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Set clocks back

Mountain Daylight Savings time ends — and standard time begins — at 2 a.m. Sunday. Set your clock back one hour this weekend.

Halloween hits town Saturday

The numbers are fewer than years past, but the sixth annual Homedale Safe-n-Sane Halloween Celebration is set to go off again Saturday. All

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City council elections set Tuesday

Voters within Owyhee County's three cities will elect city council members on Nov. 3.

Voters will cast their ballots at Marsing, Grand View and

Homedale city halls in council elections. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Homedale voters will have a choice between four candidates

for two seats, with the top two vote-getters earning four-year terms. Candidates on the ballot are Ruby Austin, incumbent Tim Downing, incumbent Dave Dow-

num and Donald Young.

Marsing will also seat two council members from a field of

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Lights On for music and fun at HES



Homedale Elementary music instructor Lee Savell and his singers perform a Halloween campfire sing-along for parents and community members on Thursday night. The entertainment was part of the Lights On Afterschool national event.

Owyhee flu clinics back on?

Laurie Boston, press officer for Southwest District Health (SWDH), issued a release Monday that tentatively gives the thumbsup to a pair of H1N1 vaccination clinics in Owyhee County.

The Rimrock High School Clinic in Grand View is still on, she said. It is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Wednesday. The event may be a flu-mist-only clinic depending on the supply of vaccine that SWDH receives, she said

The Nov. 18 clinic at the Homedale Armory is tentatively scheduled for noon to 7 p.m., but no details as to the nature of vaccine available have been

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Homedale mom wins on "Let's Make a Deal"

When to watch

Wilson and her family and friends are planning a private viewing party when her "Let's Make a Deal" episode hits the air.

Everyone can get in on the act by tuning in to Wilson's episode at 2 p.m. on Monday on local CBS affiliate KBCI, Channel 2.

HHS grad makes the most of birthday trip to Vegas

Kim Wilson is waiting to see memories. herself on television. Maybe then the Homedale High School graduate will believe what happened during her weekend in Las Vegas.

The 26-year-old mother of two visited the gambling mecca for her birthday earlier this month, but it wasn't in the casino where the 2002 HHS graduate made her

She was selected from the KBCI, Channel 2. "Let's Make a Deal" studio audience of about 300 to be one of the contestants on the legendary and campy game show.

Wilson made the most of her appearance at the Oct. 18 taping, winning a pair of Tag Heuer watches valued at about \$5,000. The show will air at 2 p.m. on

Monday on local CBS affiliate

"I honestly felt like it was a surreal experience. I felt I was just put there to be put on the show," Wilson said.

"It still doesn't feel real; I think I'm going to have to actually see myself on TV or actually be holding my watches until it feels

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Kim Wilson

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Ambulance heads to new home with MRW agencies



Ric Uria, Homedale Fire commissioner, handed the keys to the former Homedale 1994 Ford F-350 ambulance to Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Chief Wes Anderson on Oct. 20. The rig puts the Central Owyhee Quick Response Unit three years ahead of schedule, Anderson said, giving the QRU ground response ability, hopefully as soon as December or January, following certification of the EMS program for transport. At present, those requiring evacuation from the central portion of the

county have to wait for an ambulance to arrive from Grand View or Marsing, or be airlifted.

Homedale originally put the ambulance out to bid, Uria said, but no bids that came in close to the vehicle's assessed value were received, and, as the ambulance was originally purchased in large part through a U.S. Ecology grant, he was happy to see the vehicle stay in the county.

"The county paid for the majority of it, so it's good to see it stay," Uria said.

Left, from left, those attending the handover of the ambulance Oct. 20 were Homedale Fire Commissioner Wendell Hyer, Homedale Ambulance Administrator Lisa Price, Commissioner Ric Uria, MRW Chief Wes Anderson, and QRU crew Jim Price and Ed Dickman.

County considers courthouse security checkpoint again

After defendant brings crossbow to court, search for screening funds intensifies

It didn't turn out to be a tragedy, but when a man appearing for a hearing brought a crossbow into the courtroom on Oct. 19, it showed the lack of any security screening of those attending Owyhee County Court

The individual brought the weapon as an exhibit in his Fish and Game violation case and had not known that carrying a weapon into a courtroom was not the proper protocol, deputy magistrate criminal court clerk Dorla Stoneman said

The incident has court staff and county commissioners examining what can be done to reduce the risk of weapons being

Stoneman called it "a little scary" to have to admit that there was no security screening at the courthouse entrances, but that the incident was a way to focus on what was needed.

District 3 County Commissioner Dick Freund said that county is continuing to pursue Homeland Security grant money, available under "hardening targets" programs, to secure the court building.

Plans are for the building's main entrance to be shifted to the wheelchair ramp equipped one, with all other doors being secured with card locks, he said. The county's walk-through metal detector would be set up in the new main entrance, and a new x-ray machine for checking purses or bags would be added.

That should secure the courtroom against individuals bringing in weapons, Freund said. Court security, on the other hand, is a responsibility of the sheriff's office, he explained. A deputy is brought in when the parties in a case show a possibility of becoming violent in the courtroom.

"We're hoping that, with the front door security, it can be manned by part-time people so we don't have to spend a lot of money on benefits; maybe a retired police officer," Freund said. The issue has been discussed in more depth at BOCC meetings since the crossbow incident, but the subject isn't a new one, he said, and has been

pondered as a potential risk, before.

Sheriff Daryl Crandall and commissioners addressed the issue during the Oct. 20 Board of County Commissioners meeting during a discussion of the event, though the exchange of views included both the security checkpoint and the possibility of having a bailiff in the courtroom at all times. Questions of how the positions of the security checkpoint monitor and/or bailiff might be funded dominated the discussion, but there was a general agreement that the issue needed to be addressed.

"The clerk and I have been discussing this for probably four years now, trying to figure out how to get the money to do it," Freund said. "This is just something that highlights (the concern)."

-MML

City begins spending block grant for engineering, Sage

LID establishment may require 66 percent support

The City of Homedale received its \$500,000 downtown revitalization grant two days after an official said it could be in jeop- Pegram confirmed last week that

ardy, The Owyhee Avalanche has

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice

the city already has tapped into the Idaho Community Development Block Grant funds awarded by the state Department of Commerce. The grant was funded on Oct. 1, two days after a public hearing in which Sage Community Resources community and business development director Pat Engel hinted that the grant money could be pulled if downtown property owners didn't sign off on the establishment of a Local Improvement District.

During its Oct. 14 meeting,

for administration of the process. The city has submitted a total of \$5,551 in claims from Project Engineering Consultants Inc., for professional services related to the block grant and the LID. It's unclear if the city can use the state grant to pay for LID expenses.

Messages left for Sage Community Resources community and business development director Pat Engel or an Idaho Department of Commerce representative weren't returned by press time.

The block grant is a reimburse the city council approved paying ment program, Pegram explained. Sage \$12,250 from the grant funds The city sends a claim to Sage, which submits it to the Department of Commerce. The state agency then sends the check to the city, Pegram said.

In another development, LID attorney Stephanie Bonney sent an e-mail to the city clarifying that the petition being circulated by Mayor Harold Wilson would have to be signed by either 60 percent of resident owners or twothirds of all owners of property (resident and non-resident) in the LID. Previously, LID officials had stated that 60 percent was needed to move forward with the development of the district.

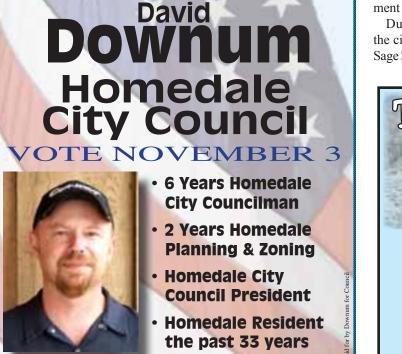


The City Council will meet only once each month in November and December, and November's meeting has been moved up one day because of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

Council members voted unanimously to cancel meetings on Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve).

November's meeting will be held on Nov. 10, a Tuesday because of the holiday. The council will meet Nov. 6 to canvass Tuesday's election results. Both meetings start at 6 p.m. at City Hall.





Initiative board passes bylaws, big steps remain ahead

County amendment clarifying coordination set for Dec. 8 meeting

The people who helped shape the Owyhee Initiative into law took another important step last week in Marsing.

During its annual meeting on Oct. 20, the Initiative Board of Directors passed the organization's bylaws and signed the articles of incorporation. The directors held a meeting attended by the Board of County Commissioners at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

Additionally, the terms of office for each director was set and the first executive board elected. A regular schedule of meetings also was established during what has become a rare gathering of Initiative board members since the public lands omnibus bill, of which the Sen. Mike Craposponsored Initiative was part, passed in March.

The lack of action before last week's meeting had been a sore subject with Owyhee County officials, but now the board will get together six times a year about once every two months on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings will be held at 1 p.m. at the extension office.

At the next meeting, slated for Dec. 8, the board will consider an amendment to the bylaws brought forward by BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland last week. The county is seeking language to clarify the

federal coordination process. The Initiative board can coordinate with federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management only through either the county or the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. The Initiative board doesn't have coordination rights under the Federal Land Policy Management

The commissioners tried to get the amendment considered with the bylaws last week, but Initiative board chair Fred Kelly Grant said the other interest groups would have to have an opportunity to digest the language before it could be acted upon. The document was first presented by Hoagland and county deputy prosecuting attorney Chuck Saari during discussion of the bylaws vote last week.

Grant accepted the nomination as chair of the Board of Directors with a small caveat.

"I agreed to do it until (all facets of the law are) implemented," Grant said. "We've come too far. There's a lot to be done in a short time."

Part of the task is securing private funding for the purchase of grazing allotments in areas that will be designated wilderness. Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society has been spearheading that effort. He wasn't at last week's meeting, but was elected in absentia to the second vicechair of the board for FY 2010.

Chad Gibson from the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will be vice-chair.

All three men will serve one-year terms and head up an executive committee along with Lou Lunte (The Nature Conservancy) and Dennis Stanford (Owyhee Borderlands Trust) to make pressing decisions that can't wait until the next regular board meeting.

In the meantime, work continues on the inventory of range improvements, and there is growing concern among board members that the BLM is drawing up wilderness boundaries without much input.

Gibson said questions remain on 45 sites that could become part of wilderness areas because of a difficulty in reconciling maps with the actual landscape.

"There are a number of places where cherry stem roads go into wilderness and just stop," Gibson said, adding that on-the-ground surveying is necessary to make sure the actual boundaries don't infringe upon sites and access.

The inventory of range improvements must be completed before the anniversary of President Obama's signing the omnibus bill, which was March 30. Grant also frets over the possible departure of BLM state director Tom Dyer and how a new federal chief in Boise might affect on-the-ground policy interpretation.

"Only the ranchers know what's there, and without that inventory, it won't be in the record," Grant

Congress still must grant appropriations, too. And until then, an executive director for the day-to-day operation of the

Initiative won't be hired, Grant

"I'm really hopeful that that appropriations bill gets passed this year," he said, "but I won't bet my life on it."

— JPB



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County hires PT weed supervisor

The reorganization of the county weed department was completed last week with the hiring of a Bruneau resident as the part-time weed supervisor.

The Board of County Commissioners approved compensation for Robin Howard, who will be the part-time weed supervisor. The county will pay her \$14.41 per hour out of a salary budget of \$15,000 (1,040 hours for fiscal year 2010).

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said after the BOCC's Oct. 20 meeting that Howard had worked part-time for the weed department out of the Bruneau area for the previous two years.

Earlier, the county contracted Branch Enterprises from Nyssa, Ore., for chemicals and spraying of weeds for FY 2010.

The Branch Enterprises contract, Howard's salary and other employee expenses bring the

county's weed department budget to \$72,886, according to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn.

The reorganization, which included the elimination of a fulltime weed supervisor position, was part of the commissioners' plan to trim the departmental budget by 17.9 percent from the FY 2009 amount of \$88,853.

— JPB

Mammogram mobile to visit Moxie Java

St. Luke's Mobile in the early detection of breast mammograms if needed Mammography Unit will be in Homedale at Moxie Java at 404 U.S. Highway 95 on Nov. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The specially-equipped mobile coach travels and provides screening in cooperation with hospitals and clinics in outlying communities across southwest Idaho. The mobile service creates easy access to screening technology that aids

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City of Marsing, county hammering out cops contract

Following a second meeting, during which initial disagreements over Marsing's law enforcement contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office were discussed with vigor, both sides have come to some agreement on points of discussion that need to be specified before the contract can be renewed.

The Oct. 21 meeting saw Sheriff Daryl Crandall, county prosecutor Douglas Emery and county commissioners meet with the City of Marsing following a rewrite of the proposed contract the county brought to the table last week. This incarnation of the agreement showed several changes in language, and the reduction of the 86,385 proposed on Oct. 14 to \$76,385, the current cost of the agreement.

Clarity in the terms of the contract is still being sought.

One of the points raised repeatedly by both side was the concept of guaranteed hours under the contract, and detailing how they would be spent.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green opened discussion, saying the revised \$76,385 contract "wouldn't work" as written. "We need to clarify where you're going to be working and what you're going to do for the \$76,385."

Crandall warned that "I can't give you a police department," when it came to a guarantee that a deputy would be on station at a given hour in Marsing, pointing to his office's requirement to respond to and protect the entire county.

The core of the discussion, returned to many times, was the city's desire to have some sort of guarantee that OCSO's contracted hours would be spent on city business, in the schools, in ordinance

violations and for enforcing speeds. Green also repeated the desire for a general monthly report that broke down hours expended on different categories of enforcement.

"Make sure you show where all your money is going," Patty Johnson added during the public comment period, addressing remarks to the council and the sheriff. "You should have everything — what does that \$76,000 do for us — down to the dollar."

By the end of the meeting, both OCSO and City representatives felt they had sufficient understanding to pursue a contract to be considered at the Nov. 9 meeting. Emery and Marsing City Attorney Stephanie Bonney were designated to hammer out a more defined contract that suitable to both sides.

Points that both sides agreed required clarification included:

• What services specifically Marsing expects from OCSO under contract

• Monthly reports on what the sheriff's office is doing within Marsing to fulfill the contract

• Familiarizing deputies with Marsing-specific ordinances to be enforced

The initial discussion of the contract was derailed on Oct. 14 when a former version of the contract with the \$10,000 rate increase, was presented to the city and attending commissioners. Emery said that lateness was not the fault of his office, pointing out that he had received the city's proposed contract — a version specifying some of the definitions and using language that differed from the previous contract — just 24 hours earlier. He said that he had spent about an hour discussing the contract with

Chief Deputy Bill Detweiller and several hours editing a version of the contract as a response, but that there had been no time to have any group discussion of the contract with both the county commissioners and the sheriff prior to the Oct. 14 meeting.

"I felt blindsided by how this came down," Emery said. "It was so scrambled and so jumbled, because we hadn't had time to go over it as a body."

Emery also said during last week's meeting that he had concerns that changes to the contract were to have been submitted in July or August, and finding changes in the version submitted earlier this month by the city had exacerbated the problem.

Until the issue is resolved, the city will continue its current law enforcement contract.

— MML

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√ Halloween: Annual children's costume contest judged at Owyhee Lanes

previous celebrations have been held during a weekday.

Children 12 and younger will be able to trick-or-treat at participating local businesses between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The boy and girl with the best costume will receive prizes as in

years past, too. Judging will take place at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant. The entrance listed on the roll call of participants is the bowling alley, 35 W. Owyhee

Other businesses participating Saturday include:

• Moxie Java Bistro, 402 U.S.

Hwy. 95

• Paul's Market, 20 W. Wyoming

• Subway sandwich shop, 321 E. Idaho Ave.

• Jacksons Food Store, 103 E. Idaho Ave.

• Frosty Palace, 32 E. Idaho Ave.

• Cowboy Up Saloon, 2 W. Idaho Ave.

• Last Chance Saloon, 120 W. Idaho Ave.

• Tolmie's Ace Hardware, 1 E. Owyhee Ave.

• Owyhee Health and Rehab, 114 W. Owyhee Ave.

• Brothers Automotive, 120 N.

Main St.

• Del Rio Mexican restaurant, 6 N. Main St.

• Owyhee Auto Supply-NAPA, 4 E. Idaho Ave.

• Owyhee Motor Sales, 3 S. Main St.

• Joyce's Creations, 11 W. Idaho Ave.



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$\sqrt{\text{Deal:}}$ Homemaker trades pots and pans for expensive wrist watches

like it really happened. It's one of the most exciting things that ever happened to me."

The 2002 senior class president wound up on the show after a chain of events that began when her father, Homedale resident Keith Ingersoll, asked Wilson what she'd like to do for her birthday.

Ingersoll, Wilson, her best friend Amy Packer (a 2000 HHS grad), uncle Bob Ingersoll and cousin Jason Ingersoll (both from Meridian) arrived in Las Vegas — Wilson's place of birth, incidentally - on Oct. 16 for a weekend.

Wilson played a slot machine and won \$13. But the big payday was still to come for the 26-yearold who lives in Homedale with husband Joel, 5-year-old son Landen, and 2-year-old daughter Ava.

After a cousin had turned her on to Let's Make a Deal, which airs weekdays on the Boise CBS affiliate (KBCI, Channel 2), Wilson had decided to get tickets for the show hosted by Wayne Brady because of the imminent birthday trip to Las Vegas.



Homedale residents await friend's TV debut

Homedale residents, from left, Amy Packer, Kim Wilson and Keith Ingersoll (Kim's father) donned costumes for an Oct. 18 taping of "Let's Make a Deal" in Las Vegas. Submitted photo

— thanks to a "birthday girl" sash and tiara Packer purchased for her from a local party supply store — Wilson aced her pre-show interview.

"I told them that I was a Dressed as a birthday witch cheerleader and one of my favorite

things was to watch "Let's Make a Deal," she said.

About midway through the hour-long show, Brady picked Wilson out of a throng of screaming fans.

"He said, 'You, you in the witch

hat," Wilson said. "I was in just such shock. Amy and my dad said, 'Kim, that's you.' I didn't realize it because I was in such shock."

Now on camera as a "trader" ("Let's Make a Deal" guests aren't referred to as contestants), Wilson

was pitted against a man who was offered the chance to either pocket \$1,000 or give it to Wilson. He chose to keep the money, giving Wilson the opportunity to see what was in a big box on stage.

"When they revealed the big box, pots and pans valued at \$3,000, I thought the game was over," the Homedale homemaker

"And (Brady) grabbed me and said, 'No. Stay here.' "

Wilson's family was brought back into the scenario when Brady offered her a chance to trade the pots and pans for a smaller box he was holding.

"So I thought about it and I looked and my family and friends and they said, 'Go for the small box," Wilson said.

The watches — a his and her set — were revealed, sending Wilson on her way with a big prize and fond memories.

"It was just one of the best things that had happened to me," she said. "It's the best trip ... that I'll never forget. It just goes to show that you never know what will happen."

— JPB

Council: Marsing, Homedale have contested races for both open seats

three registered candidates and one write-in for two four-year terms. James Ferdinand, Dale Mendenhall and Ray Usog are on the ballot. They, with write-in candidate Aron Streibel, are contending for the positions. None have held office in the City of Marsing before.

The race in Grand View involves three candidates, only two of which are on the ballot. Former councilman Franklin Hart and incumbent Marie Hipwell are running for two open seats, while a third write-in candidate, David Buffington, seeks a third. Hart's seat is a four-year position, the remaining slots are two-year terms. Buffington's name was not released by the Grand View city clerk, and the Avalanche only learned it on Monday. Buffington is on the Rimrock Senior Center Board of Directors. His term there expires 2010.

Homedale Rural Fire District, the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District, Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District, Gem Irrigation District and Marsing Rural Fire District all gave notice of no election this year.

The Homedale RFD's open fire commissioner position will be filled by incumbent Ric Uria, who was the only candidate to file.

The position for Sub-district No. 3 (Pleasant Valley) of the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery Dis-

Election results

Because of deadlines results from the three city council elections will be published in the Nov. 11 edition.

Results will be posted as soon as possible after the elections at www.owyhee avalanche.com.

trict will be filled by Bonnie Kershner, who was the only candidate to file.

Greg Purdom will be Gem Irrigation's director of District 4, as the only candidate filing for the position, and Tim Leavitt will continue as director for District 5. Both will serve three-year

The Marsing RFD race saw solo filings for both Sub-district No. 1 and Commissioner at Large (Canyon County). Robert Malmberg will retain his seat for Sub-district No. 1 and Jerry Floyd remains Commissioner at Large. Both men will serve four-year terms.

No election will be held for the Division 1 position in Reynolds Irrigation District. Incumbent J. Lavar Young was the only candidate for the three-year term.

Mark Frost will again take the Grand View Irrigation Division I director's seat for three years. No other candidates filed.

The Opaline Irrigation District will see Clyde Sevy and Elias Jaca retain Division 2 and 5 seats, respectively, as no other candidates filed. The seats have three-year

Lez Rahn could not be reached Monday to confirm the unopposed return of seated Bruneau Cemetery District board members Dick Strickland, Chet Sellman and herself.

The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District will see both Rick Sherrow (Sub-district 2) and Valerie Dines (Sub-district 1) retain their seats, as they were running unopposed.

--MML

Flu: Health district at mercy of federal distribution patterns in flu battle

released yet.

"We are totally dependent of the Center for Disease Control and what they ship," Boston said. "It is day-to-day what we receive. The last several weeks we have been receiving two shipments a week. This week we are informed that we will most likely receive flu mist only."

Boston said she plans to post flyers in the Grand View area. The Owyhee Avalanche will post updates oat www. owyheeavalanche.com as changes

For more information, call (208) 455-5411 or visit www. swdh.org for the most current vaccine clinic schedule.

Flu mist guidelines from SWDH

The 2009 H1N1 live, attenuated

(weakened) flu nasal spray vaccine is approved for healthy individuals, age 2 to 49 years. Many of the priority groups do not fit into this category.

Flu mist should not be used for persons with long-term health conditions such as:

- Pregnant women
- Heart disease
- · Kidney or liver disease
- Lung disease

- Diabetes, asthma, anemia, and other blood disorders
- Anyone with certain muscle or nerve disorders (such as seizure disorders or cerebral palsy) that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems

• Anyone with a weakened immune system

Individuals should not get the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine if they have a life-threatening allergy to

eggs or to any other substance in the vaccine. Patients should tell the person giving the vaccine if they have any severe allergies. Also inform them of any lifethreatening allergic reaction after a dose of seasonal flu vaccine or if Guillain Barré Syndrome has occured.

Note: Patients must wait four weeks between seasonal flu nasal spray and H1N1 nasal spray.

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Obituary

Hazel M. Wilks



Homedale announce the birth of

their twin sons, Travis McKinley

The boys were born Oct. 22,

Travis McKinley weight six

pounds and measured 18½ inches;

Homedale center

Oct. 28: Lasagna

Oct. 29: Roast pork

Marsing center

2009, at Mercy Medical Center

and Trevor Dean.

in Nampa.

Hazel M. Wilks passed and Buddy Wilks. away October 22, 2009 - born November 14, 1924 to Edward and Doris Sweetzer in Helena.

At an early age she moved to Homedale, Idaho. Her youth was spent between Homedale and South Mt. area, the hills of the Owvhees.

She married Clarence (Micky) Wilks on April 12, 1941, to this union was born two sons, Larry

six pounds, four ounces at birth.

3-year-old Carter.

McBride of Homedale.

The boys have an older brother,

Paternal grandparents are Dan-

iel Pershall of Wilder and Cal-

lie Miller of Salmon. Maternal

grandparents are David and Sue

Births

Travis and Trevor Pershall Caleb and Kathleen Pershall of Trevor Dean was 19 inches and

Senior menus

Hazel is survived by her sons, daughter in law Bonnie, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, sister and her

At her request no services will

wonderful care.

he held. A special thanks to the Owyhee Rehab Center and staff for their

Death

MOLLIE JOAN DARR, 93, of Murphy, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009. A viewing was held Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at the Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa, and graveside services were held later that day at Melba Cemetery.

WILLIAM "BILL" DOTY, 83, an Adrian High School graduate, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, in Caldwell. Visitation was Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, Ore. Graveside services were held Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Hilltop Memorial Cemetery in Nyssa.

WILLIAM "BILL" ENSLEY, 92, of Marsing, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at home. Services are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

JANICE L. SILLONIS, 53, of Adrian, Ore., died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, in a Boise hospital. Rosary was held Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, and Funeral Mass on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, both at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Nyssa, Ore.

Melba Gun Club starts new season

The Melba Gun Club, which boasts many Owyhee County members, holds shoots at noon every other Sunday at its range on the corner of Can-Ada and Baseline roads in Ada County, outside Melba.

Shoots are scheduled for Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Dec. 27 and Jan. 1, which is a Friday.

For more information, call Ray Montgomery at (208) 495-2887.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Oct. 28: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Oct. 29: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Oct. 30: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Nov. 2: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate pudding, milk.

Nov. 3: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov. 4: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Homedale Middle

Oct. 28: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Oct. 29: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 30: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie,

Nov. 2: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie,

Nov. 3: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Nov. 4: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit roll up, fruit & veggie bar,

Nov. 5: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Oct. 28: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 29: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, churro, milk.

Oct. 30: Beef taco or toasted cheese sandwich, soup, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Nov. 2: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs or chef salad, fruit bar, brownie,

Nov. 3: Chicken tenders or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit bar, fruit roll up, milk.

Nov. 4: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, baked potato, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Nov. 5: Chicken patty, soup & sandwich or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, turnover, milk.

Marsing

Oct. 28: Pizza, salad, baked potato, dessert, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 29: Burrito, veggie, dessert, hot dog or chorizo, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 30: Chicken burger, carrot sticks, soup, dessert, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Nov. 2: Refried beans, celery sticks, chicken nuggets, salad bar, roll, milk, fruit bar.

Nov. 3: Macaroni & cheese, Red Baron pizza, salad bar, milk, fruit

Nov. 4: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, strawberries, chicken burger, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Bruneau

Oct. 28: Cheesy noodle bake, salad/croutons, garlic breadsticks, fruited jello, milk.

Oct. 29: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, green beans, wheat roll/butter, apple crisp, milk.

Oct. 30: No school

Nov. 2: Chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Nov. 3: Haystacks, refried beans, corn, mixed fresh fruit, cake,

Nov. 4: Spaghetti, salad/croutons, garlic bread, peaches, milk.



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Today

Line dancing lessons

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

6 p.m., Grand View fire station

Thursday

Exercise class

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

Senior citizens lunch

Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting

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

Narcotics Anonymous book study

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Friday

Story Time at library

10:15 a.m., children's story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., meeting, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Saturday

Health Fair

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Safe-n-Sane Halloween Celebration

3 p.m. to 6 p.m., participating businesses, costume contest at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Monday

Marsing P&Z Commission meeting

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

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

Election Day

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., polls open in Grand View, Homedale and Marsing for respective city council elections

Exercise class

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-

Senior citizens card games

1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Gem Irrigation District board meeting

1:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting

1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

AA meeting

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

Wednesday

Line dancing lessons

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TRIAD meeting

1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

H1N1 flu shot clinic

2 p.m. to 7 p.m., free, Rimrock High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 337-4931

Grand View City Council meeting

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

Homedale American Legion meetings

7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

NOCWMA meeting

7 p.m., North Owyhee County Weed Management Area, USDA office, N. 250 Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Thursday, Nov. 5

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Friday, Nov. 6

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Homedale City Council special meeting

6 p.m., canvass of votes, City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., meeting, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Monday, Nov. 9

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Owyhee County Democrats meeting

6 p.m., the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

"Let's Talk About It" book club

7 p.m., 16 years old and older, free, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-

Marsing City Council

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122 **Narcotics Anonymous open meeting**

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar.

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Mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628,

Fax them to (208) 337-4867 or

E-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site).

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Peary Perry Bet You Didn't Know

Ancient Romans blamed star for summer heat

So when you think it's hot ... you call it the "dog days of summer." Why? Blame it on the Romans because they thought the hottest days of the summer were caused by a star called Sirius, otherwise known as the Dog Star.

For some reason I'd always thought they were longer. The average length of the human intestine is 29 feet.

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While I've got your attention on the number 29, that's the Finnish term for a hangover. Guess you'd say ... "I can't talk now, I've got a 29?" Or maybe it's just pronounced twenty-nine?

Don't try this at home. An ancient cure for whooping cough advised that if you'd pass a child under the belly of donkey three

So when you think it's hot times, they would get well in a you call it the "dog days of week.

Weird ... in 1995 a lady in France was arrested after stabbing her new husband with the knife they used to cut the wedding cake ... don't guess they went off on a honeymoon.

If you thought the United States had had just two capitals ... Philadelphia and Washington D.C., you'd be shy by seven. The others were: New York City, Baltimore Md., Lancaster and York, Pa., Trenton and Princeton, N.J., and then Annapolis, Md.

It's said that the volume of water on the Earth is the same as it was 3 billion years ago.

— For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit his Web site at www.pearyperry.com

Book that is now a movie featured at story time

A children's story adapted into a recently released movie will be the featured tale at story time at the Homedale Public Library at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sandak tells the story of Max, who puts on a wolf costume one night and gets into all kinds of trouble.

"I'll eat you up!" says Max to his mother right before he's sent to his room. While he's in his room, something magical happens. A forest grows in his room and an ocean tumbles by. Max explores his new world and meets the wild things that live there. Children taking part in story time this week are encouraged to wear a non-scary costume to the library.

Along with the story there will be singing, refreshments and crafts.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, call 337-4228 Monday through Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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Speaker makes obsidian points during Bruneau talk

Elementary students attend library's monthly luncheon

More than two dozen Bruneau Elementary School students doubled the number of people who turned out for last week's installment of the Bruneau and Beyond speaker series.

With 26 fourth- through sixthgraders attending the presentation by anthropologist James Woods, 55 people in all showed up for the luncheon last Wednesday at the Community Church.

An associate professor at the College of Southern Idaho, Woods serves as an Idaho Humanities Council speaker. The humanities council also helps sponsor the Bruneau Valley Library's speaker series.

Woods captivated all age groups with an explanation and demonstration on how ancient tools were crafted.

After spreading a tarp to catch bits of razor-sharp obsidian that might flip, Woods used a hammer stone made from sandstone to break off portions from a large chunk of obsidian, a natural volcanic glass.

Next, he showed how the flakes were chipped away in a process called flint knapping. Another rock or an antler is used to form the desired shape of a biface tool or arrowhead or spearhead.

Woods explained how the ancient tribes made glue from pine sap and ashes and demonstrated using it to secure the arrowhead to a shaft to hold it in place before tying it with elk sinew. To make the dried sinew pliant enough to use, it has to be softened in one's mouth, which Woods did, commenting that the material had no taste.

Woods' interest in the Bruneau area grew out of his research of the region's archaelogical sites in the 1980s. He said that ancient weapons found in the Bruneau area were distinctive in size and the type of stone utilized. Most of the points were tiny compared to others found in North America, he said.

Also, the local weapons were made with white stone found in the area of Battle Mountain, Nev., Woods said. Modern scientific methods can determine exactly which volcanic area a certain stone came from.

Woods said that with the introduction of rifles, the art of flint knapping was in danger of becoming obsolete. Magic Valley native Don Crabtree, self-taught in the discipline, educated Woods on flint knapping. Woods now teaches the skill to his students to keep the art alive.



James Woods demonstrates an early recurve bow to students and others attending his presentation Bruneau and Beyond speaker series. Submitted photo.



Producers have until Nov. 6 to seek federal flood assistance

Time is running out for Owyhee County farmers and ranchers to seek federal compensation for damage caused by flash flooding in June.

The Owyhee County Farm Service Agency Office has announced that the last day to apply for Emergency Conservation Cost Share funds is Nov. 6.

Money is available to farms and ranches that had severe damage that:

- will be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use
- is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affects the productive capacity of the farmland
- will impair or endanger the land

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share payments for the following types of measures:

- removing debris from farmland
 - grading, shaping, or re-level-

ing severely damaged farmland

- restoring permanent fences
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installations

Producers who have suffered because of flash flooding on June 6 and June 13 may contact the Owyhee FSA County Office at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing, ID or call (208) 896-4384, ext. 2 and apply for assistance.

A cost estimate is needed to complete the sign-up.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed (some exceptions apply to this rule)
- the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area
- the agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earth moving, etc., required for rehabilitation.

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JALEENE BRUCE, HOMEDALE Reined cow horse champion

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Bruce is quick study, quick winner in reining

Jaleene Bruce virtually came out of nowhere to win a reined cow horse national championship earlier this year. But she nearly didn't make the trip to compete.

"The day before the entries were due, I wasn't going to enter," the Homedale woman said. "I talked to some family members, and they convinced me."

On Sept. 21, just four months after joining the competitive ranks, Bruce out-performed 38 other entrants to win the National Reined Cow Horse Association Snaffle Bit Futurity \$5,000 Non-Pro Limited Composite and a top prize of \$1,270.

"I am really thrilled to have won that class, but the best part was all the people who were there that were watching me and supporting me," Bruce said.

That support included friendly tips during the run-up to the final performance at the Reno Livestock Events Center.

The night before the final performance, the Homedale Elementary School bookkeeper worked out her horse, No Sense Smokin, which she owns with her husband, rodeo photographer Bill Bruce.

Confidence wasn't running high.

"I was thinking, 'I shouldn't be here'," Bruce said. "I had been having a rough spot all week just trying to figure it out and get it all put together."

But the tight-knit community that makes up the reining horse crowd came to the rescue, something for which Bruce says she's eternally grateful.

"We were in (the big arena), and my son (and coach, Jaton Lord) was in there and other people just encouraging you and giving you tips to have it all come together," Bruce said. "And it all came together during that show."

Her final routine was all of five minutes long and included demonstrating a reining pattern and the fluid teamwork between rider and horse both in running the arena and working cows.

"It's not a long time, but it feels like forever," she said of the performance window.

IRCHA winners

Owyhee County riders who won at the IRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity on Oct 24:

Intermediate Open Futurity

Jaton Lord, Homedale, and Very Smart and Sure **Open Bridle**

Dan Roeser, Marsing, and Roosters Prima Donna

The brevity of that final show, however, mirrors Bruce's rise through the ranks since returning to competition in May.

"I grew up on a ranch and had ridden all my life, but I haven't shown in competition since high school and not anything like this," she said.

Bruce has been the official owner of record for No Sense Smokin only earlier this year, but has boarded the 10-year-old trained by top-notch NRCHA competitor Anne Reynolds since last year when Reynolds gave her the animal.

"He's a really strong horse," Bruce said. "He'll take over really easy, so it was just a matter of learning how to ride him and pay attention to all those little things.

"You just can't go out and lope around the arena 10 minutes every day and have it pegged."

Bruce's 24-year-old son Jaton works for Reynolds. They joined Reynolds' mother, Joyce Pearson, and Bruce's former mother-in-law Carolyn Hunt in Reno to cheer Jaleene on.

"Bill was pretty heartbroken he wasn't able to see it," Jaleene said of her husband, who couldn't make the trip but has been able to see the winning run on the DVD his wife brought back along with her championship medal and buckle.

Jaleene was there, and even she was unsure of how well she did.

"I was walking out of the arena, and I couldn't remember if I had spun the right way," she said. "I don't hear very well, so I was watching Annie's face and Jaton's





face out the side gate to see if they were looking at the ground or looking at the score."

Turns out, Bruce had scored a composite of 290 points (144 for boxing and 146 for reining).

"When they posted that score, my son started twirling me around and high-fiving everyone," she said

Bruce said her supporters included Gem State Stock Horse Association members, some of whom she competed against while winning the one Greener Than Grass and two Rookie titles during a two-day July GSSHA show in Ontario, Ore.

For her win in Reno, Bruce collected a CR Morrison trophy, a Bob's Custom Saddle sponsored by the Santa Ynez Valley Cow Horse Classic, the Gist championship buckle sponsored by NMSU Truckin Chex and Kevin and Karen Stallings, a monogrammed down vest from Bob's Custom Saddles and the CR Morrison commemorative medallion.

"All the sponsors are great," Bruce said, also thanking the Idaho Reined Cow Horse As-

Reluctant champion

Left: Homedale's Jaleene Bruce sits atop No Sense Smokin after being awarded the spoils of her championship at the National Reined Cow Horse Association Snaffle Bit Futurity last month in Reno. She wasn't sure she'd compete until the night before entries closed. Submitted photo. Above: Bruce and No Sense Smokin perform during the NRCHA show at the Reno Livestock Events Center. Photo courtesy of NRCHA

sociation, her family, her friends and the numerous people who lent her show saddles throughout the summer.

She also tipped her hat to the Homedale School District for being flexible enough to allow her to make the winning trip, which also allowed her to watch her son make a splash, too.

In only his second year of competition, Jaton finished second in the Open herd work finals aboard Very Smart And Sure, a Reynolds horse

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Local rancher helps feedlot shine

A Homedale cattle producer once again has put a Nebraska feedlot at the top of the AngusSource Carcass Contest (ASCC), the High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal reports.

On the strength of calves from Homedale's Jimmy Thomas, Beller Feedlot of Lindsay, Neb., was again tops in the north central region. The feedlot, which also scored high in the second quarter with Thomas stock, had Certified Angus Beef and Prime acceptance rates at 81 percent.

"The quality was there, just like we expect from Jimmy," said Mike Beller, quality assurance officer at the feedlot he and brother Terry run.

"We expect nothing less from him—that's why we continue to want to partner with him. When you're getting numbers like that, you've got to keep doing it."

Beller says when it comes to the feedlot's relationship with Thomas, it's all about communication.

"He's very meticulous in what he does," Beller said. "He's always after the detailed data so he can know what he can do to make his cattle even better."

Cattle from Thomas' mixed pen of 42 head were ultrasound scanned and sorted for quality.

Another round of regional quarterly winners will be named before the overall winners are crowned at the end of the year. A prize of \$500 is up for grabs.

Homedale, Marsing place in marching band festival

With a minority of participants in high school, the Homedale schools marching band pulled off a fourth-place showing at the District III Marching Band Festival on Saturday.

Homedale, under the direction of first-year leader George Kerrick, performed at Bronco Stadium on the Boise State University campus with 25 other school bands. Homedale was fourth in the 3A division. Payette, led by former Homedale band director Karla Kachelmier, won the 3A title

"The band had their strongest performance of the season on the blue turf last Saturday," Kerrick said. "I can also say that this was their strongest performance in the past four years." Music selections from West Side Story were incorporated into the band's routine.

"The music for this season's show was far more complex than anything that they have performed on the field in recent memory, and they are doing so with more sound and better tone quality," Kerrick said.

"The real kicker is that of the

43 members in the marching band, only eight of the students are in grades 10-12."

Kerrick says with the youth of the band roster, the program "could really excel in coming years." He has an eye on adding a color guard to improve the "general effect" of the marching show. He also envisions adding assistant instructors.

In the meantime, Kerrick seeks support from the business community and other band fans for the Homedale School District Band and Choir programs.

For more information on how to help, call Kerrick at 337-4613.

Marsing also competed at the District III festival Saturday, finishing second in the 2A class behind Cambridge.



Marsing's marching band takes the spotlight

The Marsing High School Senior Night halftime show was a winner, starring the MHS band showing off the skills that they took to Boise in Saturday's District III Marching Band Festival, where they captured second place. Dawn Sandmeyer directed this year's award-winning marching band.



Homedale FFA news

This fall has been action packed for the Homedale FFA chapter.

It was fun. It was challenging. It was the Homedale FFA Ag Olympics. The first annual Olympics were held on Sept. 25 in the Ag shop.

The activities were geared to introduce members to different career development events (CDEs). A few of the activities that took place were: welding, making corsages, GPS navigation, extemporaneous speaking and livestock judging.

First-place team winners were: Drew Farwell, Caitlyn Johnson, Megan Harper and Fletcher Kelly. Second-place team winners were: Ali McRae, Shelby McRae, Kaylee Rupp and Cole Twedt. Thirdplace team winners were: Kaitlyn Hardin and Shelbie Criffield.

We would like to thank Dianne Amos, Jill Farwell, Shelley Shenk, Sue Williams, Rachel Criffield, Kent Fray, who helped judge, Pilar Wheeler for the donation of Subway gift cards for the second-place team, and also State FFA officers Seth Pratt, Casandra Zufelt, Erica Ramsey and Kiana Wilcox for their help to make this night a success.

The response to Homedale FFA chapter's request for elderly in need was appreciated. It was decided that a change from the normal community service project would be timely. In years past, the chapter picked up trash along Idaho highway 19, east of



Wilder. The decision was made so that the FFA members would feel a stronger connection to the community and its members. This year, on Oct. 5, members showed up with a willingness to work. Weeds were pulled; they then harvested the last of the season's tomatoes and readied the garden for the winter. This service project was successful, and the members are looking forward to serving the elderly again in the spring.

Homedale FFA members attended District Range Career Development Event on Sept. 29. The event was held in New Plymouth. Kylie Farwell, Ali McRae, Deena Emry and Katie Price qualified for State, which was held Oct. 13 in Burley. Shelbie Criffield and Kolbie Gerdes also participated at District.

On Oct. 7, Homedale members also attended the District Dairy Judging Career Development Event at the Kasper Dairy in Melba. Kolbie Gerdes, Katie Eaton, Cole Twedt and Erin Shenk will be going to State.

Kolbie Gerdes placed third individually. Mickayla Taggart, Kenny Harper, and DJ Vandermeer participated.

MES will honor U.S. veterans on Nov. 11

Men and women who served their country will be honored on Nov. 11 at the Marsing schools cafeteria by the Marsing Elementary students in their annual Veterans Day program.

The events begin at 1:30 p.m. with the traditional meet-and-greet during which veterans and students can interact.

A flag presentation, songs performed by the fifth graders,

guest lecturer and reading of the winning fifth-grade essays on why they are "proud to be an American" will follow, and the event will wrap up with more song, Taps and the singing of "Proud to be an American"...

This year's guest speaker will be Capt. David O. Reeve, U.S. Army, retired.

For additional information, call 896-4111, ext. 426.

Court briefs

Francisco Daniel Villa, 21, of Wilder, was found guilty of felony DUI in his third DUI conviction following an arrest in Homedale in August by Homedale Police Officer Jeff Jensen. Villa's case was transferred to Canyon County Drug Court on Oct. 5.

Amanda Ravellette, 21, was turned over to the state for incarceration by Owyhee County. The decision followed a probation violation for failure to pay fees and fines arising from her convictions for grand theft and burglary in connection with a series of burglaries and a home invasion in Owyhee, Ada and Canyon counties in late 2007. Ravellette will now serve two to seven years in the state penitentiary, beginning this month. After her failure to address her fines, a warrant was issued on April 2 for her arrest, and she was arrested in Ada County the next day.

She will serve her sentence concurrently with sentences from Ada and Canyon counties.

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Ravellette, then 19, was one of the trio involved in the wideranging crime spree. Josh Larrea, 20 at the time of the crimes, is in prison for two to seven years. The third suspect, Anthony Bernal, remains at large, though warrants have been issued for his arrest for failure to appear at his Grand Theft arraignment in Canyon County.

Jody B. Olsen, 44, of Grand View, was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI after a traffic stop by Owyhee County Deputy Slade Heeb in May. Olsen faces fines and fees of \$500 and a one-year license suspension.



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Rimrock heading to volleyball state tourney



Raiders split five-set matches to earn automatic berth

Rimrock High School's volleyball team rallied from a championship match loss last week to reach the 1A, Div. I state tournament.

First-year coach Hailey Fuquay's squad will open the state tournament at 9:30 a.m. MST on Friday at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston against Challis. Challis won the District IV-V-VI championship. The tournament concludes Saturday.

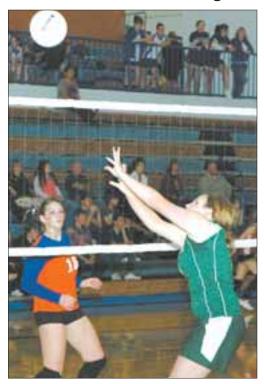
"We don't have a lot of information on the tournament yet, but we are planning on going up there to win and have some fun," Fuquay said Monday.

The Raiders earned their shot by beating Idaho City in five games, 23-25, 25-19, 19-25, 25-22, 15-9, during the second-place match of the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament on Oct. 20 at Emmett High School. The match was played immediately after Rimrock's five-game loss to Tri-Valley in the championship match.

"We put everything we had into that championship game, and we had nothing left for our game with Idaho City," senior middle blocker Jackie Thurman said. "We ended up pulling it off, and we are very excited to go to State."

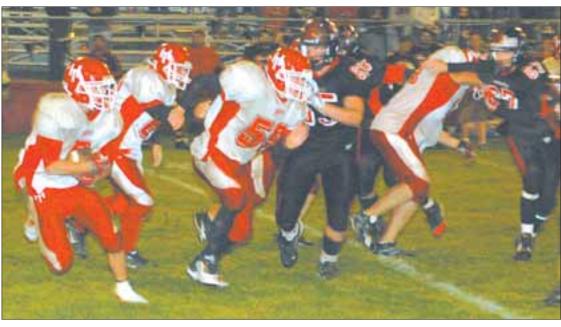
Thurman had 12 kills, five blocks and led the Raiders' service game with three aces. Anna Cantrell chipped in 12 kills and a team-high eight blocks. Becca Barrett

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Raiders can't turn off TV

Left: Jackie Thurman powers the ball over the outstretched fist of Tri-Valley's Jessica Bauer in the first game of the championship match as Tri-Valley's Sam Jensen looks on. Above: Rimrock's Stevie Richardson pushes a ball over the net in front of the Titans' Molly Woodman.



Cuellar wraps junior season on the run

Homedale High School's Emilio Cuellar, left, runs behind his offensive line during the first half of Friday's loss in Payette. Cuellar led the Trojans' with 45 yards on six carries.

Payette slams door on Trojans

Pirates earn trip to football state playoffs with rout

The fire continued to burn on the Homedale High School football sideline even in the waning moments of one of the most lopsided losses in school history.

First-year coach Matt Holtry says the emotion seen during the Trojans' 66-0 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to Payette is a sign of the good things to come.

"The good thing is when the kids are hurting from the loss, you know that's good," Holtry said. "You know it means something to them. Whereas in the past, they might have been like, 'Oh well, it's just another loss.'" Friday's setback at Harmon Killebrew Field was more than just another loss, to be sure.

The Pirates nailed down one of the conference's three berths in the 3A state playoffs. Fruitland beat Weiser on Friday for the conference championship and the top seed from District III into postseason.

Homedale (3-5 overall, 1-3 3A SRV) lost to the conference's three postseason qualifiers, but Holtry urged his players — and even the departing seniors — to stay the course that was set in August.

"The biggest thing for us is we're just trying to get the kids to believe again in the direction that we're going. And I think that we're going in that direction," Holtry said.

"The kids are starting to believe in something

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Jordan Valley uses defense to stay on top

Kershner overwhelms; JV to PC on Friday

Bryce Kershner dominated on both sides of the ball Friday as Jordan Valley High School held on to its share of the lead in the 1A High Desert League football standings.

Kershner racked up 17 solo tackles and 13 assists as the Mustangs held off Spray/Mitchell's second-half surge for a 40-34 victory at home.

Behind the blocking of Garrett Williams, Matt Gleason and Taylor Lucas, Kershner also rolled up 269 yards on 28 rushes, including two second-half touchdown jaunts.

"Our interior linemen played extremely well on both sides of the ball," Jordan Valley coach Tim McBride said. "(Williams, Gleason and Lucas) paved the way for our leading rusher to average 9.6 yards a carry."

Quarterback Dusty Easterday had a ton of time with which to work as well, tossing three touchdown passes in the first half. He hooked up with Elias "Whitey" Cline for scoring plays of 19 and 66 yards in the first quarter then heaved a 53-yard strike to Bryce Hardin in the second quarter.

Easterday also scored on a

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Homedale squad plays for youth football league title

Symms Fruit Ranch, a Homedale-based team, will play for the Caldwell Junior Football League championship Thursday in Caldwell.

Symms moved into the title game for the fifth- and sixth-grade tackle football league with a 32-0 victory over Caldwell Rotary last Wednesday at Deward Bell Stadium.

Next up is a 6:15 p.m. Thursday date with Pioneer Title Co., for the championship at Caldwell High School.

Pioneer Title reached the championship game with a narrow 19-12 semifinal victory over the Homedale Lions Club.

The Lions play for third place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Caldwell against Caldwell Rotary.

Sports

Defending 2A champs shut out on Huskies senior night

Panther returns two first-quarter punts for TDs as Marsing season ends

It wasn't the way Marsing High School would have preferred to see the season and senior night wrap up — a 56-0 shutout by the visiting Parma Panthers.

Fans didn't have much to celebrate on the field during the 2A Western Idaho Conference football game, with Parma's proclivity for running punts back for touchdowns (done twice, both by Brody Fuller) and a Husky defense that rarely seemed able to read the offense, and being constantly ground down by sweep after sweep.

The crowd was vocal early, as senior Ty Shippy recovered a

Parma fumble on the Husky 10yard line on Parma's initial drive, but the wheels fell off for the rest of the first half.

Parma scored on its next drive, moving steadily upfield, then, with 2:35 left in the first quarter, ran a solid Ethan Salove punt back 70 yards for a touchdown. Less than two minutes later, Fuller did it again to go put the Panthers up 21-0 at the end of the first

It was 42-0 by the end of the half after a flurry of breakaway

In the second half Parma began rotating players to give its roster



Bright spot on a rainy weekend

While the weather was wet and the game traumatic, the Marsing High School Senior Night halftime show was a winner. After the MHS band strutted its stuff, the Marsing Lions Optimist Football cheerleaders put on their best duds and fanciest moves to entertain the crowd.

some field-time. The defending 2A state champion Panthers scored twice more in the third,

but were scoreless in the fourth 1-6 overall, 0-4 2A WIC, and will

The Huskies finish the season at

graduate 11 seniors from a roster of 39 players.

Flu, district, take toll on Huskies

Battling the seasonal bug and tough teams, Marsing High School's volleyballers were eliminated after their second match in the 2A District III Tournament.

The Huskies, who battled lineup changes due to the flu for most of the month, faced off against New Plymouth in their first match of the bracket, but lost in three, 25-12, 25-21 and 25-15.

Stat leaders for MHS were Peyton Kinney with six digs; Josie Grim with three kills and a pair of blocks; Rebecca Cossel with nine

kills, two blocks and an ace and Kim Garza with nine assists.

"We didn't play like we can," coach Loma Bittick, who was also saddled with the flu, said.

Marsing slid into the loser's bracket and faced a Parma team that had lost its second-round match with Cole Valley Christian, and the offense just wasn't there to finish the job. The Huskies refused to give in easily, though, losing 25-18, 25-8 and then battling for life to 35-33.

Kinney led the defense with

seven digs; Kacie Hull had four kills and a pair of blocks; Cossel drove home seven kills and had a block and an ace to her credit. Garza contributed eight assists.

The Lady Huskies closed their season at 4-and-10 overall, 2-and-8 2A Western Idaho Conference, though as Bittick had previously pointed out, numbers this year were not a perfect indicator of how solid teams in the league were, and the parity that existed.

The all-conference list will be released after the 2A state tourney.

Efficient Rimrock runs past Adrian

Despite running half as many plays as Adrian High School, the Rimrock football team rolled to a non-conference victory Friday on the road.

The Raiders had just 36 snaps on offense, while the Antelopes ran 79 plays. But with senior Ricardo Araujo accounting for 380 yards, Rimrock pinned a 51-24 loss on Adrian at Ward

Adrian briefly held the lead on Jeremy Price's two-yard run in the first quarter, but Araujo went to work soon after.

From his quarterback position, Araujo rushed for 275 yards and five touchdowns on 20 carries. He also completed two passes for 105 yards and an 80-yard TD pass to Brian Simper in the fourth quarter.

Araujo scored on runs of 34, 47, 30, 23 and 65 yards.

Oh, and he kicked an 11-yard field goal for a 17-6 lead in the first quarter.

Francisco Garcia scored from 10 yards out in the first quarter for Rimrock's other touchdown.

Price collected 210 yards and scored three times on 33 rushes. He crossed the goal line in the third quarter after a five-yard run and rambled 60 yards in the fourth quarter for the game's final

Blake Purnell fired a two-yard pass to David Stones to put Adrian within five points, 17-12, in the first quarter.





Sports

HMS 8th-graders battle to the end in conference title game

The Homedale Middle School eighth-grade football team lost the conference title last week in a game against Fruitland that head coach David Hart says was closer than the 20-8 score indicates.

Fruitland scored the game's first two touchdowns on Oct. 20 as visiting Homedale drove inside the Grizzlies' 15-yard line in the first quarter but couldn't score.

Behind the rushing of Ali Garcia and Casey Hansen, the Trojans moved the ball downfield before Riley Qualls threw a 20-yard play-action pass to Talon Freelove for Homedale's only TD.

The Trojans shot at the win in the final minutes ended on an in-

Celebration set

The Homedale Middle School football teams will hold an ice cream social at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the HMS cafeteria.

complete pass on fourth down.

"It was a great game, and the Trojans never back downed from the Grizzlies," Hart said. "Anyone who saw the game saw the Trojans out-hit Fruitland and battle hard the whole game."

The Grizzlies were the only team to beat the Trojans during their 4-2 season. Homedale beat the other teams in the 3A Snake River Valley conference by a combined score of 144-14. Defensive coordinator Andrew Endicott coached a unit that shut out two opponents during the season.

The defensive line coached by Thomas Thomas included Angel Cardenas, Jovan Cornejo, Eduardo Cardenas, Kody Dycus, DJ Vermeer and Oswaldo Gonzalez.

"The defensive line controlled the line of scrimmage in just about every game," Hart said.

The Hart-coached inside linebackers included Casey Hansen, Ali Garcia, Jed Jones, Curtis Stansell, Britt Eubanks and Karl Hen-

ry. Mark Boothby coached outside linebackers Talon Freelove, Riley Qualls, Trey Lane and Christian Vega. Endicott coached a defensive backfield that never surrendered a touchdown pass — Nathan Leslie, Trey Lane, Joel Campos and Bryan Johnson.

Homedale's offense piled up 165 points in six games. Thomas coached linemen Vermeer, Eduardo Cardenas, Henry, Dycus, Stansell, Eubanks, Cornejo and Vega. Hart said tight ends Gonzalez and Angel Cardenas joined the fray to make the HMS front the best offensive line in the SRV.

Hansen and Garcia anchored the running game. Hart estimated that the two runners racked up more than 800 yards each.

Oualls started the season at quarterback before being sidelined two games by injury. Freelove filled in during the absence.

Endicott coached the running backs, Boothby the receivers and Hart the quarterbacks.

Special teams standouts included the strong-legged Jovan Cornejo and an opportunistic coverage team that recovered five fumbles on kickoffs. Bryan Johnson, who shared kick return duties with Joel Campos, had a punt return for a TD.

Hart also thanked the seventhgrader players for their season.

Trojans spikers finish 4th in district

Homedale High School's vollevball team finished the season one win from a shot at the 3A state Tournament.

Along the way, coach David Hann said the Trojans improved.

"This season was a great season for us. We didn't get a lot of wins, but that doesn't tell the whole story of where we started and where we finished," he said.

"At the beginning of the year, we were having some trouble with chemistry. We were having trouble scoring (8-25, 12-25, 10-25 — a lot of scores below 15 points for us). A lot of 'Net' calls. Too many 'Free-balls.' A bunch of 'Net Serves.'

But, Hann said, about halfway through the season the team had improved on those issues and shored up their communication.

"We were playing teams much better, scoring very well in tough matches regularly scoring in the 20s (22-25, 24-26, 28-30, 23-25,

26-28). We maybe had two 'net' calls in a night," the coach said. "Our free balls were limited to less than five a night.

"We communicated well and had very few balls hit the floor uncontested."

Homedale also notched a serving average of 89 percent.

The season ended with a fourthplace showing in the 3A District III Tournament in Fruitland.

In the Oct. 20 opener, Megan Quintana served 12 points in the first game to spark a25-10, 25-19, 25-8 win over McCall-Donnelly.

Homedale then dropped a semifinal match against top-seeded Fruitland, 25-12, 25-13, 25-19.

"That game was much faster than the previous one we played," Hann said. "We weren't able to match up well in that game."

Homedale's season ended with a 22-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-23 loss to Payette in the second-place match last Wednesday.

Kindra Galloway served three of Homedale's 12 aces and also contributed six assists. Alyssha Conant led the way with nine digs, while Kortney Stansell chipped in seven and the team scored 31 total. Caitlyn Johnson had eight assists, and Sydney Cornwall blocked two shots and fired seven kills.

Quintana added five kills, while Ashlynne Uria served a pair of aces and finished three kills. Taylor Thomas had an ace, a kill and a dig; Carmen Zatica added two aces, two digs and a kill; and Laurien Mavey had two kills.

"We worked hard to improve ourselves. Our final games showed how far we'd come. I'm very proud of how our girls did this year. Our parents and fans were great this year, too," Hann said.

The coach thanked those who helped with meals and prepared the court for matches and put up the players' photos in the gymnasium.

HHS JV routs Pirates

Matt Hetrick threw for four touchdowns and Calvin Black ran for two as Homedale High School junior varsity football closed in with a rout Thursday.

The Trojans reeled off 38 unanswered points in the second half to plaster Payette, 44-0, in 3A Snake River Valley conference action at Deward Bell Stadium.

The game was played in memory of former JV player Conner Landa.

The defense forced five fumbles, and Alan Kennedy picked off a pass. Coach Chris Wright said Brad McCain had his best game of the year with 12 solo tackles and two assists. Isaac Lopez recovered two fumbles.

Running behind Theron Perkins, Salvador Cardenas, Robert Evans, Lane Matteson and Kyle Purdom, Black racked up 136 yards. Hetrick had enough time to complete 12 of 18 passes for 246 yards and two TDs to Brett Shanley (four catches for 70 yards), one to Kennedy and a 55-yarder to Black.

√ **Trojans:** Ryska passes for 197 yards

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more than accepting the way things have been or accepting the way things are. And they're starting to believe that things can change and if they work hard that good things will happen. They saw glimpses of it throughout the year. We've played some good opponents, and we've been in games with them."

Homedale didn't have much chance to shine Friday in Payette. The Pirates used big plays and superior line play to build a 42-0 halftime lead.

"They've got some big boys on their front line, and we were getting handled," Holtry said. "We got beat up up front at the point of attack on the line of scrimmage, and that was key for us."

Damien Reynolds piled up 116 yards rushing on just eight carries for the Pirates. He scored four times, including on a 75-yard interception return in the second quarter and on a 55-yard run 23 seconds into the second half.

While Reynolds was slashing to big gains, junior teammate Joey Barbion bulled his way to 94 yards on 10 carries, and Woody Thomas gained 60 of his 76 yards on his second TD jaunt of the second half.

Homedale was held to 47 yards rushing, with Emilio Cuellar picking up 45 yards on six

With senior quarterback Ryan Ryska leading the way, Homedale moved the ball through the air in the second half.

After only two first downs in the first 24 minutes, Homedale rolled up 11 after the intermission. All but two of those came on passes. Ryska's favorite target was junior Levi Elsberry, who hauled in six balls for 80 yards.

Ryska was the guy showing the fire near the end of the game, when chewed on the ear of one of his receivers about proper routes. He finished the night with 197

yards on 15-of-36 passing.

Holtry said Ryska, who was one of 11 seniors on the roster this year, was a key component to trying to change the culture of the program.

He never gave us the cold shoulder or said he wasn't in it. But he was in it the whole time, and that helped," Holtry said. "It was good having a senior there that stuck with us all the way through, especially with everything that they've been through the past four years."

Two other crucial seniors — Alex Mereness and Trent Acree didn't play down the stretch. Mereness missed the conference season with an injury and Acree was suspended for the last two games after violating team rules.

At the end of the game, Holtry invited the upperclassmen — such as Ryska — back to continue to feed the program with knowledge and spirit.

√ **Rimrock:** Team defeats Idaho City for ticket to State

From Page 13A registered three kills, two assists and two aces.

The Idaho City match made for a long night because earlier in the evening, the Raiders had lost the championship match in five games to Tri-Valley, 17-25, 26-24, 22-25, 25-19, 17-15.

Cantrell dominated with 16 kills and 10 blocks, while fellow senior Thurman had 13 kills and five blocks.

Stevie Richardson set 26 assists, and Lyndie Gillespie served for eight points and killed two balls.

"Both teams wanted to win, no doubt about it," Fuquay said. "I think when it came down to it, we just couldn't relax and play like we can.

"We had some great digs from the back row and some great saves on the floor, and I am pleased to be their coach."

√ Jordan Valley: Crane holds on to piece of lead

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one-yard run in the third quarter, while Cline also had a pair of interceptions that McBride said were crucial in the Mustangs' victory.

The Mustangs owned a 20-0 lead at halftime, but saw Spray/ Mitchell erupt for 20 points in the first 12 minutes of the second half to narrow the gap to 32-20. The visitors were at it again in the fourth quarter, scoring two more TDs, but Kershner's 40-yard run and a two-point pass from Easterday to Brandan Mackenzie provided the winning margin in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Valley (8-0 overall, 6-0 1A HDL) maintained a tie at the top with once-beaten Crane (7-1,

On Friday, the Mustangs travel to face second-place Prairie City (5-2, 5-1), which narrowly escaped with a 20-12 victory over Harper last week. By beating the Panthers, Jordan Valley will do its part to build a battle of league unbeatens for the 1A HDL crown when Crane visits on Nov. 6.

"Our team is excited about the upcoming two weeks," McBride said. "Prairie City and Crane are going to give us our toughest competition."





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