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Gateway West proposal avoids Owyhee private ground

Scoping period opens on Segments 8-9

The effort to keep the proposed Gateway West electrical transmission line off private property in Owyhee County has entered a new phase.

The Bureau of Land Management announced Friday that a series of public scoping meetings will be held early next month to help build a supplemental environmental impact statement for Segments 8 and 9 of the 1,100-mile, 500-kilovolt line that will stretch from Glenrock, Wyo., to the Hemingway

substation in Wilson.

BLM will receive public comment on new issues, potential impacts, mitigation measures, alternatives and resource information pertaining to Segments 8-9 and not addressed in the original EIS. The comment deadline is Oct. 24.

The BLM has developed routes

for Segments 8 and 9 that adopt the recommendations of the BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee and directs the powerline away from most private property in Owyhee County.

The subcommittee, which included

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Leading the way in style



Sayer heads up Homedale Homecoming

Homedale High School Homecoming grand marshal Phyllis Sayer heads out in Mark Bauer's Dodge roadster as the parade starts Thursday. Bauer's brother, Larry, is at the wheel. Photo by Karen Bresnahan. More Homecoming week photos, *Page 13*

County mining firms seemingly going in opposite directions

Silver Falcon lets CUP lapse

The future of the Diamond Creek Mill outside Murphy is cloudy with Silver Falcon Mining Inc., allowing its conditional use permit to lapse amid apparent financial troubles.

State and federal environmental agency inspectors visited the mill site on Sept. 12, but Aaron Scheff of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality waste management and remediation division said results of the inspections won't be

— See *Silver Falcon*, back page

S. Mtn. developers optimistic

Developers of the historic South Mountain mine in southwest Owyhee County told officials last week they are maintaining the site as they restructure their finances.

Meanwhile, the company has not finalized a mandatory road agreement with the county.

Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff reminded Owyhee Gold Trust LLC representatives at last week's county commissioners meeting that the conditional use

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Rope and Ride returns to Jordan

Three-day event supports ranchers' legal defense fund

The 16th annual Owyhee Rope and Ride will be held Friday through Sunday at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds.

Spectator admission is free.

The Rope and Ride is a fundraiser to benefit multiple use and legal defense funds in Malheur and

Owyhee counties. The Jordan Valley Rodeo Board has donated thousands of dollars to preserve the ranching lifestyle over the years.

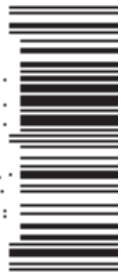
An average of \$20,000 is raised each year through the Rope and Ride, and the event has raised more than \$300,000 in the past 15 years.

This year's action begins at 1 p.m. on Friday with warm-up muley roping. The entry fee is three head for \$50 and ropers can enter up to four times.

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Owyhee Gold Trust LLC representative Mike Smith, right, hands a piece of rock to board chair Joe Merrick (District 3 commissioner) as District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland inspects another sample. Photo by Jon P. Brown



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Motorcyclist seriously injured in Idaho 78 crash south of Murphy

Doctors in Boise have reattached the severed foot of a 64-year-old Caldwell man who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident Saturday on Idaho highway 78 south of Murphy.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said staff at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise reported the successful operation Sunday, several hours after Richard Allen Rosling drove his 2011 Harley-Davidson off Idaho 78.

According to Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District spokesman Louis Monson, MRW Quick Response Unit and Grand View Ambulance responded to the scene of a reported crash late Saturday night. The call came into county dispatch after 9:30 p.m. when motorists reported they had found Rosling bleeding and suffering from a severely broken leg.

Motorists reported the accident after spotting a headlight in the sagebrush off Idaho 78.

"We don't know how long he had been out there before someone spotted him," Monson said.

Bowman said authorities believe the crash occurred between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

— JPB

Federal indictment: Hundreds of tires dumped on BLM land

Sheriff's office may seek charges for private property incident

A 49-year-old Caldwell man facing federal charges for dumping tires on public land could also face state charges for a similar act.

Terry Dorton Anderson made his initial appearance in federal court before Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill on Thursday in Boise.

A federal grand jury indicted Anderson on Sept. 9 on two counts of felony injury to government land.

The indictment alleges that between July and December 2012, Anderson dumped about 500 junk tires in a 1,700-foot ravine in Squaw Creek Canyon near U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing. He allegedly dumped another 400 tires near a dirt road off Idaho 78, the indictment said.

Anderson's trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 10, and he faces up to 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000 and up to three years' supervised probation for each count.

After the U.S. Attorney's office announced the indictment, Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant informed The Owyhee Avalanche that his deputies have been working on a case in which Anderson allegedly dumped more tires on private property.

Agencies investigating the federal case included OCSO, the county prosecuting attorney's office, the BLM, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Canyon County Sheriff's Office.

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Shopping for a good read



Friends of Homedale Public Library sell books by the pound

Homedale-area business owner Eugene Volz, left, browses some of the paperbacks on sale Saturday at the Friends of the Homedale Public Library book sale as his wife Lori Volz, right, and Nampa resident Mary McQueen look on. Photo by Jon P. Brown

HFD prime rib feed Saturday

Only a few dinner tickets remain for the third annual Homedale Fire Department prime rib feed.

The all-you-can-eat feed will be held Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St. The doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Dinner tickets cost \$30 and are available from any Homedale volunteer firefighter.

Proceeds will benefit the HFD Firemen's Fund. The department uses money in the fund to help people who need help in the wake of a fire. Last year, the department bought portable defibrillators for the Homedale High School gymnasium and the Homedale Senior Center.

A raffle drawing also will be held during Saturday's dinner. There are several prizes available, and tickets are available for \$5 each or five for \$20.

The prizes include a Traeger barbecue-smoker combination, a 24-gun Bighorn safe, a toolbox donated by Coors Distributing with help from Paul's Market, a rifle and a pedal tractor donated by Campbell Tractor Co.


For more information, call HFD Chief Dennis Uria at 880-4194.

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Young Life organization focuses on high-schoolers’ spirituality

Non-denominational youth group resumes in Homedale

A community group encouraging high school youth to explore their spirituality enters its fourth year Sunday.

Homedale Young Life will hold meetings on 24 weekends through April. The group is open to high schoolers and will meet at 6 p.m. most Sundays at the home of Burke and Kathy Deal.

“I like to put questions (about spirituality) in kids’ minds, so they can go home and talk to their parents,” Deal said. “I try not to teach them what to believe; I want them to explore what they believe.”

Deal started the non-denominational youth group four years ago as a way to help youth get away from the distractions of modern teenage life, such as social media, mobile devices, computers and television.

“I find that kids are distracted every minute of their lives, and I want to slow them down and have them think about spiritual things,” Deal said.

Meetings include a 45-minute opening during which the youth will play games. That’s followed by a 10- to 15-minute talk on God, Deal said.

At 7 p.m., a dinner is served.

“We try to bring speakers in from all over the community,” Deal said of the talking sessions.

Confronting peer pressure and other demands on today’s teenagers also are topics.

Meeting days

Homedale Young Life meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the following Sundays at the home of Burke and Kathy Deal, 15777 Quartz Lane off Homedale Road in Canyon County:

September — 28th
October — 5th, 12th, 26th
November — 9th, 16th, 23rd
December — 7th, 14th, 21st
January — 11th, 18th, 25th
February — 1st, 8th, 22nd
March — 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
April — 12th, 19th, 26th

“The bottom line is your spirituality affects every aspect of your life to be able to have integrity and be honest and have follow-through,” Deal said.

There are door prizes, and boys and girls can earn a \$5 gift card for bringing a friend to the event.

Meals are donated by families in the community. Deal and co-organizer Kelsie Stevens welcome donations of cash and food to help continue the meals.

Transportation is available with a little planning, Deal said. Any youth who needs a lift to a Young Life meeting can call Deal to arrange a ride.

For more information on Youth Life, call Deal at 764-1048 or Stevens at (817) 229-6850.

— JPB

Homedale church starts Christian Life Club again

The Homedale Friends Community Church’s after-school program starts up next Wednesday for the 2014-15 school year.

Christian Life Club will meet every Wednesday that school is in session. The meetings will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. inside the Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Each meeting will feature Bible stories, learning Bible verses, games, and refreshments will be served.

Christian Life Club will not meet on Nov. 26, Dec. 24, Dec. 31 or March 25.

The group is open to kindergarteners through sixth-graders. Fifth- and sixth-graders will be bussed from the middle school to the elementary school, but parents will be responsible for transportation from the school to home.

For more information, call the church at 337-3464 or Mary Sonke at 337-4757 or Marcy Hibbs at 353-6024.

Scouts plan bean feed

The annual Homedale Boy Scouts Troop 409 bean feed is scheduled for next month.

The bean feed and silent auction will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Homedale LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

Food will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and bids can be submitted for the silent auction between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Chili with tortillas, and various desserts will be available.

The cost is \$20 for a family, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger.

Proceeds help pay for Scouting merit badges, merit badge clinics, Scout outings and a five-day scouting trip/campout.

Scoutmaster Chris Ormond leads 21 Troop 409 Scouts.

For more information, call Ned Stokes at 337-3851.

Correction

The couple riding in the horse and buggy in Silver City was incorrectly identified in the array of photos for the annual open house that appeared in the Sept. 17 issue of The Owyhee Avalanche. The couple is Mike and Jeannie Beavers from Homedale.

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Homedale council to hear proposed zoning changes

Several proposed ordinance revisions will be discussed during Thursday’s Homedale City Council meeting.

The council meets at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Near the end of the meeting, the council is scheduled to discuss the changes, which include some zoning ordinance amendments forwarded from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Review and discussion will be held, but no action is indicated on the council agenda, for the following proposals:

- Repealing of the 2006 ordinance banning chickens in the city limits
- Regulating solicitation in the city
- Allowing recreational vehicles as places of residence within

mobile home parks

- Allowing pawn shops and dental offices in a commercial zone
- Requiring site-built homes to have a minimum of 1,000 square feet and a single-car garage

The council also is expected to have further discussion on the proposed dog kennel in the 100 block of East Utah Avenue. A decision could be made.

Benefit spaghetti feed at Masonic lodge Sunday

Proceeds to benefit fund to help at Christmas

Local Masons and Eastern Star members will get ready for Christmas with the annual spaghetti feed Sunday.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 Masons and Silver Star Chapter No. 83 Eastern Star members

will host the all-you-can-eat meal from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. inside Silver City Lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 years old, and children under 1 eat free.

The menu will include spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad and peach cobbler.

Proceeds will go to the organizations’ efforts to help needy families at Christmas.

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✓ Gateway: Public scoping meetings planned, including one in Murphy

Owyhee County residents Karen Steenhof and Donna Bennett, recommended that Segment 9 travel through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

The BLM accepted that recommendation, opening the door to keep the line off private property near the Grand View, Bruneau, Oreana and Murphy communities.

The third of four scoping meetings will be held from 4

p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Other scoping meetings are scheduled for:

- **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7** — BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise
- **4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7** — Kuna Senior Center, 229 N. Avenue B, Kuna

- **4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9** — Gooding County Fairgrounds, 201 Lucy Lane, Gooding

The re-routing of Segment 9 through the Birds of Prey NCA means the powerline would stay north of the Snake River on some private land but primarily on BLM ground.

The eastern portion of the segment would be in Owyhee County, passing north of Bruneau. Two portions — 3.3 miles and

2.1 miles in length — would be double-circuited with an existing 138kV line to keep Gateway West off private property near C.J. Strike Reservoir. The line would cross north over the Snake River and out of Owyhee County just west of the BLM’s Cove Rec Site.

The segment wouldn’t dip into Owyhee County again until a Snake River crossing due east of Murphy made possible by routing along Baja Road in the Birds of

Prey NCA. The line would be double-circuited with the existing 138kV line through about 20 miles of the NCA.

Segment 8 would run entirely north of the Snake River (and outside Owyhee County) until crossing the river at a point south of Celebration Park in Melba.

BLM earlier finalized the routes for Segments 1-7 and 10 of the powerline, which is a joint venture proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power.

✓ Rope and Ride: Free admission for spectators this weekend

A slew of events start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, including a ranch rodeo featuring four-man teams.

This is the second year for the ranch rodeo. Entries closed Saturday, and the field was limited to 25 teams.

The five-event rodeo includes team roping, horse roping, ranch doctoring, team mugging and team branding.

The event is the last Western States Ranch Rodeo Association qualifier of the year. The WSRRA Finals will be held Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 in Winnemucca, Nev.

A custom saddle donated by Ricardo’s Saddlery and Burgess Angus will be awarded to the high-point contestant.

Another event set for Saturday is women’s muley steer stopping.

The action starts up again at 9 a.m. on Sunday with mixed team

branding. At 10 a.m., last chance horse and muley roping will be held.

The annual drawing for a four-wheeler, tickets for which have

been sold all summer, will be held at the end of Sunday’s round of action. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20 and will be sold until the time of the drawing Sunday.

There also will be a silent auction, and a range teepee furnished by Ken’s Custom Tent and Canvas of Homedale also will be raffled.

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Obituaries

Jeanette Hemenway “Grandma Jet”

Jeanette Hemenway “Grandma Jet,” beloved mother and great-great-grandmother, passed away with her daughters at her side at Ashley Manor in Mountain Home on September 17, 2014. Graveside services were on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. at the Riverside Cemetery in Grand View under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Jeanette was born to Ross and Margaret Wallace Osborn at home in Grand View on April 5, 1918. After graduating from Grand View High School, she married Dexter (Deck) Hemenway on June 7, 1936. In 1937, they welcomed a baby girl, Janet Estella. They worked for Bill Burghardt before moving to Mullan, Idaho where Deck worked in the Sunshine Mine. Returning to Grand View, Deck worked for the Grand View Irrigation District on the Elmore side of the valley. In 1940, they were blessed again with the arrival of another daughter, Sharon Elaine. They moved upriver to farm the Brink Ranch until 1942 when they moved further upriver to farm the Robert Bennett ranch until dad’s retirement in 1973. Their retirement home was a small farm down the valley that they bought from Gary Lawson, who had just bought it from Marvin Jess. It was then leased to Jack Lawson, Gary Cunningham, and finally to grandson Kevin Lawson before selling in 2013. At every home, Mom sewed new curtains and planted flowers. She was



especially noted for her roses. She and Dad always attended school events for their two daughters, then five grandchildren. After Dad’s passing in 1983, Mom continued to attend school events for 10 great-grandchildren. She also had the opportunity to take two much enjoyed trips across the U.S. with Harmon Travel and guide David Jones of Bruneau. Throughout her life, Mom was active in the Congregational Church, and she also helped at the Rimrock Senior Center. She enjoyed belonging to a pinochle club called The Chattin Chums. She sewed clothes, costumes, quilts, curtains, and braided rugs. She cooked many meals for guests, farmworkers, social events, and family. Gardening, canning, cheesemaking, and baking were only a few of her talents. Mom lived life with a steady determination, and a mantra of



“You do what you have to do.” She lived to greet eleven great-great-grandchildren. Her warm smile, laughter, big hugs, feisty attitude, and mischievous manner will be greatly missed by those who were lucky to know her. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Deck, and her three sisters: Gertrude (Morgan) Shaw, Letha (Don) Gribble, and Juanita (Tommy) Collett. She is survived by her daughters, Janet (Gary) Lawson of Grand View and Sharon (Kenneth) Roberson of Mountain Home, five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Her families want to thank Dr. Koelsch, Rebecca Deppen, Danielle Grubb, the staff of Ashley Manor, and Hearts for Hospice for the loving care she received. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Sept. 24: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
- Sept. 25: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar
- Sept. 29: Wiener wrap, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Sept. 30: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Sept. 24: Chicken or beef nuggets, cookie, salad & fruit bar
- Sept. 25: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, salad & fruit bar
- Sept. 29: Crispito or PB&J, string cheese, salad & fruit bar
- Sept. 30: Hot dog or hamburger, salad & fruit bar

Homedale High

- Sept. 24: Enchilada, burrito or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Sept. 25: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
- Sept. 29: Pizza by the slice or fish sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Sept. 30: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, egg roll, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Daily: Milk, fruit and veggie bar, all grades
- Daily: Salad bar and soup, sixth through 12th grades only
- Sept. 24: Teriyaki chicken bowl with roll or corn dog, buttered corn
- Sept. 25: Lasagna with Italian breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans
- Sept. 29: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich and potato chips or pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad
- Sept. 30: Pulled pork sandwich or enchiladas and rice, baked sweet potato pie

Bruneau-Grand View

- Sept. 24: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, fruit, whole grain roll
- Sept. 25: Soft taco, black beans/salsa, Spanish rice, corn, fruit
- Sept. 26: Sloppy Joe on bun, fries, celery sticks, grapes, chocolate chip cookie
- Sept. 30: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato mix, baby carrots, fruit jello

Judy Rose

Judith Cora Rose, 69, of Homedale, passed away on Friday, September 19, 2014 at home of natural causes. Judith was born to Clarence and Velma Johnson on October 31, 1944 in Grand Junction, Colorado. She lived there until she was about 12 years old, then moved to Caldwell, Idaho. She attended Greenleaf Friends Academy and Canyonville Bible Academy of which she had many wonderful memories. After graduation, she attended college in Dallas, Texas and then transferred to Northwest College in Seattle, Washington. She worked for an evangelist there until she moved to Boise, Idaho to manage her father’s meat market store. She met and married her husband, John Rose, in 1976.



They made their home in Wilder, Idaho and moved to Homedale in 1978 where they farmed and raised livestock. She loved the farm life and enjoyed many good times with her husband and family. She worked for the Homedale Senior Center for 10 years, driving the senior bus and delivering Meals and Wheels. She is survived by her husband,

John Rose, daughter, Kathy, four grandchildren; Austin, Gabriel, Alayna and Savannah, her father, Clarence Johnson, brother, Wayne (Vicki) Johnson and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Velma, stepson, Adam, and her nephew Steve Johnson, whom she was very close to. We miss you Honey, Mom, Grandma. The family would like to thank Carrie with Encompass Hospice for all her help and support. Judy’s memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. An inurnment will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Salad bar served daily: Lettuce, tomato, egg salad, beet salad.
- Fruit: Apricots or Mandarin oranges
- Sept. 24: Gyro sandwich, macaroni salad, carrots, milk
- Sept. 25: Pasta primavera, bread, milk
- Sept. 30: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Calif. blend veggies, bread milk
- Oct. 1: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread
- Oct. 2: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread

Marsing Senior Center

- Sept. 24: Lasagna, fruit, french bread, milk
- Sept. 25: Chicken, potatoes, carrots, citrus sections, WW bread, milk
- Sept. 29: Breakfast to order – Waffles, sausage, eggs, fruit, juice, milk
- Sept. 30: Pork cutlet, potatoes, broccoli, apricots, cornbread, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

- Milk served every day
- Sept. 25: Chicken a la king w/rice, peas & carrots, tossed salad, melon, cookie
- Sept. 30: Beef stew, corn bread, pears, oatmeal bars
- Oct. 2: Finger steaks, tater tots, tossed salad, biscuits, Mandarin orange dessert, milk

Homedale FFA’s major fundraiser set for Monday

by Jennifer Bautista
chapter reporter

Homedale FFA’s annual Harvest Auction takes place Monday inside the high school cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., and the

auction begins at 7 p.m. Eight hours of labor from each chapter member will be auctioned, and various other items will be up for auction. The annual event is the chapter’s main fundraiser for the year and the amount of

money raised determines our budget for the rest of the year. In the past, the Harvest Auction has raised as much as \$16,000. This year, the chapter hopes to raise \$18,000 to cover the costs of transportation

and housing accommodation for members going on upcoming trips. Some of the planned trips include the national convention in Louisville, Ky., in October, 212°/360° in Boise in January, and state convention in April.

Putting lawns “to bed” for winter

With recent temperatures being a little warmer than normal, we must remember fall and winter are still approaching. This is the time to fertilize lawn to ensure it comes back green, lush, and strong. It may sound odd to put fertilizer on a lawn that is about to go dormant, but with proper application, the right timing and product, your lawn will thank you, and you’ll be happy, too.

The reason behind fall fertilization is that as the plant goes dormant, it pulls nutrients deep into its roots for winter. This winter storage is its first source of nutrition and energy come spring when

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it’s time to come back strong and green.

Timing is essential, but so is the correct product and application. Late September and into mid-October (pending no hard frost yet) is the best time. Whatever product you select, measure your lawn’s area, *read* the label, and apply as the label instructs. Water in well, and your lawn will take it in and store it deep in the roots for next spring. You may be wondering what product to use? The best way to determine is a soil test to see what your soil already has and what it needs. If a soil test is not feasible, the next best thing is to apply a fall/winter fertilizer at the recommended rate and water in well.

Fall is also the perfect time to

treat for perennial weeds. For the very same reason, the weeds will take in the herbicide to the roots in survival mode, and will be killed off with greater success.

When selecting an herbicide, the key is to make sure it will select lawn weeds and not your lawn. *Read* the label. Weed & Feed products though convenient, are not desirable. Go for two quality products and apply seven to 10 days apart with plenty of irrigation.

With these two fall measures, spring should be a little easier with a better-looking lawn!

— Sarah Perkins is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. You can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Sarah Perkins

Calendar

Today

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

Thursday

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., 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

Oregon Food Bank Harvest Share
10:45 a.m., W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road, Arock. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

Oregon Food Bank Harvest Share
12:30 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

Jordan Valley Mobile Food Pantry
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

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

Friday

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

Owyhee Rope and Ride
1 p.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley, Ore.

Abedini prayer vigil
6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene sanctuary, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Homedale Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 840-0440

Owyhee Rope and Ride
9 a.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley, Ore.

Masons and Eastern Star spaghetti feed
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children under

10, free for children under 1, Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Democratic meet the candidates
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., \$15, River Park Pavilion, Marsing. (208) 250-2458

Homedale Fire Dept. prime rib fundraiser
6 p.m., \$30, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 880-4194

Sunday

Owyhee Rope and Ride
9 a.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley, Ore.

Young Life meeting
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

Monday

Homedale FFA Harvest Auction
6:30 p.m., Homedale High School cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464


Thursday, Oct. 2

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

Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

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Ride for your life

During the Bannock War of 1878, stage driver George McCutcheron was killed by Indians and his stage burned. His passenger (Hamilton) managed to escape. After the war, Hamilton, who was a salesman, told Tom Martin about his experience:

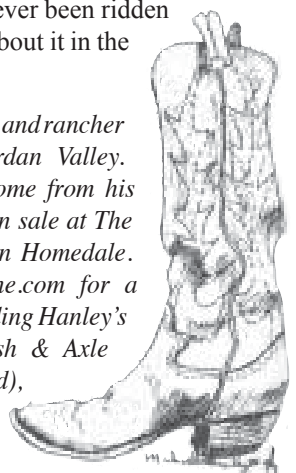
“The Indians were gaining on us, and I asked McCutcheron if he thought we should drop the stage and make a run for it on the horses. He never said a thing and whipped the team up faster, but the Indians kept getting closer.

“He stopped the stage and showed me how to cut the leaders loose by cutting the britching off the back strap and then the hame strap so that the horses wouldn’t get tangled up.

“McCutcheron’s horse fell and all the Indians circled him, but one, who kept after me. I would go slower up the hills and when the Indian got closer, I’d outrun him on the downhill run.

“Finally he fell behind and when I got to the Owyhee, I stopped to water the horse. After he had drank and started to graze, I tried to get back on and he bucked me off ... three times. I guess he’d never been ridden before and never thought about it in the excitement.”

— 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*.



Mtn. View Nazarene to hold vigil for jailed pastor

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will join a network of churches to hold a prayer vigil for a Boise pastor imprisoned in Iran.

The prayer vigil Pastor Saeed Abedini takes place inside the Homedale-area church’s sanctuary at 6 p.m. on Friday.

The community is invited to join the congregation for the vigil on the second anniversary of Abedini’s imprisonment in

Iran. An Iranian court sentenced Abedini to eight years in prison in January 2013.

According to a notice on www.beheardproject.com, the vigil’s purpose is to remember Abedini and other people who have been persecuted for their faith.

There are 25 locations throughout Idaho where vigils are planned, including the Statehouse building in Boise.

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Bruneau Round-Up



Grand marshal Ella Gennette waves to the crowd as she makes her entrance riding in a crowded horse-drawn wagon at the Bruneau Rodeo Grounds. Photo by WT Bruce Photography



Hyland Wilkerson holds on during his 85-point ride in the Stock Saddle Bronc competition during Sunday's go-round at the Bruneau Round-Up. Results from the two-day event weren't provided by press time. Photo by WT Bruce Photography



Cookoff flavors Adrian festival
"Amigo 1" Randy Heitz of Parma, manning the 5 Amigos booth, stirs his harvest chili prior to the tasting contest at Saturday's Two Rivers Park Celebration. The Bronco National Chili Co., won top chili and best decorated booth. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Oregon Food Bank changes Harvest Share slightly

The monthly Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services stop in the Jordan Valley area has been tweaked slightly for September.

The Rural Harvest Share program will visit Arock, Ore., and Jordan Valley as usual, but at different times.

The Harvest Share, which features free fruits, vegetables and sometimes bakery products for anyone, will stop at W.W. Jones Elementary School in Arock at 10:45 a.m., which is a new time. The school is located at 3513 Arock Road. The distribution is expected to last about 30 minutes.

The Harvest Share stop at the

Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (a.k.a. U.S. Highway 95), begins at 12:30 p.m.

The OFB-SOS staff will then man the Jordan Valley Community Mobile Food Pantry from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

While the Harvest Share program is open to everyone, the food pantry does have income requirements. Sign-in for food pantry distribution will begin at 12:55 p.m.

Sheila Hiatt, branch operations lead at OFB-SOS in Ontario, Ore., said in an email that the change in the schedule is for the convenience of the people who take part in the monthly distribution.

Konner Bahem Benefit

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*Auction starts at 7pm

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Merri Melde: Owyhee's equestrian vagabond

Oreana horsewoman is author of "Soul Deep in Horses"

Some people seem to create their lives as they go along, carving their own path, allowing things to fall into place, forming a collage of experiences, which are both unpredictable and unique.

Merri Melde is that kind of person. She describes herself as an "equestrian vagabond." Vagabond is defined on dictionary.com as "a person wandering from place to place without a settled home; a nomad; leading an unsettled or carefree life."

Merri has had a life full of experiences centered around the one thing that is most important to her, the love of horses. Through a variety of occupations, including horse photographer, journalist, backpacker, trail groomer, cartoonist, artist, horse packer, racetrack groom, carriage driver, and endurance rider, Merri has come to know horses like few other people do.

She has traveled the world and explored the West, writing and photographing. She has been to Europe, Nepal, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Himalayas, Norway, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey.

She has ridden horses in the desert near the Great Pyramids, been on a racehorse on the Curraugh racetrack in Ireland, ran horses in New Zealand, flipped a packhorse down a cliff in California, placed in the Tevis Cup endurance ride in Texas, and cowgirl on a ranch in Idaho.

Merri currently lives in Oreana and trains horses for endurance rides, while working as a photo-journalist for endurance.net. She has a website, theequestrienvagabond.com, where she publishes an equestrian blog, racehorse and travelers tales, and sells horse cartoons, prints, barbed wire art and spirit horse pins. She has also written articles and submitted photos to dozens of equine magazines.

She has just published a book about her horse adventures called, "Soul Deep in Horses," which was 20 years in the making. The book is a memoir about her horse experiences, from the exhilarating to the humorous, as well as the traumatic, including serious injury. It is a personal account of her successes and challenges of working with horses.

"There's nothing like riding horses," she said. "It's good for the soul. They are such big and strong creatures, it's amazing when they



Merri Melde talks to Stormy, a "retired" thoroughbred racehorse she calls the most beautiful horse on the planet. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

willingly take you to places you wouldn't go yourself."

Merri has spent years caring for horses. She knows and remembers all the horses she has worked with and pays attention to their personalities, likes and dislikes.

"It's pretty obvious learning what a horse's personality is," she said. "They are just like people. Some are smart, and some not so smart. Every one of them is an individual. When you spend enough time with them, you learn how to get along."

She does not have a favorite horse breed and appreciates all kinds of horses.

"I love to ride Arabians, but I like the look of thoroughbreds and I lust after mustangs because they have that wild instinct," she said.

Merri favors intelligent horses. "You can tell by the look in their eyes, what they are thinking about and how they react to things, how they look around, and what sparks their curiosity."

She enjoys the relationship she has with her horse, Stormy. She calls him the "most beautiful horse on the planet." He is a "retired" thoroughbred racehorse that she met in Washington many years ago while working as a racetrack groom, and now she owns him.

"We've been through a lot together," she said. She acquired Stormy 15 years ago while liv-

ing in California and working as a horse packer and on a dude ranch.

"I think we were destined to be together. It's like he's mine and I'm his. He's like my kid," she said.

"He's just gorgeous. Every day I wake up and look at him and I can't believe he's my horse."

Merri was born in Texas and became interested in horses when she was about 8 years old, although no one in her family had an association with horses. By the time she was in high school, she worked on the King Ranch, which was a large horse/cattle operation. She had no formal training in riding, but gradually gained experience by working at various places.

After receiving a degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M, she moved to Seattle and

worked as a racetrack groom for six years. Since then, her life has been filled with experiences that keep her near horses.

Today, Merri continues a care-free lifestyle. She works for a while and saves money, then travels. Her trips are not planned in detail. She goes to a destination and "lets whatever happen unfold." Her goals are to do more traveling, writing and photographing. Her next destination is Iceland.

When looking back at all her experiences, Merri says she enjoys endurance riding the most. Endurance rides are long-distance events for all ages and are held in various parts of the country. The trail rides range anywhere from 25 miles to 100 miles, over varying terrain.

The most recent ride, spon-

sored by endurance.net, took place at the Teeter ranch in Oreana, and about 100 riders took part in the three-day event.

Merri will be riding in the combined Owyhee Canyonlands Pioneer and Arabian Horse Association Distance Nationals Endurance Races on Thursday through Sunday at Oreana.

Each day there will be an American Endurance Riders Championship (AERC) 25-mile and 50-mile race. The competitive Arabian Horse Association (AHA) trail ride takes place on Thursday and Friday. Saturday is the 50-mile endurance national championship, and Sunday is the 100-mile championship.

Merri participates in endurance rides for the enjoyment of it, and not as a competitive thing, she said. The rides require weeks of taking the horses out on shorter trips to build their stamina.

"I do it for the fun of the ride. It's cool to see how you and your horse become stronger in the process," she said.

Merri says she was "born with" her love of horses and she claims to have what she calls "the travel gene."

"I get restless after a while, and I just need to go," she said.

Traveling the world is a learning process for Merri. Her trips have allowed her "to see and feel" new things. "I feel more connected to the world when I travel," she said.

Some of her favorite places she has visited are the Himalayas, Norway and the Sierra Nevada.

Merri loves to be out in nature.

"There's nothing like the feeling of being in a beautiful place and riding a good horse," she said. "It's amazing."

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HHS Homecoming 2014



Freshmen faced the seniors in the volleyball tournament.



Junior volleyball triumphed over the seniors. **Kneeling, from left:** Jakobee Osborn, Chase Martell, Garrett Carter, Josh Tolmie and Benny Schamber. **Standing, from left:** Liset Llamas, Elizabeth Vargas, Gardenia Machuca, John Collett, Sydnee Shanley, Nash Johnson, Makayla Aberasturi, Richard Symms, Dylan Burks, Manny Baltierrez, Madi Fisher and Lawsen Matteson.



Kerigan Morris, left, and Dayne Jacobs were crowned Homecoming queen and king prior to Friday's football game. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Hattie Mertz runs toward the end zone during the seniors' powderpuff victory over the freshmen. The seniors beat the juniors for the championship later Wednesday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Members of the Homedale High School color guard are, from left: Ashley Sorter; Savannah Hayward; Lena Westphal; Syirri Girliche; and Kay Travis.



The Junior class built a "Cone of Shame" float for Thursday's parade.

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Seniors show off their parade float themed "Bury the Huskies."

Homedale’s new music director plans to build program

Sam Stone focused on attracting, keeping students

Sam Stone is pleased to be heading up the Homedale School District’s Music program this year. He is familiar with Homedale because of his close association with many of the past band directors.

“I’m happy to come here, and in a way, this feels like coming home,” Stone said.

Stone worked for the Caldwell School District for 27 years, and last served as vice-principal of Jefferson Middle School. But, after holding a desk job, he is “very excited” to get back to teaching band because that is what he enjoys most.

His No. 1 goal is to “attract and keep students in the music program.”

Secondly, he wants to “build a support group” for the band by working with students and parents in the community to “make music a richer experience for students.”

He understands that there have been many recent changes in leadership role for Homedale’s music program, so he knows there is a need for consistency.

“I’d like to see the support for the music program go deeper than it is,” Stone said.

He said he sees his job as someone who can “provide opportunities for students to succeed.”

In support of that effort, Stone wants to “remove any barriers that might stop students from succeeding in the music program.”

The first thing he will focus on is “building a trust with students” so they know that he is not going to do anything to embarrass them in front of an audience.

Stone will be working with 85 band and choir students this year, including 40 at the middle school and 45 at the high school.

And, although it sounds like a lot of students, Stone says “it’s not enough.” He would like the number to increase as the program builds.

“The more music you play, the better you get,” Stone said. He wants to find more occasions for the band to play in the community.

Stone is looking forward to traveling with the band to the upcoming competitions at Caldwell, Ontario, Vallivue and the District III festival at Boise. He may even take them to a competition in Reno, Nev.

“I want to show them that there is a great, big world out there for musicians,” he said.

Stone understands the difficulty of changing directors during the course of a student’s learning.

“It’s a challenge for them right now, but I am finding that they are stepping up to the challenge. We have a lot of great, younger kids coming into band, and they are growing stronger daily,” he said.

The band’s marching show will include songs from the movie, “Jekyll and Hyde.” They will play, “Murder Murder,” followed by “In His Eyes” and “Façade.”

Stone is looking forward to building the program at Homedale into a long-term commitment.

“There are wonderful people here,” he said. “The kids are very coachable and excited about performing.”

Stone is confident he has much to share with the students in his capabilities of getting them ready to perform.

“Believe me, they will be ready when the time comes,” he said.

“It’s not going to happen in a week,” he added, smiling.

With the school year just beginning, Stone is happy with his new position.



Above: New Homedale School District music director Sam Stone, center, walks with the Homedale High School marching band during Thursday’s Homecoming parade. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Below: The band made its 2014 uniformed debut Friday night to play the Star Spangled Banner prior to the Homecoming football game. Photo by Jon P. Brown



“There is plenty of opportunity for students to excel in music here.”

“All the pieces that are needed to have a great music program are already in place,” he said. “I just need to find the best way to make it happen.”

—KB

Homedale Farmers Market season ends Saturday

Organizers hope to expand customer base; Christmas Market planned

The Homedale Farmers Market has experienced new growth this year. The final market of the year will be held Saturday.

The market will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park.

“We have more vendors, more customers, and more money to help the schools,” band boosters president Denise Dixon said.

She expressed concern that the market has been having difficulty getting the vendors to show up on a consistent basis.

“We have 14 vendors registered with the farmers market, but if a better event comes along, they choose to go there for the week because we don’t have enough

customers coming in consistently,” Dixon said.

“I will be meeting with the city to discuss this issue and see how they can help me. We are here for the long haul, and these are all good challenges we face,” she said. Dixon said she feels that the city leaders are “very supportive” of the market and the problems “can be solved together” so the market can move forward for many more years.

Dixon said she and Kirsten Mast will continue to operate the market next year. This year’s market brought in an estimated \$1,300 in profit, which will go to the school district, Dixon said.

The market has changed focus

since its beginnings last year, so that the proceeds are going to help the entire school district and not just the high school band, she said. Donations will be limited to the liberal arts area of the schools.

“We have been able to really bless the lives of some of our vendors, as they have been able to earn money not otherwise available to them,” Dixon said.

The immediate goal of the market is to increase the customer base, she said.

“Vendors will not continue to support this market if we do not have a good customer base returning each week.”

Another goal of the market is to develop it into a weekly gathering place in the community, so that people will come out and buy from the market and stay a while to visit with their neigh-

bors, she said.

“We have music at the market each week now and hope to be able to bring in performing groups in the community to add to the atmosphere of fun,” she said.

Later this year, the farmers market is planning a two-week Christmas market. No definite dates have been set.

Dixon said she would like to thank the city council and The

Owyhee Avalanche for their support this season. She also wants to thank the vendors and customers who supported the market.

“We have really enjoyed getting to know more people and seeing our regular customers week after week,” she said. “This year, we gave out farmer’s market shopping bags to those customers who returned as a token of our appreciation.”

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Avalanche Sports

Marsing rolls into the win column

Determined Huskies knock off Melba in grueling volleyball match

Tristan Jarvis served six aces Thursday as Marsing High School volleyball continued its rebound. Jarvis added two kills and 11 digs in the Huskies' straight-set 2A Western Idaho Conference victory over McCall-Donnelly in McCall.



Jordana Holly Hobbs Goins led the way at the net with five kills and two blocks and Marsing won its second straight conference match, 25-17, 27-25, 25-23. Holly Hobbs added three kills, two blocks and two aces for the Huskies (2-4 overall, 2-3 in conference). **Sept. 16: Marsing def. Melba, 3-2** — The Huskies went the distance and then some, coming back from the brink to win three straight sets and pick up their first victory of the season. A 20-25, 15-25, 28-26, 26-24, 20-18 victory in Melba ended Marsing's season-opening four-match losing streak. Ellie Folwell had eight kills and 12 digs and served an ace, but Marsing needed extra points in three of the five sets to win. Hobbs had six kills and four blocks, while Jarvis added five kills, two blocks and 16 digs. Carey Dines paced the offense with 17 assists and an ace. She chipped in four digs, too.



Homedale High School's Devin Fisher prepares for contact with Marsing's Rodrigo Acuna during Friday's non-conference game at Deward Bell Stadium in Homedale. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Trojans rout county rivals

Saenz scores for Marsing

Heading into a new conference season dynamic, Homedale High School got the opportunity to stretch its roster Friday night against Marsing. Led by junior quarterback Lawsen Matteson's near-perfect passing performance, the Trojans built a huge lead and cruised to a 53-7 non-conference victory over the Huskies at Deward Bell Stadium. The game was a warm-up for the Trojans (2-1 overall) as they start the 3A Snake River Valley conference season Friday on the road against Weiser. With no junior varsity game scheduled because of a lack of numbers for Marsing, the Trojans' dominance Friday gave HHS coach Matt Holtry a chance to see substantial playing time from his reserves. "Going into the week, we had already decided that if we had the opportunity to get the kids in early, we would," Holtry said. "Our starters played only one series at the start of the third quarter and the rest was strictly our (second string and junior varsity)." Before he exited the game in favor of JV starting quarterback Max Mertz, Matteson connected on 16 of his 17 throws and hooked up with four different receivers for touchdown passes. "Lawsen had been on fire all week in practice himself," Holtry said. "He's accurate and he's good, but after that Vale game, he just took it to another level. "That's who he is. That's his character. He wants to be the best at what he's doing." Mertz completed two of three passes, including a



Homedale's Brady Brown leaps for the catch against Marsing's Seth Hardy. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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HHS earns runner-up status in Emmett

The Homedale High School cross country team's veteran nucleus showed up Thursday in Emmett. In a 3A Snake River Valley conference meet also dubbed the Payette River Classic, the Trojans' three state meet qualifiers from a year ago finished in the top six. But coach Heidi Ankeny said it was junior Benny Schamber's 18th-place showing that propelled the HHS boys to second place in the team standings. Schamber ran a 21-minute, 4.72-second 5-kilometer race at Cobblestone Park in Emmett.



The girls' team also finished second in the team standings. "The kids did well," Ankeny said. "I think they were all very tired from Homecoming activities, so times were slower than I expected." One week after making his return to competition from a knee injury, senior Cole Hungate finished fifth in the boys' 5K in 18:57. Fellow senior Riley Portwood was sixth in 19:07.75, while first-year runners Nash Johnson and Chad Hungate — both juniors — finished 15th and 16th, respectively. Hungate was about 30 seconds behind Johnson, who finished in 20:24.15. Meanwhile, Maya Correa registered her best finish of the season. The junior ran a fifth-place time of 22:49.78 in the girls' 5K. For good measure, first-year runner Elise Shenk, a senior, captured seventh in the girls' race. "With a second place at this meet, we are looking forward to

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Pesky Trojans take Wolverines to the limit in volleyball

Weiser needs five sets to send HHS to 0-2 in SRV

Homedale High School battled hard but finished the first week of 3A Snake River Valley conference volleyball winless. The Trojans couldn't sustain

the momentum of a huge four-set victory Thursday on the road against Weiser. The Wolverines prevailed in the fifth set of a see-saw game, 25-14, 21-25, 25-18, 23-25, 15-9 to send Homedale to its third consecutive loss. Homedale (3-3 overall, 0-2 in conference) piled on the points in its two set victories, and Gardenia

Machuca put down 14 kills and came up with seven digs. The Trojans excelled at keeping points alive with Tori Nash leading the way with 24 digs and Morgan Nash adding 13. Michelle Castro had six digs, and Diana Contreras came up with three. Tristan Corta had nine digs, three assists and two kills.

Helping Machuca on offense, senior Hattie Mertz delivered eight kills, while Liset Llamas had four kills, two digs and a block. **Sept. 16: Parma 3, Homedale 0** — The Trojans opened the 3A SRV season with their second consecutive loss. Parma seemingly was in control throughout the match, posting a

25-12, 25-18, 25-15 victory in Homedale. Tori Nash had 20 digs and two kills, while Morgan Nash chimed in with 12 assists, five digs and two kills. Machuca paced the offense again with seven kills. She also had a block and served two aces. Makayla Aberasturi notched two digs and an ace.

Sports

HHS grad catches two passes in C of I loss

Levi Elsberry caught his first passes Saturday as a member of The College of Idaho football team.

The 2011 Homedale High School graduate hauled in two passes for 16 yards in the Coyotes' 56-28 loss to No. 9 Southern Oregon in Ashland, Ore.

A junior wide receiver, Elsberry was playing his third game for C of I. He transferred from Eastern Oregon University when the Coyotes' football program was reinstated in 2012.

In Saturday's Frontier Conference game, Elsberry's first reception as a Coyote was a four-yard pass from Teejay Gordon in the second quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Elsberry caught a 12-yard pass from backup QB Jake Hennessey.

The Coyotes (2-1) are back home Saturday for a 1 p.m. kickoff against Montana Tech.

C of I will play Elsberry's old team, EOU, twice this season.

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the chance to win district for boys and girls," Ankeny said. "We will just need to be well-rested and mentally prepared for the Emmett and Parma teams."

Unbeaten Antelopes crush Powder Valley

Adrian High School closed its non-league football schedule with another win Friday.

The Antelopes beat Powder Valley, 62-24, during the 1A Old Oregon League-1A High Desert League festival in Baker City.

Details weren't provided by press time.

Adrian (3-0 overall) travels to Huntington to open the 1A HDL season at 2 p.m. MDT Friday against the Harper/Huntington co-op.

Jordan Valley, which was on a bye last week, opens league play at 2 p.m. MDT on Friday in Monument, Ore., against Monument/Dayville.

The Mustangs are 0-2 under first-year coach Bryce Kershner, a former player who recently completed his collegiate career at Pacific University.

League rival downs Adrian in Baker tourney

High school volleyball fans got an early look at how the 1A High Desert League championship chase could unfurl Saturday.

Adrian battled Crane for the Eastern Oregon Volleyball Festival championship match, losing 25-23, 25-13, 18-25, 25-16 in Baker City, Ore.

"We had a good day at the tournament, but didn't finish with our best play with Crane," Antelopes coach Aimee Esplin said. "We made a lot of mental errors and our level of play declined, and you can't do that against a good team like Crane."

Adrian (3-5 overall) and Crane (6-4) meet in Adrian on Saturday, Oct. 11 for their 1A HDL match.

Quincy Pendergrass put down 16 kills throughout the tournament as Adrian won its pool then beat the Baker High junior varsity in straight sets in the semifinals.

Carlee Morton added 12 assists, two kills and two aces, while Anna Hutchings collected five kills.

Lauren Barraza had nine assists and a kill.

"Overall, I'm happy with a lot of aspects with our play," Esplin said. "Quincy Pendergrass had a great day at the net, and our two setters Carlee and Lauren are really doing a great job for us."

The Antelopes open the 1A HDL season on the road in Huntington on Friday against the Harper/Huntington co-op. Another tournament awaits Saturday with the Tri Valley Tournament in Midvale.

Senior Delaney Phariss logged her best finish of the season with a 12th-place time of 25:28.53.

On the JV side, two sophomores shone brightly for Homedale. Abbie Klepinger was second in the girls' race, while sophomore Alex Beckman finished third in the boys' 5K.

Also in the JV girls' race, senior MaKenzie Anderson (37:20.0), junior Taylor Kerbs (37:20.5), junior Ceirra Wiltshire (37:50.0) and senior Jennifer Hernandez (38:18.0) finished fourth through seventh, respectively.

Another wave of HHS girls finished ninth through 11th, including sophomores Alyssa Troxel and Rian Beebe followed by senior Abby Sauer.

Orion Cardenas finished 15th in 26:30.56, and exchange student Chad Lee 16th in 30:25.0 in the JV boys' race. Both are juniors.

Huskies cross country competes in Nyssa

A young Marsing High School cross country team competed in the Nyssa Invitational in Oregon on Thursday.

According to results posted to Athletic.net, the Huskies have only one senior — Seth Richling — who competed at the Nyssa High School football field.

Richling ran a 25-minute, 3.29-second 5-kilometer boys' race.

Marsing's boys' team, which also includes junior Alexandre Heidt and a bunch of ninth-graders, placed 13th out of 14 schools in the team competition.

Heidt finished in 22:46.6.

The top finisher for the Huskies was freshman Juan Sierra, who was 43rd in 20:11.15.

According to Athletic.net, Marsing placed only one athlete in the girls' race. Freshman Dana Jo McGee finished 75th at 30:14.4.

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MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Tristan Jarvis, sr., volleyball

The Play — Jarvis had an impressive all-around week as the Huskies picked up their first two victories of the season, both against 2A Western Idaho Conference opponents. In a straight-set win over McCall-Donnelly, Jarvis rocketed six aces to go with two kills and 11 digs. She had 16 digs, five kills and two blocks in a hard-fought five-setter against Melba.



Go Huskies!

Football
Friday, Sept. 26, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Thursday, Sept. 25 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Nyssa, Ore., 7 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Sept. 25 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Nyssa, Ore., 6 p.m.

Cross country
Saturday, Sept. 27 at Bob Firman Invitational, Eagle Island State Park, Eagle, 10:20 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, McCall

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30-yard TD pass to Jacob Furlott for the game's final score.

Marsing (0-3) didn't break through until Andy Saenz – no stranger to the Trojans – scored on a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Saenz's TD capped the Huskies' 12-play, 90-yard drive. The junior played for Caldwell last year when Homedale posted a 21-20 season-opening non-conference win, capped the Huskies' 12-play, 90-yard drive.

"I know it's against their young kids, but we're young, too. I hope (the drive) gives our kids some confidence in what it feels like to move the ball," MHS coach Brad Hill said.

"I really think that it was important that we move the ball that last quarter against their young kids. I thought we ended the game on a positive note."

Saenz emerged as the Huskies' leading rusher with 40 yards on four carries, but junior quarterback Rodrigo Acuna's rushing statistics were affected by Homedale's defensive linemen.

"Our whole emphasis at practice was to keep (Acuna) contained, and I thought our defensive ends and outside linebackers did a good job at that," Holtry said.

Although the Trojans officially registered no sacks, Acuna accumulated 32 yards in losses, knocking his rushing average to 1.6 yards on 14 carries (22 yards total).

"Our young tackles and our wings did not block in very well and didn't contain the end,"



Homedale High School defensive lineman Blake Patton, left, corrals Marsing quarterback Rodrigo Acuna in the first half Friday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Marsing High School's Andy Saenz, right, tries to beat Homedale's Connor Carter to the edge. Saenz scored the Huskies' only touchdown. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Hill said. "(Acuna) couldn't get outside."

Acuna completed just one of seven passes for a 12-yard completion to Juan Garcia. Backup Tyler Wood, son of former MHS coach Jaime Wood, completed both of his attempts for 24 yards.

Homedale's Brady Brown picked off a Acuna pass that the Trojans' Miguel Montejano converted into points with a 25-yard touchdown 36 seconds before halftime.

Montejano rushed for 48 yards on three carries.

Josh Tolmie, who scored on a 39-yard run through the Marsing defense early in the first quarter, piled up a game-high 96 yards on nine rushes.

Homedale's offense-by-committee resulted in 538 total yards with Homecoming king Dayne Jacobs catching three balls for a team-high 69 yards receiving.

Garrett Carter scored two touchdowns. He opened the scoring with an 11-yard reception from Matteson. His 19-yard jaunt into the end zone ignited Homedale's 27-point second quarter and helped build a 47-0 halftime lead.

Brown (three catches, 58 yards) took a Matteson pass 40 yards to close a two-play possession 89 seconds before the end of the first quarter.

Homedale stifled Marsing's offense throughout the game. Acuna punted five times,

averaging 29 yards per kick.

Jose Lopez was active early for the Trojans' defense. He led the Trojans with five tackles and two assists.

The Huskies' defensive effort was spearheaded by Hayden Dines, who had nine solo tackles.

"They played all the way through the fourth quarter, and they were still going hard throughout," Holtry said of the Huskies.

Hill was bolstered by the way his squad played in the second half and also how the players carried themselves in practice leading up to the game.

"I thought we had three of the better practices last week that we had all year," he said. "The kids are beginning to understand (their roles) and they understand that our preseason was tough."

"I think they have a little more confidence going into next week."

The Huskies open the 2A Western Idaho Conference season in Marsing on Friday against Cole Valley Christian. Hill said the Chargers are must like his Marsing team in that they suffered substantial losses from last year's roster and are young and still learning.

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Athlete of the Week

Lawsen Matteson, jr., football

The Play — Playing only in the first half and one series of the third quarter, the second-year starting quarterback completed 16 of 17 passes (94.1 percent) for 225 yards and four touchdowns in Homedale's 53-7 non-conference victory over Owyhee County rival Marsing.

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Varsity
Friday, Sept. 26 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
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Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 25, home vs. Weiser, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country

Saturday, Sept. 27 at Bob Firman Invitational, Eagle Island State Park, Eagle, 10:20 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Gary Ward Invitational, Lakeview Park, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 25 at Emmett, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30, home vs. Fruitland, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 25 at Emmett, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Sept. 25 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.

OHR has a new administrator

Rich Cartney transfers to Pocatello facility

Chase Gunderson enters his role as Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation administrator with ambitious plans and long-term goals.

“First of all, I don’t want to disrupt what they have created here,” Gunderson said.

Gunderson replaces Rich Cartney, who transferred to another Ensign Group facility in Pocatello after two years in Homedale.

“I will truly miss the people and the small town atmosphere,” Cartney said. “I love the relationships people have in small towns. The only reason I agreed to do this is because we have a very capable leader ready to step in and maintain the incredible reputation we have achieved at OHR.”

He praised director of nursing, Georgia Nelson, and the staff for their achievements.

“She is incredible and brilliant, understands what the residents need, and she is a good mentor for new people who come here,” he said. “Most of all, she just cares.”

Gunderson said he believes OHR is a special place because of the atmosphere of caring created by long-tenured employees who genuinely care about the residents.

“The care here is exceptional,” he said. “The employees love this place and they take great pride in it and believe they provide the best care possible.”

Gunderson’s goals are to support the staff, let the community know how good the facility is, and enrich the lives of the residents in new ways.

He plans to put technology in the hands of the residents.

“I’d like to bring in tablets and teach them to email and Skype, so they can stay in closer contact with family members for events like birthdays and Christmases,” Gunderson said.

For the residents that may not be able to use the computers, he said the staff will do it for them.

Until he obtains his administrator’s license, Gunderson is being supervised by an experienced executive director. Boise resident Dave Green is a retired businessman from Sandpoint.

Gunderson intends to stay at

OHR long-term. He and his wife, Goldie, and their three children currently live in Meridian, but will move closer to Homedale after the end of the school year.

Not long ago, Gunderson explained, he was working successfully and happily at a financial career, but when he followed the advice of a friend and looked into nursing facility administration, he realized he needed to make a change.

“This career was completely unexpected, but I just fell in love with it, and I found there was something better for me to do,” he said.

Gunderson said he plans to use his financial knowledge and marketing talents in the role.

He wants to make sure the residents “feel comfortable and cared for, and families know they can trust the facility to take care of them.”

Gunderson will work to bring more residents to OHR and he will encourage greater community involvement. He welcomes any individuals or community groups



Chase Gunderson and his family.

to visit the residents and build relationships with them.

A Utah native, Gunderson obtained a business management degree from Utah Valley College in Orem.

Before coming to Homedale, he managed a document management company, sold real estate, and worked in bank management and as a private banker. In his last position, he was branch manager at J.P. Morgan Chase in Salt Lake City for six years.

Gunderson’s outside interests include scuba diving, basketball and tennis, golfing and bike riding. He said he is an avid reader. He also enjoys traveling and has been to 46 states in the U.S. and to 31 countries. He also spent two years in Uruguay as a missionary and is fluent in Spanish.

His family is his No. 1 priority above all else.

“Honestly, I feel so blessed,” he said.

—KB

Goodies for a good cause



Sale benefits former Homedale resident

Volunteer salesman Cole Jeppe hands Debby Naumann some bread Saturday during the baked goods and veggies sale to benefit Konner Bahem, who is battling cancer. The sale took place Friday and Saturday outside Joyce’s Creations on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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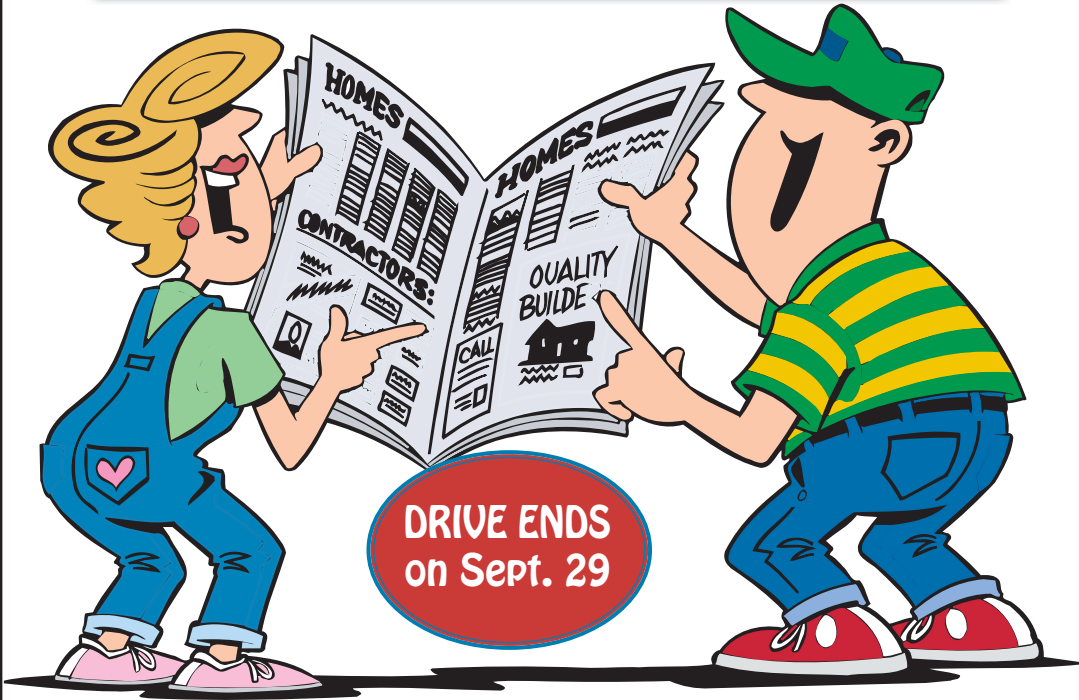
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On the edge of common sense Max and Brake Job

Horses and cowboys go together. There are occasions when a cowboy and a horse are spoken of as one. In the heavenly world of cutting horses, Buster Welch and Little Peppy shine on each other. Charmayne James and Scamper are carved into PRCA history by winning the world champion barrel racing buckle 11 times. We could also include Trigger and Roy, Seabiscuit and his trainer Sunny Fitzsimmons or Robert E. Lee and Traveler in this list of well-known horse-and-rider combinations.

And when you get in the shallower end of the pool, there are up-and-comers who might someday be associated with that one horse that put them in the spotlight.

Max was trying to put a little polish on a 4-year-old gelding he'd given two trailer tires and \$350 for. He had an opportunity to show him off. Max was a wrangler on a trail ride. Nate was a pretty good horseman. He came on the ride every year. He owned several tire, muffler and brake shops in the city.

"Nice lookin' horse," he said as Max sidled up beside him.

"Thanks," Max said, "He's just 4 and comin' along good; gentle, easy to catch, got a little cow in him."

"Is he for sale?" Nate asked.

"Oh, I don't know. He's gonna make a good one. You outta see him comin' out the box ... I'm thinkin' he'll make a great team ropin' horse, maybe reining even. He's not just pretty; he can do it! But, I guess if I was gonna sell him, I'd be lookin' at fifteen hunnerd."

"Whattya call him?"

Max opened his mouth, but all that came out was a "WHOOOA!" The unnamed horse had bogged his head and pitched his rider up on the horse's neck! Max lit on his back in the trail but still held a rein in his hand, "Look cool," he said to himself, "... look cool."

After the commotion and everybody was back in the saddle, Max remarked that he might consider an even thousand. He calmed the horse down and was convincing Nate that the horse really had potential.

"Watch this," he said. They were crossing a ranch road. An electric company truck was parked alongside with the door open. The cherry picker was run up the pole. The whole rig was painted yellow. Max eased the pony up next to the open door. "See," he said, "You can take him anywhere."

At that moment, Max's horse wheeled, and went to kickin' the door like he was tryin' to kick the shoes off his feet! It took a while to recover from the incident. Max straightened the saddle, gathered up the reins and mounted.

"I guess I could come off that thousand a little," Max offered.

Nate said, "How 'bout I trade you for a brake job?"

For the next six months everywhere Max took his horse trying to sell him, he knew his chances were less if the prospective buyer said, "Oh yeah, I've heard of him ... Brake Job, right?"

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, "Poems Worth Saving," other books and DVDs.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee The kid is alright



As the father of a school-aged kid, I'm often amazed by some of the stuff she brings home.

So far, I haven't been stumped too badly by my daughter's homework — save for the three-hour chore fighting dying sunlight to understand and solve ratios during a busy weekday classic car show.

But I am still scratching my head at what Homedale Elementary School's Lizzy Egusquiza tried to pull off after she completed her Make A Splash swim training at the Treasure Valley YMCA in Caldwell last spring.

The 9-year-old daughter of Joe and Sarah sat down with a pencil (I hope) and paper and tried to figure out how much water the YMCA's Olympic-sized pool held (638,000 gallons, by the way).

It was a challenge put forth to every third-grader who took part in the swimming lessons, but apparently Lizzy was the only one who followed through.

The payoff came earlier this year when Lizzy — now a fourth-grader — received an envelope from Mike Kapuscinski, the YMCA's aquatics director.

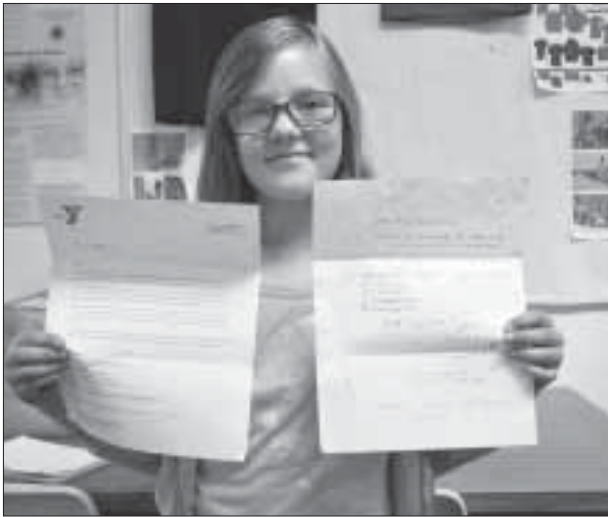
Enclosed was Kapuscinski's business card, which he indicated was good for a full-day pass for Lizzy's family at the YMCA.

That probably was the big haul of the correspondence in Lizzy's mind.

But accompanying the business card was a personal letter from Kapuscinski in which he lauded Lizzy for her hard work in trying to figure out how many gallons of water the pool holds.

"What a wonderful surprise to receive your homework with the complete formula you used to figure out just how many gallons our pool holds," Kapuscinski wrote.

The upshot of the letter and Lizzy's follow-through isn't



Lizzy and her letter

that a kid gets to go swimming *gratis* at the Y, of course.

The spectacular thing about this is — in the midst of all the panic about American kids falling behind in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math — one little girl in Homedale took one small step to show that not all hope is lost.

Now, I didn't understand any of the formula Lizzy wrote out in her "homework," as Kapuscinski called it, but I do know one thing, and it doesn't take a rocket scientist (or a third-grade math whiz) to figure it out.

With children like Lizzy setting their minds to tasks — no matter the reward — perhaps the tide is turning in this battle to beef up our STEM education.

With any luck, Pete Townshend will be proven correct. The kids are alright.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Efforts to curb domestic violence, help victims an ongoing pursuit



Brutal. Disgusting. Shocking. Appalling. Horrendous. Every passing week brings more news reports about the latest incidents of abuse against spouses, children and in dating relationships. We know instinctively that something is very wrong when incidents of domestic violence come to light. Domestic violence is always brutal, life-altering and often deadly.

According the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner. In Idaho, the state police reported 5,669 cases of intimate partner violence in 2013. These are inexcusable acts of violence, but because they often happen behind closed doors, the brutality becomes shrouded in statistics.

Successful programs to help victims and prevent future violence remain part of the solution of ridding our communities of this violence. This year marks the anniversary of some important laws that have helped increase access to the tools necessary to help end domestic violence. This includes the 30th anniversary of enactment of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the 30th anniversary of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Early last year, bipartisan legislation was enacted reauthorizing VAWA for another five years. I partnered with Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) in authoring the VAWA reauthorization legislation to strengthen programs and policies meant to prevent domestic and sexual violence and

ensure continued services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The law includes new protections for all victims of domestic violence while providing for the consolidation of programs to reduce administrative costs and duplication and adding new accountability measures to help ensure that VAWA funds are used more effectively.

The hard work of prevention advocates and victims of crime in Idaho and across the country made the extension of these needed programs possible. While progress continues, we cannot let up. We must work to ensure needed resources better meet the needs of victims throughout our country and make sure these tragedies become a thing of the past.

Domestic violence is brutal. It cannot be excused nor justified. The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, reports that daily approximately 520 Idaho victims of domestic violence and their children seek safety and services from community domestic violence programs. In 2013, there were 14 domestic violence-related fatalities in Idaho, and five domestic violence-related victims have died so far this year. One domestic violence incident or sexual assault is too many. As a society, we must make clear to abusers that it will not be tolerated, and we need to help victims understand it is not their fault and they do not have to put up with it.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Break down timeshare details to judge if it's a good deal

Dear Dave,

Some friends recently offered me a timeshare. It's an older place on the beach, and they've had it for about 20 years. I'd have to pay a transfer fee of \$100, plus a yearly association fee of \$500. I know you're not a big fan of timeshares, but does this deal sound OK?

— Jill

Dear Jill,

In essence, you're looking at \$500 a week. I know the \$500 is technically an annual association fee, but you're basically paying \$500 for your week at the timeshare. And in the future, say five years from now, the association fee could increase. You might be paying \$1,000 a year at that point — again, for your week.

In actuality, the numbers you're talking about right now aren't completely terrible. Still, it's not

a huge blessing. In my mind, it's kind of like, "How would you like a kick in the knee that's not too hard?"

If it were me, I'd much rather spend my \$500 a year on travel and be able to go and stay wherever I wanted. Not only does this free you up it that area, but you'd only spend the money when and if you did it. With a timeshare, you get charged whether you show up or not.

This one's not as bad as if you'd have to pay \$8,000 for the opportunity. But if these were my friends making the offer, I'd have to say no thanks.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, single and I have three kids. I make \$65,000 a year and have \$34,000 in debt. I'm about to get remarried, and my new husband will make about \$100,000 a year. Should I take



the \$34,000 and put it on my mortgage to consolidate it?

— Leslie

Dear Leslie,

Please don't consolidate this debt. If you guys are about to get married you need to learn, as a couple, to make debt a thing of

the past and live on a written, monthly budget. Think about it. Once you're married, your family will have a great income. You could really push and attack that debt, and have it paid off in no time.

As a new couple, you need to learn to set goals and work on things as a team. Budgeting is a great exercise for any marriage, but it's an especially good thing for newly married couples to learn to do. A budget isn't just controlling your money. It's two people sitting down together and sharing their hopes and dreams for the future. Not just that, it's the process of making an actual, workable, written plan that will help make these dreams become reality.

Don't do a debt consolidation, Leslie. Debt consolidation is nothing more than a "con," because you think you've done something about the debt problem. But the

truth is the debt is still there, as are the habits that caused it. All you did was move it around.

You can't borrow your way out of debt, just like you can't get out of a hole by digging out the bottom!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. Dave's next book, The Legacy Journey, will be available on Oct. 21. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government GOP's caution turns off voters key to congressional swing

by Rick Manning

The media has woken up and noticed that the Republican Party, which should be on the precipice of enjoying a massive electoral victory based upon the unpopularity of President Obama, the economy and the number of red states Democrats are being forced to defend in the Senate, are not realizing that advantage in voter polls.

While Republicans are still in good shape, the expected landslide scenario has been slow to develop as Democrat candidates remain close or ahead in the key takeover states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Alaska, North Carolina, Iowa, Colorado and New Hampshire. However to conservatives, this phenomenon is no mystery.

Beyond the obvious, that this is a natural backlash against the national Republican Party, which has spent the past three years bashing conservative voters, the answer may be found in a poll just released by the D.C. newspaper, Politico.

According to Politico, only 35 percent of voters in the most competitive House and Senate races approved of Obama's handling of immigration with a whopping 64 percent disapproving. These numbers are incredible, because it shows that the nation is polarized with only one percent undecided on this issue that has dominated the political chatter for the past six months.

So, why would Republicans not be blowing Democrats doors off on this issue alone?

The answer is found when the poll asks which political party voters trust on immigration, revealing that only 34 percent of these voters trust the Republicans, while 31 percent trust the Democrats. A full 35 percent, an overwhelming majority of which disapproves of Obama's policies, simply don't trust Republicans to do any better.

The months of Republican leadership waffling and failing to plant a flag in the ground against Obama's ill-conceived plan have resulted in the issue being squandered with the Democrats accruing the benefit.

When Republicans like Scott Brown in New Hampshire, who has not been part of the compromising on Capitol Hill, release ads attacking his popular opponent's vote on the issue, he is rewarded by the voters with a dramatic jump in the polls.

However, the Republican Party as a whole finds itself perceived as being untrustworthy by those who oppose amnesty, and it is this mistrust in general that is the greatest single impediment toward the GOP picking up 20-25 seats in the House and 10 in the Senate in November.

The same Republicans who castigated conservatives for nominating through the primary process candidates who took strong stands on issues in 2010 and 2012 now find

that their constant footsie-playing with those who support amnesty may bite them on election day.

It is no surprise that Democrats and the left don't trust Republicans, but when those who take conservative positions don't trust them, it signals a bigger problem. It's a problem that goes to the very heart of the currently configured GOP's right to call itself the conservative party. On the issue of illegal immigration, it appears that voters are not willing to settle for the lesser-of-two-evils political party.

In a mid-term election that depends upon turnout, this failure is the difference between winning big and getting by.

2014 was the year, like 2010, to run a hard-core conservative campaign led by the House Republicans. Instead Republicans have curled into a relative fetal position hoping that not being Obama will lead them to victory. Choosing to run the exact wrong campaign, the hope for those on the right is that in spite of their risk-averse, milquetoast effort, that voters will settle in a hope of reining in Obama in his last two years.

Unlike 1994 or 2010, if Republicans win in 2014, it will be in spite of themselves.

— Rick Manning is the vice president of public policy and communications at Americans for Limited Government.

Letter to the editor

Support states' fight to control public lands

I would like to both commend and encourage all Idaho state, county and local officials who are spearheading the move to win back managing control over federally owned public lands within our state.

There are many reasons why it behooves "we the people" to support this movement wholeheartedly:

First of all, there's the basic interest of state's rights. Next, the critically needed, better management of our forests, and the boosting of our economy by putting more of our people

back to work, responsibly harvesting burgeoning natural resources. Also, restored, easier access to our own land, for recreational and other legitimate purposes. Just in general, our being better enabled to pay our own way in funding the needs of our state (including education), neither having to depend upon federal handouts, nor always further taxing our people directly.

Few would argue that the federal government hasn't grossly, intrusively over-extended itself throughout the

several states, and sorely needs to be pushed back into its proper corner. For clues and some rude awakening, compare the U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, and the Bill of Rights Amendment 10 to the feds' Agenda 21 and Re-wilding of America plans!

Idaho's chances of success in re-asserting itself are made better by the fact that we are not alone in the struggle. A total of 11 western state legislatures have begun to mount similar efforts. It should be well worth the fight, so I'd say together let's do it!

Carol Asher, Kamiah

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 27, 1989

Camel remains excavated near GV

The remains of a four million-year-old camel excavated south of Grand View earlier this month is the most complete camel fossil discovered in Idaho, according to Bureau of Land Management geologist Ted Weasma.

About 90% of the pony-sized young camel’s skeleton, exclusive of cranial or head bones, was recovered during the excavation and will be prepared for exhibit in the BLM’s Boise District office sometime this winter, Weasma said. Excavators also recovered a portion of the animal’s lower jaw, and hope to retrieve the remainder of its skeleton next summer, he said.

U.S. 95 construction timetable set back

Plans to construct the Homedale bypass on a new stretch of U.S. 95 curving around the eastern outskirts of Homedale have “slipped at least two years,” as a result of revised road-building schedules announced Sept. 20, according to Jerry Dick, District 3 engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department.

The Idaho Transportation Board last October had announced the alternate route around Homedale was being programmed for fiscal year 1993, at an estimated federal-state cost of \$1,690,000. The federal government is responsible for paying over 90% of the project cost involving U.S. 95, the major north-south route through Idaho.

The two-year slippage in the state’s planning/construction timetable also applies to the proposed improvement of U.S. 95 from the Idaho 55 junction outside Marsing to Homedale, Dick said. The planned improvement of Idaho 19 from the Wilder junction to Greenleaf will be delayed for at least a year, he indicated.

Lady Trojans go 3-0 in N.P. tournament

Homedale’s Lady Trojan varsity players blasted into the win column Sept. 19 at a volleyball tournament at New Plymouth, posting a solid 3-0 score in the matches with teams from Adrian, Payette and N.P. “We served very well. We didn’t lose a game all day,” Head VB Coach Cindy Simpkins reported Monday.

While Simpkins didn’t have complete match stats available for this newspaper, she said Angie Shelton, Rachel Kelly and Lori Itano were top servers in the non-league competition. “Lori, in the last game, served 14 straight. We won the game 15-1” against Adrian, she said, adding, “We had a great day. We played as a team.”

Mustangs defeat N. Powder 20-0

The Mustang football squad was victorious at North Powder and won their game 20 to 0.

Coach Richardson was very pleased with the younger players on the team and mentioned Andy Stitzel, Donald Haylett and Pete Arritola. He said the defense was excellent, and TDs were scored by Matt Grenke, who went for two, and Pete Kalugin.

Pete also ran 131 yards in his first outing as running back. Joe Stoddart was probably the hero of the game as he recovered three fumbles.

While Richardson was pleased with the win and the score, he said that the offense did have more chances for scores but didn’t capitalize on them as they might have. Next game is against Harper this weekend.

Manager goes to Parma

Connie Tolmie, manager of the West One branch in Homedale, has accepted a promotion to manage the bank’s branch in Parma, and will transfer there within a short time, possibly a week or two.

Tolmie said Thursday that she planned to remain here for a few days after her still-unannounced successor comes on board, in order to help him or her become acquainted with the Homedale community and with local bank procedures and personnel.

She noted that her transfer means “a little bigger bank and being a little closer to home and the kids.”

50 years ago

September 24, 1964

First issue of school paper is distributed Friday

The first edition of the Homedale High School paper “Trojan Trumpet,” was distributed Friday to members of the student body.

The 6-page paper is published by the journalism class with Dean Vance as advisor.

Linda Cahill serves as the editor with the following staff members: Tony Maher and Larry Stansell, sports editors; Candy Phillips and Neva Ethington, art; Sheila Mealey, Judy Markley and Mary Lou Parrill, humor;

Penny Wolff and Linda Cahill, calendar and coming events; Kay Bright, senior class reporter; Dorothy Nanney, junior class reporter; Delaine Gaviola, sophomore class reporter; Rae Dene Stuart, freshman class reporter;

DyAnne Carson, Candy Phillips, Jeff Glanzman and Neva Ethington, organization reporters; Linda Cegnar and Elaine Eidemiller, human interest.

Linda Cegnar, Mary Lou Parrill, Dorothy Nanney, DyAnne Carson and Rae Dene Stuart, typists; Elaine Eidemiller, Kaye Bright, Sheila Mealey and Linda Cegnar, proofreaders; Tony Maher, Larry Stansell and Jeff Glanzman, printers.

C. of C. recommends H’way Dept. bridge plan

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce recommended at its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday noon that the city council accept Plan 2 as submitted by the state highway engineers.

This plan, one of several discussed at the city council meeting two weeks ago, calls for building a new bridge over the Snake River just below the present bridge.

The present route of Highway 95 through Homedale would be maintained, but an “East route” through the sugar company pile ground would be built when traffic warranted.

The Chamber suggested that this route follow 3rd Street East along the east side of the city park and south to join Highway 95 in the south city limits of Homedale, rather than to cut through the beet dump.

Vice-president Jim Duncan presided. Secretary Kenneth Downing read minutes of the previous meeting.

Sam Eismann, a graduate of the University of Idaho law school last spring who recently passed the state bar exam, was introduced by his uncle Richard B. Eismann.

DeMolays elect new officers Tuesday, Sept. 22

The DeMolays met in the Masonic hall Tuesday, Sept. 22. New officers were elected as follows:

Terry Obendorf, master counselor; Jon Anderson, senior counselor; Dennis Robinson, treasurer; Barry Fujishin, scribe; Leland Bunch, chaplain; Dave Batt, senior deacon; Steve Inouye, junior deacon; Richard Salisbury, senior steward; Mike Carter, junior steward; Glenn Miller, marshal; Lewis Tucker, almoner; Carl Paulsen, standard bearer; Mark Evans, sentinel; Ross Nishihara, musician; Jack Matteson, orator; Brent Linder, seventh preceptor; Paul Mills, sixth preceptor; Dale Dickson, fifth preceptor.

Troy Perkins wins ‘all-around’ at Bruneau Sunday

Troy Perkins, Meridian, was named All-Around Cowboy Sunday at the conclusion of the Bruneau Rodeo, following the second go-round of events.

Winners in the second go-round included, in the bareback riding, Les Vogt, Challis, 1st; Dale Brown, Gooding, 2nd; and Buz Sealey, Roosevelt, 3rd.

In saddle-bronc riding, Larry Robinson, Twin Falls, won first with Don Wilforth, and Sealey next; bull riding, Duke Haley, Bill Davenport, Boise, and Jim Love, Caldwell; calf roping, Vernon Dennis, Nampa, Grant Roberts, and Perkins; barrel racing, Nelma Muller, Melba, with Annette Thornton Corral, and Claudine Dyer, Arco, tying.

Team roping, Perkins and Jim Rutledge, Dick Jayo and Jack Baker, Benny Tom and Evan Wines, both of Owyhee, Nev.; and pony riding, Steve Maher, Homedale, Terry Black, and Philip Rohn, both of Bruneau.

140 years ago

September 26, 1874

SOUTH MOUNTAIN. The first two claims located in South Mountain District were the Original and Galena, in October 1868. They contained fifteen claims, each 3,000 feet, and were located by S. M. Wessels, Judge Hardy and others. Since then many locations, with many extensions, have been made. That district is at present undergoing a fair test by men of capital, and as far as can be judged from appearances, by men of experience, the South Mountain district is destined to become one of the noted mining camps of the coast.

Those engaged in the development of that district are men of experience, and it is scarcely presumable that they would risk so much without a fair and reasonable probability of return.

The first attempt to test the mines failed on account of some error in the smelting process, but Mr. Wessels is erecting new smelting works there at present, which will soon be completed, and which will develop the character of that locality. Mr. Wessels, who is perhaps one of the best and most experienced miners on the coast, is very sanguine of success and profitable developments for South Mountain. There are probably one hundred and fifty men at work there now: miners, coalmen, timber and lumber men, and a general spirit of activity prevails.

The four principal mines now being worked are, the Crown Point, Bay State, Golconda and Original, all of which seem to satisfy, as far as can be judged, the expectations of those interested.

There is a sawmill in operation there, and the grading of a good road is nearly completed up the canyon from O’Keefe’s ranch, which will be a toll road.

POLITICAL. There seems to be more interest than usual manifested in our coming election, in November, especially for the office of sheriff. Why it is so is rather hard to tell, for it is not so lucrative a position now as it was in the early days of Owyhee. The pay of the office is dependent principally upon the amount of litigation, and the amount of police duties to be performed. If there should be much of police duty to do, then the office pays well, otherwise it amounts to but a fair and reasonable compensation for his time and responsibility.

The Democratic aspirants for Sheriff are three, and all good men — well known to be so — Tim Ragan, Tom Jones and Bill Stevens; and no one can doubt the capability of each of them to fill the office; and whichever of the three is elected — that is to say, if some strong Republican does not beat the nominee — we have no doubt will give satisfaction to the masses.

The Republicans, so far as known, have not selected any candidate. If they do fix on a candidate, the rumor is that it will be George Gilmore or John Springer — no certainty of it. Both are good and competent men, however, and would keep the Democratic nominee on the alert, and probably make it warm work for him.

Judge Lynam and George King have already been announced as Democratic candidates for recorder, and Capt. Drew as the Republican, all well known in our community.

Miles and Belcher have already been announced as Democratic candidates for Assessor, and Mr. Townsend on the Republican side.

For Treasurer, on the Democratic side, T. D. Beckett; on the Republican side, James Gardner, the present incumbent, and Dr. Rupert.

For Legislative honors we have heard but a few named — R. Tregaskis, Democrat, and Mr. Adams, Republican, have been mentioned as candidates for Council.

We are well satisfied that the best men on the ticket for the Legislature will be voted for without regard to politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The King of the Sandwich Islands, his majesty, Kalakuea, is about to start on a tour through the United States and Europe. He hopes to return home with a cargo of sandwiches, as he needs them at home in his business.

Public notices

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West 500-kV Transmission Line Project in Idaho**

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Idaho State Office announces its intention to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzing the potential impacts of approving a right-of-way (ROW) application for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project and possible land use plan amendments. The supplemental EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The supplemental EIS is being prepared based on new information described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. The BLM issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project on November 14, 2013. In that ROD, the BLM deferred offering a ROW grant for two of the 10 segments – Segments 8 and 9 – to allow additional time for Federal, State, and local permitting agencies to examine additional options regarding siting route segments and mitigation and enhancement measures for those segments.

DATES: This notice initiates a 30-day public scoping period that will assist in the preparation of a draft supplemental EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing until October 24, 2014.

To provide the public an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM expects to hold four public meetings in Idaho communities during the scoping period. The BLM will announce the exact dates, times, and locations for these meetings at least 15 days prior to each event. Announcements will be made by news release to the media, newsletter mailings, and posting on the project Web site listed below.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or resource information related to the project by any of the following methods:

Website: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html

Email: blm_id_gateway_west@blm.gov

Mail: Bureau of Land Management Idaho State Office, Gateway West Transmission Project, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Feeney, BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705; phone 208-384-3325; or email to blm_id_gateway_west@blm.gov. Contact Ms. Feeney if you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Feeney during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Documents pertinent to this proposal may be

examined at:

Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, Public Room, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709 Telephone: 208-373-3863

Bureau of Land Management, Boise District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705 Telephone: 208-384-3300

Online: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html

PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power, and Idaho Power (Applicants) have submitted a ROW application to locate 500-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines on Federal lands as part of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. The initial application proposed to construct electric transmission lines from the Windstar Substation near the Dave Johnston Power Plant at Glenrock, Wyoming, to the Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho, approximately 20 miles southwest of Boise, Idaho. The original project comprised 10 transmission line segments with a total length of approximately 1,000 miles. The November 2013 ROD authorized routes on Federal lands for Segments 1 through 7 and Segment 10 but deferred a decision for Segments 8 and 9. The Applicants submitted a revised project application for Segments 8 and 9. This notice announces that the BLM, Idaho State Office, intends to prepare a supplemental EIS for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project and begins the scoping process to seek public input on new issues and resource information related to Segments 8 and 9, described below. Analysis in the supplemental EIS will support a decision on whether to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the revised ROW application for Segments 8 and 9.

In November 2013, the BLM requested the Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to consider issues surrounding siting Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. As proposed, these segments would traverse portions of the BLM Boise District in and around the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), as well as on private lands. The RAC, a citizen-based council chartered under Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, advises and makes recommendations to the BLM on resource and public land management issues in southwestern Idaho. The RAC formed a subcommittee to examine options for resolving remaining issues associated with siting Segments 8 and 9. On June 5, 2014, the RAC provided the BLM with the report on alternative route options and resource considerations for Segments 8 and 9. On August 8, 2014, the Applicants formally adopted routes recommended by a majority of the subcommittee as their proposed routes for the supplemental EIS in a revised project application that modifies the Applicants’ original proposal. These updated proposed routes, a double-circuit design feature (see below), and additional mitigation measures are major components of the new information now available for public scoping.

The Applicants’ proposed route for each of the two segments has

been modified from the 2013 BLM Preferred Route west of approximate midway points, identified as “nodes” in reports submitted by the RAC. Maps that accompanied the revised project application are available on the BLM project website, listed above. For Segment 8, the Applicants’ new proposed route still begins at the existing Midpoint Substation and continues west past the communities of Hammett and Mountain Home to the north. However, just north of the town of Orchard, the new proposed route for Segment 8 diverges from the 2013 BLM Preferred Route to generally parallel the existing Summer Lake 500-kV transmission line 250 feet to the south for 5.1 miles before turning northwest, and then crosses the existing line at milepost 7.1.

The new proposed route for Segment 8 enters the NCA at milepost 99. The Applicants have determined that the separation distance between the existing and proposed transmission lines within the NCA could be reduced to approximately 250 feet for a 28.7-mile portion of Segment 8. From milepost 7.1, the new proposed route generally parallels the existing line 250 feet to the north for the remaining distance (30 miles) into the Hemingway Substation, near the town of Melba. The total route length would be 38 miles, of which 22.9 miles would be within the NCA. This route would also require a partial rebuild of approximately 3,000 feet of the existing Summer Lake line. The Applicants propose to use existing roads near and beneath the existing 500-kV transmission line to reduce the overall disturbance footprint of the new line. Rather than constructing a new access road network for the new proposed route for Segment 8, they would use short spur roads from existing roads to access the new towers.

For Segment 9, the Applicants’ updated proposed route still starts at the proposed Cedar Hill Substation and passes south of the communities of Twin Falls, Castleford, and Hammett, before diverging from the 2013 BLM Preferred Route just east of the town of Bruneau, and then entering the NCA at milepost 132, north of the towns of Grand View, Oreana, and Murphy before terminating at the Hemingway Substation, near the town of Melba. The Applicants’ new proposed route generally follows the Alternative 9G route studied in detail in the 2013 Final EIS. The total route length would be 68.5 miles, of which 53.8 miles would be within the NCA. The updated proposed route for Segment 9 would involve constructing approximately 25.6 miles of new double-circuit 500/138-kV transmission line using steel pole H-frame structures.

The NCA lies in the western portion of the Gateway West project area. The NCA was established under Public Law 103-64, which states: “The purposes for which the conservation area is established, and shall be managed, are to provide for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of raptor populations and habitats and the natural and environmental resources and values associated therewith, and of the scientific, cultural, and educational resources and values of the public lands in the conservation area.”

Following publication of the Notice of Availability for the Gateway West Final EIS on

April 26, 2013 (78 FR 24771), the Applicants submitted a draft Mitigation and Enhancement Portfolio (MEP) to the BLM. The MEP contains proposed mitigation, including compensatory mitigation, and other measures intended to enhance resources and values found in the NCA. The Applicants presented the draft MEP to the RAC subcommittee and updated it in response to the subcommittee’s final report; the MEP has not yet been formally reviewed by the public. The most current MEP is considered part of the proponent’s newly submitted plan of development for analysis in the supplemental EIS and is now being made available during the scoping process as new information for the supplemental EIS. The MEP will be described in detail at the public scoping meetings and is available on the project website at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html

The BLM is the lead Federal agency for the NEPA analysis process and preparation of the supplemental EIS. The State of Idaho, local government entities, and Federal agencies with specialized expertise and/or jurisdictional responsibilities in the area of Segments 8 and 9 will be invited to participate as cooperating agencies.

The purpose of public scoping is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis. The BLM will invite and provide for full public participation and comment on issues, potential impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives associated with granting ROWs on public lands for segments 8 and 9 that were not addressed in the original EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following issues and concerns:

- Effects to the objects and values for which the NCA was designated;
- Land use conflicts and inconsistency with land use plans;
- Effects of the project on local and regional socioeconomic conditions;
- Effects on wildlife habitat, plants, and animals, including threatened, endangered, and sensitive species;
- Effects to visual resources and existing viewsheds;
- Effects to historic and cultural resources;
- Effects to Indian trust assets;
- Opportunities to apply mitigation strategies for on-site, regional, and compensatory mitigation; and
- Siting on private lands versus public lands.

If authorized, this proposal may require amendment of one or more BLM land use plans (resource management plans (RMPs) or management framework plans (MFPs)). By this notice, the BLM is complying with requirements outlined in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) that the BLM notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans. If an RMP or MFP amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA analysis process for this project.

If the ROWs are granted, BLM land use plans that may be amended include the Twin Falls MFP, the Jarbidge RMP, the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey RMP, the Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills MFP and the Kuna MFP.

The BLM will supplement the analysis found in the Gateway West Transmission Line Project final environmental impact statement (FEIS) released April 26, 2013, by analyzing the Applicants’ updated proposed routes for Segments 8 and 9 and no action alternatives, as well as other possible alternatives to the proposed power line locations and access routes, based on information gathered from the public during scoping. The BLM will use the NEPA process to identify and disclose impacts to the above resources not analyzed in the FEIS and any additional issues or resources found through the scoping process. Further, the BLM will identify opportunities to mitigate the impacts of siting and building Segments 8 and 9, if granted, by incorporating avoidance, minimization, and compensation measures with consideration of local and regional conditions and commensurate with the scope of the impacts. In addition, opportunities for enhancement of objects and values within the NCA will be evaluated, in accordance with Public Law 103-64, the statute which established the NCA.

Preliminary planning criteria for any RMP or MFP amendments include: (1) FLPMA and subsequent BLM land use plans; (2) Public Law 103-64, which established the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (officially named the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in Public Law 111-11, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009); (3) The Endangered Species Act, as amended and (4) the analysis found in the FEIS.

The BLM encourages comments concerning the Applicants’ new proposed routes for Segments 8 and 9, the routes previously analyzed in the FEIS, feasible alternative locations, possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and any other information relevant to the proposed action. You may submit comments in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or at any time by using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Public scoping meetings will be conducted in an “open house” format with the BLM staff and project Applicants available to explain project details and gather information from interested individuals or groups. You should submit comments by October 24, 2014.

The BLM will reach out to the consulting parties who participated in and/or signed the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Segments 1-7, and 10 to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. The information received will be used to modify the PA to clearly capture the issues and mitigation for Segments 8 and 9.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust

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assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

All comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed.

Any persons wishing to be added to a mailing list of interested parties can call or write to BLM, as described in this notice. Additional information meetings may be conducted throughout the process to keep the public informed of the progress of the supplemental EIS.

9/24/14

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✓ Silver Falcon: Some mill waste may be beyond federal regulation

made public for several weeks. Scheff did confirm that a letter from the Idaho Conservation League regarding the mill was the genesis of the joint DEQ-Environmental Protection Agency site visit.

Scheff declined to give specifics on the inspection, but did say that it involved a “multimedia” approach, including analysis of surface water, drinking water, engineering, wastewater, air quality and hazardous waste issues related to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976.

Staffers from the EPA’s Idaho operations office were on site “from a Superfund standpoint,” Scheff said.

The Bevill Amendment to the RCRA, however, could exclude the mining waste at the mill from federal regulation.

In an article posted to its website, the ICL outlines its concern about the future of the mill and who would pay for cleanup if Silver Falcon Mining Inc. goes bankrupt or abandons the site. The implication is state taxpayers might foot the bill.

If a Silver Falcon financial report released in May is any indication, financial instability is a possibility.

In the report, which took in the first quarter of the calendar year, Silver Falcon reported that it had slashed expenses by cutting jobs at the mill (payroll fell from \$119,446 in the first quarter of 2013 to \$4,584 in the first three months of this year), and cutting back on work in Sinker Tunnel.

The mining company also faces court judgments of more than \$700,000 and federal and State of Idaho tax liens related to the Diamond Mill property, which reportedly brought in no revenue in the first quarter of the year.

As of March 2014, Silver Falcon reported a working capital deficit of \$700,000 with \$3.24 million in liabilities.

In the report, the company said “substantial” capital would be needed over the next year to complete projects at the mill.

The capital needed to complete various projects could approach \$14 million, including \$1.9 million to complete start-up and \$2 million to complete the cyanide leaching facility for which a CUP was obtained two years. The company also apparently had planned an 18-month exploration phase that would cost as much as \$10 million.

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff said Silver Falcon withdrew its application for a CUP application in late July, effectively ending further progress on the cyanide leaching facility that was to extract metals from ore gathered from War Eagle Mountain and other areas in the Silver City Historic Mining District.

Scheff said Silver Falcon has only a DEQ air quality permit pertaining to a generator at the Diamond Creek Mill, and that the company never applied for a cyanidation permit.

Based purely on financial indications, the future of the Diamond Creek Mill could be considered murky.

Morningstar.com reported company stock had no value late last week, and Silver Falcon’s May report pointed out efforts to raise capital through private offerings of convertible notes and also requesting that existing note-holders convert their paper into common stock.

The company said it must issue 1.2 billion shares of stocks to cover the conversion of outstanding notes.

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permit requires that a road agreement be in place before improvements on Williams Creek Road are carried out.

OGT apparently has already installed new culverts in the road, though. Company representative Jim Collord said the work was necessary because of the condition of the road.

The company is still working on easements with four property owners along a five-mile stretch of Williams Creek Road.

During the Sept. 15 Board of County Commissioners meeting, Collord and colleague Mike Smith outlined progress on the mill and mine sites as part of the annual update required in the company’s CUP.

The report included information on mine improvements and drilling in the two drifts — the 3,200-foot-long Sonneman and the 2,500-foot-long Laxey — and other site improvements.

Smith led a Powerpoint presentation, and the men provided a sample of ore for the commissioners to inspect.

The South Mountain mines — the Bay State, Sonneman, Laxey Marble and Texas — produce several different metals, including silver, gold, zinc, copper and lead. The mines were first developed in the 1870s and have been in operation off and on for the past 130 years.

The current owners bought the 360-acre site 25 miles southeast of Jordan Valley in 2007. Since obtaining a CUP, the company has erected a couple buildings and has modernized entrances to Sonneman and Laxey levels.

Drilling in both levels has been impeded by old cave-ins, but Smith said the company has worked to bypass the historical portions of the complex.

Smith said a feasibility study on the ore deposits still must be conducted, but there is optimism. The previous owner, South Mountain Mines, had planned a mill to process up to 500 tons of rock per day, but the project was shut down prior to production.

“The partners are confident that there is enough mineralization there to justify development,” Collord said.

OGT plans to establish a base of operations in Jordan Valley. At peak operation, the mine and mill would provide 70 jobs, including miners, administrative staff, professional and non-technical positions and contractors, according to last week’s presentation.

No information on when hiring would begin was provided, but the representatives also pointed out that the economic impact would include expenditures for food and lodging, fuel, materials and supplies, and rentals.

The mill site is 6½ miles from the mine, Collord said. The mill would utilize a flotation process to extract sulphites that will be shipped to an out-of-state smelter, he said.

He told the commissioners that OGT won’t use a cyanidation process as was proposed for Silver Falcon Mining Inc.’s Diamond Creek Mill near Murphy.

The company also reported more than \$12,000 in donations to local activities, including the Big Loop Rodeo, Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo, 4-H projects and the Owyhee County Historical Society. Owyhee Gold Trust also participated in the Owyhee Field Day for fifth-graders, providing gold-panning activities last spring at Owyhee Reservoir.

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