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Big Friday night in small towns



Crowns handed out in Marsing, Homedale

High school fans had different reasons to cheer Friday night in Marsing and Homedale.

Above: Marsing coach Jaime Wood, center, celebrates the school's first conference championship in football since 1997 with members of his team. The Huskies walloped Melba, 44-2, to lock up the 2A Western Idaho Conference title and District III's No. 1 seed in the state playoffs. **See Page 13**

Marsing takes on Orofino at home at 6 p.m. Friday in an opening-round game.

Photo by Dan Pease

Right: King Corby Schamber and Queen Gabby Nash were crowned Homecoming royalty at halftime of Homedale High School's Senior Night football game at Deward Bell Stadium. Schamber is the son of Nick and Kelly Schamber, and Nash's parents are Ryan and Heidi Nash. More photos, **Page 11**



Owyhee County enlists Congress in Gateway West battle

BOCC wants alternative route taken seriously

Commissioners are hoping to deploy the clout of Congress in its fight to keep a proposed powerline off private ground in Owyhee County.

The Board of County Commissioners has formally requested that Idaho's congressional delegation step in on the county's behalf in the quest to get a preferred alternative route for the 500-kilovolt Gateway West transmission line accepted by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Oct. 15 request came on the

heels of Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's letter five days earlier to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.

Both letters express frustration over the BLM's refusal to work with local stakeholders to keep the powerline away from private property.

The Gateway West frustration is just the tip of the iceberg for the commissioners, who again are fighting to be heard as a coordinating partner. One of the biggest battles seems to be achieving consistency between BLM mandates and the county's land use plan, which the Federal Land Policy and Management of 1976 requires.

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Grand View celebrates the season Saturday

Food, fun planned at Chamber's Fall Festival

Seasonal treats, contests and prizes are on tap Saturday during the second annual Fall Festival in Grand View.

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a three-hour baked food sale.

Most events will take place at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St.

"We just wanted to do something fun for the community, like a get-together in the fall," Chamber member Cyndi Fullmer said.

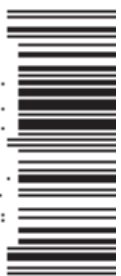
This is the second year for the event, but Fullmer said the Chamber has expanded the offerings and also set out to advertise the festival more this year.

New to the event is a chili and baked potato lunch, a gift basket raffle and a pumpkin-carving or decorating contest.

The Chamber, which Fullmer said has morphed into more of a community organization rather than a business group, is using the festival as a way to raise money for community projects.

"We don't have a specific project right at the moment," she said. "We want to build up our funds for when something comes up."

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Randy Bunn, the piler operator at the Marsing beet dump, guides a truck loaded with sugar beets into place during the first week of a full-blown harvest that Bunn says should produce a record yield.

Beet harvest starts early, yields record crop

Residents of some Owyhee County towns, as well as others in the area, may have noticed something unusual about this year's sugar beet harvest.

Amalgamated Sugar Co., which owns the sugar beet factory in Nampa, decided to start an early harvest. Farmers pulled beets out of the ground and dumped them in piles in Homedale, Marsing, Murphy and Grand View, as well as Adrian and Wilder. After a few days, the harvest paused and the beet lots were emptied and their contents brought to Nampa for processing.

According to Marsing piler operator Randy Bunn, the beet harvest this year is the largest on record, five percent bigger than the 2011 harvest. Last year, Bunn said, some of the beets were lost to rot caused by the weather warming before the beets were all processed. The beets are piled outside for the winter, where the freezing temperatures preserve them. This year's early harvest was to give the processing plant a head start in order to minimize losses caused by rot.

Beet harvesting resumed in the middle of October and the piles will reach their peak around Nov.



Truck drivers hauling sugar beets from nearby fields line up to deposit their payload into the beet piler at Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Homedale beet dump last Wednesday.

1, Bunn said. This year, the Wilder dumpsite received a new piler, and Wilder's old piler was sent to Marsing. According to Bunn, whose family has farmed beets since the 1960s, the Marsing site traditionally is smaller than other sites in Owyhee County, but this new piler has brought it up to similar size.

Bunn said that the new piler can process 180 truckloads of beets

in one day, with each truckload weighing about 15 tons. In the past two weeks, the site has piled closer to 50 truckloads every day.

The Homedale dump also received a new piler this year. According to Ruben Jimenez, piler operator at the Homedale site, this new pile, which came from near Ontario, Ore., can unload up to 270 truckloads

in one day, but typically only handles around between 150 and 170 loads.

According to Clark Millard of Amalgamated Sugar Co., there are roughly 300 beet growers throughout eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. The factory in Nampa produces about 20 percent of the nation's beet sugar.

—JJG

Forum for legislative candidates scheduled

Voters can vet District 23 hopefuls Nov. 1 in Homedale

A town hall-style forum for the District 23 legislative candidates will be held next week in Homedale.

The forum, moderated by The Owyhee Avalanche managing editor Jon P. Brown, will take place at 7 p.m. at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Voters are encouraged to attend the forum and ask questions of the candidates.

Five of the six legislative candidates have confirmed they will attend the forum, which will be held five days before the Nov. 6 general election.

Incumbent Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) is facing independent candidate Bill Chisholm of Buhl in the state Senate race.

Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) is running against Jody Bickle (D-Mountain Home) in the race for Idaho House of Representatives Seat A.

Wills served that position in District 22 during the 2012 Legislature before redistricting realigned his Elmore County constituency into District 23 along with all of Owyhee County and western portion of rural Twin Falls County.

Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) faces Pam Chiarella (D-Mountain Home) in the race for Idaho House of Representatives Seat B. Like Wills, Nielsen was the District 22 representative in the 2012 Legislature.

TOPS, church plan bazaar

A Christmas Bazaar is planned for the first Saturday in November in Homedale.

The First Presbyterian Church and the local Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter serve as sponsors for the event.

There will be crafts and bake sale items at the bazaar, which will take place at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

A lunch menu will be available.

Proceeds from a yard sale table at the bazaar will be dedicated to church youth activities.



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Homedale council set to salute boys

Prosecutor's contract also on Thursday docket

Two seventh-graders who helped an elderly man who had fallen will be honored Thursday night.

The Homedale City Council is scheduled to present certificates of appreciation to Homedale resident Collyn Fink and his friend, Luke Beck of Baker City, Ore., during its 6 p.m. meeting at City Hall. Homedale City Hall is located at 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Fink, who is a great-nephew of Mayor Paul Fink, and Beck helped 81-year-old Ray Kroeger get back on his feet after he slipped in his irrigation ditch while watering his yard on West Owyhee Avenue. Beck

was spending the weekend next door at his great-grandparents' place. He is the great-grandson of Shirley and Gene McAbee.

The recognition was the brainchild of Councilman Aaron Tines, who wants to begin a regular program to salute those who make a positive impact in the community.

Also on tap Thursday is discussion of irrigation billing for Homedale Youth Sports at Sundance Park.

The council also plans to review the contract with city prosecuting attorney Russell Metcalf.

The regular city department reports will be heard, and the council will discuss rescheduling the dates of the second meetings in November, which always falls on Thanksgiving, and December, which comes five days before Christmas.

Two receive sentences for DUI convictions

A Homedale man convicted of driving under the influence for a third time won't see any more jail time.

Jose Leodegario Villa-Alvarez, whose year of birth is 1981, was sentenced on a misdemeanor DUI on Oct. 1 by Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

He was one of two men Grober sentenced that day for DUI.

Grober sentenced Villa-Alvarez to 24 days probation and 24 hours of community service. He suspended a six-month jail term except for two days Villa-Alvarez served after Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green arrested him on July 25.

Villa-Alvarez also had his driver's license suspended for 180 days, and he must pay \$774 in fines and fees.

In exchange for Villa-Alvarez's guilty plea to the DUI, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a misdemeanor charge of failing to purchase or carrying an invalid driver's license. Also dismissed were infractions of failing to carry proof of insurance and operating a vehicle without registration.

Villa-Alvarez served a month in jail after pleading guilty to a second DUI offense in 2001, at which time he was arrested by Homedale Police.

The same HPD officer cited Villa-Alvarez for misdemeanor DUI 12 years ago when he was under 21. He paid a \$400 fine after that guilty plea.

The second man sentenced by Grober was Wendell resident Ryan Elias Premo, who was born in 1987. Premo entered a guilty plea to an amended DUI misdemeanor. A reckless driving misdemeanor charge was dropped.

Sheriff's Deputy Scott Snyder arrested Premo on July 22.

Premo must serve eight days in jail beginning Nov. 15, but Grober gave him all options to serve the penalty except labor detail. He received credit for two days already served, and Grober suspended the remainder of the six-month jail sentence.

Premo also must pay \$900 in fines and fees and \$100 in restitution. He was placed on 24 months probation.



Marsing American Legion Post 128 volunteers Herb Churruca (left) and Steve Carlin put the finishing touches on the foundation for the grave locator planned for Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Submitted photo

Marsing Legion continues work on cemetery locator project

Members of Marsing's American Legion Post 128 have undertaken a project to install a locator map in Marsing Cemetery. According to Kathy Barton, adjutant for Post 128, construction will resume in early November.

Legion members have laid a concrete foundation for the structure that will house the locator, as well as the sod around the building site. Next, they will put up the walls and roof over the structure so that the signage will have some protection from the elements.

According to Post 128 Commander Alan Davis, the project is on hold because members of the team, including construction manager Steve Carlin, are out of town.

The project is ongoing, and while in the final stages, does not have a designated completion date. When the building is complete, it will house a map of the cemetery, labeling gravesites

and marking which ones belong to veterans.

According to Rick Sherrow, Post 128 chaplain and member of the cemetery board, the Legion has \$900 remaining to fund the project and is still accepting donations.

Barton said the Legion hopes to have the structure built before the beginning of winter and hopes to have the locator complete by summer.

Efforts to identify all the veterans in the cemetery are ongoing.

On Nov. 8, members of the Legion will be posting flags on veterans' graves in the Marsing

Cemetery. They will also attend the Veterans' Day program performed by Marsing High School students.

Post 128 holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Nov. 13. The group also hosts Veterans' Coffee the first Wednesday of every month; the next one is scheduled for Nov. 7. Both events are held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Hall and Community Center at 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

For more information, call Barton at (208) 350-3915.

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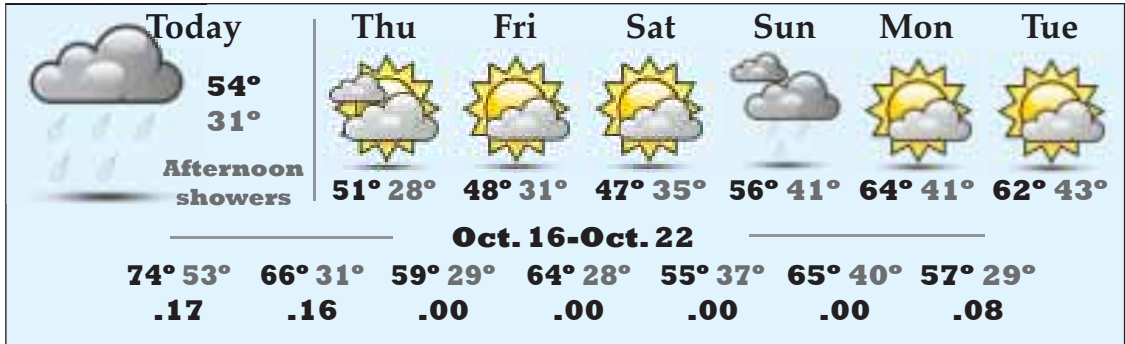
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HHS band benefit features pianist

Tickets are on sale now for a master pianist’s benefit concert for the Homedale High School music program.

Paul Schiller, who works for Dunkley Music, will play an orchestral piece on a grand piano provided by Dunkley.

Schiller’s concert is set for Friday, Nov. 30 at Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road.

Schiller will perform “Pacific 231,” which was written by Arthur Honegger nearly 90 years ago. It has been said that the Swiss composer’s work on “Pacific 231” was inspired by the sound of a steam locomotive.

General admission tickets are \$10 each. Tables are being sold to groups for a music preview and dinner.

The preview and dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. The doors will open at 7 p.m. for the concert, with Schiller taking his seat at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Homedale marching band and music program.

For more information on tickets, call (208) 840-0440 or HHS band director Jessica Bohachek at (208) 337-4613. Call Denise at (208) 840-0440 for information on table sales for the preview and dinner.



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BLM sets open houses to introduce new district manager

Fincher will be in Marsing on Tuesday

Open houses are planned to introduce the new manager of the Bureau of Land Management Boise District.

The BLM announced that the new manager, James M. Fincher, will host the open houses beginning Monday at the Boise District office.

A second open house is planned for the BLM Owyhee Field Office in Marsing on Tuesday.

Both events run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

“The open house will give folks the opportunity to share with me their views on our current working relationship and identify areas where we can strengthen our working together in the future,” Fincher said.

Fincher joined the federal agency in 2008 as the Anchorage Field Manager in Alaska. According to a BLM press release, during his time in Alaska, Fincher expanded the use of partnerships and shared stewardship opportunities, particularly in rural Alaska; enhanced the relevancy of BLM lands to users and partners in both rural and urban areas; and developed employment and training opportunities for Alaska’s youth.

Before joining the BLM, Fincher spent two decades with the U.S. Forest Services at outposts in Alaska, Montana, Idaho and Washington, D.C.

He holds a master’s in soil science from the University of New Hampshire and a bachelor of science in forest resource management from the University of Montana.


Finchr and his wife, Carol, have two children. Daughter Ashley, 21 years old, is in her third year of pre-med studies at Harding University in Arkansas. Son Josh, 15, is a high school sophomore who enjoys soccer.

The Finchers enjoy landscaping, spending time at the family cabin, and supporting their children’s academic and sports achievements.

“I look forward to getting to know those we work with who share our multiple-use public land stewardship mission and gaining a better understanding of how BLM can be more relevant in working together,” Fincher said.

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Homedale Elementary gearing up for annual Vets Day salute

Service men and women are being sought to participate in a Veterans Day observance in Homedale next month. Homedale Elementary School's annual Veterans Day musical program is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 12. The school's new music director, Tony Bradshaw, is producing this year's event. The school's students will sing patriotic songs and present the colors. Bradshaw is looking for veterans from every armed service to come and share their rank, branch of military service and where and when they served. For more information, call Bradshaw at (208) 337-4033.

From page 1

✓ Battle: FLPMA lawsuit not out of question as BOCC fights to be heard

"It seems like there is not enough communication to analyze each other's ways and needs," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said. "I think the commissioners are going to have to get more forceful."

"We expect the BLM not to take it wrong. They are just going to have to understand where we're coming from and that consistency is a federal law. They have to at least show us why our needs aren't consistent."

Hoagland said the county has not ruled out a lawsuit to force BLM to abide by FLPMA. Judgment is also being reserved on how much of an ally incoming Boise District manager James M. Fincher will be.

"It depends on how he views coordination," Hoagland said. "That will be the key thing, and whether he understands how coordination should work."

Idaho Power Co. and Rocky Mountain Power want to build a 1,000-mile electrical transmission line from Wyoming to the Hemingway substation in Wilson, but Owyhee County landowners want to make sure the high-capacity lines remain on public land.

After months of work by a task force made up of county landowners and negotiations with local BLM officials, commissioners thought they had an acceptable alternative route through Owyhee County in place.

That alternative included a portion of the power line going through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, where a similar power line already exists and, according to scientific data, has shown benefits to the raptor population there.

Owyhee County officials were invited to participate in developing a preferred alternative, and even had the majority of their alternative route accepted by then-Boise District Manager Aden Seidlitz as the district's preferred alternative.

But in August, when the federal agency identified preferred alternatives that would be included in the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the county's preference was nowhere to be found.

In an Aug. 20 letter, the commissioners asked acting BLM Director Mike Pool to reverse the decision to exclude the route. At the time they approved the Oct. 15 letter to the congressional delegation, the commissioners had yet to hear back from Pool.

The EIS is scheduled for release by the end of the year, at which time a 60-day comment period will commence. A final decision on the powerline is expected next summer.

"We worked with BLM," said Hoagland, who is also a Wilson-based rancher. "One of the biggest positives we ever (accomplished) with the Gateway West was to get everyone to sit down and look at the potential routes."

"Everybody was in agreement until D.C. came back and said, 'Nope. Can't do that.' That was the most frustrating thing that I've experienced with that."

"D.C." is the Washington office of the BLM, and apparently BLM National Landscape Conservation System Director Carl Rountree nixed the idea of traversing the NCA from his desk at the agency's national headquarters.

That's why the commissioners have reached out to the likes of Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch and Rep. Raul Labrador.

"It's not a done deal yet,"

Hoagland said of the power line. "It's still up to (BLM state director Steve Ellis) to make the decisions. How much influence D.C. will have with that remains to be seen."

The commissioners hope that the delegation members can work directly with Salazar and Pool and make them understand that the county's preferred route is a viable alternative.

Otter went as far as to invite the movers and shakers from Washington to actually visit the proposed site for the powerline. In his Oct. 10 letter in which he also enclosed a ticket for Salazar to visit the World Center for the Birds of Prey, Otter asked that the decision-makers review the power line plan with state and local officials "as soon as possible, but no later than mid-November."

— JPB

✓ Season: Raffle, lunch menu proceeds benefit Chamber's service work

Fullmer said the Chamber has only 10 members right now, but the group is always looking for more folks to join. Vicki Theodozio continues as the president. She presides over Chamber meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Grand View Firehouse.

In addition to the fall festival, the Chamber also sponsors a Christmas in the Country event in the winter and his instrumental in the Grand View Days celebration in the summer.

This year's Christmas in the Country will be held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Fullmer said no firm date on Grand View Days has been set, but the event will be staged in June as it has in the past.

Right now, Chamber members are focused on the Fall Festival, and the bake sale is just the beginning.

A chili feed and baked potato bar will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The menu includes chili, corn bread and crackers or baked potato and all the fixings for \$4 each or a baked potato and chili for \$5. Each meal includes coffee or punch.

Children are invited to take part in a pumpkin-carving contest beginning at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated pumpkins. There are several divisions, including ages 5 and younger, ages 6-9, ages 10-13, ages 14 and older and people's choice.

Another element to the festivities is a scarecrow contest, which the Chamber created to decorate the town in the fall spirit.

Anyone can enter a scarecrow, and participants are encouraged to ask a local business to display or call Shawna Ridley at (208) 834-2953 to reserve a power pole in town for the scarecrow.

All participants must fill out a contest form, which is available online at www.grandviewidaho.us, and the displays must be completed and ready for judging by noon Saturday. The scarecrows must be removed by Nov. 24.

There also will be a gift basket raffle. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. Tickets are available at the Square Deal Store, 215 Main St., in Grand View. The fall-themed basket features a fleece blanket, \$75 in gift cards to various businesses, holiday décor, thermoses and Scentsy products.

For more information, call Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

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Anniversary

Urias to mark 60 years of marriage

Former Homedale residents Floyd and Blanche Urias will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012.

Friends and family are invited to the celebration, which will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 118 11th Ave. N., in Nampa. The couple would enjoy the company of their friends, but ask for no gifts.

They were married on Nov. 2, 1952 in Homedale after attending high school here.

They have lived in Nampa most of their married life except for a few years when Floyd was stationed with the Army in Alaska.

They have three children, including Tony (Camie)



Urias, Sylvia (Dave) Callsen and Steve (Lori) Urias; six grandchildren: Jason (Jocelyn) Urias, Kendra (Zac) Friberg, Kim (Joe) Lindberg, Amy (Aaron) Gross, Aleana and Jaden Urias; and six great-grandchildren: Kailynn,



Kaidence, Karalee Lindberg, Elliot Gross, Breah and Aliah Friberg.

Floyd and Blanche enjoy spending time with their family and going to their cabin in Donnelly.

Homedale library hosts costume party

A Halloween party is planned at the next Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

“Boo, Bunny!” by Kathryn O. Galbraith is the featured book during the preschool activity at

10:15 a.m. on Friday.

The book tells the story of a bunny who goes out trick-or-treating and gets scared because of strange sights and odd noises.

Preschoolers are invited to

dress up in non-scary Halloween costumes and bring a friend to this Story Time, which will feature crafts, songs and snacks.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Death notices

LEONARD M. GALLIVAN, 86, who grew up in Marsing and graduated from Marsing High School in 1944, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 3001 12th Ave. Rd., Nampa.

HERBERT E. INGERSOLL, 77, a former Bruneau resident, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 after a short, courageous battle with cancer. There

will be a service to celebrate Herb’s life at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 at the Canyon County Fairgrounds in Caldwell.

JOHNNIE J. TUREK, 88, a former Owyhee Lanes league bowler, formerly of Nampa, died in Sun Tan Valley, Ariz., on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012. Arrangements are under the direction of Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, Nampa, (208) 466-3545.

School menus

- Homedale Elementary**
- Oct. 24: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn, pears
 - Oct. 25: No school
 - Oct. 26: No school
 - Oct. 29: Hamburger, French fries, peaches
 - Oct. 30: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed fruit
 - Oct. 31: Bean dip w/nacho chips, cheese stick, veggie cup, pears
- Homedale Middle**
- Oct. 24: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, mandarin oranges, jello
 - Oct. 25: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, carrots, orange wedges
 - Oct. 26: No school
 - Oct. 29: Hot dog or turkey sandwich, baked beans, pears, jello
 - Oct. 30: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, peaches, roll
 - Oct. 31: Toasted cheese sandwich or rib-b-q w/string cheese, corn, apple, fruit rollup
- Homedale High**
- Oct. 24: Enchilada or hot pocket, mixed veggies, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Oct. 25: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Oct. 26: No school
 - Oct. 29: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Oct. 30: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, green beans, fruit choice
 - Oct. 31: Spaghetti or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

- Bruneau-Grand View**
- Oct. 24: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, steamed carrots, apple wedges
 - Oct. 25: Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon roll, applesauce
 - Oct. 26: Hamburger, romaine & tomato, sweet potato fries, kiwi, cauliflower
 - Oct. 30: Pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, pineapple, mixed veggies
 - Oct. 31: Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, fruit cocktail, pumpkin bar

- Marsing**
- Oct. 24: Chicken fajita, chicken sandwich, potato wedges, broccoli & cauliflower, salad bar (6-12)
 - Oct. 25: Hawaiian chicken wrap, beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed veggies, salad bar (6-12)
 - Oct. 29: Teriyaki chicken bowl, corn dog, midori blend, salad bar (6-12)
 - Oct. 30: Lasagna & breadstick, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar (6-12)
 - Oct. 31: PB&J, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, salad bar (6-12)

Senior menus

- Homedale Senior Center**
- Oct. 24: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots
 - Oct. 25: Noodles w/alfredo sauce, chicken, mixed vegetables, bread
 - Oct. 30: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, bread
 - Oct. 31: Country fried steak, gravy, potato, carrots, bread
- Marsing Senior Center**
- Oct. 24: Baked potato bar w/ bean soup, broccoli, chili, cheese, fruit, bran muffin, milk
 - Oct. 25: Chicken-fried steak, potatoes, carrots, roll, apple salad, cookies, ice cream, milk
 - Oct. 29: (No breakfast) Fried Chicken, stewed tomatoes, bean salad, apricot juice, roll, cake & ice cream
 - Oct. 30: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, fruit, pumpkin pudding, milk
 - Oct. 31: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, cornbread, dessert, milk

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HES plans Red Ribbon week

Despite being a week behind the national celebration of Red Ribbon Week, Homedale Elementary School is bringing the campaign to encourage children to “Just Say No” to drugs into its hallways beginning Monday. Rande Garrett, counselor at Homedale Middle School, began going classroom-to-classroom this week, giving students lessons on how to resist peer pressure and other life skills. The lessons will continue until Nov. 2. Monday will mark the beginning of the Red Ribbon Week theme days, during which students are encouraged to dress up

as a reminder to say no to drugs. The theme days will include: Monday: “Follow Your Dreams—Don’t Do Drugs” (Pajama Day), Tuesday: “I’m a “Jean”ius—I’m Drug Free” (Jeans Day), Wednesday: “Say Boo to Drugs” (Halloween costumes), Thursday: “I Elect to be Drug Free” (Red, White & Blue), and Friday: “Stay in the Game—Be Drug Free” (Team Jerseys). The National Family Partnership and federal Drug Enforcement Agency, founders of Red Ribbon Week, are also sponsoring a nationwide contest. They

are asking students and their families to decorate their homes in honor of Red Ribbon Week and submit photos of the decorations. This year’s theme is “The Best Me Is Drug Free.” Photos can be uploaded to www.redribbon.org/contest or www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek. The deadline is Nov. 2, when voting begins. Ten winners will be announced after the voting is closed on Nov. 16; they will receive a \$1,000 grant for their school and an Apple iPad for their family. Red Ribbon Week is the longest-running anti-drug campaign in America. It began in 1985.

Calendar

Today

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons
Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757
Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Thursday

Bruneau Valley Library District board meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., open to public, \$4, bring finger food to share, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
Grand View Fall Festival bake sale
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 834-2636
Grand View Festival pumpkin carving contest
1 p.m., American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 834-2636
Grand View Fall Festival chili feed
11:30 a.m., various dishes and prices, American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 834-2636

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

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Friends of the Lizard Butte Library book sale
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room. 111 S 3rd Ave W Marsing. (208) 455-2550
Christmas Bazaar
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. Lunch will be available. (208) 989-6389

Monday, Nov. 5

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday, Nov. 6


Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Wednesday, Nov. 7

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Tales of the I.O.N. Country

The Horse Trough

One of the first things I remember as a child was the dunking in a horse trough by my grandfather’s hired man Jake Fisher.

He was doing something at the barn that I didn’t think was right, so I kept telling him, “I’m going to tell granddaddy about you,” or “You’re not supposed to do that.” Finally he had enough, ran me down and gave me the unwanted swimming lesson.

Butchering

A rancher would try to time his butchering when he had a new man working for him. He’d have a bunch of his cattle and a stray driven into the corral. He would walk nonchalantly into the corral and motion toward the stray and tell the man that he wanted him to butcher, “that one”.

He would then leave and come back after the butchering and give him heck for killing the wrong beef.

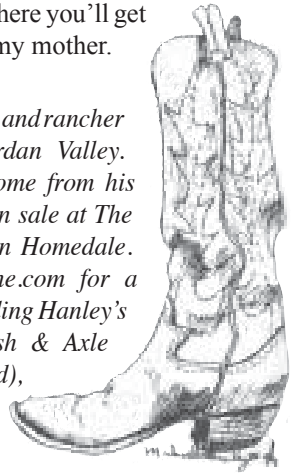
The Steak

My mother never liked to have someone request a special-prepared dish. I had just hired a boy to work for us during the summer and my mother put him on notice. When we sat down to eat supper, my mother asked him how he liked his steak cooked.

“Well if I have a choice I’ll take mine medium rare,” the hired hand said.

“If you’re going to work here you’ll get it the way I cook it,” said my mother.

— Local historian, author and rancher
Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley’s *Owyhee Graffiti*, *Sagebrush & Axle Grease* (with Omer Stanford), *Tales of the I.O.N. Country* and *Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV*.



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Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Ira and Kim Brackett and four children, Cade, Zane, Chantry and Rhett, pulled up stakes and moved to California. They bought a ranch at Williams and another at Lookout, Calif.

Ira had acquired some old ranches in the Three Creek and Roseworth areas, such as Deadwood where Joe and Addie Hawes used to come up from Bruneau with their cattle for the summer and also the homesteads of Lincoln Curtis and Harry Noh. At Roseworth, Ira had owned the homestead of his great-great grandfather, Ira Brackett, and of Gillie Conover and Derek Hartwell. These three men dug a ditch and brought water out of Cedar Creek in the early 1900s before the Cedar Creek reservoir was built. Ira sold out to the Camas Cattle Ranches of Fairfield. We will miss Ira and Kim and their cute kids.

Three Creek School has eight pupils and a new teacher. Dena Pollack is from New Plymouth and is enjoying the one-room school. Her pupils are Emily and Elizabeth Santoya and Sophia and Owen Thompson from Brackett's Flat Creek Ranch. Will and Katie Brackett from Crawfish Road and Dalli and Joden Sears from Summer Camp Ranch. School board members are Art Small, Gus Brackett and Clint Lundy.

Marylin Boss, who taught for the last nine years, is now teaching nine second-graders at Castleford.

Mrs. Pollack got a surprise lately when a wood duck landed in the schoolyard. She caught it and put it in the bathtub, and it was plenty thirsty. After the school kids looked at it they turned it loose and it took off.

Jack and Samantha Brackett now have a new baby girl. Eliza Grace was born Sept. 20, 2012 and joins a little sister Abby.

The chill winds are making the Three Creek horses frisky. Kip Gould got bucked off and landed on his head, injuring his tear duct. J. Thompson's horse threw him and broke his back.

J.R. and Kelsie Robinson and children went to Sonora, Calif., in September to the wedding of J.R.'s nephew, Andy Piper, and Leslie Dean. The couple will live near Buhl.

Jack Dunn of Boise and his daughter Debbie came up to the Three Creek cemetery and put up a stone for Jack's aunt, Harriett Ella Dunn, born Dec. 16, 1900 and passed away March 1904 of scarlet fever.

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Marsing wins Hunger Games

Student councils face off in food drive

Josh Larsen and Lacey Usabel load the back of Larsen's truck with food to be weighed in the inaugural Marsing-Melba Hunger Games. The Marsing High School Student Council challenged their Melba to raise the most food. Marsing gathered more than 1,200 pounds to be donated to local food banks and pantries. Marsing was announced as the winner at halftime of Friday's football game against Melba. Marsing will retain the Hunger Games trophy for a year.

Marsing FFA group heads to nationals

In the wee hours of Monday morning, members of the Marsing chapter of FFA boarded a plane in Boise and headed east to Indianapolis.

After two days of sightseeing, including stops at the Louisville Slugger bat factory and Churchill Downs, the teams will begin their first day of competition today.

The chapter is competing in Sales, Marketing and Agricultural Communications.

The Sales team is made up of Garrett Briggs, sophomore, Cody Rhodes, senior, Gabriel Miranda, senior, and Grayson Kendall, who graduated from Marsing High School earlier this year but was on the team when they competed at the state-level competition and so is entitled to compete at the national level.

The Marketing team is senior Elena Miranda and juniors TaylorRae Brown and Tanner Fisher.

The Agricultural Communications team is Logan Jensen, sophomore, Tyler Jensen, senior, and Courtney Rhodes, junior.

Cody Rhodes and Briggs will be returning on Thursday after they finish competing to be home

in time to play in the 2A state playoff football game at home against Orofino. The rest of the group will return on Saturday.

The Sales team will be competing in several different skills, including sales-pitching, buyer-prospecting and crafting marketing materials, selling hypothetical products to judges playing the role of hypothetical cattlemen, horse ranchers and shop owners.

The Marketing team will pitch a marketing plan for a 1,074-page cattle-raising reference book. This book was compiled by agents at the extension offices of 11 western land-grant universities, including Marsing's Scott Jensen with the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

The Agricultural Communications team is tasked with creating a fictional campaign and marketing it. The team chose to address the issue of hunger in the community by creating materials for a campaign pushing community gardening and canning.

Members of the winning teams at the national convention will receive a \$1,000 scholarship they are able to claim when they attend college.

—JJG



Oregon State Sentinel Alex Yancey times the Adrian FFA officers during the "Human Table" team-building activity. Becca Furtado, Jett McCoy, Quincy Pendergrass, Tyler Reay, Raquel DeHoog, Tanet' Campbell, Garrett Kitamura and Kellie Barraza held the table for a minute and a half. Submitted photo

State officers visit Adrian FFA post

by Kellie Barraza

The Adrian FFA Chapter recently hosted two members of the six who make up the Oregon FFA State Office team.

Perhaps Garrett Kitamura, the State Reporter from Ontario, and Alex Yancey, the State Sentinel from Henley High School aren't exactly royalty, but their presence generated a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm.

The officers visited Agriculture classes and conducted six workshops for a variety of students

ranging from eighth-graders to high school seniors.

In these hands-on workshops, the officers discussed topics on FFA, leadership, teamwork and success.

They challenged students to become involved in FFA and to have a positive outlook in everything that they do.

Not only did this benefit the students who attended, but the effects will continue to ripple through the FFA program for the remainder of the school year.

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Man on probation after break-ins on back-to-back nights

A Caldwell man has been sentenced to four years probation after a plea agreement stemming from December burglaries of Homedale business.

Michael Ray Hunt, whose birth year is listed as 1986 on court records, entered a guilty plea to felony burglary in exchange for the dismissal of a second felony burglary charge and misdemeanor petit theft.

On Oct. 12, Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan ordered Hunt serve four years of supervised probation and pay the owner of a Homedale hair salon restitution of \$705.52. Hunt also must pay \$604.50 in fines and fees.

Ryan suspended a prison term of up to four years during the sentencing hearing in Murphy.

According to court records, Hunt broke into a hair salon on West Idaho Avenue on Dec. 14 of last year and stole cash and other items.

He then returned on Dec. 15 and stole more items, including a portable radio.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge used surveillance video footage from a nearby residence and clothing discarded at the scene to connect Hunt to the crime.

Marsing library group plans fall book sale

Yard sale concept shelved

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library is preparing for its fourth-annual fall sale, at which only books will be sold.

In previous years, the group also sold gently used items, but found it was not effective as a fundraiser and most of the merchandise was donated to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

Books for all ages and interest will be on display during the sale, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. The sale will be held inside the Community Room of the Lizard Butte Library, 111 W. 3rd Ave. S., in Marsing.

In addition to reasonably priced books, the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library also will sell bookbags for \$8 each.

All proceeds will go to benefit Lizard Butte Library Programs.

Age of the cowgirl recounted at Bruneau and Beyond

Presenters dressed in authentic garb give history lesson at library

A large audience crammed into the Bruneau Valley Library last Wednesday to learn about the colorful history of cowgirls.

Three members of the Historic Cowgirl Society made a presentation during the monthly Bruneau and Beyond luncheon series, and 39 people turned out for the show.

All three society members — featured speaker Adrienne Hendricks and her sidekicks Brandi Horsley-Krajnik and Eve Gimmel — were dressed in authentic costumes of yesteryear.

The group told how women of the Old West — including those who came from the East in search of a more adventurous life — found the need to learn riding, roping and even shooting.

The term “cowboy girls” eventually evolved into “cowgirls,” and many of the women competed in rodeos and other western competitions. Some also joined Wild West shows and even went on to work in movies.

Hendricks also explained the attire specific to the cowgirl culture.

She said that when women came west they

found the need for something less cumbersome than their long skirts and developed the shorter split-skirts and eventually put elastic at the knees, making them into bloomers. Modesty was still desired, though, because they could show no leg skin.

For the Wild West shows, cowgirls began trading with the Indian women for beadwork to make their outfits more colorful.

The three women of the Historic Cowgirls Society who showed up last week make most of their own costumes down to the beadwork on their vests, hatbands and hairpieces.

The ladies showed photos and gave brief histories and interesting anecdotes of a dozen authentic cowgirls, including Mabel Strickland, who married into a Bruneau Valley family, and other women with Idaho connections such as Bonnie Gray and Bonnie McCarroll.

Eventually, the era of the cowgirls faded around 1929. The end of the era could be blamed on the Depression; however, the performance-related deaths of a couple of the women — including 32-year-old McCarroll in the 1929 Pendleton Roundup — may have been a factor. Some exhibitions stopped letting women compete, apparently because spectators didn’t want to watch women get hurt.

— Judy Erwin submitted information for this report.

Oregon high schools mark Homecoming



Jordan Valley royalty named

Homecoming Queen Hayley Caywood, far right, and fellow senior Ty Warn, second from right, stand with the Homecoming court, including, from left: freshmen Wyatt Stanford and Morgan Caywood; sophomores Lee Stanford and Sharayah Sausser; and juniors Wyatt Trautman and Natasha Keller. Photo by Tara Echave



Adrian stages parade

Members of Adrian High School’s Class of 2014 (the juniors) ride on their float entitled “Toast the Tigers” on Thursday, one day before the Antelopes took on Monument/Dayville in football.

Madi Purnell was named Homecoming queen, and Kurt Nielson was crowned Homecoming king during Friday night’s football game at Ward Field.



The three women of the Historic Cowgirl Society who dressed in authentic costume for last week’s Bruneau and Beyond were, from left, Brandi Horsley-Krajnik, Eve Gimmel and featured speaker Adrienne Hendricks. Submitted photo

Homedale celebrates Homecoming



Underclassmen Homecoming attendants included:
Left: Juniors Eduardo Cardenas and Mykal Hill
Above: Freshmen Tristan Corta and Conner Carter
Right: Sophomores Devin Fisher and Tori Nash



The freshman class took top prize in the parade with its “Wipe Out the Pirates” float.

Nash, Schamber crowned Homecoming royalty

Seniors, sophomores share spirit championship

Homedale High School’s sophomore and senior classes won five competitions apiece and tied for the most points during Homecoming spirit scoring. Both classes scored 580 points, while the freshmen came in with 560 points. The junior class scored 470. Gabby Nash, the daughter of Ryan and Heidi Nash, and Corby Schamber, the son of Nick and Kelly Schamber, were named Homecoming queen and king at halftime of Friday night’s football game against Payette. The Class of 2015 championships came in the powder puff football

game, in which they beat the seniors; Homecoming king and queen voting participation; and arm wrestling, dodge ball and lip sync/dance contest on Friday morning. The Class of 2013 earned 50 points each in a pair of dress-up competitions (Redneck Day on Oct. 16 and Crazy Hair Day on Thursday). The class with the most participants earned the top score. The seniors also won the relay, volleyball and Nerf football kick Friday morning inside the HHS gymnasium. The freshmen (Class of 2016) were judged to have had the best float in Friday afternoon’s parade. Their “Wipe Out the Pirates” float featured a pirate spinning on a piece of wood that rotated above the float in a style that mimicked the popular ABC network primetime game show “Wipeout.”



Senior Braxton Morris, foreground, finishes his arm wrestling match with junior Larry Vega on Friday morning.



The marching band leads the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon.



Seniors Adam Abrego and Whitney Uria team up for the human wheelbarrow portion of the relay race Friday morning.

Idaho 55 north of Marsing sees resurfacing work

Construction work expected to last six weeks has begun on the highway north of Marsing.

The resurfacing of eight miles on Idaho highway 55 began last Wednesday.

Knife River Corp. Northwest of Boise is the contractor, and it's expected the \$933,000 project will be completed by the end of November.

The resurfacing will be done in two projects between the Snake River bridge outside Marsing and Pride Lane in Huston.

One lane of traffic remains open, and flaggers are guiding motorists. The speed limit has been reduced to 35 mph through the construction zone and delays of between five and 15 minutes can be expected. If work is being done on both ends of the project, the delays could be as

long as a half-hour, according to an Idaho Transportation Department press release.

Oversize loads are being diverted north on U.S. Highway 95 from Homedale and also west from Marsing on Idaho 55 because of lane restrictions, ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead said. Appropriate signage has been put up because the lanes in the construction zone have been narrowed to a width of 12 feet during the project.

"We've still had a lot of wide loads coming through despite all the signing, and there are flaggers on duty to handle getting them through, if it comes to that," Hollinshead said.

The contractor is using recycled asphalt and an overlay treatment to resurface the roadway.



Former Murphy schoolteacher Betty Good found herself in a familiar situation during the Owyhee County Historical Society's field trip, giving a lesson as OCHS president Meril Ebbers listened. Submitted photo

Society's field trip uncovers Murphy's prominent past

County seat once was one of the Northwest's busiest railroad terminals

For anyone who ever wondered how the county seat of Owyhee County got its name, Nick Ihli has the answer.

Ihli shed light on the town's namesake during the Owyhee County Historical Society's final field trip of 2012. A group of OCHS members and guests toured the town on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The event began with a panel discussion inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum. Ihli explained that Murphy was named for a railroad foreman who was a good friend of Col. William H. Dewey, the entrepreneur who developed the railroad between Nampa and Murphy.

An economic depression created opportunity for the town of Murphy. Originally, Dewey's plan was to build the railroad from Nampa to DeLamar. When the depression came about, the construction ceased at Murphy and the town became home to one of the largest rail terminals in the Northwest. The town saw shipments of cattle, hogs, sheep, farm produce and bullion from the mines in Silver City and

elsewhere throughout Owyhee County.

The terminal remained until the 1940s when large stock trucks began hauling livestock directly off the range, eliminating the need for a railroad to Nampa and Caldwell's markets.

Incorporated in 1890, Murphy became the county seat in 1934 after a political battle with other Owyhee County towns for the distinction. County government had been centered in Silver City since 1867. The county courthouse was a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project designed by renowned Boise-based architects Tourtellotte and Hummel. The courthouse is now among dozens of the men's designs listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Four years before the county seat moved to Murphy, the town's population was listed as 310 in the 1930 Census. By contrast, Homedale — now the county's largest city — had 225 people.

At its peak, Murphy boasted two hotels, two livery barns, a stage barn, Grant's barn, two grocery stores, the Murphy

Lumber Co. and its store, a harness shop, one restaurant and a large railroad warehouse north of town. Murphy's three saloons, included one on the east side of Rabbit Creek.

After the panel discussion, the OCHS group toured the town, inspecting historic buildings and hearing the structures' stories from the likes of local residents such as John Larsen, who portrays Col. Dewey during Murphy Outpost Days, Barbara Jayo and Joan Bachman.

After the potluck lunch break, the OCHS field-trippers moved on to the Murphy schoolhouse where Betty Good gave a history of the school. Good, who portrays a schoolmarm during Outpost Days, once taught in the classroom before Murphy students began attending school in Melba across the Snake River.

The schoolhouse was built 112 years ago on what would become DeLamar Avenue. Classes were held in the building until 1963 when patrons voted to close the school and send the remainder of Murphy students to Melba by bus. The school building became OCHS property in 1963.

— OCHS board president Meril Ebbers provided information included in this article.



Barbershop opens on Main in Homedale

Bob Slay looks on as his fiance and business partner Crystal Kleffman gives Homedale resident Michael DeLeon a haircut. Slay and Kleffman are the owners of Downtown Barber and Style, which opened at 9 Main St. in Homedale on Friday. The business is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Ofelia Herrera at the 2A District III meet. Photo by Angie Malmberg

Huskies duo powers through feelings of illness to state meet

District cross country course challenges runners

Marsing cross country coach Troy Blackburn called the program’s first trip to the 2A District III meet “a bittersweet experience.” “The district course was the toughest course that I have ever seen for a high school meet,” Blackburn said. Of the team’s 14 members,

only Dillon Danner and Ofelia Herrera placed high enough in the 5,000-meter race in McCall to receive an invitation to the 2A state meet. “(The course) was almost all up and down,” Blackburn said. “It was over rough terrain and had several muddy areas to run through.” According to Blackburn, both Danner and Herrera started the race feeling a bit unwell. Danner finished at ninth place out of 72 runners, but was only five seconds behind the sixth-place runner. Danner was the only Marsing runner on the boys’ team to go to

State, which required finishing in the top 24. “She looked very pale and weak,” Blackburn said of Herrera. “Thanks to her strong start she was able to hold onto 18th place.” The cut-off for state qualifiers in the girls’ race was 19th place. Blackburn expects Herrera to make a much stronger showing at the state meet. “I am super-proud of how she has performed this season,” he said. “She has been injured all season, but she runs tough and overcomes the injuries.” — See **Runners**, page 17



Dillon Danner at the 2A District III meet. Photo by Angie Malmberg

Pirates sail past HHS in second half

Homedale shut down after intermission

The Homedale High School football team was supposed to play the Pirates on Friday night. Problem was, the Payette coaches were a bunch of riverboat gamblers, turning the tide on a Trojans squad that enjoyed a one-point lead and a boatload

of momentum at halftime of its Homecoming game. Bucking conventional wisdom, the Pirates all but refused to punt on fourth down during a come-from-behind 30-14 3A Snake River Valley conference win at Deward Bell Stadium. Needing a win to sew up the No. 3 seed into the 3A state playoffs from District III, the Trojans found themselves staring at a three-way playoff — See **Trojans**, page 17



Senior Jesus Lino plows through a hole in Melba’s defensive line, rocketing into enemy territory on Friday. The Huskies clinched the 2A Western Idaho Conference championship with a 44-2 victory at home over the Mustangs. Photo by Dan Pease.

Trojans come up short in playoff

Homedale High School’s football season ended Monday where it ended a year ago — in Fruitland. The Trojans were the odd men out after a Kansas City-style playoff to determine the final two 3A District III berths into the state playoff bracket. Payette came away with the No. 3 seed, and Parma — which had lost to Homedale earlier in the year — took the fourth seed. In a round-robin knockout format, the teams were destined to play until one team had lost to the two other squads. Each team would have a shot to score from the 40-yard line. If neither could get in the end zone, each subsequent possession began at the 10. Just as they had Friday night in a 30-14 loss to Payette to close the 3A Snake River Valley conference season, the Trojans rode Casey Hansen in the opening shootout with Parma on Monday. After both teams couldn’t convert on their first possessions,

Hansen capped Homedale’s second crack at pay dirt with a two-yard touchdown run on fourth down. Homedale’s try for a two-point PAT run failed. Parma needed just four plays to cover its 10-yard challenge with quarterback Cesar Gonzalez scoring from a yard out. Adrian Hurtado kicked the extra point to give the Panthers the 7-6 victory. After Payette beat Parma in the matchup to decide the fourth seed, Homedale had a chance to reset the whole scenario by beating the Pirates. Payette gobbled up the 40 yards in its first possession in just four plays with Stephen Tompkins scoring on a 10-yard run. Tompkins rushed for 34 yards on the possession to give Payette a 7-0 lead it would never relinquish. Homedale never got going during its initial possession. Back-to-back penalties put the Trojans 50 yards away before they could run a play. Payette then held Homedale to minus-1 yard the rest of the series.

MHS wins 1st title since '97

Huskies open state playoffs at home Friday

The Marsing High School football team went into Friday’s game against 2A Western Idaho Conference opponent Melba ranked fifth among 2A teams in a statewide media poll. The Huskies came out as the school’s first conference football champions in 15 years. The Huskies (8-1 overall, 5-1 2A WIC) claimed their spot in the 2A state playoffs with a resounding 44-2 victory and will play host to Orofino in a 6 p.m. first-round bout on Friday. Marsing shut down the Mustangs (4-4 overall, 2-3 conference) on every drive, with Melba’s only two points coming on a safety after a holding call against the Huskies in their own end zone. According to coach Jaime

Wood, the Mustangs are known for their ground game, usually rushing for more than 200 yards per game. The Huskies contained them to just 67 yards on 39 carries. Meanwhile, Marsing rushed for a total of 410 yards on 34 carries. “I think the kids knew what was at stake and they stepped up,” Wood said. This is the first time Marsing has claimed a conference championship since 1997, athletic director Tim Little said. “The kids worked hard, and that’s been a goal since the coaching staff came on board,” Wood said. “They (the team) deserve it.” Marsing now looks to the 2A state playoffs, where the Huskies could play the first two rounds at home. First, they will face down Orofino (3-4 overall, 0-2 conference) from the 2A Central Idaho Conference. Orofino is the No. 3 seed from District I-II. According to Wood, the

Maniacs like to take to the air, so the Huskies are spending this week working on their pass defense. “We know what we’ve got to do,” Wood said. Miguel Leon set the tone of the game early, snatching an interception after only 90 seconds of play and running it 27 yards for the first of Marsing’s seven touchdowns. Later in the quarter, Tristan Jacobi broke away for a 45-yard dash to the 12-yard line. He immediately followed it up, busting into the end zone on a reverse play with 6:48 left in the first quarter. Barely a minute later, following a fumble recovery by Gage Ramirez, Jesus Lino was in the end zone on a 22-yard run, bringing the score to 18-0 with 5:27 to go in the quarter. The opening of the second — See **Huskies**, page 17

Sports

Adrian football routs Tigers to stay perfect in High Desert League

Adrian defense holds foe to 42 total yards

Adrian High School shook off some opening kickoff electricity to demolish Monument/Dayville on Friday.

The Antelopes scored eight unanswered touchdowns after the Tigers' Dakota Emerson ran 90 yards for kickoff return on the game's first play.

Adrian walloped their hosts, 54-6, to keep pace with Jordan Valley atop the 1A High Desert League.

The Antelopes (5-2 overall, 4-0 1A HDL) take on Harper/Huntington in Harper on Friday before playing host to Jordan Valley (7-0, 5-0) in what could be the league championship game on Nov. 2. The Mustangs, who remained unbeaten Friday with a 58-12 shellacking of Prairie City, hit the road for Crane on Friday.

Adrian's defense stifled the Tigers (4-3, 2-2) behind four forced fumbles and an interception by Kurt Nielson.

Paxton Shira, JJ Maxwell, Bryson Shira and Juan Munoz all fell on Monument/Dayville fumbles. Munoz led the defense with nine tackles, including six solo stops. Tommy Shenk had half

of his team's four sacks of Tigers quarterback Colten Winters.

Monument/Dayville managed just 42 yards total offense as Adrian had eight tackles for loss from Munoz, Jett McCoy, Shenk (two apiece), Nielson (one) and Maxwell and Paxton Shira (half-tackle each). The Tigers had minus-55 yards rushing.

Nielson ignited Adrian's scoring barrage Friday night with a three-yard run 90 seconds after Emerson's kickoff return. Paxton Shira's two-point PAT run put the Antelopes in front for good, 8-6.

Nielson finished with a modest 104 yards on 19 carries, but he scored three times from distances of three, 11 and six yards.

Shira powered Adrian's offense through the air. Despite completing just 10 of 21 passes, he racked up 337 yards.

He had TD passes to Meyer Nate (64 yards in the second quarter) and Danny Livas (73 yards in the fourth quarter).

Nate caught four balls for 156 yards, while Livas averaged 51 yards per catch with 153 yards on three receptions.

Shira also drove in from four yards for a touchdown, while Shenk ran 15 yards for another score two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Adrian rolled up 24 points in the final 12 minutes.

Antelopes ride unbeaten league run into district tourney

Volleyball closes out perfect 10

Adrian High School has wrapped up a perfect league record and the No. 1 seed in Saturday's 1A District 8 Volleyball Tournament.

Peaking at the right time, Madi Purnell continued her assault on opposing defenses with 17 kills and five aces Friday night as the Antelopes beat visiting Dayville/Monument in four games in the 1A High Desert League season finale.

Nichole Orosco chipped in 13 kills and four aces as Adrian racked up a stirring 25-23, 25-14, 21-25, 25-20 victory.

"Dayville/Monument played very well, both in their serving and hitting," Adrian coach Aimee Esplin said. "We had too many passing errors, but overall I was pleased to get the win and clinch the league title."

Chelsey Heller kept the offense humming with 21 assists. She also had five aces. Defensively, Purnell came away with two blocks.

Adrian (16-5 overall, 10-0 in 1A HDL) heads into Saturday's district tournament as the top seed and having won 10 of its last 11 matches. The Tigers, who lost only to Adrian and Crane during the league season, are expected to be among the higher seeds, too.

The tournament will be played Saturday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore. The top three teams earn berths in the



Nichole Orosco leaps to send the ball sailing into Tiger territory.
Photo by Bob Radford

single-elimination 1A Oregon state playoffs with the district champion getting a opening-round bye and needing only one win to reach the eight-team state tournament.

Oct. 16: Nyssa, Ore., def. Adrian, 25-16, 25-15, 20-25, 25-14 — Purnell and Orosco served four aces each, but the Antelopes were unable to pull off a victory against the 3A Bulldogs.

The loss snapped the Antelopes' nine-match winning streak dating to Sept. 21.

Purnell and Orosco also notched 10 kills each. Purnell added three

block kills.

Heller had 20 assists and served two aces.

"It was good to play a very good, competitive team like Nyssa," Esplin said. "There were some bright moments in the match, but on the whole we didn't serve receive well and couldn't get our offense rolling."

"Our defensive errors kept us out of making this a closer match."

Nyssa (18-5 overall) won its fifth consecutive match and posted a victory for the 10th time in its past 12 matches.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week



Ofelia Herrera, jr. cross country

Herrera fought through illness at the 2A District III cross country meet in McCall on Oct. 17 to earn a spot at the 2A State meet on Saturday. Coach Troy Blackburn described Herrera as looking "pale and weak," but she powered through to claim 18th place out of 55 runners. The daughter of Santiago and Juanita Herrera notched a time of 23 minutes 10 seconds on the 5,000 meter course in McCall.

Football

Varsity
Friday, Oct 26, home vs. Orofino, 2A state playoffs, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity
Season complete

Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 27 at 1A-2A state championship meet, Hells Gate State Park, Lewiston
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Volleyball

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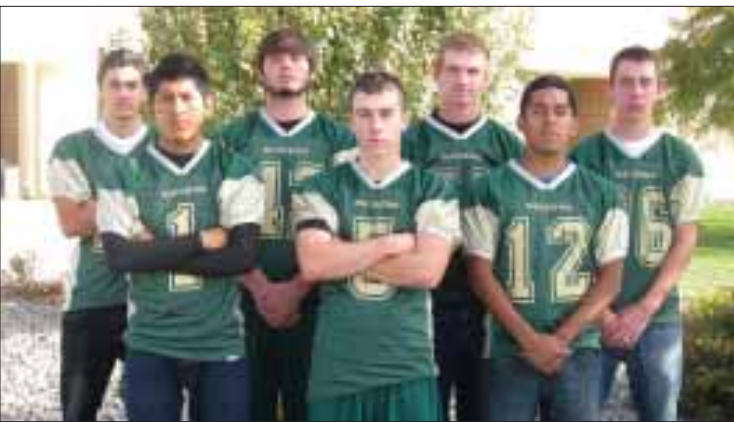
The Homedale High School junior varsity volleyball team that won the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship at home Oct. 15 included: **Bottom row, from left:** Victoria Nash, Carlie Purdom and Katlin Carbone. **Top row, from left:** Coach Taci Morris, Tristan Corta, Mykal Hill, Tristan Jarvis, Mckenna Calzacorta, Gardenia Machuca, Brook Armenta, Roni Black and Samantha Woods. Submitted photo

Trojans shine in subvarsity tourneys

JV knocks off No. 1 Parma for title; frosh-soph takes second

Homedale High School excelled in the subvarsity divisions of volleyball this season. The junior varsity team coached by Taci Morris parlayed the No. 2 seed into the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship. The top-seeded frosh/soph squad coached by Kay Banks beat Weiser in the semifinals but lost to Parma in the championship match. Both tournaments were played at Homedale High School on Oct. 15. The JV squad, which compiled a 5-3 record during the 3A SRV season, knocked off No. 3 seed

Fruitland in the semifinals before taking care of previously unbeaten Parma in the title match. Homedale's frosh/soph team went through the eight-match conference season unbeaten. The Trojans stretched their winning streak against conference foes to nine matches when they knocked off No. 4 seed Weiser in the semifinals. No. 2 seed Parma (5-3 in conference) reached the championship match by beating Fruitland in the semifinals. The Homedale frosh/soph roster included just three sophomores (Delaney Phariss, Sierra Renteria and Sami Riha). The rest of the team was comprised of ninth-graders, including Adrianna Salutregui, Diana Gonzalez, Kirsten Egurrola, Madi Fisher, Makayla Aberasturi, Hailee Martell, Lisette Llamas and Sydnee Shanley.



Seniors get one more game at home
The seniors who played their final regular-season home game for Rimrock High School on Friday night. **Back row, from left:** Luis Rodriguez, Jacob Black, Austin Meyers and Porter Simper. **Front row, from left:** Ivan Bazan, Bronson Gray and Cristian Ayala. Photo by Susan Beasley

Win gives Raiders shot at State

The Rimrock High School football team netted its second consecutive win on Friday against 1A, Div. I opponent Notus. The 54-20 victory gave the Raiders (3-5 overall, 2-1 1A WIC) the District III top seed in the 1A, Div. I state playoffs and a share

of the 1A, Div. I title with Notus (6-2, 2-1). Friday's victory gave Rimrock the tiebreaker for the seeding. As the top seed, Rimrock will have a first-round home game Nov. 3 in the state playoffs against an as-yet undetermined foe.

Mustangs' near-perfect passing pelts Panthers

Jordan Valley remains unbeaten after Homecoming rout

Jordan Valley High School rolled Homecoming and Senior Day into one tidy package Friday, but the Mustangs' football team didn't suffer from the distractions. Senior quarterback Nate Elsner missed on only one of his 11 passes as Jordan Valley crushed Prairie City, 58-12, in a 1A High Desert League game. "It was homecoming, so the boys were pretty passionate about the game," first-year Jordan Valley coach Jerry Wroten said. "I think Prairie City is a tough team that simply doesn't have the numbers. They came out in the second half and played very well against us." Jordan Valley (7-0 overall, 4-0 1A HDL) erupted for five scores in the first quarter to put the game out of reach early. The Panthers (2-5, 1-4) didn't score until returning the second-half kickoff for a touchdown. After its fast start, Jordan Valley had a few hiccups with penalties and turnovers. The Mustangs committed three turnovers and were tagged with 13 penalties for a loss of 135 yards.



Ty Warn breaks a tackle on one of his 12 carries against Prairie City on Friday. Warn threw for two touchdowns and rushed for 179 yards. Photo by Tara Echave

"If we want to be competitive in these next two weeks, we will have to cut down on penalties," Wroten said. The Mustangs travel to Crane on Friday and then meet Adrian on Nov. 2 to close out the league season. Elsner threw for 115 yards and a touchdown. Tyrel Lucas, another senior, returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown. He also had three catches for 71 yards and a score. Another upperclassman, Blaine Moran, scored two touchdowns. One came on a 66-yard pass play (his only reception of the game) and another came on the ground as he racked up 66 yards on five carries. On defense, he notched a

quarterback sack with four tackles and four assists. Ty Warn completed both of his passes for touchdowns and also rushed for 179 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries. "I'm very proud of our seniors. They had the opportunity to honor their parents," Wroten said. "It was a great game, and we had a great crowd." Jordan Valley collected 512 yards offense. The fireworks included junior Ben Telleria snagging seven passes for 79 yards and a touchdown. Freshman Jett Warn rolled up four sacks and four tackles, while sophomore Braden Fillmore chimed in with six tackles and three assists.

MHS volleyball routed at districts

The Marsing High School volleyball team went into the 2A District III tournament with one hand tied behind its back, a disadvantage that may have cost the Huskies their shot at the district championship, according to coach Loma Bittick. On Oct. 12, Lily Bowers and Gloria Martinez were involved in an automobile collision. While neither was seriously hurt, their injuries prevented both from having a big role in the tournament, which began Saturday, Oct. 13. On Oct. 15, the Huskies met New Plymouth on the court; Martinez was close to fully recovered from the crash, while Bowers was able to play a little, but according to Bittick, she was not up to her normal intensity. "It was good to have everybody back to finish the season," coach Loma Bittick said. New Plymouth swept the match, 25-13, 25-17, 25-21, earning the right to battle for third place and a shot at a state tournament play-in game. Marsing sees its season end 4-11. Ashley Hull led the team's defense with nine digs, while Martinez managed eight and Mariah

Kinney saved five. Kieya Buckley nailed the team's one block. "We played a good defense," Bittick said. "We kept the volleys going a long time." Bowers, despite lingering effects from the wreck, fronted the offense with six kills, while Mykaela Dines, Hull, and Buckley each had two. Dines and Kathlyn Welch each struck for one ace serve, while Lacey Usabel backed up the offense with six assists and Dines had five. For seniors Welch, Dines, Usabel, Martinez and Hull, this was the last game of their high school careers. Juniors Kinney, Buckley, Bowers and Morgan Hall are expected to return next season, Bittick said. "I'm really proud of the girls for pulling together as a team and really improving," Bittick said. "Had we not had some unfortunate circumstances, we would have finished strong." According to Bittick, the team shone on defense and transition. "They're as good as most any team I've had on passing," she said. She also remarked that going forward, she will be working with next year's team on aggression at the net and "mental toughness."

While she is not able to release names until after the State Tournament has finished, Bittick said that three of the athletes will receive All-2A Western Idaho Conference nominations. Bittick also speculated that some of her senior players may play in the District III 3A-2A Senior All-Star Game in Fruitland, but won't know for sure until the list is released after State. Some of the players may also help coach club volleyball for Marsing's fourth- through-eighth-graders this winter. **Oct. 13: Melba def. Marsing, 25-4, 25-22, 25-15**— The tournament-opening game against Melba was especially difficult without Bowers and Martinez, Bittick said. Despite only being a day after a car accident, Bowers attended the game to support her fellow players. Martinez was able to play some, albeit having a minimal role and not in peak form. Usabel led the attack with seven kills. Kinney racked up four assists and an ace and Dines chipped in six assists and two aces. Usabel also worked on defense with six digs, as did Hull. —JJG

Homedale JV pounds Pirates in football finale

Big plays led to a big win for Homedale High School in the final game of the junior varsity football season Thursday.

Lawsen Matteson completed threw for three touchdowns and Josh Tolmie rumbled for 231 yards rushing as the Trojans dismantled Payette, 62-12, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference road game.

Homedale posted 516 yards total offense, split evenly between the run game and the air attack.

Matteson completed 12 of 18 passes and fired scoring strikes to Connor Carter (22 yards for the first score of the game), Colton Osborn (70 yards on the first play

of the Trojans' second possession after the defense held Payette to a three-and-out) and Devin Fisher (51 yards with 2 minutes, 25 seconds left in the first half).

Homedale owned a 32-6 lead at the break.

Tolmie scored the team's other first-half TD on a 66-yard run about five minutes into the second quarter.

Tolmie also scored on a three-yard run with 26 seconds left in the game.

Fisher, meanwhile, finished with three touchdowns total. He rushed five times for 31 yards and scored on runs of 24 and six yards in the third quarter.

Amos Aguleria again led the

Trojans' defense with five tackles and an assist. Tyson Furlott led the opportunistic side of the defense with an interception and fumble recovery. Matthew Thatcher also picked off Payette quarterback Jonathan Herrera.

The Trojans held the Pirates to 18 yards passing as Herrera completed seven of 18 throws.

Tito Garcia scored Payette's first touchdown, going 50 yards with nine seconds left in the first quarter on his only carry of the game. Mikhail Lebow ran 66 yards once the game was well in hand in the fourth quarter for Payette's other tally.

Lebow rushed for 114 yards on eight attempts.

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✓ Trojans: Homedale loses momentum after halftime

and the possibility of missing the postseason altogether.

"Payette has shown on film that they have a great ability to execute their offense, and they did just that on Friday night," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "I thought there were times where we played well on defense, but we lost some one-on-one battles that ended up being costly to us."

Payette converted several fourth downs, including a 4th-and-11 on which Jose Alcala hit a 33-yard field goal for what turned out to be the winning points in the third quarter.

Facing a 4th-and-6 in the fourth quarter, Payette quarterback Clint Blackwell fired a 16-yard touchdown pass to Stephen Tompkins.

In all, the Pirates had an 89 percent success rate on fourth down, getting a new set of downs or a score on eight of nine opportunities.

The clutch performance didn't end there for the Pirates, who were successful in forcing a three-way "Kansas City" playoff for the third and fourth seeds out of District III for the 3A state playoffs. That playoff, featuring Homedale, Parma and Payette, took place Monday in Fruitland.

Blackwell converted on a third down with 86 seconds left in the game, running 56 yards for another score.

Payette threatened to run away with the game, building a 13-0 first-quarter lead, but several Trojans came up with their own clutch plays to stem the tide.

Casey Hansen, who fumbled to set up Payette's first TD, came back to score on runs of 11 yards and seven yards in the first half. Jovan Cornejo was perfect on his PATs to give Homedale a 14-13 lead.

But the Trojans didn't hit the locker room at halftime without a little scare from the Pirates.

Hansen's first touchdown run was set up by Xavier Hernandez. The senior defensive back celebrated his new haircut when he sliced a route and intercepted a Blackwell pass.

Quarterback Matt Hetrick hit fellow senior Robert Evans for a 28-yard pass to set up Hansen's seven-yard bull-like run to the end zone with 2 minutes, nine seconds left in the half.

Fueled by two fourth-down conversions, Payette mounted a 63-yard drive before halftime. But on the play immediately following Blackwell's 37-yard fourth-down pass to Matt Bake, Brad McCain picked off the Payette quarterback in the end zone to end the half.

"Brad's interception before the half was a great way to get a stop. We needed it to keep the lead," Holtry said. "Unfortunately it happened right before the half, so any excitement or momentum that may have gained may have been forgotten at halftime."

Coming out of the locker room after a lengthy halftime because of Homecoming festivities, Homedale couldn't manage much offense in the second half.

"Homecoming has its many events and activities and oftentimes it is more difficult to get the kids to fully focus on the game at hand," Holtry said.

"I felt the kids did a pretty good job of focusing, but I think that we waited till Thursday and Friday to get focused and that doesn't always work."

Hansen finished with 74 yards on 19 rushes, but only had 12 of those yards after halftime.

"I felt he ran hard on Friday night," Holtry said of his primary running back. "It was unfortunate that he fumbled the ball, but that happens when you carry it as many times as he has this year."

"It was kind of the theme of the night for our offense, though. We never were able to get into a rhythm as an offense and kept doing more harm to ourselves than anything."

Hetrick completed three of nine passes for just 18 yards in the second half after hitting three of four passes for 42 yards before halftime.

Payette's defense stifled Homedale in the second half with seven tackles for loss, including four sacks of Hetrick. The Pirates were able to get to Hetrick only once in the first half.

Homedale had negative yardage in the second half after gaining 147 yards in the first half.

—JPB

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✓ Runners: Blackburn proud of team

The 2A state meet will be held on Saturday at Hells Gate State Park in Lewiston.

According to Blackburn, Christian Fialho had the best showing of the day, posting the only personal record on either team.

"He started in a good position and passed people the whole race. He never let the hills slow him down," Blackburn said.

Fialho conquered the course in 20 minutes, 36 seconds, a 17-second PR, to place 44th.

Tyler Malmberg, Ben Isert, and Alexandre Heidt all finished in succession, finishing at 21:12, 21:16, and 21:34, respectively. Tristian Goodwin and Logan Jensen wrapped up for the Huskies at 23:10 and 24:22.

Blackburn believes that Destiny Reynolds had a shot at State as well, but was hobbled by an injury.

"She ran tough, but her body would not cooperate," Blackburn said.

Reynolds finished 26th with a time of 24:50. McKenna Hall finished at 25:55 and Caitlyn Line at 26:52.

Erica Mendez finished closest to her PR at 27:08. Ann Quiroz, also weighed down by an injury, finished at 32:18.

Logan Moore ran in the junior varsity race, finishing in 25th place with a time of 26:01.

Overall, the boys' team finished ninth out of 10 teams. The girls ranked sixth out of seven teams.

"I was proud that we were

able to beat a team our first year, and be close to several others," Blackburn said.

"Overall, it was a great year, and I could not have asked for a better group of kids."

Blackburn is optimistic about next year's prospects.

"If these kids improve like I know they can and some new key runners join, we could have a great chance of making it to State next year and being competitive," he said.

While not a Husky, JB Bermudez-Koch, a runner for Greenleaf Friends Academy, is a resident of the Sunnyslope area outside Marsing and placed 12th, earning himself a spot at State.

—JJG

✓ Title: Lino, Jacobi post big numbers

quarter found the Mustangs in striking distance, second and goal. The Huskies' defensive line hardened, forcing a turnover on downs that gave Marsing possession on their own one-yard line. The Huskies were hit with a flag for holding. Because the foul occurred in the end zone, the Mustangs were awarded a safety and the Huskies kicked off to them from the 20.

The safety was the only score Marsing would give up.

The Huskies struck again, this time with one of Austin Williams' two completed passes of the night.

Williams found Hudson Sauer with a high, 20-yard lob into the end zone with 2:47 left in the half. While Williams did not find paydirt himself, he did move the ball 97 yards on eight carries.

Lino, who racked up 138 yards on 12 carries, opened the half with his second TD, a 40-yard scamper two plays after intermission.

Later in the quarter, Lino took the spotlight again with a 60-yard run, finally brought down at the 25. Moments later, Jacobi punched into the end zone for his second of three TDs with three minutes remaining in the third

quarter. Jacobi ate up 157 yards on eight carries.

Jacobi capped off the game with four minutes left, shaking off a three-man tackle to shoot 30 yards into the end zone.

With the score at 44-2, Marsing let the junior varsity squad mop up. As the clock ran down, the varsity team succeeded in dumping the water jug onto coach Jim Briggs. Wood managed to evade their efforts.

"Any time you get the ice bath, good things are happening," Wood said.

—JJG



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Keeping our priorities straight

I’ve had occasion to rub shoulders with influential people in the cattle business at all levels. I see them at state cattlemen’s meetings, or serving on the Beef Board, at bull sales, giving speeches, expounding on political, economic or international subjects AND people are listening to them! They may be elected by their peers, sought after for fiscal contributions, knowledge or heritage, or honored for their service to the industry. Their opinions matter.

I have watched these influential men and women operate. They make decisions that ripple through our industry and affect many thousands of us. And yet, if they are cowmen, when they saddle a horse or climb on the four-wheeler, they revert to their basic calling.

Last week, I called a friend. He’s one of those ranchers who sits on the bank’s board of directors, is in line for an industry association presidency, serves as deacon in his church, is on the school board in his district, and always furnishes the beef for the Chamber of Commerce Ag Day barbecue. He’s a busy man.

I casually asked him what he’d been doin’. He told me. He’d left the house at seven that morning a’horseback with his teenage son to find a cow-calf pair that had been spotted the day before. The calf didn’t look good, was the report. After an hour of riding, they found the cow. She was limping, and the calf was shrunk-up. On closer inspection, they could see a tangled piece of bob-wire that had snagged a hind leg and dug in. It had also blocked the calf’s access to the udder. It took another 30 minutes to head and heel the cow. The wire interfered with a clean heel catch, so it wasn’t easy. They finally managed to get a rope around one hind foot and put her down. They switched the head rope to the front feet and stretched her out.

It was getting hotter; both men had broke into a sweat. With deerskin gloves and fencing pliers from the saddlebag they cut the wire loose, a wrap at a time. The calf was weak enough they could catch him, but couldn’t get him to nurse from the trussed-up cow. It took another hour to trail the cow back to the home place while father and son carried the calf over the pommel, trading occasionally.

Most good livestock people know how that feels. It’s work, it’s hard, and you have to know what you’re doing. But for a period of two to three hours, this man, who is in demand by kings and pawns alike, was completely absorbed in his responsibility as shepherd for one of his flock.

That speaks to the heart of those of us in his shoes. It also demonstrates the profound difference between us and the racecar driver who wrecks his car, a computer programmer whose power goes out, or a cook who drops the toast on the floor. They can just walk away; get a new one; reboot, or wipe it off on their pant leg. But that stranded cow, on that lucky day, belonged to a cowman who, regardless of all the burdens of success he bears, knows his priorities. He carries them deep. They are part of his marrow.

As the poet once said, “you can’t just quit a cow, sometimes you’re all she’s got. No reinforcements in the hall, no 9-1-1 to hear her call, just you ... nobody else, that’s all, to get her through the spot.”

That’s us.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his new rodeo novel “Ride, Cowboy, Ride! 8 Seconds Ain’t That Long”, other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor

Marsing Legion seeks to build membership, service

We in the American Legion have served in all the nation’s armed forces and are veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Iraq, Afghanistan and all other conflicts requiring U.S. involvement.

We are Mud Marines and Fleet Marines; helicopter pilots and ground-pounding Dog Faces; Blue water sailors on Tin Cans or Bird Farms and Brown water sailors of the Me Cong Delta; flight line crew chiefs and supply clerks; trigger-pullers and weather-guessers. Some have been on the tip of the spear; others in support roles. We are four-year enlistees through 20-plus-year lifers. We strive to continue serving our nation and community and our fellow veterans; and enjoy the comradeship of others who have donned the uniform, picked up a piece, and stood a post.

Marsing Post 128 community service includes Hunter Education classes, fundraising for Marsing schools’ team uniforms and sports camp scholarships. We send two outstanding students to Boys State each year. Our gun shows fund projects such as construction of the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery plot locator. We thank the community with a March stew feed.

More importantly, we help fellow veterans. Service officers assist with the VA. I often hear, “Well, I just did four years and I am young. I’m not a veteran.” If you have worn a uniform and served honorably, you *are* a veteran.

We humbly ask the brave men and women who serve today in Iraq and Afghanistan to join our organization. Your first-year membership is free. Come see what we are doing and find a way to fit your talents to our activities.

In addition to regular business meetings at 7 p.m. the

Election letters deadline is Friday

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 6 general election until noon Friday. For information, call (208) 337-4681.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer

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second Tuesday each month, we gather for coffee on the first Wednesday at 9 a.m. just to swap a few Sea Stories. Veterans from any era are welcome.

Alan Davis
Commander Post 128
CWO2, U.S. Navy (ret.)
Marsing

Eagle Scout candidate grateful for cemetery help

On Oct. 13, I completed my Eagle Scout Project, rebuilding fence and cleanup of Delamar Cemetery; with the help

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Work to curb domestic violence must continue



According to statistics compiled by the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, in 2011, the Idaho State Police reported 5,715 incidents of violence between spouses, ex-spouses and those in dating relationships. This equates to one reported violent incident nearly every 90 minutes. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and I commend all those who are working to raise awareness of resources for victims and advance prevention. These efforts cannot diminish.

We are making meaningful inroads in addressing domestic violence, but still face serious challenges. The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence also reports the following:

Each day in Idaho more than 638 victims of domestic violence and their children seek safety and services from community-based domestic violence programs.

Nationally, one in four women will experience domestic violence over her lifetime.

In 2011, there were 22 domestic violence-related fatalities in Idaho.

In 2011, Idaho courts received 4,675 petitions for domestic violence civil protection orders. That is one civil protection order for every 340 people.

A great deal of good is being done in our communities to help victims and decrease the prevalence of domestic violence. I respect the work of the many committed to improving domestic and sexual violence prevention and response. This ongoing dedication has been instrumental in making progress, and we have more work to do.

Effective programs to help victims and prevent future violence remain a fundamental part of the solution. For 18 years, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has supported these efforts. VAWA-supported programs are working to decrease the number of victims. To continue

this essential commitment to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, I co-sponsored VAWA reauthorization legislation. I will continue to work for enactment of this legislation that would expand the law’s focus on sexual assault, ensure access to services for all victims of domestic and sexual violence and address the crisis of domestic and sexual violence in tribal communities. The legislation also responds to these difficult economic times by consolidating programs, reducing authorization levels and adding accountability measures to ensure that federal funds are used efficiently and effectively.

Ensuring access to help is an important step in stopping the abuse. Assistance can be accessed through the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224. Information, including a list of abuse warning signs and links to other resources, can be accessed through my website: http://www.crapo.senate.gov/issues/crime_law_judiciary/DomesticViolence.cfm

Shedding light on domestic violence, reaching out to victims and increasing access to assistance and resources is helping ensure that more Idaho children can grow up in homes free of abuse. The work being done throughout this Domestic Violence Awareness Month and everyday is furthering this necessary effort, and I thank all those who work to rid our communities of this violence that has lasting impacts on families and communities. This ongoing dedication is instrumental in making progress.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

Commentary

Financial management

Clean up bad marks on credit report for your own good

Dear Dave,
I have some bad marks on my credit report. What's the best way to handle them?
— Patricia



Dear Patricia,
There can be three types of nasty items on your credit report. There are errors, which shouldn't be there at all. There are old payments that you paid late, and really, these are just a report of history. Then there are debts that have gone bad. This means you didn't pay them. If these are the types of items you're talking about, you'll have to go back and clean them up. This will mean either making payment in full or settling them at a lower, agreed-upon amount. Probably the biggest headache will be finding exactly who to pay. There's a good chance some

of them have been handed over to collection agencies. If this is the case, they'll try to charge collection fees, and in some cases even double the amount owed. You'll have to negotiate with them for a more reasonable settlement amount. So there's going to be more than just a financial hassle attached to this endeavor. But still, even if the debts have a date when they were supposed to "fall off" your credit report, I'd still pay them. Collectors will still chase you in an effort to collect even if they've fallen off your

record. They aren't supposed to do that, but many do. And it can hit you at exactly the wrong time — like when you try to get a mortgage. I think this is a good idea, Patricia. Just expect a little work and a few headaches in the process. Getting this stuff out of the way will improve your quality of life, and besides, it's your debt. It's your responsibility to pay it, plus it's the honorable thing to do!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I finally paid off my old car, and now I'm taking your advice and saving up to pay cash for a newer one in the future. Where should I put the money I plan on saving for the next five years? Would a mutual fund be a good idea?
— Kristi

Dear Kristi,
I love that you're going to save up and pay cash for your next car. But the problem with mutual funds is they go up and down in value. I love mutual funds for long-term investing, and by this I mean a bare minimum of five years. Still, I wouldn't recommend them as a method of saving for a vehicle purchase. When it comes to saving up for a car, I'd suggest a simple savings or money market account. They both pay next to nothing in terms of interest right now, but at least you'll know your money is safe and not going down in value. You won't be worrying about the ups and downs of the stock market or whether or not you can actually get a better car just because some clown on Wall Street flipped a switch. Did you know that the average

car payment in America right now is \$487? Even if you hid that money in a cookie jar, you'd have nearly \$5,000 in just 10 months. And despite what a lot of people say, you can still get a decent little used car for that kind of cash. It's like grandma always said, Kristi. "Save up and pay for it!" If you don't have the money to pay for something in full, then you can't really afford it.
— Dave

— Dave has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Get more advice and information at daveramsey.com.

✓ Letters

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of 10 scouts, three leaders, eight family members, five ATV volunteers — combined service 110 hours for the day.
Total project service hours were approximately 175, including submitting project plan, getting approvals, recruiting volunteers, collecting and transporting materials, prep work (old fence removal and straightening posts, done prior to the Oct. 13 work day).
On the 13th, we gathered rock, built four corner rock cribs, drove posts, put up barbed wire fence, cleared brush around the perimeter and head stones.
Special thanks to:
• My awesome fellow Scouts: Preston, Cody, Eli, Mason, Kyler, Levi, Jordan, Taylor, Crash. Leaders: Eric Makrush, Dave Clarke and Norm for all your help, making the project fun.
• My dad, Jim Pascoe, for getting donations from Delamar Mine and Logan's Market; plus all the work and support, too much to mention.
• My mom, Tricia, for her support and all the "behind the scenes" things that were done to help prep and complete my project.
• My grandparents, Carolyn Shuey, Nick & Ramona Pascoe, for lunch, post straightening and all the other work they did.
• My family, sister McKayla, cousin Jarod and Aunt Jeannie for all your help.
• Steve Smith and Alexis Stanford of Delamar Mine for donating the fence materials, gate and sign.
• Jeff from Logan's Market — the donuts were great.
• Rusty Faircloth and wife from the Mountain Home ATV Club.

Thanks to all involved, including my leaders who were unable to make the work day and anyone I may have overlooked. I appreciate all the help and support I received, and I'm proud of how well the cemetery looks. Great job, everyone.
Kyle Young
Boy Scout Troop 299
Caldwell

Letters to the editor

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Voter skeptical of secrecy in Props. 1, 2, 3 campaign

Over a million dollars has been spent to support Luna's Laws (propositions 1.2.3) by organizations claiming to be "friends of education." They refused to reveal the names of contributors when the time came for filing a "sunshine" report with the Secretary of State. The secrecy is based on the "non-profit" status of the organizations. Why would anyone keep secret a contribution for "better education." Seems a person would proudly say, "Here's what I contributed for better schools." Common sense tells me the only reason for secrecy is that the Luna Laws are more about politics and political allies than about bettering our school systems. It would be interesting to see whether the peddler of the laptops to be provided to all students and the software supplier were among the big contributors. I would vote "no" anyway, because I don't favor a Boise bureaucrat dictating to school districts that they give a laptop to every student and require online courses — even where the district shows exemplary success. But, the secrecy sealed the deal for me. After voting "no," I will carefully watch the legislators who try to evade the peoples' decision on Election Day.
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

35 years ago

October 27, 1977

Marching band places first in Class C competition

Homedale High School marching band took first place in the Class C division and was presented with a trophy at Boise State University Bronco Stadium during the District III Marching Band Contest. Accepting the trophy at the end of the contest were Jenny Pottenger, drum majorette, and Barbara Howard, director.

Trojans squeak by Rimrock Raiders 10-8

GRAND VIEW.—Both the first and fourth quarters went scoreless in the Homedale-Rimrock game last Friday night. But the Trojans scored adequately in the second and third quarters to squeak by the Raiders 10-8.

Phil Maupin scored the first touchdown for the Trojans, and Gerald Pearson added the PAT to take a second-quarter lead of 7-0 for Homedale.

In the third quarter, Pearson barely cleared the crossbar with a 20-yard kick, adding the Trojans’ last three points they were to get.

The Raiders came alive and Mark Frost tromped 80 yards for the team’s first and last touchdown. Defenses held the fourth quarter scoreless, ending the game at 10-8. The loss put Rimrock in 4th place in WIC with a 2-2 record for the season.

The Trojans are part of a three-way tie, sharing the honors with New Plymouth and McCall. Homedale is 3-1 in league play and 6-2 for the season.

New patrolman

HOMEDALE.—New city policeman hired recently is Randall J. Kath, 20, of Phoenix, Arizona. Kath has been working this week on the Homedale force, joining Chief Larry Moore, deputies Alan Bidwell, Jack Dickey, and Don Eggleston.

Wins trip to 4-H Congress

Susan Huter, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Huter and a sophomore at Homedale High School, received an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Illinois on November 27-December 1. She received the trip in the health field and the trip is donated by Eli Lilly and Company of Indianapolis, Indiana. Each state winner must have passed his 14th birthday and not have passed his 19th birthday on January 1, 1977. Each state winner must have a minimum of one year in 4-H including the 1977 4-H year. Only state, sectional and national winners are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. Susan won her trip in health and has received the following awards: three county health medals and outstanding health project. She has been in 4-H since 1973 and has completed twenty-eight projects. She has entered County Home Economics judging contest for four years and has won the high individual and high team, for Division one year.

JVs end perfect record season

The Homedale High School junior varsity football team ended the season with a perfect record of 7 wins and no losses. The games and scores are as follows: Homedale 19, Weiser 8; Homedale 26, Kuna 12; Homedale 41, New Plymouth 8; Homedale 26, Melba 6; Homedale 48, McCall 0; Homedale 33, Rimrock 6.

Homedale had a total of 207 points for the season, averaging 29.6 per game while the opponents had a total of 46 points and an average of 6.6 per game. Steve Stansell, a sophomore, was the leading rusher with 734 yards followed by Robert Yamashita, also a sophomore, with 529 yards. John Badiola, a freshman, was credited with 174 yards in the rushing department. Badiola also threw the ball for 214 yards. Homedale had a total of 214 yards in passing with the opponents totaling 113.

Leaders on defense included: Mike Hill, monster; Eddie Leavitt, linebacker; Mark Hughey, tackle; Blair Yost, linebacker; Robert Fernandez, linebacker; Gheen Christoffersen, end; and Tim Garrity, nose guard.

Garry Matlock and John Ehrlich served as coaches.

50 years ago

October 25, 1962

Homedale loses 47-13 to Kuna in TVC game Friday

Paced by the scoring of Ken Calhoun and LeRoy Pontius, the Kuna Kavemen powered to a 47-13 Treasure Valley conference win over Homedale at Kuna Friday night.

Calhoun accounted for 20 points in scoring three touchdowns and a pair of PATs while Pontius accounted for a pair of TDs and Ron Tucker upped his season total to 69 points with a touchdown and two conversions.

Kuna rolled to a 27-13 lead at the intermission and then shut out the Trojans in the second half.

Homedale’s Floyd Breach ran 65 yards to score in the first quarter and Glen Kushlan ran for the extra point.

Kushlan ran back a punt for 45 yards and six more points in the second period.

Field trip planned by historical soc.

Members of the Owyhee County Historical Society are planning a field trip to the site of Old Fort Lyon Sunday.

A work crew will meet at the site, on the Idaho-Oregon border near Sheaville, at 10 a.m. Omar and Ralph Stanford have donated a fence for enclosing the graves there.

A picnic lunch will be enjoyed at noon. Jerry Stanke, Nampa, society president, who has researched the fort’s history, will speak at 1:30 o’clock.

Ground breaking for new LDS church set Saturday

Ground breaking ceremonies at the new site west of town for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be held Saturday, October 27 at 3 p.m.

Former Bishop Elmer Barlow will be master of ceremonies.

The program includes:

Opening song – “The World Has Need of Willing Men,” by congregation; Prayer, former Bishop Laurel E. Leavitt; Remarks, Bishop Howard E. Bergeson; Remarks, Mayor Orville Soper, Homedale; Remarks, Mayor Carl Mayes, Wilder.

Speaker, Elder Mark E. Peterson, Council of The Twelve, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ground Breaking, George Perkel; Song, “Our Prayer,” Ladies chorus; Dedicatory Prayer, John F. Levanger.

Present bishopric includes: Bishop Howard E. Bergeson; Councilors, Walter L. Taggart and Ardell A. Byinton; Ward Clerk, Jerry Anderson; Assistant Clerk, Lees Croshaw; Finance Clerk, Deward Bell; Organist, Melva Leavitt; Chorister, Ruth Bergeson.

Building Supervisor is Reed Hollis, Jackson, Wyo.

Wilder upsets Fruitland 31-6

Erwin Ballou ran for touchdowns from six and 35 yards out and took a pass from Larry Coonts good for 60 yards and another score to lead Wilder to a surprising 31-6 win over Fruitland in a Friday night game at Wilder that counts in both Snake River Valley B League and Treasure Valley conference standings.

Bucy scored in the third quarter when he recovered a Fruitland fumble and raced 40 yards.

In the fourth Wilson added six more points, going 40 yards on a pass from Coonts.

Train ride enjoyed by kindergarten students

Mrs. Robert Kniefel and kindergarten students with three mothers, Mrs. Larry Novak, Mrs. Ansel Graber and Mrs. Darrell Cox rode the train from Caldwell to Boise, October 10 where they were met by Mrs. Ron Pottenger, Mrs. Bill Marston, Mrs. Lawrence Lineberger, and Mrs. Herb Fritzley.

They were taken through the train and each child was given a souvenir menu in the diner.

They ate their sack lunch in the waiting room of the train depot. From the depot they went to the fire station, and Ricardo Salutregui, formerly of Homedale, showed them through.

They returned to Nampa where they toured the round house and the children were given a ride on an engine.

140 years ago

October 26, 1872

WHAT A PLODDER LEARNS. A plodder learns that for \$7, which some would spend foolishly, he can have the use of \$100 a year. How much may sometimes be made by the use of \$100? He learns that for \$70 he can hire \$1,000, and in judicious hands that sum will gain a large percentage. This lesson not only helps the plodder’s pocket, but helps his credit. Almost anyone will trust a plodder, and credit is, after all, as good as money. It is astonishing to see what confidence is placed in this class. I knew a plodder in this city who could get credit from one house to an amount more than he was worth. It was character, not capital, that did this. The true plodder is a determined man, and is not discouraged by obstacles. He toiled day by day, and what he gets he holds on to. When he has made good one position he goes on to win another, and hence whatever he does is done in a solid manner. In military matters, George Washington was a plodder, and hence succeeded. Ben Franklin was a plodder, and his “Poor Richard’s Almanac” was a gathering of plodder’s maxims. Franklin’s greatness to a large degree consisted in his devotion to the practical instead of the imaginative. It is mistake to think that genius is limited to sudden outbursts of creative thought. All distinguished writers, thinkers and statesmen achieved greatness by industry as well as gifts. Walter Scott labored arduously with the pen, and so did Bulwer and Dickens. Genius must be taught to plod, or it will accomplish nothing.

THE OPEN POLAR SEA. The open Polar Sea must be discovered soon, if at all. At least so argues a writer in Nature (an English periodical), who believes the sea will soon cease to exist. Land is said to be rising everywhere between the pole and the fifty-seventh parallel, and the greatest movement is at the pole itself. Some interesting facts are quoted in support of the theory. Pliny said that Scandinavia was an archipelago, and spoke of bold seamen who had circumnavigated the group of islands. Ptolemy confirmed the statement. Celsius said, in the seventeenth century, that Norway was rising at the rate of forty inches a year. Sir Charles Lyell endorses the theory. The water level in the Gulf of Bothnia falls one foot every fifteen years. Near Geffe there are low pastures where old men remember seeing boats afloat. Near Stockholm, seventy feet above the level of the sea, the remains of shellfish identical with the present coast species are found. At Soduleige, ninety feet above high water, there is a bed of sand which contains some wrecked boats and an old anchor. In the interior of Spitzbergen, skeletons of whales have been unearthed above sea level. The fishermen say that land has risen so much that the shallowness of the water has driven away the right whale, which, once abundant, is now rarely seen. On the Pacific the shores around Behring Strait are low and flat, but a mile or two back there are ranges of bluffs parallel with the coast, and containing innumerable shells of the littoral species. If the theory is true, it offers us a curious case of compensation. While the ocean is washing away Great Britain, France, Holland and New England, away to the north, the continents are encroaching on the sea. The only thing to regret is that the process cannot be reversed, and Neptune enriched at the expense of the frozen north, and to the gain of the more habitable south.

THE FAIRVIEW POST OFFICE. The Citizens of Fairview to the number of about 140 have signed the following petition and sent it to Washington: To the Honorable, P.M. General, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: As we are entitled to a Post office at Fairview, and as the office, virtually belonging to this place, is kept at an abandoned camp some distance from here, we, your humble petitioners, would respectfully ask that the aforesaid office be removed from the place it now occupies to Fairview, and that Thomas Kittle be appointed Postmaster.

In justice to the people of Fairview and vicinity we think that the Post office would be located there, the more so as Fairview was the place designated by Congress for that purpose. Mr. Kittle is an honorable, upright gentleman and will make an excellent Postmaster.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2012

Review of Quarterly reports. Adoption of Resolutions 2012-22 through 2012-26 transfer of funds for 2013 budget. Adoption of Resolution 2012-27 Trade of equipment to Western States for motor graders. Approved lease-purchase agreement for 2 motor graders for Road District 1 with Western States. Approved Building Inspection Agreement with Elmore County. Indigent & Charity; 12-42 through 12-44 liens approved, 12-41 denied. Approved Grant Application for Sheriff’s Office. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net, or in the Clerk’s office..
10/24/12

PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2012 GENERAL ELECTION IN OWYHEE COUNTY

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following precinct polling places:
Precinct 01 – North Homedale: Senior Citizen’s Center, 224 W Idaho Avenue, Homedale
Precinct 02 – South Homedale: Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming Avenue, Homedale
Precinct 03 – North Marsing: Marsing Community Center, 126 2nd St N, Marsing
Precinct 04 – South Marsing: Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 W 8th Avenue, Marsing
Precinct 05 – Pleasant Valley: Mail Ballot
Precinct 06 – Wilson: Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson
Precinct 07 – Murphy: Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy
Precinct 08 – Oreana: Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd, Oreana
Precinct 09 – Grand View: Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave, Grand View
Precinct 10 – Bruneau: American Legion Building, 32536 Belle Ave, Bruneau
Precinct 11 – Riddle: Mail Ballot
Precinct 12 – Three Creek: Mail Ballot
Precinct 13 – Absentee: Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy
10/24,31/12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Amber Sevy requesting that she be allowed to operate a part-time hair salon at the property located at 506 Cascade Drive, Homedale, Idaho.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
City of Homedale
10/17,24/12

LEGAL NOTICE SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Case No. CV-2011-02317
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
LILIA MARTINEZ, Plaintiff

vs KEVIN EARL ABELS, JR., Defendant
TO: KEVIN EARL ABELS, JR., You have been sued by the above-named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is for personal injuries and damages sustained in an automobile accident. Anytime after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s Attorney, BRIAN BLENDER at BLENDER LAW OFFICE PC, 300 W. Myrtle St. Suite 200, Boise, Idaho 83702; 208-287-8203. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. DATED Sept. 27, 2012 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY: T. Aman, Deputy Clerk
10/3,10,17,24/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. ID-PRV-12002555

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **February 15, 2013**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the Opaline Ditch and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89° 42’ 33” West 438.00 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail also being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89° 42’ 33” West 892.75 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence leaving said Southerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89° 42’ 33” West 438.00 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89° 42’ 33” East 220.24 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline to a PK nail; thence leaving said Southerly

SUMMARY STATEMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR ALL FUNDS PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 364				
REVENUES	General M&O		All Other Funds	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beginning Balance	\$ 225,085	\$ 226,597	\$ 59,472	\$ 59,590
Local Revenue	\$ 11,953	\$ 13,174	\$ -	\$ 910
County Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Revenue	\$ 118,407	\$ 93,573	\$ -	\$ 306
Federal Revenue	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 15,968	\$ 18,591
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers			\$ 12,106	\$ 8,324
TOTALS	\$ 355,445	\$ 333,417	\$ 87,546	\$ 87,721
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	\$ 72,326	\$ 61,995	\$ 11,806	\$ 11,844
Benefits	\$ 26,868	\$ 26,413	\$ 9,877	\$ 9,946
Purchased Services	\$ 37,599	\$ 47,598	\$ 8,898	\$ 12,731
Supplies & Materials	\$ 7,700	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,175	\$ 1,171
Capital Objects	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,147	\$ 24,500	\$ 20,229
Debt Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance & Judgments	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,285	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 7,606	\$ 8,324
Contingency Reserve	\$ 8,020	\$ -		
Unappropriated Balances	\$ 190,382	\$ 187,079	\$ 20,684	\$ 23,476
TOTALS	\$ 355,445	\$ 333,417	\$ 87,546	\$ 87,721
The undersigned certify that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the PLEASANT VALLEY School District.				
<u>Todd F. Gluch</u> Chairperson of the Board		<u>Rosa Maria Lowry</u> Clerk of the Board		

Quarter, Section 12, and centerline of Sommer Camp Road North 89° 43’ 00” East 154.00 feet to an iron pin; thence North 0° 02’ 48” West 169.00 feet to a point marking the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence North 89° 43’ 00” East 230.60 feet along the said Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to a point marking the centerline of Opaline Ditch; thence leaving said Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances; thence South 34° 12’ 58” East 16.00 feet to a point; thence South 76° 44’ 20” East 344.07 feet to a point of curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 22° 52’ 23”, a radius of 385.57, tangents of 78.00 feet and a long chord of 152.90 feet bearing South 65° 18’ 09” East to a point of ending of curve; thence South 53° 51’ 57” East 25.52 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch South 0° 17’ 18” East 1154.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:
A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89° 42’ 33” East 494.44 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89° 42’ 33” East 220.24 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline to a PK nail; thence leaving said Southerly

boundary and centerline North 0° 17’ 27” West 197.78 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89° 42’ 33” West 220.24 feet to an iron pin; thence South 0° 17’ 27” East 197.78 feet to the point of beginning.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 8106 SOMMER CAMP ROAD, MELBA, ID 83641 AKA 8106 SUMMER CAMP ROAD, MELBA, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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 ROBERT L. MILLER AND ELIZZABETH M. MILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of JAMES BRUNEL AND DEBORAH BRUNEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Beneficiary, dated 8/5/2004, recorded 8/13/2004, under Instrument No. 248815, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by JAMES BRUNEL AND DEBORAH BRUNEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/5/2004, FAILURE TO PAY THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 2/1/2011, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS

SET FORTH. IN ADDITION, THE BENEFICIARY WILL REQUIRE AS A CONDITION TO REINSTATEMENT THAT YOU PROVIDE RELIABLE WRITTEN EVIDENCE THAT ALL PROPERTY TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE PAID CURRENT AS PROVIDED IN THE DEED OF TRUST.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$109,960.00, together with interest thereon at 7.000% per annum from 6/28/2012, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to b heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 10/11/2012.
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services Trustee
By: Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Secretary c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510
10/24,31;11/7,14/12



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On January 29, 2013 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650. Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as 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, Block 2, Vance Addition, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee 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: 503 West Cascade Drive, 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 Angel LuisJuan Cervantes and Maria D. Cardenas, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service , or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded September 28, 1998 as Instrument No. 226157, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION 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 \$64,990.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.250% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 24, 1998. Payments are in default for the months of June 2011 through and including August 2012 in the amount of \$499.46 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance is \$52,801.67 in Principal; Interest is \$4,122.84, subsidy granted is \$24,859.60 and fees currently assessed are \$4,716.69 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$9.263. In addition to the above, there is also due 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 \$77,661.27, 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.

Dated: September 25, 2012

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer.
Phone: 877-947-1553. File No.: 159384 / Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 14986397

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As the mother of a special needs child, Janel Van Dyke is only doing what comes natural when she steps into her classroom.

Still, a phone call to KTVB Channel 7 put the Homedale Elementary School special education teacher in the spotlight recently.

She was featured as a Seven's Hero, and although she said she was honored to be selected, the Caldwell resident doesn't altogether agree with it.

"You go about your everyday life just doing what you do," she said. "It was very surreal because I don't feel like a hero. I'm just doing what everybody else does."

But Van Dyke's job is much different than the occupations of most everybody else.

She spends each day during the school year interacting with 11 elementary school students who have varying degrees of needs, both emotional and physical.

"They teach us what life is all about," she said. "They teach us to be grateful and not sweat the small stuff."

"They know what life is all about."

At the end of the day, she goes home, and takes her 6-year-old son Bayler with her. Bayler, who has cerebral palsy, is one of her pupils and one of five children at home with Van Dyke and her husband, Barry. The family, which also includes 8-year-old Brantyn, 10-year-old Jayda, 12-year-old Jalyn and Homedale High School senior Leavell Hicks, moved to Caldwell earlier this year. They had spent the past five years in Homedale.

Bayler is a first-grader in the class run by Van Dyke and her assistants. This is Van Dyke's third year as the HES special education teacher.

During the fall, Van Dyke is extremely busy. In addition to the teaching job and being mom to Bayler and four other children, she also coaches the high school's varsity volleyball team. She said that fall is usually when her Individual Education Programs for her students are due as well.

"That has definitely been a challenge," she said. "I feel like I am getting the hang of it this year."

"I have had a lot of late nights, but I guess you just do what you have to do. Sometimes I feel like I am spread really thin. Anyway, my students and athletes make it all worthwhile."

Van Dyke's first job out of college was in special education,



Homedale Elementary School special education teacher Janel Van Dyke points to the numbers as she and her aides guide their students, including Van Dyke's son Bayler (far left) through "The Number Rock."

but she wasn't on that career path. She took a special education course in college with a friend while pursuing a Bachelor's in Physical Education.

She returned to the profession in the 2010-11 school year after being home with Bayler.

Looking back, however, she sees the career path was shaped with divine intervention. She calls the Homedale job her "niche."

"I really think God prepared me," she said. "I think He really

prepared me for this He had a plan.

"He knew that Bayler was coming to me, and He prepared me for this."

Because she also cares for Bayler at home, Van Dyke says people wonder about how she can cope with the stress that comes from the needs in the classroom and on the homefront.

"Some days it is hard," she said. "You do it all day and you go home and do the same thing, but if I was at home with him I'd be doing the same thing."

"Bayler is not emotionally draining. His physical needs are difficult, but he's so happy all the time that taking care of him is a pleasure."

Van Dyke said that the experience with Bayler gives her a unique perspective with the families of her other pupils, too.

"I don't think I would understand as much if I didn't have a child

that way," she said. "It does give me a better connection with the parents because I've been in their spot."

Van Dyke also acknowledges the help of her classroom aides. One aide, Sonya Garza, got the ball rolling on the Seven's Hero feature when she sent an email seeking Boise State football tickets for big Bronco fan Bayler and his family.

"She's amazing," Van Dyke said of Garza. "I couldn't do it without her. She's a huge supporter; all my aides are. That's the other reason I don't feel like a hero or anybody special. I'm surrounded by people who support me and help me."

"They're a great support system. I couldn't do it without each and every one of them. It's a great family."

Other aides who work in Van Dyke's class include Julie Folger and Liz Glenn.

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Janel Van Dyke greets a student as part of the "Good Morning" social interaction exercise.

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