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2013 election results

Homedale mayor



Christoffersen Downum

Wilson

✕ Gheen Christoffersen 136 votes
Dave Downum 62 votes
Harold Wilson 56 votes

Homedale city council



Murray

Harkins



Chadez

Page

Ormond

✕ Kim Murray 142 votes
✕ Vonnie Harkins 108 votes
Perry Chadez 104 votes
Samuel Page 59 votes
Chris Ormond 36 votes

Marsing city council



Streibel

Percifield

Ferdinand

✕ Aron Streibel 43 votes
✕ Cory Percifield 31 votes
James Ferdinand 30 votes

Grand View mayor

✕ Franklin Hart (write-in) 33 votes
Opal Ward 29 votes

Grand View city council

Four-year term

✕ James Burnett 31 votes
Sue Boldman 23 votes

Two-year terms

✕ Linda Araujo 37 votes
✕ Marie Hipwell 31 votes
David Buffington (write-in) 22 votes

Change aplenty afoot after city elections

Low voter turnout reported in all 3 towns

Fewer than 30 percent of Homedale's registered voters turned out last week, but those that did vote sent a message.

"That we're ready for a change," Mayor-elect Gheen Christoffersen

said. "I think it's time. We've been so stagnant that we need to try to better our city."

Christoffersen, who beat Dave Downum and Harold Wilson — both men with previous experience in office

— will be one of three new faces at city council meetings beginning in January, and the sentiment seems to have been carried by voters in Marsing and Grand View, too, even if the turnout was a fraction of Homedale's number.

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Schoolchildren thank veterans



Monday's three ceremonies honor those who served

Homedale Elementary School students file past a receiving line of military veterans who served in several different branches at the end of Monday morning's event. For more photos and information on Veterans Day salutes in Homedale and Marsing, see *Pages 14-15*

GV man makes Vets Day special for Nampa family

Owyheean discovers
stranded 91-year-old
WWII vet, drives
him home

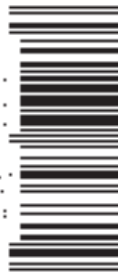
Robert Draper was commuting to work Thursday morning when he did what no one else had bothered to do — check on a vehicle awkwardly parked on the shoulder of the road.

What the Grand View resident found at 4:45 a.m. inside that car on Roosevelt

Street was an elderly man who had been reported as overdue two days earlier by his family in Nampa.

"I went by (the vehicle) and had a real strong feeling I needed to turn

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Christoffersen maintains cleaning up Homedale is crucial



Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer ducks into a voting booth on Nov. 5 inside the magistrate courtroom. This marked the first time in nearly 30 years that Bauer participated in a city election. He and his wife recently moved back into the city limits.

Mayor-elect Gheen Christoffersen sees two main prongs to cleaning up Homedale, which emerged as a major issue in the election.

“We’ve got to work hard at cleaning up our city both with appearance and the drugs,” Christoffersen said two days after winning a three-way race for the chief executive job.

The city appearance would include pinpointing areas of the city that are in bad shape, including public property.

“If it’s something that our city crews can take care of, it’s something we need to get on,” Christoffersen said.

“I want (public works supervisor Larry Bauer) to show us everything the city does own, and if it’s not right, clean it up.”

As was apparent during the candidates forum, the drug problem in Homedale also is paramount on Christoffersen’s mind.

“A lot of drugs will move through the school system because it’s such a high-traffic area,” he said. “Now, with the (school resource officer) taking off again, it’s time that we work hand-in-hand in our schools.

“Take the top key personnel only (and tell them) that we’re going to be down there in five minutes and do a sweep.”

Cooperation is key as well.

“We’ve got some new (school) administration in there that is very much on board with solving the problem,” he said.

Christoffersen also said that the arrival of King’s Variety Stores in town would have an effect on cleaning up Homedale’s appearance by eliminating the eyesore at the east end of the town.

“It would make the entrance to our city 100 percent better than it is now because we wouldn’t have a weed patch,” he said.

The entrance to the property seemingly has been a stumbling block for the development, but Christoffersen favors improvements to North 4th Street East to create the deceleration lane.

The mayor-elect wants to see something done on North 3rd Street West, but he also wants a plan of attack — as well as consideration of revenue sources such as the Idaho Transportation Department grant previously discussed.

“We need to see what we can do to make this discussion a reality without burdening our taxpayers. They talked about the grant three meetings ago and the council decided not to do it,” Christoffersen said.

“We need to know what our project is going to cost, and I haven’t heard it in the meetings.”

— JPB

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Streibel welcomes Percifield’s perspective to Marsing council

The two men who will move forward with the Marsing City Council in January are taking different approaches to their jobs — quite understandably.

Aron Streibel will begin a second four-year term, while Cory Percifield will just be getting started.

“My outlook for the my second term is to continue to put a priority on infrastructure improvements,” Streibel said. “I am excited to see new businesses coming to Marsing, and I hope to see this growth continue not only during my next term but on to the future.”

Streibel was the only incumbent to retain his position in the Nov. 5 election. James Ferdinand lost his bid for a second term by one vote.

“I’m pretty excited to get a squeaker,” Percifield said. “I didn’t know it was going to be so close.”

A lifelong Marsing resident, Percifield said he’s not ready to champion drastic changes.

“I’m going to take baby steps and work my way in,” he said. “I’ve got a lot to learn. I’m not going to move right now and do something I shouldn’t.”

While he wished Ferdinand well on future endeavors, Streibel also welcomed Percifield’s insight.

“With change can come new perspectives and fresh ideas,” Streibel said. “I look forward to seeing what Cory has to bring to the table and working with him to continue improving Marsing.”

— JPB



Army veteran Van Brandon helps Janice Brandon vote Nov. 5 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center polling place. Reflecting on one of the reasons for his military service, Van said, “I’ve seen too many of my buddies die to not do my duty” to vote.

Homedale’s incoming councilpersons ready to learn

Kim Murray says she’s on same page with new mayor; Vonnie Harkins shocked by her victory

Kim Murray witnessed city government and small-town life while growing up in Homedale.

Now that she is a city councilperson-elect for her hometown, Murray would like to see a return to the ideals of the town she grew up in.

“I would like to see more community involvement,” she said. “I’d like to get us back together so we know each other.”

Murray and Vonnie Harkins came out on top in a crowded race for two four-year seats on the city council. The large turnout of candidates may show that the town is heading toward Murray’s idyllic vision if the voter turnout didn’t.

The citizens who did cast ballots, however, checked off the names of two women who have longtime ties to the town.

But, contrary to Harkins’ humorous remark at the candidates’ forum about the council needing a woman’s outlook, Murray feels the overall merits are what pushed the election’s only two females into the win column.

“I think maybe it was who we were,” Murray said. “I don’t think gender mattered in it that much. I think (voters) wanted a new perspective.”

Harkins admitted she was surprised that she won after a campaign in which she didn’t go door-to-door or put out campaign signs.

“I was totally blown away when (city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram) called me,” Harkins said.

Neither incoming councilperson plans to make waves early.

“I want to get up to speed most of all, and after that happens and I know what’s going on, I hope that people will come to me with their concerns and we can address their concerns,” Murray said.

Murray said she is looking forward to working with Mayor-elect Gheen Christoffersen.

“Part of why I’m so excited about the opportunity is because Gheen and I are definitely on the same page,” she said. “With a combined effort, hopefully we can get some of these changes to fruition.”

Although Harkins agrees that promoting business growth and expansion as well as creating a better connection with the school district is crucial, she plans to do her homework before rushing into anything.

Harkins said she wants public works supervisor Larry Bauer and police chief Jeff Eidemiller to enlighten her about the problems they are facing.

“I just want to learn as much about the workings of the city as I can so I can make an informed decision when things come up,” she said.

— JPB

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BLM advisory board to meet about grazing, sage-grouse, Gateway West

Citizen-based group gathers in Boise on Tuesday

Several issues directly tied to Owyhee County will come before the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council on Tuesday.

The Boise District RAC will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the district office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise.

Grazing decisions, such as those affecting the 68 permits in Owyhee Resource Area that must be resolved by the end of the year, will be discussed.

BLM managers and staff will provide updates on:

- The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Idaho and Southwest Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan
- The EIS for the proposed 500-kilovolt Gateway West electrical transmission line that would terminate at Idaho Power’s Hemingway substation in Owyhee County and could cross over private property in the county.
- Proposed actions for Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration and Juniper Management EIS

The RAC members will hear a review of the 2013 wildland fire activity.

Status reports will be provided on the Paradigm Project and ongoing post-fire emergency stabilization and restoration projects in the district.

RAC members also will discuss priority projects for 2014 as shaped by BLM-Idaho priorities. The RAC meeting schedule for the next year also will be discussed.

A public comment period will begin at 12:25 p.m. Written comments may be submitted beforehand.

The RAC is a 15-member advisory panel that provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for approximately 4 million acres of federal public lands within 10 counties in southwestern Idaho.

RAC members with ties to Owyhee County include ranchers Donna Bennett, Brenda Richards and Charlie Lyons, biologist Karen Steenhof and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes Cultural Resources Director Ted Howard.

Anyone interested in receiving an agenda or additional information about the meeting may contact BLM Boise District RAC Coordinator Marsha Buchanan, at (208) 384-3364.

Marsing council takes up OCSO contract again

The Marsing City Council will meet at 7 tonight at City Hall. Slated for the meeting is a discussion of a new proposal between the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and the city on a plan to assist in the enforcement of city ordinances. The topic has been discussed at two prior meetings and a pact is in the process of being drawn up, according to Mayor Keith Green.

The council is also scheduled to make a decision on the appointment of Planning and Zoning committee nominee Cliff Hahlbeck. Hahlbeck was raised in Marsing and is employed by Micron Technology, Inc. He was nominated by the mayor at a previous meeting.

Another item on the agenda will be the Island Park Waterways Grant. The city has tried for several years to obtain the grant, according to Green, which would allow for improvements such as new playground equipment, expanded parking areas, and new docks in the recreation area along

the river. Next on the agenda will be the topic of sewer infiltration east of the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Green says this has been an ongoing problem in Marsing for nearly 40 years. He said the city is working on documentation and pricing to fix the problem.

Ed Lowder from the public works department described the problem as an issue with ground water that gets high at different times of the year, creating a somewhat swampy area that interferes with the sewer lines.

Transportation planning will also be on the agenda, as the city moves forward on preparing its new plan, based on information provided by a committee made up of citizens, city, county and Gem Highway District officials. The new plan will put into action a \$50,000 grant that the city has obtained as part of the funding for sidewalk and roadway improvements.

— KB

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Despite council vote, Sundance lot work on hold

Christoffersen may have made an impact before his election

A plan to gravel Sundance Park’s auxiliary parking lot apparently was halted soon after the Homedale City Council unanimously agreed to go through with it.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said he held off on the project after a city councilman had misgivings about the road mix plan that had been selected during an Oct. 24 meeting.

Bauer, who didn’t identify the councilman who told him to hold off, said that the parking lot surfacing would take place next year once a new council is in place.

The second thoughts may have come after Gheen Christoffersen asked a question after the meeting.

“I think I might have sparked part of that stuff that’s going on,” Christoffersen told The Owyhee Avalanche last week after he had won the mayoral election.

Christoffersen said after the meeting he asked Bauer to explain the different cost options and he also questioned why the city hadn’t approached Homedale Youth Sports Inc. or the Miller-Landa Coed Softball Tournament organizers about pitching in part of the cost to cover the lot in reclaimed asphalt, which he said would cost only a few thousand dollars more than the \$9,400 road mix plan but last longer.

“The Sundance Park is a debt to the taxpayer because (city

Meeting tonight

The Homedale City Council holds its second-to-last meeting of 2013 at 6 tonight at City Hall.

On Oct. 24, the council cancelled the second regular meetings of both November and December because of holidays.

The final meeting of 2013 will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

workers) do all the maintenance on the grounds and sprinkler system,” Christoffersen said. “Everybody (on the city crew) I talk to, they spend a lot of time working on Sundance Park.

“We’re talking another \$5,000

tops more to do a project that would last years longer than the (road mix plan).”

City councilmembers have had informal discussions with HYS and Miller-Landa officials, but there hasn’t been anything brought before the council.

Christoffersen said a formal meeting needs to happen.

“If we get the two organizations to kick in about five-grand then we’ll have a much better facility down there,” he said.

The reclaimed asphalt plan Bauer brought to council figured a cost of \$5,600 just for the roadways within the lot and not the parking areas.

“If we just do the pathways, we’re still going to have a dust bowl for the citizens down there,” Christoffersen said.

— JPB

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No application is necessary, but a letter must be sent that states:

- The group qualifies as a non-profit, tax-exempt association or corporation in Owyhee County
- The group identifies its needs and describes a direct benefit to Owyhee County residents.

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Contact Elizabeth F. Schwager, US Ecology Idaho, P.O. Box 400, Grand View, ID 83624 or call (208) 834-2275, ext. 342.

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✓ Elections: Ex-councilman Hart now Grand View mayor

Cory Percifield narrowly defeated incumbent James Ferdinand for one of the two Marsing City Council positions on the Nov. 5 ballot. Aron Streibel was re-elected to another four-year term.

“The margins of victory resulting from this election illustrate how important one vote can be,” Streibel said. “I know people get frustrated and some feel their vote doesn’t matter; however, if you look at our local election and several elections across the state that were decided by a single vote or ended in ties, this shows everyone’s vote does matter.”

Only 14.7 percent of the registered voters in Marsing (a total of 56 citizens) showed up to the polls.

In Grand View, a write-in candidate who ran on a platform of change — former city councilman Franklin Hart — edged Opal Ward for the mayor’s job. Ward was the sitting mayor after taking over for Tammy Payne earlier this year.

The Grand View council election, however, saw two sitting councilpersons returned to the

board for a pair of two-year terms. Linda Araujo and Marie Hipwell were the top two vote-getters, easily beating write-in candidate David Buffington, another council veteran.

In the race for a four-year seat on the Grand View council, James Burnett beat Sue Boldman.

Grand View’s voter turnout was 33.6 percent as 63 of 187 registered voters cast ballots. Nine people registered to vote on Election Day.

Twenty-five people were day-of registrants in Homedale where 27.8 percent or 213 of the city’s 765 registered voters turned out.

While Kim Murray ran away with the election for one of the two Homedale City Council seats, the race for the second four-year position was close. Vonnice Harkins, who was running for the second consecutive election, edged Perry Chadez by four votes.

“The impression I got was that (voters) were ready for a woman to be in there,” Harkins said. “There had only been men in there forever.”

— JPB

✓ Special: Man disappeared for two days

around and see what was going on,” Draper said.

“I had my brights (high-beam headlights) on and didn’t see anybody in the car.”

As he pulled away, Draper said he had “another real strong feeling.”

He returned, looked again and saw 91-year-old Charles Thornburg in the stranded 2006 Chevrolet Equinox.

“I yelled ‘Are you all right?’ and heard nothing,” Draper said. “I yelled a second time, and he said ‘No.’”

Draper said he had no idea the man he had come across was the

World War II veteran that Jan Thomas had reported missing to the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office earlier in the week.

Once he was able to get a phone number from Thornburg, whom Draper said seemed confused, a call was placed to Thomas.

“She was very happy and tearful and emotional that her father had been found,” the 51-year-old Grand View native said.

“We just owe him a world of thanks,” Thomas said on Veterans Day, adding that her father was doing “really well.” She added her father used to know Owyhee County’s back roads by heart.

Draper drove Thornburg home immediately.

“It was a good feeling, and it was really fun visiting with him,” Draper said. “On the way home, he got to talking.

“... He told me all about how he’d been in the military, and I think he was in World War II.”


Days before Veterans Day, Draper was able to help a war veteran who had fought aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific — and also get a history lesson.

“It was a great experience,” he said of the ride home.

— JPB

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Obituaries

Shizuo “Tom” Arima

Tom was born Shizuo Arima on June 24, 1922 in downtown Boise, near the Capitol building, to Chiyono Shimizu Arima and Niruko Arima. When he was four, his family moved to Cascade, where his mother owned the Boston Cafe restaurant on Main Street. He grew up in Cascade with two sisters, Mary and Bette. At Cascade High School, Tom lettered in football, basketball and track and was valedictorian of his 1940 high school class of 20 students.

Tom attended the University of California at Berkeley for his freshman year of college and transferred his sophomore year to the University of Idaho. Tom graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering and summa cum laude honors.

In 1944, when Tom graduated, World War II was still in progress so there were no job opportunities for Japanese Americans in the corporate world. As a result, Tom moved to Homedale, where he purchased land to begin farming in 1944, primarily growing onions, beets, corn, alfalfa and wheat.

In 1956 he married Molly Kondo in Spokane, Washington. They raised four kids on the farm in Homedale — Robin, Rosalia, Mara'D and Harry.



While his children attended school in the Homedale School District, Tom served on the Homedale School Board for 18 years. Tom was also a Master Mason in the Silver City Lodge #13 for 48 years.

When his children, nieces and nephews were growing up, Tom actively supported them in 4-H, Little League, snow skiing, camping, fishing, rock collecting, hunting, Demolays, Jobs Daughters, Homedale Rod & Gun Club and was always willing to tutor his favorite subjects of math and science.

Tom's hobbies included his enjoyment of gardening, math puzzles, reading, and computers.

In 2002, Tom retired from farming, and in 2007 he moved to Caldwell.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Molly, his sister Bette Uda of Homedale, his four children, Robin (& Paul), Rosalia, Mara'D (& Eric), Harry (& Mary), eight grandchildren (Molly, Alyssa, Julie, Stacey, Shizuo, Fumio, Thomas and Bret), and 23 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Niruko, his mother Chiyono and his sister Mary Yamashita.

The family would like to thank Alpine Village Memory care unit at Autumn Winds Assisted Living and the Heart & Home Hospice program for taking good care of Dad during his final days.

Viewing was on Friday, November 8, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Family Burial was at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID prior to services. Funeral services were on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale (27 E. Owyhee).

Condolences may be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: Homedale High School Athletics, 203 E Idaho Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Tom D. Gammett

Tom D. Gammett, 61, of Kotzebue, AK died Tuesday November 5th, 2013 in Nampa, ID. Tom was born on August 4th 1952 in Nampa, ID to Forest & Louise Gammett. Tom grew up in the Marsing area and resided there through his 20s.

In 1975 Tom met & married Noreen McCabe. They were later divorced but from this union they had two children.

Tom's passion and life career was a journeyman plumber. In 1990 Tom moved to Alaska, and he met and married Daisy Lane and they had six children together. Tom enjoyed the outdoors and all things of nature. His favorite thing to do was ride a snowmobile all over the great



& Jim Gammett.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy, six sons & two daughters, Joe Gammett, Marla Gammett, Tommy Gammett, Terry Gammett, Teddy Gammett, Timmy Gammett, Elizabeth Gammett & Thor Gammett; four grandchildren; a brother Terry and Pam Gammett of Detroit, MI; a sister Tina and Larry Lemmon of Marsing, ID; two sisters-in-law Glenda Gammett of Jordan Valley, OR and Lynda Gammett of Homedale, ID; and numerous nieces & nephews.

The burial of the ashes will take place in early summer of 2014 at The Wilson Pioneer Cemetery. We will hold a dinner for family and friends at that time.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 13: Crispito, taco salad, baby carrots, applesauce
Nov. 14: Nemo sandwich, sweet potato fries, broccoli, strawberries, jello
Nov. 15: Pizza, salad, grape tomatoes, pineapple
Nov. 18: Beef nuggets, broccoli, cucumbers, strawberries
Nov. 19: Mini corn dog, steamed carrots, broccoli, peaches
Nov. 20: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, banana

Homedale Middle

Nov. 13: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, steamed carrots, broccoli, banana

Nov. 14: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears

Nov. 15: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad, grape tomatoes, pineapple

Nov. 18: Nachos or Philly beef/cheese hot pocket, cucumber, baby carrots, tropical fruit

Nov. 19: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches

Nov. 20: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple

Homedale High

Nov. 13: Spaghetti & French bread or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 14: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, sherbet cup, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 15: Crispito w/taco salad or hot pocket, corn, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 18: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 19: Malibu chicken, grilled chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 20: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

Nov. 13: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 14: Rib-b-que sandwich or macaroni & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 18: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 19: Sub sandwich or beef taco w/chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 20: Teriyaki chicken bowl w/roll or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar (6-12)

Bruneau-Grand View

Nov. 13: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, breadstick, fruit
Nov. 14: Haystacks, chips, salsa, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit
Nov. 15: Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, baby carrots, apple wedges
Nov. 19: Pizza, romaine salad, winter veggies, fruit
Nov. 20: Lasagna, steamed carrots, breadstick, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

All meals include salad bar: lettuce, tomato, boiled egg, apricot, dressings, soup d'jour

Nov. 13: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice
Nov. 14: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread
Nov. 19: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, bread
Nov. 20: Baked chicken, noodles, broccoli, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Nov. 13: Spaghetti, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad, cobbler, French bread

Nov. 14: Hamburger pot pie, pea salad, carrots, pumpkin bars

Nov. 18: French toast, bacon or sausage, oatmeal, fruit, juice

Nov. 19: Mock filet mignon, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, tossed salad, roll, pineapple pudding cake

Nov. 20: Split pea soup, salad bar, tomatoes, bread sticks, bread pudding

Death notice

GERALD L. WILLIAMS, 81, of Adrian, Ore., died Friday, Nov. 8, 2013 of natural causes at a local care center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario, Ore. (541) 889-9335




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Today

Community Prayer Gathering
7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, N. 18 St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464

Story Time
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Senior center board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

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

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

Austrian Settlement Centennial meeting
6 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

Three Creek School Board meeting
7 p.m., Three Creek School multipurpose room, Three Creek

Thursday

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Rimrock Food Pantry preparation
4 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2314

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

HHS Drama Club production
7 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, Sleep Hollow musical, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Friday

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228; call afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 995-5206

Tweens and Teens program
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Sunday

Cowboy Church
8:15 a.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau

Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 995-5206

Middle school youth group
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State

Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday

Story Time
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon
Noon, free, RSVP by Monday, Nov. 18, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Job's Daughters Bethel 31 meeting
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

Thursday, Nov. 21

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Annie production
6:30 p.m., doors, 7 p.m., show, \$8 adults, \$5 children, students and seniors, Marsing school cafeteria

Friday, Nov. 22

Oregon Food Bank distribution
9:45 a.m., produce only, W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road., Arock, Ore. (541) 889-9206

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228; call afternoons Monday through Saturday

Oregon Food Bank distribution
11:15 a.m., produce only, Jordan Valley Elementary School, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 889-9206

Annie production
6:30 p.m., doors, 7 p.m., show, \$8 adults, \$5 children, students and seniors, Marsing school cafeteria


Saturday, Nov. 23

Annie production
1 p.m., doors, 1:30 p.m., show, \$8 adults, \$5 children, students and seniors, Marsing school cafeteria

Marsing Holiday Parade
5 p.m., line up at high school football field, Dusk, parade down Main Street to Island Park, Marsing. (208) 318-3982

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Tales of the ION Country

Foreword (conclusion)

The little part of the West known as the I.O.N. Country is not defined by boundaries but through a common heritage.

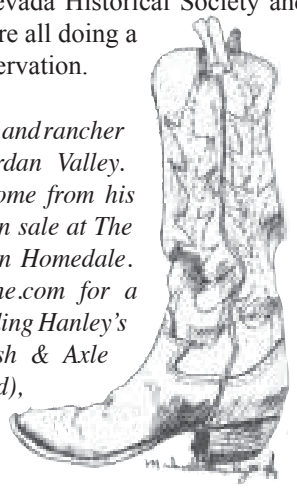
Where the states of Idaho, Oregon and Nevada come together is roughly the center of the I.O.N. Country, which is larger than some eastern states.

In *Tales Of The I.O.N. Country*, I present information of the beginnings of the Livestock Industry with a rancher's insight. The first operators were largely men of vision as are todays, but my horizons are much closer than my grandfather's. Oh, how I wish I could work with the big outfits on the open, unfenced range, but those days are past and it is up to my generation to pass on our way of life even if it has been modified by time.

I sincerely hope the children of the I.O.N. Country take an interest in their heritage because I feel that only with a knowledge of the past will they be able to succeed in the future.

We are fortunate in that we have historical societies and historians who are active. The Harney County Historical Society and museum in Burns, Ore., the Owyhee County Historical Society, which also represents Malheur County, Ore., and the Northern Nevada Historical Society and Museum at Winnemucca are all doing a good job of historical preservation.

— 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*.



Grand View begins holiday event planning

Vending spots available for Dec. 7 bazaar

Vending space is available for the Grand View Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in the Country Bazaar.

The bazaar takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium. Vendors can begin setting up at 8 a.m.

Vending space costs \$20 for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space and one table. Vendors will be able to bring other tables to put in that space, according to Chamber representative Cyndi Fullmer.

A Mexican lunch also will be available as will photo opportunities with Santa.

For more information on the bazaar and vendor opportunities, contact Fullmer by emails at cindaray@hotmail.com or by phone at (208) 834-2636.

The bazaar is part of the two-day Christmas in the Country event planned for Grand View on Dec. 6-7.

A community dinner and games and raffles will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, inside the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Judging for the annual Christmas lighting contest will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Four inches of snow lay on the ground at the ranches on Nov. 5 with more in the high country. The white cowboy (snow) is pushing the straggling cattle down. The ranchers are busy weaning, pretesting and etc.

Charley Vaughn, who runs cattle on Marilyn Barinaga ranches, suffered a stroke but is now on the mend.

The Three Creek School teacher and kids are still doing interesting things. The Elys brought their hawks to show the kids and tell all about them. Aaron Keyes came and taught CPR and AED training. Some of the ranchers and the Three Creek Highway crew took the training.

Gus and Kimberly Brackett celebrated their wedding anniversary by going to Hawaii.

Margaret O. Thompson, a longtime resident of Jarbidge and Murphys Hot Springs, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A well-attended party was held for her at the Senior Center in Twin Falls. Margaret is a plucky little lady who has suffered many hardships. When a young girl, her father was killed in a mining accident in Jarbidge. She lost three husbands. She said they were all good men. Her first husband, Phil Sullivan, who was the father of her only child (daughter Phyllis) died of a heart attack at the age of 29. Her second husband, Dick Lightfoot, drowned in Alaska. She and her third husband, John Thompson, traveled to many places and then together built a log home at Murphys Hot Springs. John died of cancer in 1988.

Helen Schnell Noh Young,

our longtime postmistress, has passed away. She was born on the family ranch three miles west of Rogerson on March 6, 1927 to Paul and Anna Schnell. Helen was a real farm girl and could be seen riding her horse herding hogs and doing many chores. She was married to Robert Noh, and they had two children, Sandy and Robert. After their divorce, she married Dick Young and they got a daughter, Anita. Helen was the owner and operator of Rogerson Service for 66 years. As postmistress, she got the mail ready for Three Creek, and we could almost set our clocks by the time the mail stage would get to our mail boxes.

She is survived by her children, Robert Noh and Anita Young, both of Rogerson and stepdaughter, Tina Drake of Jerome and her grandchildren Cade Noh of Washington, Gina Whitney of Twin Falls, Amber (Travis) Smith of Nyssa, Ore., and Logan (Andy) Wamack and great granddaughter, Caysen Marie Wamack, all of Vernal, Utah.

A well-attended memorial was held at Helen's RV Park at Rogerson.

Myrle Leach, a former teacher who saved the school in the early 1960s and comes back for some occasions, is real ill. We hope she gets better soon.

In the fall of 1960, the school didn't open as there were no pupils. In January of 1961, Gus and June Bartley came from Carson City, Nev., to work on the 7u Ranch. They had two school-aged kids. Myrle Leach came from Bliss with her three kids and saved the school.

Marsing groups plan Thanksgiving meal

Marsing community organizations are getting together to make sure folks have a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Several churches, American Legion Post 128 and the Marsing City Council are among the groups planning a free community Thanksgiving dinner. It'll be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Assembly of God pastor Rick Sherrow, who also serves as American Legion Post 128 chaplain, said the dinner is being organized to help folks in the

community.

"We feel we can provide at least one Thanksgiving dinner for them," he said.

Other congregations are preparing elements of the dinner, including Lizard Butte Baptist Church, Marsing First Church of the Nazarene and Vision Bible Church.

So far, the Assembly of God Church will provide the turkey, while American Legion members have committed to furnishing rolls and butter. The city council will take care of pies and desserts.

For more information about the dinner or to help out, call Sherrow at 965-1650 or 896-4819.

HMS Academic Bowl team picks up where it left off last season

Homedale Middle School's Academic Bowl team is off to another successful start.

The team, coached by fourth-grade teacher Jan Silva, tied for first in the 3A Snake River Valley conference opener Oct. 16 in Parma. Last season, the team won every meet except one.

"We have a great support group this year," Silva said. "Lots of parents, grandparents, siblings, etc., showed up to cheer us on at our first meet of the season."

Homedale and Parma scored 120 points apiece, easily clearing

the rest of the field. Fruitland and Weiser were tied for third with 70 points each.

"In spite of a very young team of players, we had a great first match of the season," Silva said.

The next competition is next Wednesday at Weiser. Homedale plays host to a meet on Jan. 22.

The rest of the schedule includes at Feb. 19 meet in Fruitland and a March 12 meet in Payette. The season ends on April 16, but the location of the finale has not been set.

Meets begin about 4 p.m.

This year's HMS team is comprised of eighth- through sixth-graders.

Diana Cook is the team captain, and fellow eighth-grader Bradley Butler serves as co-captain. The other eighth-grader on board is Andrew Bowman.

The rest of the team includes:

Seventh-graders — Lindy Phariss and Mauricia Villarreal

Sixth-graders — Kaitlyn Butler, Juliette Larzelier, Kaytlynne Neil, Gage Purdom, Rachel Tayler, Brady Trout and Daniel Uranga

Fourth Annie show added in Marsing

With advance tickets sold out for three performances, a matinee has been added for the upcoming production of the musical Annie in Marsing.

The play produced by the Marsing School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center will be presented Nov. 21-23 inside the school district's cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

The regular performances will take place at 7 each night with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Last week, organizers announced that a 1:30 p.m. matinee will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23. The doors will open at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Advance tickets for the matinee are available through the Marsing Elementary School office.

There will be limited tickets available at the door for each performance, too.

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Local Rotarians bring words to schools



Caldwell club furnishes dictionaries to Marsing, Homedale third-graders

Left: Caldwell Rotary Club member Milon McDaniel hands a dictionary to a third-grader in John Barenberg's third-grade class at Marsing Elementary School on Nov. 5.

Below: Homedale third-graders show off the dictionaries that the Caldwell Rotary Club recently presented. From left: Haelei Damron, 8; Cristina Merino, 9; Corilynn Huskey, 9; Erikka Mercado, 8; Steven Vargas, 9; Omar Rios, 8; Kayden Morris, 8; and Hunter Salsgiver, 9.



Marsing Chamber, senior center team up for holiday fun

Festival of Trees helps Meals on Wheels

Businesses, individuals encouraged to decorate trees for fundraiser

The Marsing Senior Center's Festival of Trees sneak peek begins Monday in downtown Marsing.

The inaugural event serves as a fundraiser for the center's Meals on Wheels program.

Festival spokesperson Nina Collett said that the center will accept donated tree toppers, wreaths and decorated trees from local businesses and families until Tuesday.

The entries will be on display throughout town, and folks will be able to enter silent auction bids for a chance to take them home. Proceeds will help operate Meals on Wheels services in town.

The Festival of Trees is the brainchild of senior center coordinator Alana Squires.

Tonight, organizer Betty Ackerman is scheduled to ask Marsing City Council members to serve as Best of Show judges.

Best of Show ribbons will be awarded in all three categories.

For information on making an entry for the Festival of Trees contest, call Ackerman at 896-4562 or Collett at 899-9864.

All Festival of Trees entries will be on display at the senior center, 218 Main St., between Nov. 25 and Nov. 29.

On Nov. 29, the entries will be moved to the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion

Community Center and will be on display during the Marsing Chamber of Commerce's Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 30.

During the bazaar, the public will be able to vote for a People's Choice and Children's Choice in each of the three categories. The silent auction closes at 1 p.m. on Nov. 30.

A canned food drive to benefit Meals on Wheels also will be held during the bazaar. Canned vegetables are a focus.

Until the bazaar, the donated items will be on display at the senior center or participating businesses.

Businesses and organizations that have signed up to participate so far include Hope House, the Marsing Lions Club and Buckaroo Bunny. Collett invites families to get involved, too.

The Marsing Meals on Wheels program serves about 25 people in the area each day and operating funds are sorely needed, Collett said.

"Anyone who wants to donate to us, we're more than happy to take their donation," Collett said. "We're struggling for money daily."

Collett pointed out that Festival of Trees participants can get a tax break for donating the trees, toppers and wreaths to the event.

— JPB

Chamber looking for parade entries

Procession, tree lighting planned for Nov. 23

All manners of parade entries are being sought for Marsing Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Parade.

The night light parade will take place at dusk on Saturday, Nov. 23. Lineup will begin at 5 p.m. in the Marsing High School football parking lot.

The parade route will wind down Main Street and end at Island Park where Mayor Keith Green will lead the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.

The Chamber is looking for entries for the parade. Walkers, floats, trailers and tractors are among the types of entries organizers are suggesting.

"(There's) no theme," the Chamber's Jolyn Green said. "(We're) just asking participants to have their entries 'lit up.' "

Longtime Marsing Lions Club

member and Marsing Senior Center board president Roman Usabel will be the parade's grand marshal.

There's no cost to put an entry in the parade. For more information, call Green at 318-3982.

Green said the Chamber also will encourage downtown businesses along the route to light their storefronts.

The Marsing Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Nov. 30 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The bazaar will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also feature the Festival of Trees. Proceeds from the silent auction for the festival entries will benefit the senior center's Meals on Wheels program.

Vendor space is available for the bazaar. Each 8x10 space with an eight-foot table costs \$20. Renting two spaces will cost \$30, and three spaces will cost \$50.

For application information, call Jolyn Green or Susan Watson at 896-5055.

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Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Boutique set this weekend

The sleepy little town of Bruneau is about to burst at the seams with activity, as a crowd of artists, craftsmen, authors, vendors and holiday gift shoppers are expected to arrive for the 13th Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free to the public.

The event will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Bruneau Elementary school. The show has grown in size and scope to include artists and craftsmen from Oregon, Montana and Nevada, as well as Idaho.

The Boutique will feature a large selection of quality handmade, one-of-a-kind western art, crafts, gifts, toys, home décor and rustic furniture, cowboy gear, riding tack, hand tooled leather and silver pieces, quilts, western apparel and accessories, western books, hand-crafted silver, copper and beaded jewelry, metal work and wood work.

The show will be offering a large selection of homemade goodies, and a wide selection cowgirl “bling”.

Some of the local vendors participating in the event will include Buneau author Milly Porter, Jean Miller from Jordan Valley, selling crafts and furniture, Josh and Jessica Bauer of Marsing,

with wood and metal works, Joyce Wright of Homedale, with purses, belts and jewelry, and Debbie Long of Grandview, with her homemade jelly.

“We are always astonished to see hear how far people travel to shop here,” organizer Becky Tester said. She attributes the growing success of the show to the high quality and variety of items for sale.

“I look forward to Cowboy Christmas all year long,” Tester said. “There are always amazing gifts from talented vendors. We have some awesome returning vendors and lots of exciting new vendors this year.”

Riata Brown will lead the Cowboy Church service beginning at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, after which the show opens at 10 a.m.

Santa Claus has also scheduled a visit to the Cowboy Christmas and will to be on hand to greet young cowboys and cowgirls.

Families and friends are invited to make the drive to Bruneau for a weekend of holiday shopping, and homemade food, such as cinnamon rolls, hearty stews and chili, cornbread, and desserts. For more information, contact Becky Miller at (208) 995-5206.

—KB

Bruneau bazaar helps families in need, planned EMS center

Shoppers planning to attend this weekend’s Cowboy Gift Boutique will be encouraged to bring with them a few non-perishable food items. The items will be donated to the local food drive, which will benefit needy local families.

“We really encourage people to take part in the food drive,” said organizer Becky Miller. “There are so many families that are struggling in these tough times, and we want to help.”

Any shoppers who participate in the food drive are automatically entered into a drawing, with prizes to be awarded by the show vendors.

Also during the show, shoppers will be encouraged to support another fundraiser going on for the Bruneau Quick Response Unit. Funds are being raised to help the town build a much needed new emergency services center, that will be used by both the QRU (quick response unit) and the fire department.

“This event is really a boost to the local economy,” Miller said. “It allows people to find one of a kind, affordable gifts, and to support important community projects and to come together during the holidays.”

—KB

Lizard Butte Friends set final meeting of 2013

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board had to cancel its monthly meeting, scheduled for last Thursday, a day before the event.

The next board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 inside the Lizard Butte Library

Community Room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

Next month’s meeting will be the final meeting of the year.

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board of directors will meet for the first time in 2014 on Jan. 6.

New storefronts ready for business



Chinese restaurant serving lunch, dinner in Homedale

Golden Ocean waitress Denise Gray serves lunch to James Deen, left, and Mike Miller last Wednesday inside Homedale’s new Chinese restaurant on North Main Street. Kelli Wu and Jin Chen own the restaurant, which opened Nov. 5. The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to about 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Takeout orders are available by calling 337-4157. Wu also owns the Asian Wok in Star, and her husband owns a barbecue restaurant in China.

Quilt shop opens in Marsing

Sleepy Hollow Quilt Shop owner Angela Merritt stands under her store’s sign at 107 Main St., in Marising. She opened the business more than a month ago and is offering quilting supplies, fabrics and patterns. Merritt plans classes, too. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. It’s closed on Sunday. Sleepy Hollow can be reached by calling 899-5623.



Iran experiences recalled in Bruneau

The Bruneau Valley Library will be hosting the return of speaker Dr. Sandra Pitts, of Mountain Home, next Wednesday, as part of the Bruneau and Beyond speaker program.

Pitts will be addressing the topic of Iran II, a continuation of her story about Iran, the revolution and subsequent evacuation of U.S. personnel.

Pitts recently published “Boars,

Bazaars, and Bugging Out,” a memoir written about a dozen Air Force families living in Iran during the revolution there.

Pitts began her presentation at last month’s Bruneau and Beyond luncheon.

Prior to the program, there will be a light luncheon served at noon at the library located at 32074 Ruth St. Both the luncheon and talk are free of charge to

the public. Anyone planning to attend the event should make reservations by calling (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282, by Monday.

The event will be the final program made possible by a grant from the Troxell Small Community Library Fund and the Robert I. and Barbara Troxell Fund, through the Idaho Community Foundation.

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Snow comes to Silver City



It was bound to happen sooner or later. The white stuff has begun to fly in the Owyhees, which means closure of Silver City Road can't be too far behind. Submitted photos



Rimrock physics class to get new equipment

Veteran teacher receives October CapEd grant

Kermit Tate has taught at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School for four decades, but he recently received a grant to put the school’s science department on the cutting edge.

The physics teacher was one of several teachers tabbed for a Capital Educators Credit Union (CapEd) grant in October. He received \$750 and will use it to expand the physics program’s educational capabilities.

“We’re going to use the money to buy some computer-based lab equipment for physics,” Tate said.

The equipment is from Vernier Software and Technology and will include a low-g accelerometer and its associated software and

computer interface.

A low-g accelerometer is used to one-dimensional acceleration in acceleration experiments and demonstrations.

“Vernier makes about 80 different probes and sensors, which all use a common interface and driver software, so we can add sensors over time,” Tate said.

Tate, who is in his 35th year teaching at the school halfway between Bruneau and Grand View, said the grant will finally provide instrumentation for the school’s physics labs.

“Vernier’s various sensors will help bring our chemistry, physics, physical science and Earth science labs into the 21st century,” he said.

Tate applied for the CapEd grant prior to the start of the school year.

“I’m really tickled to see our students get their hands on this kind of technology,” Tate said.

— JPB

Treasure Valley Honors Meet

Seven Marsing students to perform at Nampa event

Tonight is a special night for the parents of seven Marsing High School music students, as they head over to the annual Treasure Valley Honors Choir performance. The event will capitalize on the voices of over 200 young people and 75 band members from throughout the state. It begins at 6 p.m. this evening at the Brandt Center on the Northwest Nazarene Campus, in Nampa.

Choir students attending from Marsing are as follows: senior tenor Jose Mendez, son of Jose and Reyna Mendez; freshman tenor Ben Gerthung, son of David and Linda Gerthung; junior bass Corbin Moyer, son of Bill and Rebecca Armfield; junior tenor Audra Kendall, daughter of Barry and Heidi Kendall; and senior alto Carley Bond, daughter of Kenneth and Jade Black.

The two students joining the honors band are senior alto saxophone Brad Labit, son of Jon and Sandy Nelson and Brett and Calie Labit and freshman trumpet Justin Hiatt, son of Phillip and Donna Hiatt.

Songs planned for the music event include "Media Vita,"



Marsing High School students who will perform at tonight's Treasure Valley Honors Meet in Nampa are, from left, Carley Bond, Justin Hiatt, Corbin Moyer, Jose Mendez, Brad Labit, Ben Gerthung and Audra Kendall.

"The Lord Bless and Keep You," "How Excellent is Thy Name," "Ave Verum Corpus," "So Nice (Summer Samba)," and "Salute to the Armed Forces." The band will perform "Sedone," "Funicili Funicula" and "The Lord of the

Rings."

Schools participating in the event include Adrian, Bishop Kelly, Cambridge, Cascade, Emmett, Greenleaf Academy, Homedale, Idaho Arts Charter, Marsing, McCall/Donnelly,

Melba, Middleton, New Plymouth, Notus, Nyssa, Ontario, Parma, Payette, and Weiser.

The Honors Choir is an annual event that was created more than 30 years ago, according to Dawn Sandmeyer, MHS music

director.

"The idea is to take the best players, both vocalists and band members, and bring them together," she said.

Educators have continued the event in hopes of ensuring that music will be a strong focus in Owyhee County and that the schools support the talent and individual efforts made by students.

Music teachers created the program to give students a positive musical experience outside of their school programs. The all-state event ensures that smaller schools participation can help improve their programs for students.

"This is especially important for the smaller schools," Sandmeyer said.

She mentioned that small schools sometimes face limitations such as lack of instruments. The Honors Choir has the advantage of being able to perform eight-part music selections, she added, because of the large number of students included.

For more information on this event, parents can call Marsing High School at 896-4111.

—KB

Five Homedale musicians, vocalists chosen for concert

Homedale High School will be sending five of its top music students to join the Treasure Valley Honors Choir and Band, performing tonight at 6 p.m. at the Brandt Center on the Northwest Nazarene University campus in Nampa.

The annual event brings together the singing and instrumental talents of a large body of choir and band students from throughout the state, as well as a few students from Nyssa and Adrian, Ore.

Homedale choir students selected to perform in the program are: sophomore tenor Jason Buenrostro, son of Silvia and Luis Buenrostro; sophomore soprano II Elizabeth Hernandez and junior soprano II Jennifer Hernandez, both the daughters of Juan and Maria Hernandez.

Two band members will join the

honors band performance. Freshman alto sax Ben Holloway, son of Gerald and Sherry Holloway, and junior flute Isabelle Fogg, daughter of Tom and Alyssa Fogg, will play at the event. All the students mentioned above are returning for a second time to the performance, except for Ben Holloway, who will join the group for the first time.

Homedale music teacher Skyler Krall commented on his students achievements.

"I'm really proud of the students that have dedicated themselves to the honor band and choir," Krall said. "Taking the time and putting forth the effort to learn more music outside of school time is quite commendable."

—KB



Homedale students selected for the Treasure Valley Honors Concert are, from left: Jennifer Hernandez, Ben Holloway, Elizabeth Fogg, Jason Buenrostro and Elizabeth Hernandez.

HHS chapter to salute teachers during Honor Society Week

Homedale High School Honor Society members are showing their gratitude to teachers this week as part of Honor Society Week.

HHS Honor Society members have joined their counterparts from thousands of schools through the U.S., Canada and Europe to celebrate the week, which began Monday and continues through Friday.

Homedale Honor Society chap-

ter members will spend part of the week visiting classrooms to tell their peers about the organization.

"We will be showing our pride by wearing our club T-shirts," HHS Honor Society member Brenlyn Kilby said. "We plan on showing our appreciation to our teachers as well. We will be giving them gifts."

Homedale chapter members also will hold special activities to

showcase student achievement.

"I look forward to National Honor Society Week. We have some fun things planned," HHS National Honor Society chapter president Destiny Long said.

According to a press release, the week is designated as a time to acknowledge achievements and contributions made by middle school and high school Honor Society students. The National Honor

Society and the National Junior Honor Society sponsor the week.

"Being a member of the Honor Society involves much more than making good grades," NHS and NJHS director Rocco Marano said.

"Through their active involvement in leadership and service activities, these outstanding students also learn about good character and citizenship, lessons that will

strengthen their personal skills while assisting them in making a positive, significant contribution to the school and community."

The two groups recognize students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. NHS and NJHS are programs of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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Veterans Day tradition continues

Marsing Elementary honors 18 vets with songs, Taps

Marsing Elementary School celebrated Veterans Day on Monday with a variety of songs performed by each grade level to a full house of parents.

The program honored 18 veterans: five Army, four Air Force, three Marine Corps, four Navy, and two National Guardsmen.

Presentation of the Colors was done by Chance Carbonaro, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the entire student body.

The third-grade class did a rendition of “This Land is Your Land.”

Fifth graders joined in singing “Thankful for the USA.”

The Middle School choir, directed by Dawn Sandmeyer performed, “Our Heroes Will Live On,” and “Free Like Me.” Sandmeyer also played a solo rendition of “Taps,” while the audience gave a few moments of silence in memory of all military veterans.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Justin Freeman gave a short talk, and shared



Marsing School District music director Dawn Sandmeyer plays Taps on Monday.

some of his personal experiences in the military.

First-year elementary school principal Tyson Beggs directed the event and gave

recognition to the veterans in attendance.

They were:

Army — Terry Harrell, Fred Egurrola, Karen Greer, Fred Christensen and Mike Smith

Air Force — Michael Love, Larry Goertzen and Bill Shaw

Navy — Chris Even, Merrill Tallman and Ed Baker

Naval Academy — J.W. Landrum

Marine Corps — Justin Freeman, Brandon Harris and Jim Harris

Idaho Air National Guard (and Air Force) — Julie Sterling

Idaho National Guard — Cole Nielsen and Pete Smit

The veterans present held service records anywhere from currently serving (Nielsen), up to 32 years in the armed forces (Harrell).

Finalizing the program was “God Bless the USA,” sung by the entire school.

— KB



Left: Marsing Elementary School principal Tyson Beggs addresses Monday afternoon's assembly. Above: Three veterans take in the tribute to their sacrifice.



Marsing School District music director Dawn Sandmeyer conducts a group of elementary school students during Monday's Veterans Day program.

Veterans Day tradition continues

Homedale Elementary Vets pass on wisdom

The Homedale Elementary School gymnasium was filled with song and celebration Monday as part of the Veterans Day program.

Nine veterans were honored by the students, who sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "Constitution Day," "Thank a Vet," "For the Good of the Many," "A Grateful Nation," and "Taps."

Music director Tony Bradshaw led the event, which began with the posting of the colors by the Cub Scout Troop No. 509, by Linda Adams.

After the songs, the veterans introduced themselves and gave brief talks. At the end of the program, each student stood in line to shake the hands with the veterans, who handed them an assortment of military patches.

Several of the vets were there because of grandchildren present in the audience.

Chaplain Col. Vahan Sipantzi spoke of how the world has changed since he enlisted. He still remembers the day he heard the news broadcast about the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"It's not always a pleasure to serve, but it is always a privilege," he told the children.

He recalled the John F. Kennedy quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Retired Army 8th Calvary veteran Peter Hall advised the children to "be true to yourself, be true to your God. You live in the greatest nation in the world."

Navy veteran Lawrence Wass told the kids he appreciated being invited and asked them to "keep this going for all of us."

Vietnam vet Rudy Garcia said, "I thank the Lord, my God, that I went there and got back. I'm glad that's all behind me." He reminded the students to "trust in God and glorify His name."

Ruben Garcia, Rudy's brother, said being in the military was one of the "biggest experiences in my life. I thank God that this country is what it is and we stand for it." He told the young audience that he had traveled the world four times over in the military.

Retired Marine Corps vet Ralph Morgan said he would like to see all of the kids in the room go to college.

Vietnam vet Robert Cohagan told the children that the military is a good place for career education and training.

Cohagan said he thought Monday's event was a very good program and that the Cub Scouts did an excellent job.

"They were awesome," he said.

Chuck Turner agreed that the kids did a good job. "Many years ago, I was one of those little fellows," he said.

Air Force Col. Rodney Roberts, who is currently stationed in Mountain Home, explained to the kids "it is my privilege to help soldiers get trained, prior to their deployment."

Veteran Larry Mitchell said, "I can't believe there are this many kids in Homedale."

— KB



The military veterans who attended the Homedale Elementary School program.



Above: Cub Scout Troop 509 members Ahmad Garcia, Nicholas Murray and Jeffery Lane, carry the Colors into the Homedale Elementary School Veterans Day program. **Below:** Veterans Robert Cohagan (left) and Chuck Turner address the Homedale Middle School assembly.



Homedale Middle School Writing winners read vets essays

Homedale Middle School students sang songs and read essays to celebrate Veterans Day on Monday.

The program, directed by music teacher Tony Bradshaw, included songs titled, "We the People," "Sing a Song of Peace," "Dreams of You," and "Grateful to be an American."

The middle school choir, directed by Skyler Krall, joined in the celebration.

Highlighting the program were readings done by the winners of the Disabled American Veterans Essay Contest.

This year's theme was "Why the Constitution is More Important Than Ever." The DAV hosted the winners at their annual Americanism meeting on Nov. 6 at the Caldwell Public Library where the winners and runners-up were announced and awards and prizes given, according to Velma Smith, the DAV Auxiliary State Commander.

Essay winners were:

Grand champion Daniel Uranga, son of Jennifer and Tony Uranga, first place Isham Farris, son of Amber and Blake Farris, second place Arianna Larzelier, daughter of Steven and Kathy Larzelier, and third place Keyana Orris, daughter of Sabrina and Tracy Orris.

Three veterans attended the program, including Tim Downing, Robert Cohagan and Chuck Turner.

—KB



Disabled American Veterans essay contest placers from Homedale Middle School were, from left: Third place, Keyana Orris; second place, Arianna Larzelier; first place, Isham Farris; and grand champion Daniel Uranga.

Levy win just latest step in Bruneau Fire’s progression

Commissioner:
Patrons like
direction agency
is heading

The biggest turnout of the Nov. 5 election came from one of the smallest areas when Bruneau Rural Fire District patrons overwhelmingly approved a permanent override levy.

The outcome was decisive with 82.9 percent of the vote in favor of the measure that will bring \$15,000 per year in additional revenue into district coffers.

Two-thirds of that annual revenue will help the district pay for rental of space in the proposed Bruneau Quick Response Unit emergency services building.

“It’s a vote of endorsement for the (Emergency Medical Technicians) for all that they do



Bruneau Fire District recently received this water tender from the Parma district. Submitted photo

and their volunteer work,” Bruneau Fire District commissioner Dan Mori said. “None of them are paid, and they’ve done a lot for a long time and this helps support their building.

“And I think the fire department lives a little cheap, and people realize that. It just takes a little more money to live these days.”

A total of 129 people voted for a turnout of 45 percent, which was highest among the four elections held last week.

“They’re in support of these local deals that are pretty conservative, and they want to get their services,” Mori said.

The levy will allow the district to continue improvements that already have been under way.

Recently, the district accepted a donation of a water tender from Parma Rural Fire. It’s a first for the Bruneau outfit.

“We didn’t have one of those pieces of equipment at all,” Mori said. “That’s always been a

problem, especially since we’re not close to water supplies in our country and we’re pretty rural.

“It’s pretty easy to run out of water fighting fire.”

The district also recently upgraded another piece of equipment, eschewing a one-ton pickup for a brush truck formerly used by the Bureau of Land Management.

“We upgraded the age of the equipment by about 15 years and we have more capacity and more

ability,” Mori said. “Most of the fires in our localities are brush or weeds that got away, so that helps.”

As far as vehicles, the district is still in the market for another truck to battle structure fires, but that goal is slow in coming, though.

“When you live down the food chain, you have to be patient,” Mori said.

Other upgrades have been seen in communications as the district now receives its calls from dispatch. There also have been upgrades in personal protection gear since Stacey Buckingham has become fire chief, Mori said.

“We’ve made pretty big advances,” the commissioner said. “We weren’t in horrible shape before. It had kind of gotten stale is the best description.

“Infuse some new blood, and it seems things pick up a little bit. It’s been good.” — JPB

Last Chance Bazaar needs vendors

Vendors are being sought for participation in the Last Chance Bazaar in Marsing.

The event will be held on December 14, from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, located at 126 W. 2nd St. N.

To sign up for the bazaar, call

337-4617. Table rental fee is \$15.

A variety of items can be offered for sale, as well as any type of Christmas crafts.

MRW’s new repeater trims traffic on radio

Former Nyssa
engine now
in Givens

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District recently announced upgrades to its equipment.

A new repeater will carry the department’s fire tactical frequency, allowing firefighters to communicate during fire suppression action separate from the Owyhee County emergency dispatch frequency.

MRW spokesman Louis Monson said the repeater will prevent confusion with other traffic on the county’s main emergency services frequency. MRW personnel also can communication administrative information without tying up the county frequency.

“This will clear up a lot of traffic for OCSO (the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office) and help us do our job,” Monson said.

The district’s old repeater is tied directly to the county dispatch center and will be known as MRW Primary. Monson said OCSO deputies can use the frequency

when there are radio problems, too.

MRW’s emergency medical services Quick Response Unit will answer calls on MRW Primary, and Monson said Marsing Ambulance crews can communicate on that frequency when they are operating in the fire district.

The new repeater should be installed in the next month. Monson said MRW obtained the FCC license about a year ago.

MRW recently brought a new fire engine into service at its Givens. Another engine, whose operation had been problematic, was taken out of service, Monson said.

The replacement engine was purchased from the Nyssa, Ore., fire department when it obtained a new apparatus.

MRW QRU crew was first on scene two weeks ago when a 19-year-old Guffey man suffered an accidental gunshot wound. As the first Emergency Medical Technician on the scene, Monson bandaged Seth Gabriel Check’s wounds and carried him out of his bedroom before he was transported to the hospital.

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Corta, Grove earn kudos from peers

Winter puts old faces in new places

Little moves to MHS boys' team; Colyer takes over Rimrock girls

The high school winter sports season begins Friday when the Homedale High School girls' basketball team tries to build on a rare state tournament appearance.

Coach Joe Betancourt leads the Trojans into the first of six non-conference home games when Melba visits.

The varsity game tips off at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a 6 p.m. junior varsity contest and a frosh-soph game at 4:30 p.m.

The Homedale girls will start the season shooting at new backboards with the installation of new plexiglass boards on either end of the competition floor. The older backboards will be installed on the practice courts as the boys' basketball team's fundraiser to replace 40-year-old wooden backboards comes to fruition.

The Marsing girls' basketball team starts the season with a new coach on Tuesday. Coach Jaime Wood will be on the bench when the Huskies play host to Parma at 7:30 p.m.

Marsing's boys' basketball team also has a new coach as Tim Little moved over from the girls' program.

The Huskies open their season at home against Parma on Dec. 3.

Casey Grove returns to coach the Homedale boys' squad, which begins practice Friday. The Trojans open the season at home against Melba on Nov. 30.

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Trojans, Tolmie trample Badgers after slow start

Soph scores five TDs; defense extends shutout streak

Early in Saturday's game, a Homedale High School football player ran off the field complaining that his teammates were flat.

By the end of the 3A state quarterfinal at Deward Bell Stadium, though, Bonners Ferry had been flattened by what have become two staples of Trojans football during this resurgent season.

A big-play defense and the bruising

style of running back Josh Tolmie sent No. 2 Homedale into the state semifinals for the first time since 2003 with a 67-0 blasting of the Badgers.

"I just think that our program being consistent with staff and expectations over the past four years showed through versus a program that is still in a building phase regarding their staff and program," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

The Trojans are back home at 2 p.m. Saturday for a rematch with No. 3 Fruitland. The winner will face the survivor of the semifinal between reigning state

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Above: Linebacker Lane Sale goes high for his second interception of the first half Saturday in the 3A state quarterfinals. Photo by Gregg Garrett. Left: Quarterback Lawsen Matteson shakes off pressure to make a pass as Britt Eubanks provides protection. For more photos from Saturday, see Page 20.

Grizzlies stand in HHS' path to goal — again

4-0 in playoffs at home since '03, Trojans need win to reach 3A final

In a year of football firsts since joining Class 3A, Homedale High School will be looking for a repeat performance Saturday.

The second-ranked Trojans (9-1) will play host to a rematch against 3A Snake River Valley conference archrival Fruitland (No. 3 in the state media poll) in the 3A state semifinals.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

on Saturday at Deward Bell Stadium.

"We're very excited, and very excited to have the opportunity to play Fruitland at home in the playoffs instead of at their place, for once," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

Homedale has won the past four home playoff games in program history, including

victories over McCall-Donnelly and Parma a decade ago.

"Playing at home is an exciting thing, and our kids have become confident on their home turf, so it should be a bit of a mental advantage," Holtry said. "But the game is going to be a very competitive game regardless of where it is played."

"You have two of the top teams in the state playing in a football game — it's going to be fun to watch."

A win sends Homedale to

Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello for the school's first state championship game appearance since a 33-12 loss to Teton in 1999 in the 2A final.

Either No. 1 Shelley or No. 4 Gooding would be the opponent on Nov. 23. The Trojans haven't won a state championship in 16 years and have never played for a 3A title.

Homedale put in a dominating performance on the Grizzlies'

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Adrian draws rolling reigning champ in 1A quarterfinals

Both teams carry winning streaks, but Camas Valley has won 38 straight in Oregon

Adrian High School cruised to its seventh consecutive victory Saturday and into the 1A Oregon football state quarterfinals.

Chase Walker scored four of the nine times he touched the ball and the Antelopes rolled over Elkton, 62-20, in an opening-round playoff game Saturday at Ward Field.

Adrian (7-1), the No. 5 seed for the

playoffs, travels to western Oregon for a 2 p.m. kickoff Saturday against two-time reigning state champion Camas Valley in the state quarterfinals. Camas Valley was the home team when it beat Crane, 64-34, last Saturday at Roseburg High School.

The fourth-seeded Hornets are 11-0 this season and have won 38 consecutive games stretching to their 2011 season opener.

Camas Valley has appeared in the past three state finals, a run that started with a 22-8 loss to St. Paul in the 2010 championship game. That is the Hornets' only loss in their past 48 games dating to Oct. 1, 2010.

Adrian has shown its own brand of dominance this season scoring 60 or more points in six straight games.

On Saturday against Elkton, the Antelopes spotted the Elks an 8-0 lead on Tyler Sky's four-yard run a little more than two minutes into the game.

But Adrian then reeled off 62 consecutive

points, including 32 in the first quarter and 54 in the opening half.

Walker belied his last name by running in several long plays for scores.

He scored on a 78-yard run for a 16-8 Adrian edge in the first quarter. He also scored on a 69-yard run in the second quarter and a 65-yard jaunt to open the second half with the Antelopes' final TD.

Walker also scored Adrian's first touchdown as Reagan Shira fired a

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Sports



Old backboards come down

Members of the Homedale High School boys' basketball team help coaches and volunteers remove one of the four 40-year-old backboards inside the main gymnasium. Business owner Mike Matteson, top left, school district transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir (obscured), head coach Casey Grove and assistant coach Luke Ankeny worked to disconnect the backboard from its frame before the players got involved.

✓ Winter: Wrestling teams start season in Nyssa again

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The wrestling season won't start until next month when both Homedale and Marsing athletes participate in the Dec. 6-7 Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

Wrestling practice for the Huskies, coached by Jon Nelson, and the Trojans, coached by Toby Johnson, starts Monday.

Rimrock High School's winter sports season starts Nov. 23 at home against Garden Valley when the girls' basketball opens the season under new coach Bobby Jean Colyer, the daughter of

longtime Raiders' boys' basketball coach Gary Jones and a 1999 Rimrock graduate.

Mike Chandler retired after the team's appearance in last season's 1A, Div. I state tournament. He had coached the team since the 2006-07 season.

The Raiders' boys' basketball team starts its season with returning coach John Hannah on the road Dec. 3 against Garden Valley. Rimrock will be without one of its best players from the 2012-13 season as Jared Lemieux transferred to Glens Ferry.

Support, success has Homedale cross country anxious for 2014

Coach sees four state qualifiers as just beginning

They call the life of a runner a lonely existence, but for Homedale High School's cross country program the team concept is never far behind.

Even though junior Cole Hungate was the only one of four Trojans to earn a medal during last week's 3A state meet at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls, all the athletes were involved, first-year coach Heidi Ankeny said.

The other Trojans who participated in the state meet included sophomore Maya Correa, junior Riley Portwood and senior Kathryn Thatcher.

"The runners have formed some great relationships, and it was so encouraging to see them racing around the park cheering

each other on and supporting each other," she said. "They didn't just celebrate Cole's top-10 finish, they celebrated for each one of them and the hard races that they ran."

Ankeny said many competitors grumbled about the layout at Freeman Park, which included several hills and elevation changes.

"I am beyond proud of the kids and their performance at State," she said. "I think the elevation tested all of the runners' limits, but our kids pushed hard and ran tough races."

"We heard a lot of negative talk from other teams about the hills on that course, but again, it didn't faze our four. They are used to running a lot of hills for me in practice and these were small compared to what I take them out on."

This was the first season since 2009 that Homedale had fielded a

cross country team.

"I am so proud of the kids we had out," Ankeny said. "So many of them were brand new to cross country and even to running, but they took it as their own and they grew tremendously."

The coach saluted team parents as well as the community for their support during the season.

The athletes already are talking about next season and recruiting more athletes to become part of the program, she said.

"There is a lot of excitement around our little group right now, and I only see it growing for next year," Ankeny said. "It has been an honor to coach these athletes and to work with them, and it has been a privilege to have the support of the parents and community."

"I am looking forward to many more seasons with bigger teams and even greater success."

— JPB




The Homedale High School contingent poses for one last team photo at the 3A cross country state meet, including, from left: Riley Portwood, Maya Correa, 10th-place boys' medalist Cole Hungate, and Kathryn Thatcher. The group competed in the Nov. 2 state meet at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls. Submitted photo



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Athletes of the Week



Josh Tolmie

Lane Sale, sr., football — The linebacker/receiver had two first-half interceptions and four tackles. He also caught four balls for 119 yards in a 67-0 win over Bonners Ferry.

Josh Tolmie, so., football — The running back rushed for 141 yards and five touchdowns in the 3A state quarterfinal win. He also had three tackles and an assist on defense.



Lane Sale

Football

Varsity
Saturday, Nov. 16 home vs. Fruitland, 3A state semifinals, 2 p.m.

Go Trojans!



Boys' Basketball

Coach — Casey Grove, second year

Varsity - Saturday, Nov. 30, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity - Saturday, Nov. 30, home vs. Melba, 3:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph - Saturday, Nov. 30, home vs. Melba, 2 p.m.



Girls' Basketball

Coach — Joe Betancourt, second year

Varsity - Friday, Nov. 15, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity - Friday, Nov. 15, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph - Friday, Nov. 15, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.





Wrestling

Coach — Toby Johnson, 17th year

Friday, Dec. 6 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
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Sports

Adrian, JV volleyball players earn All-HDL

Adrian High School just missed a state playoffs trip, but the volleyball team earned the 1A High Desert League sportsmanship award.

Adrian’s Quincy Pendergrass and Jordan Valley’s Andi Warn, both juniors, were placed on the all-league first team to highlight postseason honors for the two local schools.

Another Adrian junior, Kellie Barraza, was the Antelopes’ lone second-team all-league pick.

Junior Alandra Hartley represented Adrian on the all-league honorable mention list.

The Mustangs’ honorable mention selections included junior Sharayah Sausser and sophomore Morgan Caywood.

✓ Adrian: Another 60-point output drills Elkton at Ward

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Adrian’s defense rose up again Saturday, forcing five turnovers. The Antelopes recovered all four of Elkton’s fumbles, including Morgan White’s fumble recovery for a score 10 seconds into the second quarter.

Walker rolled up 227 yards on the ground. Bryson Shira ran 55 yards for a touchdown with 30 seconds left in the first quarter for the biggest play in his 130-yard rushing performance.

Reagan Shira hooked up with Shane Miller on a 13-yard TD pass and completed four of six passes for 62 yards.

Tyler Reay had three of Adrian’s five tackles for loss (TFL) and finished with a team-high 7.5 tackles. Bryson Shira added six, while Walker had 4.5, the only sack of Elkton quarterback John Evoniuk and a TFL.

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Marsing’s first-teamers from left: Charlie Galvez, Austin Williams and Tristan Jacobi

Slew of seniors represent Huskies in All-2A WIC football

Galvez earns first-team selections on both sides of ball

Marsing High School’s football team earned four first-team spots in All-2A Western Idaho Conference voting.

Senior Charlie Galvez was named a two-way first-team player for his efforts as a tight end and middle linebacker.

“Charlie has a nose for the football on defense and great hands on offense,” Huskies co-head coach Brad Hill said.

Tailback Austin Williams was named a first-team running back despite moving to a new position for his senior season and then

dealing with a nagging ankle injury throughout the season. The four-year starter also earned a second-team nod as an outside linebacker.

“Austin is a great athlete and a great competitor,” Hill said.

Senior Tristan Jacobi also earned a first-team position at outside linebacker. He was a second-team running back, too, even though he suffered a season-ending ankle injury late in the conference schedule.

“He has a great feel for the game at outside linebacker,” Hill said. “Tristan is very quick on the offensive side of the football.”

Two senior offensive linemen were placed on the all-conference second team — tackle Yovani Zerapio and center Ector Quebrado.

“Ector is a tough, competitive

kid,” Hill said.

Zerapio was playing his first year of high school football. “He had an outstanding year for us,” Hill said.

Senior defensive tackle PJ Even earned a second-team spot for the second year in a row.

“PJ is big and clogs the middle,” Hill said.

Placekicker Josiah Hay-Smith — another senior in his first year with the Huskies — was also placed on the second team.

“This was his first year ever kicking a football,” Hill said. “He was really outstanding on kickoffs and field goals.”

Four players — all seniors — earned honorable mention selection, including defensive end Brad Labit, safety Jose Acuna, offensive lineman Gage Ramirez and cornerback Hudson Sauer.

MARSING HUSKIES

Winter Sports



Boys' Basketball

Coach — Tim Little, first year

Varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 4:45 p.m.



Girls' Basketball

Coach — Jaime Wood, first year

Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 19, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 19, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.



Husky Wrestling

Coach — Jon Nelson, second year

Friday, Dec. 6 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 8 a.m.



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3A quarterfinals in photos



Clockwise from top:
Talon Frelove stretches toward the goal line after making a catch as Bonners Ferry linebacker Anthony Skeen tries to make the play. Photo by David Hann
Lane Sale hauls in his first interception as Badgers' fullback Jack Rossi tries to prevent further damage.
Nathan Leslie out-jumps Kyler Rice for a point-after pass from holder Angel Cardenas.
Tyson Furlott brings in the football after Rossi fumbled in the first half.
Sale had several fingertip grabs on both sides of the ball Saturday, including this one ahead of Rice that resulted in a touchdown. Photo by David Hann



Left: Josh Tolmie (23) ran for 141 yards behind blocking from the likes of Bryan Johnson (6) and Bo Pickett (54). Photo by Gregg Garrett. *Above:* Devin Fisher tackles Bonners Ferry's Anthony Skeen (33). Photo by David Hann

Sports

Homedale duo pulls down coach of the year awards

District peers salute softball’s Corta, golf’s Grove after spring titles

Two Homedale High School coaches recently picked up awards based on achievements in the spring.

Larry Corta (softball) and Casey Grove (golf) were named the 3A District III coaches of the year for their respective sports. A banquet was held recently at the Caldwell Elks Club.

Both men won the awards primarily based on the fact that their teams won district championships in May.

This is the second district coach of the year award for Corta, but it’s the first time the veteran skipper was able to enjoy the formal coronation at the banquet.

“The last time, I didn’t even know I got it,” Corta said. “(Then-HHS athletic director David) Hart gave it to me one day, and I said, ‘Oh, thanks.’”

Corta and Grove both shifted the credit for the awards to their athletes.

“Ol’ Coach Pete (Boise State football coach Chris Petersen) says if you surround yourself with good people and good players, you’ll be successful, and I think that’s what we’ve done,” Corta said six months after winning his first softball state championship and the school’s fourth overall.

The men’s fellow coaches around the district voted on the awards.

“It was more of an honor to me,” Corta said of his second award. “When you see the other coaches in District III from 1A to 5A and they’re all there, it’s pretty special.”

Grove completed his second year at the helm of the golf program with a district championship and a team appearance in the 3A state tournament.

The team peaked after Spring Break with six consecutive victories in matches and tournaments.

“A lot of that had to do with not only the play of our varsity golfers, but having Gabe Maurer move in halfway through the season from Connecticut,” Grove said.

Grove, who gets help in practice from his father, views the district award as acknowledgement of the program’s progress in recent years.

“I think a lot of why I was chosen as coach of the year is because the coaches in the (3A Snake River Valley conference) have seen the change in our program the last two years,” Grove said.

“Finally all the hard work and structured practices paid off with a district championship. It also doesn’t hurt to have the No. 2 individual golfer in the state (Reed Maggard) on your team, either.”



Casey Grove, left, and Larry Corta show off the plaques they picked up in Caldwell recently.

— JPB

✓Trojans: Opportunistic offense cashes in on five Badgers turnovers

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champion and top-ranked Shelley and No. 4 Gooding in the Milk Bowl state title game on Nov. 23 in Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

Against Bonners Ferry, it took a quarter for the Trojans (9-1 overall) to find the style that has resulted in a seven-game winning streak.

“That is going to happen at times when you pass the ball the way we do,” Holtry said of the Trojans’ early lack of success.

“I think the kids were just not used to not seeing the immediate success as we have in the past couple games and so there was a bit of a panic mode for a moment there, but I assured the kids we would be just fine and as soon as we were able to put it in the end zone. The kids kind of relaxed and started to just play the way they are capable of.”

Homedale didn’t look back after senior linebacker Tyson Furlott fell on Jack Rossi’s fumble two plays into the second quarter. It was the first of five turnovers;

Homedale would score after three of those takeaways and, Tolmie also punched the ball in after a blocked punt in the third quarter.

Tolmie battered the Badgers for 141 yards and five short touch-down runs on 21 rushes.

Fellow sophomore Lawsen Matteson completed two-thirds of his passes and fired two TD passes.

Seniors Lane Sale and Talon Freelove — topped the century mark in receiving yards.

Then there’s that smothering, hawkish defense, which forced five turnovers Saturday and has shut out its past three opponents.

With the play of linebackers Nathan Leslie (the team’s leading tackler for a second straight week with 10 solo stops and three assists) and Sale (four tackles, two second-quarter interceptions) and lineman Luke Flaming (one tackle, three assists) among others, The Trojans limited Bonners Ferry’s triple-option offense to 145 total yards.

“The past couple of weeks of practice has been some of the best

practices I have been a part of as a high school coach, and I just think the execution we saw on Saturday was a result of that preparation,” Holtry said. “From the staff on down to the kids (there was) just a high level of preparation.”

Homedale’s defense wouldn’t be nearly as devastating without the Trojans’ capability to cash in.

“I have always been an aggressive play-caller whether it be going for it on fourth down or going for a two-point conversion,” Holtry said. “Having confidence in your defense just gives you that extra confidence to be aggressive on the offensive side of the ball.”

After Furlott’s fumble recovery, Homedale started running downhill and ran over the Badgers.

Matteson scored the first of Homedale’s eight rushing touchdowns on a one-yard sneak to capitalize on the first turnover. The drive was the perfect example of how complete Homedale’s has become.

Tolmie rushed for 11 yards and

Matteson completed two passes while engineering the hurry-up offense.

Three plays after the first TD, Homedale had the ball back after Sale got penetration, leapt high over fullback Jack Rossi and picked off Christian Trocke’s pass.

Matteson wasted little time, hitting Leslie over the middle for a 35-yard score immediately after the turnover.

Leslie finished with 72 yards on two catches, while Sale recovered from a couple early drops to lead the receiving corps with 119 yards on four receptions.

Freelove caught five passes for 103 yards, including a 15-yard scoring play on a fade pattern 18 seconds before halftime to cap Homedale’s 33-point second quarter after a fruitless first 12 minutes.

“I think that just starts at the (offensive line) positions,” Holtry said of the Trojans’ domination. “When you have an O-line like we have that executes the way they do, it allows you to do a lot

of things.

“We are well balanced because our O-Line can both run-block and pass-protect. It is a great blessing.”

In contrast to what one would expect from a high-powered offense, there were few long-gainers Saturday for the Trojans.

Tolmie’s career-high five touchdowns covered only 17 yards total, but all came in the first 31½ minutes of the game and punctuated Homedale’s total control.

“Josh is a great athlete and a great running back, but, again, I have to start with the O-line in creating those running lanes,” Holtry said. “Josh will be the first to tell you that he gives the first credit to them. He just takes advantage of the opportunities that he is given and runs with them.”

The second string got in the act in the fourth quarter as Devin Fisher stormed 59 yards for a score and Chase Martell scored from five yards out less than five minutes later.

— JPB

✓Goal: Deepest foray into 3A playoffs brings rival to Trojans’ doorstep

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home turf during a historic 34-12 on Oct. 11. With that win — sparked by key defensive plays — Homedale became the first team to beat Fruitland in a conference game since 2009. The victory also handed the Trojans their first 3A SRV championship and the District III top seed into the state playoffs.

“I think anytime you play a team twice you better bring a little variety because they have the film of when you last played and any good coach is going to study that film and prepare for you,” Holtry said.

Now, coach Matt Holtry leads Homedale into its first state

semifinal appearance in a decade. The firsts continue, however. Last time, under the guidance of Thomas Thomas, Homedale had to play a 2A state semifinal game at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

The Trojans lost to Grangeville, 40-17, in that 2003 game, and — although Homedale has made four treks into the 3A state playoffs since 2007 — another postseason victory wouldn’t come until the 52-0 shellacking of Filer two weeks ago.

Fruitland, on the other hand, has made a habit of deep runs into the state playoffs.

The Grizzlies (9-1) ran their winning streak to three games with a 35-21 win over Timberlake

in Spirit Lake in Saturday’s other top-of-the-bracket quarterfinal.

Last year, Fruitland lost the state championship game to Shelley, which will meet Gooding in this week’s other semifinal.

In 2010 and 2011, Fruitland dispatched Homedale in state play-in games before moving through for back-to-back state championship appearances. The Grizzlies won it all in 2010.

But, as was made evident by the October outburst in Payette County, the Homedale program has reached a new plain.

The Trojans have won seven consecutive games, and have outscored their past four opponents, 180-14.

The defense hasn’t allowed a point in the past three games and only two touchdowns in the past 16 quarters.

“I would be telling a lie if I said we didn’t talk about it during the week and during the game,” Holtry said of the shutout streak. “It is something that the kids take a lot of pride in and something that they wanted to accomplish.”

“It is our goal every week to keep the opponent under two scores, and we have a sticker for that accomplishment, so the kids set out for that each week.”

Homedale defenders have forced nine turnovers in the first two games of the playoffs and have half of their season total of

26 since the shutout streak began with a 34-0 defeat of Payette on Oct. 25.

In the Oct. 11 win over Fruitland, the Trojans came up with six takeaways, while the offense didn’t turn the ball over once.

Offensively, quarterback Lawsen Matteson has thrown 28 touchdown passes in his first varsity season, and he posted his third rushing TD in Saturday’s 67-0 battering of Bonners Ferry.

Fellow sophomore Josh Tolmie’s career-high five TDs on Saturday has moved his 2013 total to 14. He has scored eight touchdowns in the postseason.

— JPB

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Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The rain hotline

For several years my phone conversations with George have been depressing. Sometimes when we discuss rain, he’s never had enough on Spud Mountain. He seems to live in the endless drought conditions ... until it rains and washes out his water gaps, tanks and roads. It’s tough on his cows. Thank goodness he has a job at the bank.

Last summer, in anticipation of summer rain, he sent me a rain gauge that his bank has been using as a customer gift since, oh ... probably statehood. It was shiny and had the bank’s name on it. When our monsoon hit in July, we were ready!

Our late summer rains are pretty reliable; it’s the spring rains that can make a big difference.

Even two or three inches will get the grass growing before it gets so hot. It affects the delicate balance that haunts dairymen: milk vs. reproduction. When a cow is generating enough milk to keep the calf’s condition positive, there may not be enough energy left in her body to cycle. There’s nothing prettier than a sleek cow in good condition with a big bag and a good-sized calf at her side. Well, it would be even prettier if the bull were trying to mount her!

My neighbors and I have a morning-after rainfall report. The one that tells his amount first, usually get one-tenth less! I’m sure most of you have heard the joke about the farmer who left his double-barrel shotgun leaned up against the property line fence. After the big rain, he retrieved his shotgun. One barrel was full of rain and the one on his side was plum dry!

It’s not unusual for us to get that kind of spotty precipitation in the county, though by the end of our rainy season we’re within two inches of each other. If we get more than five minutes into a conversation, I’m sure to be reminded when it rained every year on the same day. “Yessir, sonny! Jes like clarkwork. You could set yer watch by the afternoon showers.” Sometimes Noah comes up in the discussion. Then the subject will switch to the times when it was so dry fish were wearing sun block!

In the Midwest where agriculture is recognized as part of the economy, they have really good weather coverage. But if you live within 100 miles of a metroplex, you get the Weather Show! The program spends a lot of time discussing how it will affect your backyard BBQ, how slow the freeway loop is proceeding, if there are delayed flights at the airport and a comment on how the Weather Channel babes hope it doesn’t disrupt your day. The blackboard they use looks like a full-color kindergarten jigsaw puzzle. “Scattered showers” covers a chunk of ground as big as the Louisiana Purchase!

One of the rights of farmers is to have an opinion on the weather. I try to keep abreast. I study the TV weather map with its big smiling yellow sun and the white clouds that look like giant puffs from Thomas the Tank Engine. I admit I have trouble relating to El Niño and how it will affect my area of the country. Of course, it seems every time I watch the local weather forecast the weather girl is standing in front of my state.

Oh, well, I better go check the rain gauge.

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Letters to the editor

Ferdinand thankful for time on Marsing City Council

It has been my pleasure serving the City of Marsing as a city councilman for the last four years.

I want to thank my supporters and the community for allowing me to represent you.

Congratulations to Cory Percifield, and good luck.

I will continue to serve the city and our community in any way I can, and I look forward to seeing the unfinished issues I have been working on continue to get resolved after my term is complete.

Who knows? There might be another election in my future.

James Ferdinand
Marsing

Wilderness Act protects grazing in wilderness

Mike Hanley, in his Nov. 6 column (“Tales of ION Country: Foreword, part III”), expresses concern that the Wilderness Act of 1976 creates “the very real possibility of attempts to either reduce livestock from designated wilderness or eliminate it entirely.”

I suppose that “attempts” can be made, but Section 4(d)(4)(2) of the Wilderness Act clearly states that “the grazing of livestock ... shall be permitted to continue.” Of course, Congress creates the regulations for each wilderness area, and they vary from unit to unit. For example, the Act

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

creating wilderness in Owyhee County authorized the Secretary of the Interior (after much public involvement) to accept voluntary donations of livestock grazing permits and to permanently retire grazing in and adjacent to wilderness areas.

The key word here is “voluntary,” and this recently happened with the retirement of two grazing allotments in our county. Why would a rancher do this? For money, of course, generally from some (dirty word here) “environmental” organization. But this is the rancher’s choice, and I hardly think it threatens the future of grazing in wilderness areas.

The website <http://www.wildowyhee.org/faq/grazing> provides much valuable information about this issue.

Allan P. Herring
Homedale

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Action needed to bring private capital back to housing finance



In 2008, then-Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Director James Lockhart stood jointly with then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson to announce Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were being placed into conservatorship, since they did not have enough capital to support expected losses. The government assumed control of these two multi-trillion dollar companies, with combined portfolios exceeding \$5 trillion. Meant to be a temporary solution until Congress and the Administration could reform and strengthen the housing finance system, Paulson called the conservatorship a “time out.” No one envisioned it lasting five years.

Chartered by Congress to help underwrite home mortgages, Fannie and Freddie greatly contributed to the housing bubble and financial crisis. Their primary function is to package loans made by lenders into mortgage-backed securities, which can be sold to investors along with a guarantee that principal and interest on the underlying mortgages will be paid in full. However, during the height of the housing bubble, Fannie and Freddie began acting like highly leveraged hedge funds, purchasing as investments nearly 40 percent of private-label subprime securities. Underwriting standards deteriorated significantly, and many of the loans issued were far from safe and secure. These moves contributed to the companies’ massive losses, and over the past five years, we have since seen the bill to American taxpayers rise to nearly \$200 billion.

Since the crisis, Fannie and Freddie have controlled no less than 95 percent of the housing finance market in any given year, leaving no room for the private market to re-enter and compete with the federal government. Although it is positive that these entities are now reporting profits under conservatorship, we must not lose focus on the need to reduce the government’s oversized footprint in housing finance and bring private capital back into the market.

Encouragingly, there is more traction toward moving forward with housing finance reform than there has been at any point during the five-year conservatorships of Fannie and Freddie. For the first time since the financial crisis, the White House, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives are all moving forward or advocating for reform. We must use this momentum as an opportunity to build consensus around ending the conservatorships, while building a stable secondary market that brings back private capital and avoids repeating the mistakes of the past. We must find the right balance between providing broad access to mortgages while protecting taxpayers from losses.

The Senate Banking Committee has a long history of working together in a bipartisan manner. At a time when Congress appears significantly divided on almost every issue, we are working to enact bipartisan, common-sense reforms to revamp our housing finance system — a task that everyone agrees is extremely complex. We have already proven our ability to collaborate by moving legislation to prevent Fannie and Freddie from being used as piggy banks and passing the FHA Solvency Act of 2013 out of Committee. Now, our members are working together on important proposals that are helping to shape the debate around housing finance reform moving forward.

Nearly every American has a stake in our actions. They may be a young family starting out and hoping to buy their first home; a college student seeking affordable rental housing; a retired couple looking to sell their home and move closer to their grandkids; or taxpayers worried about the consequences of inaction. The choices and trade-offs that we make will not only determine the sustainability of a robust housing market, but also the future economic opportunities for millions of families and individuals. It is time to make the hard decisions and finally end the five-year “time out.”

Commentary

Financial management

Single folks need “accountability partners” to stay fiscally sound

Dear Dave,
Do you have any tips for how a single person can stay on track with their finances?
— Debbie

Dear Debbie,
It’s really pretty simple. The first thing is the same advice I give to married couples, and that is to live on a monthly budget. Sit down at the end of each month and write down — on paper — all your expenses and income for the following month.
When you think about it, budgeting really isn’t that difficult. Some of your expenses, like your rent or mortgage payment, will be the same. If you have a car payment (which I really hope you don’t), it will remain constant, as well. Things like groceries and utilities may fluctuate based on the time of year, but you can make a pretty

accurate estimate by looking at past months.
The second thing I’d recommend is that you find someone to be your accountability partner. It should be someone who is wise and good with money and a person who loves you enough to call your bluff or hurt your feelings a little when necessary. They can be a close friend, parent or even your pastor. Just sit down together over a cup of coffee once a month and talk about your finances. You could even go over your budget together line-by-line.
Ideally an accountability partner is someone who’s ahead of you on a particular journey and can help direct you along the path to wisdom.
It’s their job to hold you accountable for what you’re doing and the decisions you’re making, for your own good!
— Dave



Dear Dave,
My daughter used to live an irresponsible lifestyle and was bad with money, too. While she was in college, she also took on \$20,000 in student loan debt. Since that time, she experienced a serious illness. She’s recovering

now, and it has really changed her behavior and her outlook on life, spiritual matters and money for the better. I could pay off the loans for her, but I’m wondering if there’s a better way to help.
— Eddie

Dear Eddie,
If I were in your shoes, and I had the means to pay off her student loan debt without putting myself at risk financially, that’s exactly what I’d do.
Sometimes the best gift you can give a person is to let them wallow around for a while in the mess they made. Being forced to work your way out of bad decisions and irresponsible behaviors is a great remedy in lots of cases. But in this situation, with what you’ve told me about her previous health issue, and the fact that she’s now being responsible with money, behaving and making better life

choices, I’d want her to be as free as possible as she takes up this new walk.
My advice is to try and be a huge blessing to your daughter. Right now, she’s a lot like the prodigal son. She’s come around in her thinking and realizes what’s right and what really matters. Give her the biggest hug she’s ever had, Eddie. Then, throw a party and write a check to knock out that student loan debt!
— Dave

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Vision and Values

U.S. intelligence service lacks judgment on what to target

by Herbert E. Meyer

Despite everything you’ve gleaned from spy novels and movies, the most important raw material for a successful intelligence service isn’t information; it’s judgment. If you don’t know what information is worth collecting, and if you cannot figure out what this information means soon enough and clearly enough for policymakers to use it — you lose.
The latest case in point is the fuss over allegations in the German press that our country’s intelligence service has been listening in to Angela Merkel’s cell phone conversations. From the moment these allegations began to surface, American commentators and television talking heads — a few of whom have actually served in U.S. intelligence, most of whom claim to be intelligence experts because they once, perhaps, were allowed to read a classified document — have been pooh-poohing these allegations as much ado about nothing. “Everyone does it,” they pronounce, usually with a shrug and a wink. “So what’s the big fuss?”
Yes, it’s true that from time to time allies do spy on one another. France, for example, is infamous for running industrial espionage operations against America’s leading high-tech companies. (It doesn’t seem to have done the French much good; their economy is a basket case.) But just because our allies put more effort into spying on one another than spying on their real enemies, that doesn’t mean we should, too.
In the real world of intelligence, it isn’t possible to know

everything about everything. You can never have enough spies, enough satellites, or even enough bandwidth to monitor all humanity. And even if you had an unlimited supply of spies, satellites and bandwidth, there aren’t enough analysts in the world, let alone in Washington, D.C., to make sense of what’s been collected. If you try to know everything about everything, you wind up knowing nothing about anything. An effective intelligence service must pick and choose its targets very carefully. And that’s a matter of judgment.
What could we possibly hope to learn from Angela Merkel’s cellphone conversations that’s worth the risk of offending one of our country’s most important allies? Is she likely to be calling China’s president to coordinate an invasion of Russia? Is she on the phone with the head of Pakistan’s army to secretly purchase one of that country’s nuclear bombs for the Luftwaffe? Are you kidding?
This is Angela Merkel, one of the world’s most capable, serious, head-screwed-on-straight leaders. There isn’t a chance she would do something to start a world war or fracture the Western alliance. It’s more than likely the most interesting call we’d pick up from the German chancellor is a conversation with her husband saying she’ll be home late for supper because a delegation of Greek bankers has unexpectedly arrived in Berlin to beg for yet another Euro loan. And you don’t need spies or wiretaps to have predicted this — or to predict Merkel’s response to their pleas.
Meanwhile, it seems that none of our country’s senior

intelligence officials thought it worth the time and effort to keep an eye on the Tsarnaev brothers in Boston before they exploded two bombs at the Boston Marathon — even though both brothers were growing more radical by the week, had set up a terrorist-type website, and one of them had traveled to Dagestan, and after returning to the U.S. was the subject of a tip from Russian intelligence. And before that, our intelligence service completely missed all the warning signs flashing red from Maj. Nidal Hassan in Texas — emails to and from al-Qaida operatives, overseas phone calls to known terrorists, personal outbursts that would have alerted your average high school guidance counselor, even calling cards with *Soldier-of-Allah* imprinted after his name — before the Army psychiatrist killed 13 people and wounded 31 others at Fort Hood back in 2009.
No intelligence service can be perfect, and even the most brilliant, hard-working spy chiefs will suffer the occasional failure. But as the Angela Merkel dust-up and the other failures make clear, the problem with American intelligence today isn’t a shortage of resources needed to keep us safe, but a lack of judgment at the top.
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 16, 1988

45 ‘projects’ may mean more jobs in Homedale
At least 45 “projects” have been identified among Homedale businesses that could lead to business expansion here, and five businesses located elsewhere have expressed interest in relocating in town, it was revealed Friday.
Monte Munn, market development specialist with the Ida-Ore Planning and Development Association headquartered in Boise, who is working with the Homedale Economic Task Force to revitalize business here, said the expansion projects he has identified are in various stages of planning.
Some of them will likely be implemented soon after the start of the year, while others may remain on the drawing board for a prolonged period, he indicated.
“The guts of economic development is getting people to invest their resources in their own businesses” so that they keep growing, Munn said.
While the creation of one or two more jobs may not seem significant, he noted, the cumulative effect of many local firms providing that kind of stimulus adds up to the whole community’s betterment.

‘Law and order’ prosecutor ready to take office
Paul Byers of Oreana, who will take over the job of Owyhee County prosecuting attorney on the second Monday of next January, appears determined to take a tough “law and order” stance into office with him.
“I got frustrated with prosecutors making deals out of convenience for all instead of justice for all,” Byers said Monday, explaining why he chose to give up a career as a law enforcement officer in order to go back to school for law degree and the opportunity to become a prosecutor.
Byers spent 10 years as a detective with the Pocatello Police Department and is a current and former deputy with the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

Elizondo named Marsing’s ‘Teacher of the Quarter’
Debbie J. Elizondo, a second-grade teacher, has been selected the first “Teacher of the Quarter” by peers in the Marsing school system. The recognition is an innovation of Joe Whitten, who took up duties as the Marsing Superintendent of Schools this fall.
It is based on an all-around evaluation of teaching skills, including efforts to improve capabilities through continued education, assistance with the extra-curricular activities of students, good personal appearance and cooperation with other teachers, according to Ron Hutter, Marsing Grade School principal.
For winning the accolade, Elizondo received a plaque with a small school bell, \$100 to spend on an education program in her classroom, and was presented to the school board at a recent meeting.
The 31-year-old has been associated with the Marsing school system for 12 years, first as a teacher’s aide and then, following receipt of BA degree from Boise State, as resource teacher and second-grade instructor. She is one course away from receipt of her master’s degree in education.

Desire to help led Edmiston to become an EMT
A desire to help her community and repay the ambulance company for service rendered to her husband’s family resulted in Alice Edmiston becoming an Emergency Medical Technician.
“I am and have remained an EMT for the past 12 years because God wanted me to be one,” Mrs. Edmiston, who is active in the Nazarene Church in Homedale, said.
A native of Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Edmiston grew up and graduated from Middleton High School.
In 1967, she earned an Associate degree in Liberal Arts from Central Oregon Community College in Bend. She worked as a kitchen helper in a Bend hospital until marrying Earl Edmiston, who lived in Marsing.
She moved back to the area in 1968 after their marriage and became a housewife. The couple has four children, Adam 19, Roger 17, Jeff 15 and Mary Lou 14.

50 years ago

November 21, 1963

Seniors chosen for Hall of Fame
The Homedale High School student body voted on the outstanding senior classmen most suited to be pictured in the Hall of Fame page in this year’s annual Tuesday afternoon.
Chosen were, all around: Julie Egurrola and Floyd Breach; most likely to succeed: Joan Kinder and Ray Dewey; best dancer: Merry Dawn Stewart and Craig Selders; best dressed: Sue Eidemiller and Kenny Lewis; best looking: Pat Larzelier and Rick Shanley; wittiest: Diane Higgins and Alfonso Salutregui; most talented: Nancy Echeverria and Larry Comer; and most athletic: Ilene Maher and Glenn Kushlan.

Randy Kotschevar completes Modern Accordion study
Randy Kotschevar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kotschevar of Lower Jump Creek community, has recently completed the Howell-Aretta course of Modern Accordion study, under the instructorship of Marguerite McDaniel. A certificate of achievement from the Howell-Aretta Conservatory of Music, of San Gabriel, Calif., will be received by Randy in the near future.
Randy is a Homedale High School student, and also a member of Stateline Grange. He plans to continue on in far more advanced work, as school time permits.
Randy also studied the Palmer-Hughes accordion method prior to coming to Homedale. This was under Eric Seaberg of Boise, accordion teacher.

Pipe arrives Wednesday for city storm sewer
A total of 2,229 feet in 4-foot sections of 18-inch tile arrived Wednesday morning and will be laid along the south side of Idaho Avenue, according to Kenny Downing, city clerk.
Work on the digging of the trench began Wednesday afternoon. A total of nine catch basins for intersections and five manholes will also be dug.

Special Friday dinner honors Homedale teachers
The special dinner honoring the Homedale public school teachers held last Friday evening in the Presbyterian church was a success.
A delicious potluck dinner was served and many of the teachers from the Homedale school system were present.
Erwin Schwiebert, director of endowment development at The College of Idaho, Caldwell, was guest speaker at the luncheon. His topic was “Public Education and the Universal Church.”
In his speech, he said that churches and schools have long been partners in helping people develop their potential as free men and women.

One phase that he brought out was that religion without education lacks depth and fails to inspire confidence, and education without religion lacks purposeful direction, and results in perfection of means, but dangerous confusion of aims.
He also stated that “there is need for a better understanding of the scope of recent Supreme Court decisions. They didn’t rule out all prayer and Bible-reading, but only state-prescribed prayer and compulsory Bible-reading.”
“The distinction should be obvious. Actually prayer and Bible-reading can’t be forbidden any more than they can be required, without violating our Constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion. Personal and voluntary prayer and Bible-reading haven’t been outlawed anywhere in America.”

Car winner is announced
Winner of the 1954 Ford given away at Paul’s Buy Low Nov. 9 has been announced by Paul Zatica.
Mrs. Barbara Richcreek of Homedale claimed the car last week.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “Looks like Californy is tryin’ to pipe our water without payin’ the piper.”

140 years ago

November 15, 1873

THE RECENT ELECTION IN OWYHEE COUNTY--- IS IT LEGAL?
In pursuance to amended Section 2 of the law relating to County Commissioners, approved January 15th, 1869, an election was held in this county, on the 4th inst., for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of County Commissioners to take the place of James Graham whose term of three years had expired. The amended section above referred to reads as follows:
“Said Commissioners shall be qualified electors of their respective counties, and shall hold their offices three years; and one member of the Board of Commissioners shall be elected each year; said Commissioners shall be elected at the time and place of holding the general election as provided by law.”
David Dorsey, of Fairview, and Tim Ragan, of Silver City, were the nominees; the votes have not been officially canvassed, but the latter named gentleman is elected beyond a doubt. At the session of the Board of County Commissioners last Monday the returns were in from all the precincts holding elections except Bruneau, where it was not definitely known whether polls were opened or not; therefore, as the ten days allowed for making the returns had not expired, the Board adjourned till the first Monday in December, at which time we understand it will meet as a Board of Canvassers and declare the result of the election.
A very grave and important question now presents itself, vis: Is the election legal, and will the transactions of our Board of Commissioners, providing the newly elected member take his seat, hold good under the law? In the first place, section 3 of the Commissioner law, approved January 15th, 1869, provides as follows:
“There shall be in each county three districts, to be established and defined by the several Boards of County Commissioners before the next general election (which may be altered from time to time as the public interest requires) and the qualified electors of each district so formed shall elect one Commissioner, who shall be a resident of the district.”
This law applies to every county in the Territory except Ada, in the case of which it is provided that Commissioners shall be elected at large and not from special districts. The requisite districts have never been established and defined in Owyhee County; in the face of this express provision of law can we elect a Commissioner at large, and will the acts of such a constituted Board be binding upon the people? It may be all right, but we are unable to see it in that light.

JORDAN VALLEY ITEMS. Last Wednesday we had a pleasant call from our old Jordan Valley friend, Al Corp, who looks as young and handsome as he did ten years ago.
Mr. Corp informs us that the farmers of that locality have just finished threshing their grain, of which they raised about 10,000 bushels this season.
The Jordan Valley people are desirous of being annexed to Owyhee County, and they should be, too, by all means. The Owyhee River is a natural boundary and all the country east of it should be in this county.
A regular old-fashioned double-and-twisted house warming took place in Marshall Hill’s new residence a few evenings ago.
Should the present fine weather continue we intend to pay Jordan Valley a visit next week, in order to see what our old pioneer friends have been doing since we left there some seven years ago.

RANDOM GLEANINGS. Yellow fever was not a success in New York.
Anna Dickinson wants \$400 a talk this season.
The University of Michigan has nine Chinese freshmen.
Summit, Mich., has planted 80,000 California salmon eggs.

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. 005868-ID Parcel No. RP B0020021009AA On 2/18/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as trustee, will 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 property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lot(s) 9 and 10 of Block 21 of the Revised Townsite of Butte, now the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. AND A part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described to-wit: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence South 90 degrees 00’ East 197.84 feet, along the South line of Government Lot 6, to the Westerly corner of Lot 10 of Block 21 of Butte Plat of Marsing, Idaho, the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 56 degrees 33’ East 123.5 feet; thence South 33 degrees 27’ East 52.80 feet, along the Southwesterly right of way of the Oregon Shortline Railroad; thence South 56 degrees 33’ West 43.58 feet, to the point on the said South line; thence North 90 degrees 00’ West 95.78 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 218 1ST AVE W, MARSING, IDAHO 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 ELLEN GAIL BOATMAN AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE and ESCROW CORPORATION as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK as Beneficiary, dated 5/19/2009, recorded 5/29/2009, as Instrument No. 268298, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 4/1/2013 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$77,146.96, including

interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust described herein as provided under the Note, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, DATED: 10/11/13 Signature/ By: Elisa Magnuson, Esq., A-4422264 10/30;11/6,13,20/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. ID08000005-13-1 APN RP A0010040010AA TO No. 8313041 On 2/28/2014 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Pioneer Title Company as successor Trustee on behalf of M&T Bank, will 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 property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16 OF BLOCK 40 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 219 W MONTANA AVE, Homedale, ID 83628 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 JAN BRYANT as Grantors, to First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Silver Hill Financial, LLC, a Delaware limited liability as Beneficiary, dated as of 1/27/2006 and recorded 01/30/2006 as Instrument No. 255026 and as assigned to M&T Bank, current Beneficiary (the “Beneficiary”), of the 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 set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Noted dated January 27, 2006, is: failed to pay payments which became due. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,856.93, due per month from February 1, 2013, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust

is \$124,458.71, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.75000% per annum from January 31, 2013. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, Trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees and any amounts advanced to protest the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Pioneer Title Company c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Dated: 10/23/2013 Pioneer Title Company By: Ronald W. Jantzen, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.lpsasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-683-2468 REINSTATEMENT / PAY OFF REQUESTS CONTACT 949-252-8300 or support@trusteecorps.com Pioneer Title Company may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. P1069416 11/13,20,27;12/4/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 18, 2013 File No.: 7283.27251 Sale date and time (local time): February 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6868 Old Bruneau Highway Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Allan H. Densmore, a married man Original trustee: First American Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corp (fka Cendant Mortgage Corp) Recording date: 07/10/2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 257213 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 18, 2013: \$267,357.76 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A parcel of land lying in the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap marking the Northwest 1/16 corner of said Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West,

Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 00 degrees 57’ 00” East, 1307.02 feet to a found brass cap marking the West 1/16 corner of said Section 11 (Northwest corner of Government Lot 3); thence continuing South 00 degrees 57’ 00” East, 1229.67 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 26’ 55” East, 40.04 feet to a set 5/8” iron pin lying on the Easterly right of way of Bruneau Highway; thence South 08 degrees 38’ 05” West, 88.65 feet to a set 5/8” iron pin marking the Real Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 04’ 06” East, 552.32 feet to a set 5/8” iron pin; thence South 67 degrees 24’ 30” East, 191.08 feet to a found 5/8” iron pin; thence South 25 degrees 49’ 51” West, 129.92 feet (formerly South 25 degrees 57’ 15” West, 130 feet) to a found 1/2” iron pin; thence North 82 degrees 07’ 59” West, 463.83 feet (formerly North 82 degrees 06’ 55” West, 463.65 feet) to a found 1/2” iron pin; thence South 82 degrees 00’ 10” West, 240.65 feet (formerly South 82 degrees West, 240.88 feet) to a found 1/2” iron pin lying on the said Easterly right of way of Bruneau Highway; thence North 08 degrees 38’ 05” East, 171.26 feet along the said Easterly right of way Bruneau Highway to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7283.27251) 1002.258802-File No. 11/6,13,20,27/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 1, 2013 File No.: 7233.24789 Sale date and time (local time): February 5, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 Mile North North Canal Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Randy E. Hanson and Heather M. Hanson, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual Bank Recording date: 02/18/2003 Recorder’s instrument number: 242537 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 1, 2013: \$44,813.86 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: That part of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of The Boise Meridian, lying North and East of the Gem Irrigation

District “C” Canal. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7233.24789) 1002.257826-File No. 10/23,30;11/6,13/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 23, 2013 File No.: 7827.20469 Sale date and time (local time): February 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 132 W Colorado Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Gladys M. Taylor, an unmarried woman Original trustee: TitleOne Corporation Original beneficiary: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, FSB Recording date: 07/28/2008 Recorder’s instrument number: 265725 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 23, 2013: \$56,412.22 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 48 of the Amended Townsite Plat of 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 sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7827.20469) 1002.259016-File No. 11/6,13,20,27/13

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COUNTY OF CANYON
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF CLARENCE
WAYNE ACKERLUND,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned has been
appointed personal representative
of the above-named decedent. All
persons having claims against the
decedent or the estate are required
to present their claims within four
months after the date of the first
publication of this Notice or said
claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to
the undersigned at the address
indicated, and filed with the Clerk
of the Court.

DATED: 10-12-13 /s/Wayne
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Lynnwood, Washington 98087.
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ACKERLUND
11/13,20,27/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

Reference is made to that
certain trust deed made by
Ronald L. Rogers and Rosa B.
Rogers, Grantor(s), to Pioneer
Title Company, trustee, in favor of
Washington Mutual Bank, fsb, as
beneficiary, recorded 11/05/1997,
in the Records of Owyhee County,
Idaho as Instrument No. 223240,
which was subsequently assigned
to US Bank, NA, as trustee on
behalf of Newcastle Investment
Trust 2011-MH1 on 08/13/2013
under Instrument No. 281697,
and Glogowski Law Firm, PLLC
being the successor trustee,
covering the following described
real property situated in the above-
mentioned county and state, to
wit: APN: RP01S03W143150A/
MH01S03W143150A; A parcel of
land being a portion of the West
Half of the Northwest Quarter of
Section 14, Township 1 South,
Range 3 West, Boise Meridian,
Owyhee County, Idaho and more
particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at an aluminum cap
marking the Northwest corner of
said Section 14; thence along the
Westerly boundary of said West
Half of the Northwest Quarter
of Section 14, South 00° 37’50”
West 1335.94 feet to a brass cap
marking the North 1/16th corner
South.15/South.14, also being the
REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;
thence continuing South 00°
37’50” West 333.99 feet to an
iron pin; thence South 89° 22’31”
East 662.73 feet to an iron pin;
thence North 00° 39’50” East
333.70 feet to an iron pin; thence
North 89° 21’02” West (formerly
South 89° 20’40” East) 662.92
feet to the REAL POINT OF
BEGINNING; Commonly known
as 12751 Rocky Top Lane, Melba,
ID 83641. Both the beneficiary
and the trustee have elected to sell
the said real property to satisfy
the obligations secured by said
trust deed and notice has been
recorded pursuant to section IRC
45-1505 (3): the default for which
the foreclosure is made is the
grantor’s failure to make payments
as follows: Delinquent Payments

From Dec, 2012 thru Sept, 2013
of \$413.19 (variable payment
amounts) each for a total of
\$4729.07; late charges of \$35.00;
Insurance Charges of \$480.63; and
estimated beneficiary advances of
\$3500.00 for a total of \$8744.70.
* This amount is estimated and
needs to be confirmed prior to the
submission of a payment as regular
monthly payments, advances and
other charges continue to accrue
during the pendency of this notice.
Installment of principal and interest
plus impounds and/or advances
which became due on Dec, 2012
plus amounts that are due or may
become due for the following: late
charges, delinquent property taxes,
insurance premiums, advances
made on senior liens, taxes and/
or insurance, trustee fees, and
any attorneys’ fees and court costs
arising from or associated with
beneficiaries effort to protect and
preserve its security must be cured
as a condition of reinstatement.
By reason of the default, the
beneficiary has declared all sums
owing on the obligation secured
by the trust deed immediately due
and payable, those sums being
the following, to wit: \$35,430.63
with interest thereon at the rate of
11.625% beginning on Dec, 2012
, plus late charges, until paid; plus
prior accrued late charges; plus
advances of \$480.63, together
with title expenses, costs, trustee’s
fees and attorneys’ fee incurred
herein by reason of said default;
and any further sums advanced by
the beneficiary for the protection
of the above described real
property and its interest therein.
Whereof, notice is hereby given
that Glogowski Law Firm, PLLC,
the undersigned trustee will on
01/17/2014 at the hour of 11:00,
am, at front steps of the Owyhee
County Courthouse, 20381 State
Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650 sell
at public auction to the highest
bidder for cash the interest in the
said described real property which
the grantor had or had power to
convey at the time of the execution
by him of the said trust deed,
together with any interest which
the grantor or his successors
in interest acquired after the
execution of said trust deed, to
satisfy the foregoing obligations
thereby secured and the costs
and expenses of sale, including a
reasonable charge by the trustee.
Notice is further given that any
person named in IRC 45-1506 has
the right to have the foreclosure
proceeding dismissed and the trust
deed reinstated by payment to the
beneficiary of the entire amount
then due (other than such portion
of said principal as would not then
be due had no default occurred),
together with the costs, trustee’s
and attorney’s fees and curing any
other default complained of in the
Notice of Default by tendering the
performance required under the
obligation or trust deed, at any
time prior to five days before the
date last set for sale. If the Trustee
is unable to convey title for any
reason, the successful bidder’s
sole and exclusive remedy shall
be the return of monies paid to the
Trustee, and the successful bidder
shall have no further recourse.
DATED: 09/12/13 By Katrina
Glogowski, Glogowski Law Firm,
PLLC, 506 2nd Ave Ste 2600,
Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 903-
9966
10/23,30;11/6,13/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

T.S. No. 1327413-1 Parcel No.
RP008600010030A On 2/20/2014,
at 31:00 AM (recognized local
time), In the lobby of the Owyhee

County Courthouse, 20381
Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650,
in the County of Owyhee, ELISA
MAGNUSON, ESQ., as trustee,
will 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
property, situated in the County
of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and
described as follows, to wit:
LOT 3, BLOCK 1 OF PURDOM
HILLS SUBDIVISION,
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO,
ACCORDING TO THE
OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF
FILED AS INSTRUMENT
NO. 217651, RECORDS OF
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.
The Trustee has no knowledge of
a more particular description of
the above referenced real property,
but for purposes of compliance
with Idaho Code Section 60-113,
the Trustee has been informed
that the address of: 2377 LOWER
POND LN, HOMEDALE, ID
83628, is commonly associated
with said real property. Said sale
will be made without covenant
or warranty, express or implied,
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
PATRIC J SHIPPY AND
NOVA J SHIPPY HUSBAND
AND WIFE as Grantor, to
PIONEER TITLE COMPANY
OF CANYON COUNTY, INC
as Trustee, for the benefit and
security of NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE A DIVISION OF
NATIONAL CITY BANK as
Beneficiary, dated 9/9/2008,
recorded 9/19/2008, as Instrument
No. 266279, official records of
Owyhee County, Idaho. Please
note: The above named Grantors
are named to comply with Idaho
Code Section 45-1506(4)(a):
no representation is made that
they are, or are not, presently
responsible for the obligation.
The default for which this sale is
to be made is the failure to make
monthly payments when due
from 1/1/2011 and all subsequent
monthly payments thereafter,
including installments of principal,
interest, impounds, advances,
plus any charges lawfully due
under the note secured by the
aforementioned Deed of Trust,
Deed of Trust and as allowed under
Idaho Law. The sum owing on the
obligation secured by said Deed
of Trust is \$204,240.45, including
interest, costs and expenses
actually incurred in enforcing
the obligation thereunder or in
this sale, and trustee’s fees and/
or reasonable attorney’s fees as
authorized in the Note, Deed of
Trust or as allowed under Idaho
Law. All delinquent amounts are
now due, together with accruing
late charges, interest, unpaid
and accruing taxes, assessments,
trustee’s fees, attorney fees and
any amounts advanced to protect
the security associated with the
Deed of Trust described herein as
provided under the Note, Deed of
Trust and as allowed under Idaho
Law. DATED: 10/16/13 Signature/
By: ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ.
A-4422712
10/30;11/6,13,20/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

T.S. No. 00145-ID Parcel No. RP
001600010210 A On 2/20/2014,
at 11:00 AM (recognized local
time), In the lobby of the Owyhee
County Courthouse, 20381
Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650,
in the County of Owyhee, ELISA
MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member

of the State Bar of Idaho, of
PITE DUNCAN LLP, as trustee,
will sell at public auction, to the
highest bidder, for cash, in lawful
money of the United States, ail
payable at the time of sale, the
following described real property,
situated in the County of Owyhee,
State of Idaho, and described as
follows, to wit: Lot 21, Block 1 as
shown on the official plat of White
Horse Estates Subdivision, filed
September 13, 2005 as Instrument
No. 253380, in the official records
of Owyhee County, Idaho. Said
land is formerly described as
being a portion of the following: In
Township 2 South, Range 2 West,
Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,
Idaho Section 15: Northwest
Quarter lying westerly of State
Highway 78 as now constructed.
The Trustee has no knowledge of
a more particular description
of the above referenced real
property, but for purposes of
compliance with Idaho Code
Section 60-113, the Trustee has
been informed that the address
of: 19309 STATE HIGHWAY
78, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS 19447
STATE HWY 78, MURPHY, ID
83650, is commonly associated
with said real property. Said
sale will be made without
covenant or warranty, express
or implied, 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.
WIDGER AND ELEANOR D.
WIDGER, HUSBAND AND
WIFE as Grantor, to PIONEER
TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON
COUNTY as Trustee, for the
benefit and security of CENTEX

HOME EQUITY COMPANY,
LLC as Beneficiary, dated
2/17/2004, recorded 2/23/2004,
as Instrument No. 246821, official
records of Owyhee County, Idaho.
Please note: The above named
Grantors are named to comply
with Idaho Code Section 45-
1506(4)(a); no representation is
made that they are, or are not,
presently responsible for the
obligation. The default for which
this sale is to be made is the
failure to make monthly payments
when due from 6/1/2012 and all
subsequent monthly payments
thereafter, including installments
of principal, interest, impounds,
advances, plus any charges
lawfully due under the note
secured by the aforementioned
Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust
and as allowed under Idaho
Law. The sum owing on the
obligation secured by said Deed
of Trust is \$87,864.55, including
interest, costs and expenses
actually incurred in enforcing
the obligation thereunder or in
this sale, and trustee’s fees and/
or reasonable attorney’s fees as
authorized in the Note, Deed of
Trust or as allowed under Idaho
Law. All delinquent amounts are
now due, together with accruing
late charges, interest, unpaid
and accruing taxes, assessments,
trustee’s fees, attorney fees and
any amounts advanced to protect
the security associated with the
Deed of Trust described herein as
provided under the Note, Deed of
Trust and as allowed under Idaho
Law. ELISA MAGNUSON,
ESQ., a member of the State Bar
of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN LLP
DATED: 10/16/13 Signature/By:
Elisa Magnuson A-4422704
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Marsing High School senior Brad Labit recently returned from playing with the FFA select band at the national convention.

Saxophonist plays with “the best of the best”

Brad Labit is one lucky guy. The Marsing High School senior recently returned home after a week of musical performances at the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 30-Nov. 2. He was part of the select FFA national band that played throughout the convention. “The trip was awesome. It was one of the best experiences of my life,” Labit said. His favorite part of the venture was making new friends, and hearing the different accents of people from across the country. Brad said he learned that music “really bonds” people. “It was like playing with the best of the best,” he said. “I feel really lucky and blessed to have such amazing advisors and family members that encouraged me.” Labit described the week of daily performances as a “very

intense thing,” where the students had to learn a lot of material and were kept busy all the time. “It was good for me because if I made a mistake, I had to fix it quickly,” he said. He said the students were under a lot of pressure to learn the material, and then perform it before audiences every day. Some of the songs included in the program were: “James Bond Returns,” “Salute to the Armed Forces,” “Choreography,” “Emperated Adventure,” “Mancini” and “Rock, Roll and Remember.” The Marsing High School senior wants to extend special thanks to FFA advisor Mike Martin and music teacher Dawn Sandmeyer, for their advice and help, in addition to his parents — Jon and Sandy Nelson and Brett and Calie Labit — for their support.

—KB

Adrian FFA’ers left inspired, impressed

by Tane’t Campbell, chapter reporter
Thirteen members of the Adrian FFA chapter, accompanied by two Ontario students and one Jordan Valley student, recently attended the 86th annual FFA National Convention in Louisville, Ky. While there they had the wonderful opportunity to tour the Lost River Caves, learn the dynamics of WinStar Farms, a premier thoroughbred horse farm, tour the museum and watch horses race at Churchill Downs, and visit a local park with more than 5,200 intricately carved and decorated pumpkins set to appropriate music. At the convention itself, the members attended sessions and listened to the retiring addresses from the six national FFA officers. In addition, there were four motivational and inspirational keynote speakers, including Rick Pitino, coach of the reigning NCAA men’s basketball cham-

pion Louisville Cardinals. The speakers all provided uplifting and motivational messages to encourage and motivate the attendees. A chapter favorite was Josh Sundquist, a humorous motivational speaker who uses his disability of having only one leg to share his story and uplift audiences around the country. Students also attended leadership workshops and took in the gigantic trade show and career fair that housed more than 450 exhibitors and universities. Overall, the trip was a great learning experience, and all of the students had a blast and learned so much. The students of the Adrian FFA chapter are very grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime experience and the support given by so many to help finance the trip. The chapter members encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend the national convention to do so because, the members say, it is an amazing experience.

Marsing FFA students return from nationals with top awards

A team of three Marsing High School student achievers captured a Silver Award at the National FFA Agricultural Communications contest. The students flew to Louisville, Ky., for the Oct. 30-Nov. 2 competition, accompanied by Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin. “The team did an outstanding job,” Martin said. “This is the fifth time Marsing has participated in Nationals, and Caitlyn was the first to break through and receive a gold award.” Thirty-two teams from across the country traveled to the event, where they attended a mock press conference and were given one hour to produce the written materials. Senior Courtney Bryant received a bronze pin for her written article on how to integrate social media. Courtney is the daughter of Sara Hodges. Junior Caitlyn Line won a gold pin for her Adobe InDesign production of two magazine pages in the graphic design division. Caitlyn is the daughter of Ken Line and Dawn Phillips. Fabian Robles, who graduated last May and is now a student at the University of Idaho, returned home with a Silver Award for writing a 350-word press release. Fabian competed in the state contest last May as a senior. The son of Esmeralda Garcia and Pedro Robles was not available for an interview. Courtney said she really enjoyed the airplane flight (her first), along with the sightseeing and just hanging out with her companions. The students visited the Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Auditorium, Churchill Downs, and a Corvette factory while there. She said the “scariest part” was facing the judges during the competition. Caitlyn said the best part of the trip was going to all the various restaurants while there, especially



Marsing High School senior Courtney Bryant, left, and junior Caitlyn Line recently earned awards as part of the FFA chapter’s Agricultural Communications team at the national convention.

the KFC Eleven. The restaurant in Louisville is a casual dining establishment, and the first of its type for the fast food chain. Ironically enough, Caitlyn said she “just winged it” in preparing for the contest. She called the trip a great opportunity to bond with her companions. Caitlyn summed up the experience as “amazing” and admitted that she and her friends shared a lot of “giant moments” together on the trip. She also appreciated the speeches presented by the national FFA officers. “They were phenomenal,” she added. Both young ladies agreed that the best advice for students in future competitions is to “get to know your material, be confident and have fun.” — KB

Silver, bronze for Homedale FFA Chapter delegation asks Dave Ramsey question on the air

by Brennyn Kilby, chapter reporter
This year, Homedale chapter members attended the FFA National Convention and Expo in Louisville, Ky. Devin Fisher, Madison Fisher, Shelby Lee and Riley Haun, the Idaho state championship Livestock team, competed in the nationals.

The chapter also competed for the National Chapter Award. Also in attendance were Hattie Mertz, Lance Eaton, Justine Rose and Brennyn Kilby. As part of their competition, the Livestock team members judged nine classes, gave oral reasons on four classes, answered questions on one class, took a written exam, placed four keep/cull classes using production scenarios and solved marketing problems on the Western Video Markets calculating slide, shrink, transportation and profit/loss. Madison and Devin Fisher received Silver rankings for their livestock judging, while Lee and Haun ranked bronze. The National Chapter presentation received one out of three stars. The chapter members’ week began with a 4 a.m. flight to Nashville via Denver on Oct. 28. Upon landing in Nashville, the crew immediately took in the sites. The first day, we had lunch in the

Grand Ole Opry Hotel, toured the Grand Ole Opry, and walked downtown Nashville, where music blasted out every door. The next morning, before shipping off to Louisville, the crew stopped by Country Music Hall of Fame, where memorabilia was seen, and attended the Dave Ramsey Show. The group got to meet Dave Ramsey and his camera crew. They even got to ask Dave question on air. In addition, the FFA crew had the opportunity to meet a brand new FFA chapter at a Nashville high school. The kids were able to chat with members from the growing chapter about agriculture. All in all, this was an interesting experience. We arrived in Louisville late on the night of Oct. 29. The Livestock judging competition began Oct. 30. While the team competed, the rest of the group got to visit Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. The group had the exciting opportunity to watch the horse races. Churchill Downs served as a favorite site for these four group members. The rest of the day consisted of workshops and general sessions at the Expo Center in Louisville. The Livestock team completed its competition Oct. 31. Because it was Halloween, it seemed fitting that the group visited a haunted house. The crew weaved through



FFA advisor Lori Idsinga, left, and Madi Fisher ham it up at Dave Ramsey’s studio. Submitted photo
rooms at the Waverly Hills Sanitarium, which has been named one of the scariest places on Earth. The group came out sufficiently afraid. The next two days — Nov. 1-2 — consisted of receiving results, general sessions, workshops, and shopping at the Expo. The group went on a tour of WinStar Farms and saw the luxuries afforded an award-winning race horse. Before traveling back home, the crew visited the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory. It was discovered that the process of bat-making is extraordinarily fast. The week had ended and the trek home had begun. The convention was an amazing experience for these FFA members, who were proud of their accomplishments at the convention. The chapter members would like to thank chaperones Clara-Leigh Evans, Tracy and Dwayne Fisher, and Lori Idsinga for helping make this trip a fun experience.