costs people," Bean said.

The transport to foreign plants isn't even a monetary possibility for many, Bean explained.

One horse owner known to Bean, who sold some horses to a plant in Canada, discovered that after paying for blood tests, Coggins testing and transport, the horses cost more to move than they were sold for at slaughter.

With the county and the country in a financial tight spot, added costs to deal with a horse can be a burden.

"It's expensive to a whole lot of folks," Bean said.

Whether the potential impact on public lands is brought up at the Bureau of Land Management's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board meeting in Reno on Nov. 17 isn't yet known.

— MML

BLM faces crisis in wild horse management, adoption system

In a press release issued this month, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) warned that its wild horse management program is headed for difficult times. The crunch came for exactly the same reasons it has arrived for private horse owners: fuel and feed costs.

As those costs rise, and adoptions dwindle, the BLM is faced with difficult decisions — some of which might result in the euthanasia, or the export for slaughter, of its excess horses.

Those horses are becoming more expensive for the BLM to hold every year.

Currently, about 30,000 animals are being held in short- or long-term facilities, at a yearly cost that was \$21.9 million in 2007, and \$27 million in 2008. The horse program's complete budget was \$37 million in 2008, meaning that almost 75 percent of its funding went to feeding and housing horses and burros awaiting adoption.

There are approximately 33,000 wild horses and burros on BLM-managed lands, a population that exceeds the target management level by some 5,700 animals, Tom Gorey of the BLM's Public Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., said.

This is in addition to the 30,000 animals being held in facilities.

If BLM continues to perform the same practices, it would see its total wild horse and burro program costs rise considerably: \$58 million in 2009, \$65 million in 2010, \$74 million in 2011, and \$77 million in 2012, according to agency estimates.

Adoption has been the BLM's route to herd/holding reduction in the past, but the economy and slaughter ban, taken together, have hurt adoptions for the federal program.

"We don't know how much of a problem this will become, but I think it's a function of the economy and the slaughter houses all being closed. (Yearly,) 90,000-plus low-priced domestic horses are competing with buyers and adopters for attention," Gorey said.

"Since 2001, we've rounded up 74,000 horses and adopted out 44,000," he said. "Adoption is down from 5,700 in 2006 to 4,700 in 2007. For Fiscal 2008, we don't have the final numbers, but it'll be lower than 2007."

"We've noticed — and it makes sense — (that) it's become more of an economic challenge for people in terms of hay and fuel. When someone adopts a wild horse, it's discretionary spending. If times are tough, they're going to cut back," Gorey said. "It's impacted our budget, we went up \$4 million in both feed and fuel costs (this year over last)."

The rising costs have made the BLM's current rescue and removal program impossible under its budgetary constraints, the organization's press release noted. The release went on to note that the BLM still bears the responsibility for ensuring that wild horses do not overrun rangelands.

How the BLM will control populations in the face of limited funds hasn't been decided, but it will be examined at the agency's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board meeting in Reno, Nev., on Nov. 17.

"Our budget is three-quarters consumed by holding costs," Gorey said. "I expect there will be other suggestions, but in terms of our dilemma, any solution has to deal with this problem of holding. Quite often, fertility control is brought up, but it's not a magical solution — it's a non-approved drug undergoing testing. We've been testing it on 1,800 mares, but haven't determined how effective it is. The only practical way we can control is through gathers and roundups."

The BLM is authorized, under a December 2004 amendment to the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, to sell "without limitation" wild horses and burros that are either over 10 years old or have been passed over for adoption at least three times.

"We don't want to be in his position," Gorey said. "It's a terrible position to be in, we don't want to have to consider these options (euthanasia or sales to foreign slaughterhouses)."

The BLM has, up until now, intentionally avoided euthanasia and sales to meat buyers despite the organization's legal right to do so, Gorey said.

"If you continue (with the program as it has been pursued), our budget would have to go to \$77 million (by 2012) just to maintain the existing policies," he added.

Keeping the herds in balance with their range and food supply is the unavoidable benchmark for any program's success.

"Some say let them stay where they are, or let them wander," Gorey said. "That would just exacerbate the problem. The population grows 20 percent a year. We're not even getting to the goal (27,300 horses); we're just holding even."

— MMI



Awaiting an uncertain fate

Horses rounded up by the BLM from the Owyhees and the Vale area may find adoption options dwindling as more horses enter a depressed market. BLM photo

BLM to impound abandoned horses

The Owyhee Field Office of the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is posting a legal notice to impound three abandoned horses located on public lands managed by BLM. The horses are in the Blackstock Springs Allotment located approximately 10 miles south of Marsing and six miles north of the Oregon state line.

The BLM Law Enforcement Officers, in coordination with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Idaho's State Brand Inspector, were unable to determine the ownership of these abandoned horses by either brand or marking. No one from the public has reported loss of any horses in this area, nor has anyone claimed these animals.

The Notice of Impoundment states that if the abandoned horses are not claimed within five days after publication and/or posting of the notice, the horses will be removed and taken to the BLM's wild horse corrals located south of Boise. The notice appears on Page 14B.

Any person(s) wishing to make claim of the abandoned horses should contact Jake Vialpando, Owyhee Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist at (208) 896-5916 or Buddy Green, Owyhee Field Manager at (208) 896-5913.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 2, 1983

Election scheduled Tuesday

Registered voters in three valley communities — Homedale, Marsing and Wilder — will cast ballots in municipal elections Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Polls will be open from noon to 8pm in all three cities on election day. Homedale voters will cast ballots in the Magistrate Courtroom at city hall. Marsing and Wilder voters also will vote at their respective city hall polling places.

Voter registration will close Friday, Nov. 4, in each city. Homedale voters may register until 8pm that day, according to Edna Grimes, city clerk. To register voters must a US citizen, as least 18 years of age and a resident of the municipality for 30 days.

Homedale's election features a three-way race for mayor with incumbent George T. Murray seeking re-election.

Challengers include Paul J. Fink, owner of Valley Machine Shop in Homedale and Charles "Chuck" Kelly, a retired administrative superintendent of the Wilder radar site. Both Murray and Fink have filed petitions for election. Kelly is conducting a write-in campaign for the mayoralty post.

With two seats open on the Homedale city council, voters will face a ballot featuring the name of one incumbent councilman — Larry Bauer. The other candidates, one woman and three men, including Darlene R. Atkins an employee at Paul's IGA, Tom C. Murray an employee at Rene's Lounge, John L. Buck, a Homedale funeral director, and Edwin Stansell, a retired Owyhee County farmer.

Incumbent Homedale Councilman Rodger Nash has declined to seek re-election.

Quake shakes valley

Many Homedale residents were quaking in their boots Friday.

But, no apparent injuries and no apparent structural damage has been reported as a result of Idaho's worst earthquake in a century and the worst in the mountain West since 1959.

The earthquake, which struck at about 8:07am Friday and measured 6.9 on the Richter scale, did send tremors from its Challis area epicenter into Owyhee County, however.

'WE DIDN'T really have much in the way of problems," said Homedale Police Chief Allen Bidwell. "The telephones went dead momentarily, but that's because everybody was wondering what it was and picked up the phone to find out."

Chief Bidwell had just gotten out of his patrol car and entered the coffee shop at Owyhee Lanes bowling alley in Homedale.

"I noticed that everyone in there must have felt the tremor because everything was shaking," he continued. "To tell you the truth, I thought I'd drank just a little bit too much coffee and had the caffeine janglers at first."

MOMENTS after the tremor shook the building housing The Owyhee Chronicle, the telephones began ringing. Conversations with inquiring callers were often interrupted as the telephone went dead and returned to service several times.

Employees in the building at the time of the quake watched suspended houseplants swing and heard the roof creak several times as the structure adjusted to the movement of the earth.

Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton told the Owyhee Chronicle that except for the conversations over coffee "nothing much happened" in Murphy.

IN SILVER City, Ed Jagels, owner of the Idaho Hotel reported that he and his family thought they were in the middle of big windstorm when the building, which was built in 1863, began cracking.

Jagels' parents were staying upstairs at the time. "It sounded like 1,000 people walking across the attic floor at the same time," they explained.

50 years ago

October 30, 1958

General election Tuesday to climax long campaign

Voters were reminded this week that Saturday at 9pm registration books for Tuesday's general election close.

Mrs. Ruth Bergeson is registrar for North Homedale precinct and Tom Murray is registrar for South Homedale precinct.

North Homedale voters will go to the polls at the American Legion hall and South Homedale voters at the high school.

Both state and county offices are at stake in the election which will be held from 8am-8pm.

Firemen rush to dragline fire

Homedale volunteer firemen rushed to a gravel pit south of town Sunday morning at about 1:30am where a fire was burning in the batteries and wiring on the Gem Irrigation district's dragline. The fire is believed to have been caused by a short, according to Fire Chief John Matteson.

An estimated \$200 damage was done requiring replacement of four new batteries, wiring and a regulator. Men had been working at the gravel pit with the dragline Saturday morning.

Sheriff Jim Tucker, who reported the fire, spotted it while passing by the area and unsuccessfully attempted to put it out.

Trojans to play Wilder here Friday

The Homedale Trojans, still holding 2nd place in the SRV-B league, will meet the Wilder Wildcats here Friday. This will be the final football game of the season. Game time is 3pm. The game has been moved up a week because both Homedale and Wilder had open dates, Coach Deward Bell said.

Homedale kept its championship hopes alive last Friday as they trampled New Plymouth 53-7.

The host Trojans jumped off to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter and kept up the pace until the final period when the Pilgrims pushed over their lone TD.

Johnny Uranga piloted the Trojans to victory as Laron Waite made four touchdowns and Dick Frazier a pair. Uranga and Dennis Brandon scored one each. Don Nelson got the long TD for the visitors.

Jean Cearley, chosen queen by the H-club, and whose identity was not known until Friday, was officially crowned with a red rosebud crown at the homecoming dance Friday night by Co-captain Pat Parker. Co-captain Laron Waite was her escort.

The H-club, who also sponsored the dance, presented the queen with matching earrings and necklace. Steinmetz orchestra furnished the music.

Church leaders meet; agree upon Sunday closing

At a meeting of church leaders of the city of Homedale held in the Christian church parsonage October 16 a statement relative to Sunday closing was agreed upon, and is hereby presented to the public and to whom it may concern. The statement as follows has the unanimous support of all bodies represented by the undersigned.

In-as-much as the first day of the week, Sunday, is the Lord's day, a day of divine worship and rest, recognized as such ever since apostolic times, a day involving the cessation from normal labor and business.

And in-as-much as the trend on the part of a few merchants is to encourage and increase Sunday trading.

And in-as-much as the churches have as their concern the general moral and spiritual welfare of our homes and community.

Again we raise our unanimous voice to condemn Sunday trading and to ask all people to keep holy the Lord's day.

And we pay tribute to the truly Christian spirit of the individual businessmen and establishments of this city, whose convections follow the teachings and standards of Holy Scripture to cease from labor and keep holy the Lords day.

140 years ago

October 24, 1868

ANKLETS. A New York correspondent of the Dramatic says that a novel fashion is being introduced this season—a "sweet thing" in anklets to glitter just above the ladies slippers. They are to be of gold, studded with gems: of jet, ivory, &c., and also with little bells hanging here and there to tinkle as the darlings walk.

THE IDAHO HOTEL is undergoing a thorough repairing. A new door for a main entrance has been put in front and the stage office has been arranged in a more convenient manner. Hays & Eastman are determined that nothing shall be lacking to make the Idaho a first-class hotel.

FUNNY BET. On Wednesday last rather an amusing wager was made between Cal Morton and Pete Conner. The conditions are: If California gives Grant a majority of 2,500 Pete is to carry Cal in a hod from the Owyhee mill to Silver, a distance of about three-fourths of a mile; and if Grant fails to get the majority in California, Cal is to carry Pete in the same manner. However it may go, the fulfillment of this wager will create considerable amusement.

CHANGE OF FRONT. Late Eastern telegrams inform us that measures are being taken to put another Democratic President ticket in the field. The weight of opinion is said to be in favor of substituting Chase and J.Q. Adams for Seymour and Blair. August Belmont, Chairman of the National Committee at first concurred in the movement, but after meeting Seymour on the 16th he published an opinion against the withdrawal policy. Blair, in a speech at St. Louis on the evening of the 17th, said that he would be candidate no longer than the Democratic party desired it. Eastern papers appear to talk of little else than the new ticket. An important part of the discussion seems to be how the withdrawal of Seymour would affect bets pending on his election.

NIGHT'S DOINGS in Silver would furnish material that would discount the illustrated paper known as Day's Doings in New York. For instance a posse of the most quiet and respectable young men in town got on a bender the other night. After getting pretty well "set up" they adjourned to an attic where they divested themselves of most of their clothing and then the deviltry commenced. Scalp dances and war whoops were performed in the most approved Indian style. Some quiet citizens, who were passing by, heard the revels of the Bacchanalian and went up-stairs to learn the cause. They were instantly seized, stripped and compelled to join the Bedlamites in their drunken revels. Before dispersing, all hands joined in a shirt-tail foot-race through the principal streets in town. This open air exercise cooled down the wretches, or no telling what depredations might have been committed. If the actors will let us know when the next performance takes place we'll get out a double-sheet poster with the names of each in our biggest type.

A few evenings since another night scene occurred, although on a smaller scale than the one just described. The dramatic personae were three men, a woman and a dog. Scene, a log cabin in an obscure street in town. It was a regular Romeo and Juliet out in the cold. Juliet stealthily approaches in the dark, stumbles on a pine stump and exclaims "O, Romeo, Romeo! Where art though, Romeo?" Romeo answers, "O speak again, bright angel; I have night's cloak to hide me from their sight." Romeo approaches the door on the inside and Juliet on the outside. A watchdog which is chained near the door is heard to growl, and won't let Juliet in nor Romeo out. "Bright angel" commences pelting stones on the house; neighbors alarmed and the watch dog is howling, &c., curtain drops.

JOHN WILLIAMS, sentenced to seven years imprisonment for his share in the bullion robbery at the Upper Sinker mill last Spring, has been taken to Idaho City to serve his term.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

sense

On the edge of common



Food animal veterinarian solution

The livestock industry and rural veterinarians are becoming resigned to the lack of newly graduated vet students interested in practicing food animal medicine. FACT: only five percent of DVMs (doctors of veterinary medicine) graduating from U.S. vet schools in 2007 entered predominantly large animal practices.

This shortage is manifested by the difficulty of rural veterinarians to hire new graduates. It is also a problem for cattle farmers nationwide who run a small herd along with crops. These small farmers are the 80 percent who oversee 20 percent of the cattle.

Granted, big cattle operations — dairy, feedlot or purebred breeders — are often willing to pay extra, or hire permanently, DVMs with specialized experience. These operators are the 20 percent who oversee 80 percent of the cattle.

There has been a concerted effort by some vet schools to select students who might lean toward large animal practice. Results have been disappointing.

Over time I have talked with many about the possibility of using trained assistants, working with or for licensed DVMs. One promising idea was a "Super" vet tech. This position, or profession, would come with a Bachelor's degree that included classroom and hands-on training in Dairy (palpation, baby calf raising, mastitis and reproduction), Feedlot (pneumonia, rumen pathology, nutrition, and necropsy), and Cow-Calf (baby calf diarrhea, abortion, infertility, palpation and poison plants).

There is a muddy river between this idea of Super vet techs and its implementation, including resistance from DVMs who worry they might lose business. Also, there's the recognition from vets that Super vet techs would offer more and, therefore, should be paid more than the high school kid who mucks out your stalls. Then there are the issues of the financing and establishment of a curriculum, which procedures would be permitted, the rules of certification, and the shrapnel of details and objections that frustrates a solution and take our collective eye off the ball.

Right now we are standing on the edge of the bank looking at a future across the river where 20 percent of the livestock and 80 percent of the farmers will have very limited access to professional veterinary care. They will get their information and advice from knowledgeable sources like pharmaceutical salesmen and county agents, plus their horse shoer, brand inspector, and local tire dealer ... which will be nothing new. Up until 60 years ago, most cattlemen did not use veterinarians anyway! We will have come full circle.

But I'm an optimist. Many of the people I'm visiting with are already standing in mud up to their ankles, wading into the river searching for a solution to ensure that in 20 years there will still be such a thing as a cow doc.

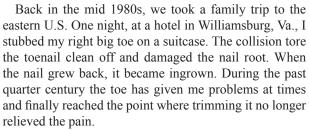
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A tale of a tortured toenail



Because our upcoming vacation will require considerable walking, I decided I better go to a real foot doctor and see if anything could be done to relieve my toe problem.

The podiatrist's nurse was a gal in her late 20s or early 30s. She really should be working in a job where you get tips. The first thing she told me was that she could tell by the way I carried myself that I had spent time in the military (she's an ex-Army medic). Then when I told her my age she said I really didn't seem that old. If I was 30 years younger and wasn't already happily married, I probably would have proposed.

The doctor was a young, personable fellow. He looked at my toe and said there were two options: He could remove the nail and kill the roots. The healing process for that procedure is fairly long and I would spend the rest of my life without a nail on that toe. The other option — which the doctor recommended — was to make a vertical cut along the right edge of the nail, from top to bottom, remove that section, including the ingrown portion, and kill the root for that piece so it won't grow back weird. I said option No. 2 sounded like the best bet.

The doctor left for a moment while the nurse prepared my toe. She sort of casually asked me if I had a high tolerance for pain? I told her I always have felt I can handle pain pretty well but added that the fact that she had asked that question made me a little nervous. She said it really wasn't a big deal — that the surgery itself didn't hurt at all but the injection to deaden my toe might "sting a little."

The nurse had all the instruments laid out when the doctor returned. The first thing he asked me, as he picked up a fairly large syringe, was "Do you have a tolerance for pain?" The fact that I had been asked the pain question twice worried me a little. My worries were confirmed when the doctor stuck the needle into my foot at the base of my big toe and it felt like it went clear through and came out the far side.

When the needle went in my first inclination was to yell "THAT HURTS!!!" But I figured I would lose points with my nurse girlfriend. So, I gritted my teeth and said something like "Oh, that does sting a bit."

The rest of the surgery went quickly. When it was done, the Doc showed me the yucky pieces of ingrown nail he had dug out of my toe. And he was right. When the deadening wore off, the toe felt better than it had felt in years, even though it will be a couple of weeks before it is completely healed.

I have discovered many folks have real phobias concerning toenails. Since the surgery one of my favorite forms of entertainment has been recounting how the nail got messed up in the first place and the recent procedure to fix it. The two women I work with at the office cover their ears, close their eyes and yell "LA, LA, LA, LA, LA!" so they won't hear my description. It really wasn't THAT bad. Well, maybe if you count the needle ...

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Letters to the editor

County sheriff's services have deteriorated under Aman

Since 1990, I have witnessed the degradation of sheriff's services under the autocratic control of Sheriff Aman. From day one, he has meted his form of justice which often neglects the law. In my cases, I have had to do the battles without backup of the sheriff because of he chose to not represent me — a person of the public he is supposed to serve.

Do the right thing, Gary, and take one of those better offers you have bragged about and spare the county the impending turmoil.

Don Barnhill Murphy and Nampa

Write in Aman for knowledge, leadership respected statewide

I know a little bit about Owyhee County people, having been raised and educated in Owyhee County. I married an Owyhee County girl and I served eight years as Homedale's Chief of Police. From those experiences, I know that Owyhee County people can be a little stubborn.

My point is that I am not trying to change anyone's heart or mind about the sheriff's race. But if you are undecided or some of the droves of people that just didn't make it to the polls in the primary, please consider the following.

Gary Aman is the chairman of Idaho's Peace Officers Training Council. An FBI National Academy graduate, an honor achieved by one-half of one percent of all police officers. He is on the Police Officers Standards and Training Hearing Board and the board of directors for his church. He is chairman of the Owyhee Task Force on Recreation, on the board of directors of the Stewards of the Range and an active member of both the Idaho and the National Sheriffs Association. In short, Gary's knowledge and leadership is recognized both in and out of law enforcement statewide. He is in a position to get things done for Owyhee County citizens.

In all fairness, Gary does have some shortcomings for modern politics. He doesn't toot his own horn very well, and he has an evident reluctance to promise things that cannot be delivered.

Write in Gary Aman for Owyhee County Sheriff.

Lt. Allen Bidwell

Nampa Police Dept. (Ret.)

Vote for law enforcement, not a sentiment; write in Aman

"People Come First" is a nice sentiment, but the person who is sworn in to fill the office is obligated to uphold and enforce the law. Please check the box and write in Gary Aman for Owyhee County Sheriff.

Connie Brandau

Wilson

Open, honest, ethical Aman is right choice for sheriff

I have been involved with the sheriff's office for over 25 years, first under Sheriff Nettleton and now under Sheriff Aman. I have learned a great deal from both. I am full-time

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Letters to the editor

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with Sheriff Aman now and hope to continue.

I have nothing but admiration for him. He constantly strives to provide his employees with the best equipment the budget will allow. He is a great mentor and knows the law. I have never asked a legal question that he could not find an answer for. He will look up the law, tell me why I was right/wrong or how I could or must change a charge to better fit the crime. This is done with the best interest of the citizens of Owyhee County in mind. He goes on to explain it so that I know in the future. He does this because it's the law. It's not always what we want, but it is the law.

Sheriff Aman will always comment when asked if he can about matters that concern our citizens of the county

In this election, Sheriff Aman has been open, honest and candid about all the issues within the law and his personal life.

There is very little known about the other candidate. Why would someone never be available for comment?

There have been many lies, untruths and vicious claims made by the opposing candidate or his followers. Crandall claims to teach the law at a large institution. Why can he not enforce it as an officer?

I will support Sheriff Aman and ask for your support as well, not only because I work for him but because it's the right choice, morally and ethically.

Bruce Cameron Owyhee County Sheriff's Office chief deputy

Crandall will put county interests first as sheriff

I would like to voice my support for Daryl Crandall for Owyhee County Sheriff. I feel that Daryl worked extremely hard in his campaign for sheriff and won the primary election. That victory was clearly the people's choice. Daryl will work hard for the people of Owyhee County and keep our interests first.

Harold S. Wilson Mayor of Homedale

Education and experience make Crandall a good choice

The sheriff running a write-in campaign did an interview with the Press-Tribune. He made it a point that he had police experience only within Owyhee County and that the Republican candidate, Daryl Crandall, had worked at more jobs and places.

Unfortunately, he spoke as if Daryl's taking advantage of many opportunities for experience and education was a bad thing. I think a wider range of education and experience can be very helpful for public servants.

Daryl sounds like a common-sense sort of guy that has picked up a lot from his training, experiences and also his service in the armed forces.

I'm voting for Daryl Crandall for sheriff of Owyhee

Mary Wilson Homedale

Aman shows accessibility, dedication to citizens of county

We would encourage the taxpayers of Owyhee County to write in for sheriff Gary Aman in the Nov. 4 election.

Our ranch was involved in a series of robberies that took place in December 2007 in Owyhee County. These robberies began in Bruneau, continued through Grand View, Oreana, Murphy, Reynolds Creek, Givens Hot Springs and on to Marsing. There was much destruction of private property, stolen property and human harm along

Sheriff Aman and his staff worked very hard to find the suspects and incarcerate them. These suspects were very dangerous individuals with little concern for us. Sheriff

Aman put the citizens of his county first. He was very accessible to us and he also made his staff accessible to us. We appreciate his ambition and desire to recover our personal property.

As ranchers, we also appreciate his dedication and professionalism in helping us to educate the people who come from other counties to recreate in Owyhee County about responsible stewardship of the lands in our county.

As BLM permittees, state land lessees, private property owners and recreationists, we all need to appreciate the beautiful land resources and be responsible users of these lands. Sheriff Aman is dedicated to this effort.

Write in Gary Aman for sheriff on Nov. 4. Elias and Inez Jaca Reynolds Creek

Daryl Crandall supports our constitutional gun rights

I was glad to learn from Mr. Crandall (our "voted in" candidate for sheriff in Owyhee County) that he has a strong opinion about protecting our rights to own guns and have concealed weapons permits. He is a trained teacher for people wanting those permits and affirms that this is a constitutional right. Thank you, Mr. Crandall. My vote goes to you for sheriff.

Steve Lootens, Homedale Kevin Lootens, Marsing

Recent incident shows we need change in sheriff's leadership

A recent letter to the editor ("Write in Aman to preserve good relationships with agencies." Oct. 22, The Owyhee Avalanche) claimed the sheriff's office has a wellcoordinated working relationship with several surrounding agencies, and losing Sheriff Aman could compromise all that has been achieved.

I personally witnessed a "well-coordinated" effort, and the word "well-coordinated" does not enter in at all. I was riding a go-cart with another person and their ATV on BLM ground. We were informed we did not have the right stickers for the area. (I was unaware of this need.) We were issued a \$67 ticket.

Giving a ticket for a needed sticker does not show human concern.

We need a change in leadership in the sheriff's office. I vote for Daryl Crandall for our sheriff. He has proven his human concern side and wants law enforcement to put "people first".

Theresa Phifer Homedale

Aman works tirelessly for safety, betterment of county, citizens

We would like to take a moment to let the citizens of Owyhee County know that Sheriff Aman's employees support him. We appreciate all of his hard work to serve you, the public, to provide us with better equipment so we can more efficiently serve you, and for the improved working conditions he has made to retain experienced employees. Sheriff Aman is our sheriff 24/7 he does not stop being sheriff at the end of the workday. When the distressed wife of a missing hunter calls at 3 a.m. because her husband has not returned home, Sheriff Aman is the first person mobilized and ready to search.

The majority of the sheriff's office employees looks forward to continuing to work for Sheriff Aman and continuing his traditions of working for and with the citizens of Owyhee County. We appreciate the fact that he takes the issues at the sheriff's office and those of the county very personally and has spent many sleepless nights trying to figure out how he can make things even better than they are. Sheriff Aman does not have to make campaign promises; people have always come first for him. His track record and reputation prove that you are first on his mind.

Sheriff Aman will not quit on you and will continue to be there as he has been all these years.

We are asking all citizens of Owyhee County to let your voice be heard; get out and vote. Your opinion does matter to the welfare of the whole county not just the employees of the sheriff's office. Sheriff Aman is the only qualified candidate for sheriff in Owyhee County. We will be honored to serve you, the citizens, under Sheriff Aman's leadership for the next four years. Write in Gary Aman for Sheriff.

Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron

Sgt. Jim Bish

Deputy Chris Even

Deputy Lynn Bowman

Deputy Isaac Gordon

Deputy Aron Streibel Deputy George Reed

Deputy David Reed

Tiffany Walker Sherry Olson

Gary Olsen

Citizens should vote for candidate on ballot, not write-in choice

We recently received a brochure in the mail urging us to write in the name of Gary Aman for Sheriff of Owyhee County. One contention of the citizens was, "We assumed Gary would be the sheriff." Everyone knows or should, when the primary is held. To us it sounded very much like Tanya Harding competing in the Olympics, when she tearfully told the judges, "I wasn't ready, my shoe lace broke, can I start over?"

Gary Aman could possibly be the better candidate, but in May 2008 the voters of this county said no to his candidacy and gave the nod to Daryl Crandall. The proper method of disputing the outcome of an election is to ask for a recount, not run the election again. It is amazing to us that even in local elections the voter's voice is not heard. To save money, why doesn't Owyhee County do away with primary elections, if they mean nothing. How does one redo the general election if the need arises?

There is one Republican candidate on the ballot. For Gary Aman to now classify himself as an independent is ludicrous. Stand up for the voter, and vote the listed candidate.

William and Marie Robertson

Bruneau

Aman earns write-in vote with stand on multiple use of lands

I am passionate regarding the ability of each and everyone of us to be able to utilize our public land, which we all pay for. I am grateful to our local ranchers who work hard caring for these lands and keeping me well fed. I enjoy hunting, exploring and learning the history of the country I am blessed to be inhabiting.

Unfortunately, three times in my life I have experienced the federal government closing down the public lands surrounding my home. I used every form of legal protest available to me to no avail. The federal government did not care about my concerns or what they did to our local

Frustrated beyond all description, I have pounded a "For Sale" sign in front of my home, pulled up stakes and moved three times over this very issue. The last time this occurred in my life, I got smart and did a little research. I was ecstatic to learn Mr. Gary Aman is also a support of multiple use of public lands. Mr. Aman is a supporter of the organization Stewards of the Land.

I purchased my home in Oreana based on this. I have not been disappointed. Thanks largely to the efforts of Sheriff Gary Aman, we are still enjoying our public lands.

Some of you may remember Brown's Creek flooding in Oreana New Year's Day 2006. Mr. Aman was instrumental in procuring a scissor bridge for our community until a permanent repair could be made.

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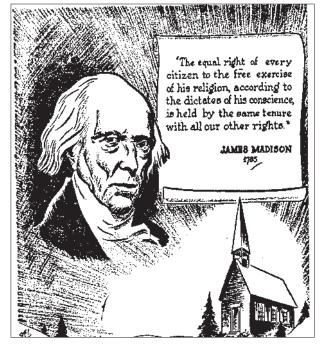
The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer's address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to owyheeavalanche@cableone.net or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call 337-4681.

The Ownhee Avalanche



Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Exercise your precious right: Get out and vote for the future

It's that time of the political year: billboards, yard signs, political ads on radio, television and the Internet all signal the imminent arrival of this year's general election. Although political ads can seem tiresome, given the alternative — no right to choose our leaders — I can live with the sometimes extreme messaging that characterizes our elections. The tone and substance of these ads should serve as a reminder that voters must be discerning and educate themselves about issues and candidates.

In 2006, 43.6 percent of eligible U.S. voters turned out in the general election. This was the highest voter turnout by 4 percent for a non-presidential (midterm) election since 1970. This seems to be good news, unless you consider what the number also says — well over half of all potential voters abdicated one of the most precious (and unappreciated) rights we hold in this nation. While Idaho's voter turnout was a few percentage points above the national turnout, over half of those eligible did not vote. Although voting rates have increased overall, it's disturbing that more than 50 percent of our nation's citizens aged 18 and older chose not to have a voice at the polls.

It's even more mystifying when you consider that elsewhere in young democracies, where previously disenfranchised people now have the right to vote, they tend to have very high voter turnout. These people understand the oppression that results when the governed are voiceless.

Some are frustrated with the blatant partisanship that grips our nation today and refuse to vote. I, too, am frustrated with the lack of comity in national politics. Still, I cannot surrender my right to vote; indeed, it makes me all the more anxious to cast my ballot.

Voting is both the right and solemn responsibility of members of a free and democratic society. Not only should American citizens exercise their right to vote, they should do so with knowledge and awareness of issues and the candidates. Be a discerning consumer of the media, bearing in mind that bias quite often exists. One of the best places to find out where a candidate stands on issues is to check their Web site, write or call the campaign. A great way to get detailed voter information is to visit the www. Idahovotes.gov Web site.

A great orator from 150 years ago, uttered wise words that ring especially true during this political season:

- You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
- You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.
- You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.
- You cannot help men permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln
 16th U.S. president

Casting votes in Idaho has become very easy. You can vote in person on Election Day. You can vote in person before Election Day at an absentee polling station, or you can vote absentee by mail. In compliance with the Help America Vote Act, ballot-marking devices have been purchased for every polling station in the state. These machines assist elderly, vision-impaired and disabled voters.

Our Founding Fathers, followed by countless veterans of yesterday and today, sacrificed much to ensure our freedoms, one of which is the freedom to choose those who lead our communities, state and nation. Please don't be too busy, too discouraged, too frustrated or, at the worst, too apathetic to vote this November. Our future — your future — depends on it.

— Mike Crapo is the junior U.S. senator from Idaho. For more information on voting in Idaho, visit is Web site: http://crapo.senate.gov.

Letters to the editor

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I will be repaying Mr. Aman's dedication with a write-in vote on Nov. 4.

Robyn Thompson Oreana

Senior Center thankful for support, seeks board members

The Marsing Senior Center again wants to thank the good people in the Marsing area who have brought the wonderful produce to share with our clients. We have the best meals in town — and for only \$3 donation for over 60 and \$4 for those under 60, \$2.50 for children under 10; 5-and-under free. Everyone is welcome.

We also want to thank the Owyhee County Commissioners for their yearly contributions to each of our centers. This and the generous grant we receive from the Disaster Fund every spring keeps us afloat. With the high cost of delivery to our Meals on Wheels people, we need all the donations we can get.

It is our purpose to serve the indigent and frail among us — your parents and grandparents — and keep them in their own homes as long as possible. We're having a Health

Fair with flu shots on Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come in early and sign up for door prizes.

What we really need is younger volunteers to serve on our boards; many members have passed on or have reached the age when their mental capacities are not as alert as they should be.

If you are restricted in your traveling abilities, would consider sharing the responsibilities of keeping Marsing the best and friendliest town in the state?

Mary Mahler

Marsing Senior Center treasurer

Unwanted horses should be sold, not turned out in wild to die

Due to the economy, layoffs, cost of hay and the slaughterhouses for horses closed, several horses have been turned loose in Owyhee County.

People obviously think the horses they turn loose will have a great life back in the "wild". They don't realize or care that the horses are suffering.

These horses don't know where the water holes are at plus the vegetation is minimal for grazing. By turning these unwanted horses loose, they face dying of thirst and starvation, plus the possibility of getting hurt to the point that coyotes could attack them for dinner.

Horses are social animals and want the company of other horses. Wild horses will not allow any new horses in their herd, especially geldings. The stallion will beat up geldings trying to join the herd.

Being turned out here or any open area to fend for themselves is not humane. These horses are not used to taking care of themselves. They were never free or wild. They have always had humans caring for them.

To ensure less suffering on the horse's part, it is up to each and every horse owner with unwanted horses that they cannot sell or give away to have them put down humanely.

I wish I had some pictures to send with this letter to show what a horse looks like starving out here and what they look like when a stallion beats them up to the point that the poor horse hardly has any hair on his body.

Don't be wimps and convince yourself that your horse will be happy, healthy and will do just fine turned loose. You must act responsibly and do the right thing for your horse. Don't let them suffer a long, slow death out here.

Sherry Penny

Melba (Owyhee County)

Letters supporting both candidates for sheriff were received after Friday's noon deadline. — Ed.

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES **OCTOBER 14, 2008 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE** MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Hoagland, Tolmie, and Freund, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Aman, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

Amendments included: pay authorization and executive

Approved newly hired appraiser James Ferdinand at an 8A on the pay scale.

Nominated Jack Nelson, and Richard Freund to the Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board.

Called for an executive session on a personnel issue. No action

Approved the Development Agreement modification for Rivershore Estates.

Approved the Sunset Meadows Subdivision Final Plat.

Set the hearing for the Owyhee County Natural Resources Plan revision for November 19th.

A jail inspection was conducted.

Duane Lemon met on dust control for Wee's Road. The Road District will place speed limit signs.

A conference call was held with Frontier Phone Company regarding the phone system in the Marsing DMV. No action was taken.

No action was taken on the Jaca

Building permit. The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office.

/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn 10/29/08

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING **ADOPTION OF THE** OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO NATURAL RESOURCES **PLAN**

The Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to allow members of the public to provide input into the proposed adoption of the Owyhee County, Idaho Natural Resources Plan. Following is the date, time, and location of the hearing:

November 17, 2008 in Courtroom Number 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, with the hearing to begin at 3:30 pm.

The current draft of the Plan contains a revision of the August 1997 Owyhee County Land Use and Management Plan for Federal and State Managed Lands which was revised by the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee. The draft contains recreational management plans which have been developed by the Owyhee County Recreational Task Force, and the Owyhee Initiative Agreement developed by the Owyhee Initiative Work Group, both of which have been previously adopted by Commission Resolution. The draft also contains numerous appendices of importance to land use management within Owyhee County such as the previously adopted Owyhee County Sage Grouse Management Plan and the Owyhee County Wildland Fire Plan.

The Draft Plan is now before the Owyhee County Commissioners for Adoption by Resolution.

Copies of the draft, on CD, can be obtained from the Owyhee

County Clerk's Office and are also available for download from the Owyhee County Web Site at http://owyheecounty.net

Written comments on the plan will be accepted prior to the scheduled hearing and should be sent to Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650. Public comment, both written and oral will be accepted at the hearing. 10/22,29/08

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 12th day of November, 2008, at 7:00 p. m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is a proposed Airport Development fee. Individuals desiring to comment on the proposed increase may appear and be heard. Written comments will also be accepted at Homedale City Hall until 5:00 p.m. November 10, 2008.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Homedale City Hall 2 (two) days prior to the meeting.

Alice E. Pegram City Clerk/Treasurer City of Homedale 10/29;11/5/08

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING SEWER RATE FEES.

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 12th day of November, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is a proposed Sewer Rate increase from \$10.46 to \$20.00 per month. Individuals desiring to comment on the proposed increase may appear and be heard. Written comments will also be accepted at Homedale City Hall until 5:00 p.m. November 10, 2008.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Vote for such candidates as you desire by placing an X in the small square at the right of the names, or by writing in the names of the persons you desire to vote for, and place an X in the

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES	CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICES	
FOR PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR GOID)	For Legislative District No. 23 FOR STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)	
(Constitution) Chuck Baldwin	Bert Brackett (Republican)	
For Vice President. Darrell Castle	Bill Chisholm (Democratic)	
For Presidential Electors Bruce Ankeny Cyrus McCrory Ketherine Frazier T. Scotz Wells	(Write-in)	
(Libertarian) Bob Barr	For Legislative District No. 23 FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Position A	
For Vice President Wayne A. Root.	(Vote for One) Jim Patrick (Republican)	
For Presidential Electors Patty Hautzinger Gordon Wilmoth	Peter Rickards (Democratic)	
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(Independent) Ralph Nader	Mike Ihler (Democratic)	
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Matt Gonzalez	CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES	
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For Vice President Joe Biden	Jerry L. Hoagland (Republican)	
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For Vice President	George Hyer (Republican)	
For Providential Electory	(Write-in)	
	FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)	Daryl W. Crandall (Republican)	
Larry LaRocco (Democratic)	(Write-in)	
Kent A. Marmon (Libertarian)	FOR COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for One)	
Pro-Life (A person, formerly known as Marvin Sichardson) (Independent)	Douglas D. Emery (Republican)	
Rex Rammell (Independent)	(Write-in)	
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Owyhee County General Election will be held Tuesday November 4, 2008 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following precinct polling places:

01 North Homedale – Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Avenue Homedale

02 South Homedale – Magistrate Court Building, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue Homedale 03 North Marsing – Marsing Community Center 126 2nd St. N. Marsing

04 South Marsing – Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave. Marsing

05 Pleasant Valley - Mail Ballot

06 Wilson – Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson 07 Murphy - Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

08 Oreana - Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road Oreana

09 Grandview – Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave Grand View

10 Bruneau – American Legion Building 32536 Belle Ave. Bruneau

11 Riddle – Mail Ballot

12 Three Creek – Mail Ballot

13 Absentee - Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

10/22,29/08

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Homedale is submitting an application to the Idaho Commerce and Labor for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) for up to \$500,000. These funds would be utilized to provide road and public infrastructure improvements in support of redeveloping areas for future investment opportunities.

The hearing will include a presentation of the application, scope of work, budget, schedule, benefits of the project, and the location of the proposed project.

The funds are authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The hearing has been scheduled before the Homedale City Council on Thursday November 6, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Homedale City Hall, Homedale, Idaho. Upon request to Homedale City Hall, the draft application and application handbook are available for review prior to the hearing and will also be available at the hearing. Written and verbal comments will be accepted up to the close of the hearing on November 6, 2008.

The public hearing will be held in a facility accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodation will be available, upon request, five (5) days prior to the hearing in a format that is usable to persons with disabilities. For more information, contact Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk-Treasurer at (208) 337-4641.

Attest: Alice É. Pegram, City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Homedale 10/29/08

CITY OF HOMEDALE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Homedale for the purchase of one (1) Tractor: 150 Massey Ferguson, Diesel. The tractor may be viewed at Homedale City Hall, Public Works Dept.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2008 to Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The Council reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

Alice E. Pegram City Clerk/Treasurer 10/29/08

NOTICE CANVAS OF DIRECTOR ELECTION OF THE GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gem Irrigation Board of Directors will meet at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008 to canvas the ballots cast in the election of Division #1 and Division #2 Board member positions.

The canvas will take place at the Gem Irrigation District office at 118 First Street South in Homedale.

Connie Chadez, Secretary Gem Irrigation District 10/29;11/5/08

NOTICE OF NON-ELECTION

Pursuant to Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, it is hereby deemed that only one (1) candidate having filed his petition of Candidacy for the respective position of Commissioner, Sub District No. 2 (Murphy & Oreana) of the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District; and, That time having

expired for the filing of any writein candidate, as prescribed by law; Therefore, it is hereby declared that NO election will be held on the 4th day of November, 2008, as further prescribed by law. Dated this 23rd day of October, 2008.

/s/Joan Bachman, Secretary Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District

10/29/08

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO CV08-0852 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of: EDD RIPPEE and CHARLOTTE I. RIPPEE, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the United States of America
acting through the United States
Department of Agriculture, Rural
Development has filed herein
a Petition for Adjudication of
Intestacy and Appointment of
personal Representative, a copy
of which is on file with the
above entitled Court in the above
captioned estate pursuant to the
statutes of the State of Idaho
applicable thereto.

Hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 9th day of December, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., before the Honorable Dan C. Grober, at the courtroom of the above entitled Court at Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho.

DATED this 20 day of October, 2008.

/s/Susan E. Wiebe

Attorney for Petitioner, 802 Arthur, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-454-9075 ISB#3919.

10/29;11/5,12/08

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On February 10, 2009 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 65 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE

WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 302 S. Main Street, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Pat Battles whose interest is now held by Lloyd W. Anderson and Laura C. Anderson, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Ray Brumbaugh and Evelyn Brumbaugh as Beneficiary, recorded April 14, 2005 as Instrument No. 251550, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE **GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-**1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRÉSENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$95,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 9% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated April 13, 2005 and modified by a Modification of Promissory Note and Deed of Trust recorded on October 6, 2006 as Instrument No. 258407. Payments are in default for the months of April 2008 through and including September 2008 in the amount of \$866.00 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. Provide, maintain and deliver to Beneficiaries fire insurance satisfactory to and with loss payable Beneficiaries. The principal balance as of September 19, 2008 is \$93,302.41 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 9% per annum. The per diem is \$23.0061. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for half of 2007, together with penalty and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure; any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$93,302.41, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. October 8, 2008

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust

MARSING JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363			
	2007-08	2007-08	
Account	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
REVENUE RECEIPTS			
Local Sources	1,088,542	1,264,625	
State Sources	4,725,300	4,786,841	
Federal Sources	1,044,627	1,018,249	
Other Sources	-0-	-0-	
TOTAL REVENUES	6,858,469	7,069,715	
Transfers IN	390,836	483,081	
Total Revenue & Transfers	7,249,305	7,552,796	
EXPENDITURES			
Instructional Services	3,486,509	3,388,251	
Support Services	2,342,922	2,468,733	
Non-Instructional Services	381,295	388,360	
Facility Acquisition Services	-0-	-0-	
Debt Services	919,428	483,808	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,130,154	6,729,152	
Transfers OUT	343,141	483,081	
Total Expend. & Transfers	7,473,295	7,212,233	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over Expenditures & Transfers	(223,990)	340,563	

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10/29/08

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Fund Balance at July 1, 2007

Fund Balance at June 30, 2008

Customer Ref No. Acct# 213060

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SECOND ANOTHER SUMMONS CASE NO. CV08-0819 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff,

Vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES of ARCHIE H. SNYDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES of FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB; DONALD LAMB, a single person; TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, an Idaho corporation; STATE OF IDAHO; and RONI M. ATKINS, as personal representative of the estates of ARCHIE H. SNYDER and FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB, Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Archie H. Snyder; Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Flora Dolphine Lamb; and Donald Lamb, a single person.

YOU ARE HREEBY NOTIFIED That in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Second Another Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Amended Compliant.

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A copy of the Amended Complaint is served with this Second Another Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10 (a) (1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

- 1. The title and number of this case.
- If your response is an Answer to the Amended Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Amended Compliant and other defenses you may claim.
- 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.

4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated below.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED This 17th day of October, 2008.

CHARLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk

By: Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk

Susan E. Wiebe, Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur, Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-454-9075. ISB#3919, Attorney for Plaintiff

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THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

LORI DENISE RILEY, Plaintiff,

Vs

KEITH EUGENE BURSON, Defendant.

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TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with his Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

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- 4. Proof of mailing or delivery

of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said District Court this 5 day of September, 2008.

By J. David Navarro J. Randall, Deputy Clerk

Audrey Numbers, Numbers Law Office, 611 W. Hays St., PO Box 9364, Boise, Id. 83707. 208-424-0800 fax 208-343-5791 ISB No. 4826, Attorney for Plaintiff. 10/15,22,29;11/5/08

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT
Owyhee Field Office, 20
First Avenue West, Marsing,
Idaho 83639
In Reply Refer To: 4150
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
IMPOUND ABANDONDED
HORSES

On September 22, 2008, the Owyhee Field Office received a report of three horses which had been abandoned on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Pasture 1 of the Blackstock Springs Allotment (#0515), near McBride Creek. Pasture 1 of the Blackstock Springs Allotment is located adjacent to and east of State Highway 95, approximately 6 miles north of the Oregon state line, and 10 miles south of Marsing, Idaho. The legal description is Township 1 South, Range 5 West, Section 20 (T. 1S, R5W Section 20)

In coordination with BLM Law Enforcement, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, and Idaho State Brand Inspector, ownership of these abandoned horses by either brand or marking has not been determined. Additionally, no one from the public has reported loss of any horses in this area, nor has anyone claimed these animals.

Therefore, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, granting me the authority as the Authorized Officer for management of public land within the Owyhee Field

Office, I am issuing this Notice of Impoundment to remove these abandoned horses from the public lands, if they are not claimed within 5 days after publication and or posting of this notice.

Authority
This notice is made in accordance with Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations

(CFR) and Subparts, including: § 43 CFR 4150.2 (c), which states:

"When neither the owner of the unauthorized livestock nor the agent is known, the authorized officer may proceed to impound the livestock under § 4150.4"

the livestock under § 4150.4" § 43 CFR 4150.4-1(b), which

"Where the owner and his agent are unknown...a notice of intent to impound shall be published in a local newspaper and posted at the county courthouse and a post office near the public land involved. The notice shall indicate that unauthorized livestock on the specified public lands or other lands under Bureau of Land Management control, or both, may be impounded any time after 5 days from publishing and posting the notice."

§ 43 CFR 4150.4-2, which

"...any time after 5 days from publishing and posting the notice under § 4150.4-1(b) of this title, unauthorized livestock may be impounded without further notice any time within the 12 month period following the effective date of the notice."

Any person(s) wishing to make claim of the abandoned horses found on public land in the Blackstock Springs Allotment, near McBride Creek, must do so within 5 days of the publication and posting of this Notice of Intent to Impound. To make claim, contact Jake Vialpando – Owyhee Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist at (208) 896-5916 or myself at (208) 896-5913.

Sincerely, Buddy W. Green Field Manager Owyhee Field Office 10/29/08



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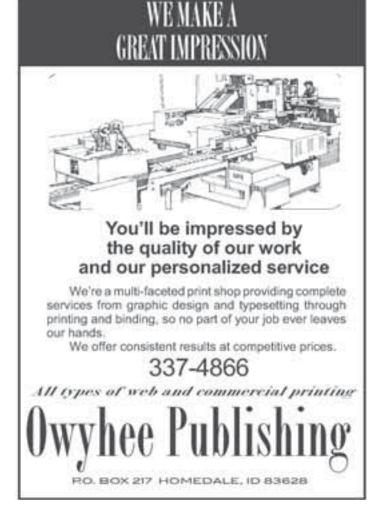


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√ Antelopes: Senior Purnell, junior Shenk | Jordan Valley opens named to first team of all-district tourney

From Page 1B

Day as the Antelopes exacted some revenge against Crane in the district championship match.

The Antelopes rallied from a poor second game to beat the High Desert League regular-season champions 25-16, 12-25, 27-25, 25-23 behind five aces from sophomore Madison Shira and 14 kills from senior McKenzie Purnell

"Sometimes you have too many missed serves and too many balls out, and that's what happens," Adrian coach Aimee Goss said of the Game 2 loss.

"So you talk about the need to re-focus and cut down on the errors. It was a tight match, but I iust felt like we finished the match off better."

The win over Crane didn't come without a scare in the third game. Adrian owned a 10-point lead before the Mustangs rallied to push the issue.

"I was happy that (the Antelopes) finished that game of strong mentally," Goss said.

Adrian earned two first-team all-district tournament selections in senior middle blocker and setter McKenzie Purnell and junior outside hitter Andrea Shenk. Setter and sophomore middle blocker Madison Shira was an

all-district second-teamer.

Purnell delivered 12 kills and Rust — whom Goss said was overlooked in all-district voting — added another dozen in the Antelopes' 25-21, 19-25, 25-21, 14-25, 15-8 victory over Jordan Valley in the semifinals.

Kayla Cuvelier fired a teamhigh 20 kills in a losing effort for Jordan Valley against Adrian.

In other state playoffs matches featuring District 8, Crane opens the state playoffs tonight against visiting Country Christian, the third seed from District 2. A win puts Crane in the second round against District 7 champion

Jordan Valley, meanwhile, will open tonight on the road against District 4 runner-up Elkton. A win sends the Mustangs to a Saturday road game against District 3 champion Crow.

HDL finale

Adrian def. Jordan Valley

An improved serve-receive game and a return to pinpoint service carried Adrian past the Mustangs early last week.

Madison Shira had four aces and eight assists, and McKenzie Purnell added nine kills and seven blocks as Adrian won the battle for second place against visiting Jordan Valley, 25-21, 25-19, 21-25, 25-20, on Oct. 21.

"We played much more confident and worked well as a team," Adrian coach Aimee Goss

"Jordan served well tonight, and we keep working on tightening up our serve receive."

Kayla Cuvelier recorded 10 kills for the Mustangs, who lost for the second straight time playing on a Tuesday night.

"Tuesday night does not seem to be our thing," Jordan Valley coach Jacque Naegle said. "We just didn't play our game in any

"We had too many unforced errors and ended up giving Adrian a free ball on most of the plays.'

Shira and Purnell piloted the Adrian offense, dishing eight and five assists, respectively. Terra Rust served three aces and notched four kills, while Andrea Shenk chipped in five kills.

Nickie Naegle led the Mustangs with 19 assists and 17 service

Catie Kershner chimed in with 13 assists, while Ann Marie Eiguren (six kills), Meagan Fillmore (five kills) and Emma Johnson (four kills) helped out on offense.

1A playoffs on road

Kayla Cuvelier and Nickie Naegle earned first-team All-District 8 all-star status Saturday as Jordan Valley High School rallied to qualify for the 1A Oregon volleyball state playoffs.

The Mustangs (12-3 overall) travel to face Elkton, the secondplace team from District 4, in an 8 p.m. MDT match today.

Jordan Valley reached the state playoffs by finishing third in the district tournament Saturday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Naegle had 16 assists and Cuvelier added six kills as Jordan Valley swept Monument/Dayville, 25-15, 25-6, 25-16, in the third-place match.

That match came just 15 minutes after the Mustangs had lost a protracted semifinal match to archrival Adrian, 25-21, 19-25, 25-21, 14-25, 15-8.

"The girls did a great job mentally in this game," Jordan Valley coach Jacque Naegle said. "I know that they were tired because the Adrian game was tough and they had just taken a loss, but they regrouped quickly and stayed focused on the end goal and that was to make state playoffs.

"Everyone contributed, and some of our bench players went in in the third game and did a great job for us. We have a great team and an outstanding group of athletes and they make me very proud."

Meagan Fillmore came through with seven kills against Monument/Dayville, while Emma Johnson chipped in eight and Ann Marie Eiguren had nine kills and six service points.

All-district second-teamer Catie Kershner chimed in with nine assists and a team-high 12 service points.

Saturday's loss to Adrian was the second in less than a week for Jordan Valley. The Antelopes beat the Mustangs on Oct. 21 to cement the tournament's No. 2 seed.

"The girls really had something to prove," Jacque Naegle said. "We didn't play well at all against Adrian (Oct. 21), and they really wanted to step up and have control of what they were doing.

"I was really proud of them they stayed focused and worked hard at keeping control. We had some great rallies and I feel both teams played very strong at times."

Cuvelier led the charge with 20 kills and two digs.

Jordan Valley opened the tournament by knocking off Prairie City, 25-14, 25-13, 25-16, in the opening round behind 15 service points from libero Ashley Hebison.







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