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Steady rain wreaks havoc



Above: Rushing waters pushed a sedan into a tree near Wildhorse Lane in Givens on Monday morning. Photo courtesy OCSO **Below:** Floodwaters rush into a city storm drain as NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts employees pump out the parking lot.



First fall storm brings minor flooding

Rainfall that began Sunday and continued through Monday wreaked havoc in the Marsing-Homedale area.

Local flooding was reported in several areas, and at least one roadway was threatened by the buildup of moisture on ground hardened by years of drought.

According to the weather station at Helena Chemical Co., .153 of an inch of rain fell overnight Sunday to Monday. No measurement was available for Monday's steady downpour.

With the ground unable to soak up the constant rainfall, flooding was reported in at least three different areas in and around Homedale on Monday.

Meanwhile after 6 p.m. Monday, an

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Homedale teens help risky behavior awareness campaign

Lori Otter
to speak at HHS
public assembly
this morning

Sometimes peer pressure can swing in a positive direction.

Three 17-year-old Homedale High School seniors are doing

their part to make sure that their peers avoid the pitfalls of drug use and other risky behaviors.

Two of the students — Elizabeth Hernandez and Makayla Steinmetz — are part of the Idaho Prevention Project's Teen Advisory Council. Their input as part of the Southwest Idaho division of the council has helped

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Homedale High School seniors, from left, Elizabeth Hernandez, Makayla Steinmetz and Antonio Reyes helped bring the Idaho Prevention Project's latest outreach program to town.

Marsing council OKs comprehensive plan

New P&Z
member
appointed

The roadmap for future growth in the City of Marsing is better defined after a move by the city council last Wednesday.

During a sparsely attended public hearing prior to their regular meeting, council members

approved the new comprehensive plan and land use map with little discussion.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said she will put a resolution together to formally adopt the plan and map during the council's November meeting. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month but Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. City

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Homedale, Marsing bands tie at district festival

The Homedale High School marching band performs the Star Spangled Banner prior to Friday's Senior Night football game against Parma. The band tied Marsing for third place in the 1A Division of A Class at the District III marching band competition Saturday night at Eagle High School. Bishop Kelly won, and Cambridge was second.

From page 1A

✓ Marsing: Council hires new public works chief

Clerk Janice Bicandi did not know if the meeting would be held on the holiday.

The comp plan will govern the development and growth of Marsing over the next 20 years.

During the meeting, Bonney clarified that the comp plan is a broad outline of what city leaders think Marsing will look like in the future. She said the plan is not designed to dictate how development should occur on a parcel-by-parcel basis. Bonney said the plan allows for adjustment as far as where growth will be directed.

The foreword and introduction section of the plan also suggests room for revisions:

"This comprehensive plan should not be viewed as a final statement of the city's vision. With time, the population will change, goals may be redefined, and the physical environment in which its residents live and work will be altered."

The new map categorizes land use areas as commercial, mixed use, public and residential. The categories on the old map were residential, industrial, commercial, mobile home, multi-family, and open space.

The old map listed the area along the Idaho highway 78 corridor (8th Avenue West) where Marsing schools are now built as commercial. The new map updates the zoning to public.

The plan and the map were approved once the council convened its regular meeting after the public hearing.

Council members approved Mayor Keith Green's request to appoint Noyam Hale to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Annie Campbell said Hale fills the position vacated by John DeOsio, who left the commission earlier this year. Hale was the only member of the public who attended last month's P&Z public hearing on the comp plan.

Acting on another Green request, the council appointed Phillip Gibson as superintendent of the city's public works department.

John Larsen was appointed to fill the position at the July 8 city council meeting after the departure of Jonathan Jarboe.

"He got a job over in Wyoming and he's closer to his family there," Campbell said of Jarboe's exit.

She added that Gibson has enough experience to take over as supervisor.

"He's been hired for as long as Jarboe, six or seven years," Campbell said.

City engineer Amy Woodruff gave a brief update on the Island Park project.

She said the new modular restroom facility should arrive this week and the installation should be complete by the end of the month.

Installing the new restroom is Phase 2 of a multi-year project to reconstruct and modernize the riverside park. Woodruff said Phase 1 is substantially complete and included new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant boat docks, upgraded parking and new lighting.

Phase 3 will include new curbing gutters and pavement, and Woodruff said work should be completed next spring.

The Island Park improvements are being funded with grants from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and local funds.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Green asked the council to approve moving \$50,000 from the city's general fund to the parks fund to pay for some of the recent work at the park. Council members signed off on the proposal without any debate.

Bicandi said moving the general fund money into the parks fund was a planned move and did not reflect having to pay for any unexpected expenses.

"We have money in our new budget, but we also have in the general fund to transfer," she said. "It's just like we have a bill that we've got to pay now that's come in on all that work down there."

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Parent-teacher meets set at HES

Homedale Elementary School will hold parent-teacher conferences next week.

Kindergarten conferences take place from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, while the parents for first- through fourth-graders will meet with their children's teachers between 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Parent-teacher conferences for all grade levels continue from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29. Students won't attend school that day.

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County’s farmers get sugar beet harvest under way

Drought blamed for another drop in acreage

Drivers will need to keep an eye out for sugar beet trucks on county roadways during the remainder of October.

This year’s harvest began last week. Trucks began rolling into Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s Marsing beet dump on Oct. 12. Homedale’s piler began rolling Thursday.

Amalgamated Sugar, which owns the sugar beet factory in Nampa, also has Owyhee County dump piles in Murphy, Grand View and Little Valley as well as locations in Adrian and Wilder. Beets are piled outside for the winter, where the freezing temperatures preserve them. Semi-trucks will haul them to the Nampa factory later.

Homedale weigh station attendant Sue Hayes said the timing of the current harvest is about average compared to the past few years.

“We have less beets at this



One of the first loads of sugar beets goes onto the conveyor belt at the Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s Homedale beet dump Thursday.

time than we did last year, just crop rotation, just fewer sugar beets,” Hayes said.

Exactly 311 acres were planted this year for beets that will arrive at the Homedale piling ground. That’s 29.7 percent fewer acres plant than last year’s 443.

Amalgamated Sugar’s district agriculture manager Clark Millard said crop rotation could only be part of the reason why fewer acres were planted.

“The reason Homedale is down is because of water issues. It could be crop rotation into other stations, some of it, it could

very well be both,” Millard said. “Guys could move some around because of the drought, and that happened a lot this year. The drought is the basic reason why Homedale’s station for the past two years is down in acreage.”

He did not have a figure for how many sugar beet crops were planted around Homedale in 2013.

Even with Homedale’s acreage slipping again, Millard is pleased with the general outlook for this year’s harvest.

“We’ve got a really good beet crop this year. Sugar content

seems to be higher,” Millard said. “It’s like declaring the winner of an election at 8:10 in the evening, but right now the sugar contents are running probably a good percent higher than average, and yields appear to be very, very good.”

The Homedale piler can process up to 270 truckloads in a day, but typically only handles between 150 and 170 loads.

“Or less, starting out. On a slow day like today we’ll probably have 80 loads,” Hayes said Thursday.

She added that activity at the

Homedale beet dump will wrap up around the first of November, but they could finish sooner.

There are roughly 300 sugar beet growers in southern Idaho from Glens Ferry, west through eastern Oregon. Millard could not say how many sugar beet growers there are in Owyhee County, but said if anyone would know, it would be him.

Amalgamated Sugar Co., which has processing plants in Nampa, Twin Falls and Paul, produces about 20 percent of the nation’s beet sugar.

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Homedale chapter preps for FFA nationals

Homedale FFA's state champion Marketing Plan Team will lead a handful of chapter members into the national convention.

Lindsey Burks, Lauryn Fisher and Jacob Christensen earned the Homedale chapter's first berth in the marketing national competition with their leading performance in June at the state convention in Moscow.

The National FFA Convention and Expo begins next Wednesday and runs through Halloween in Louisville, Ky.

Madi Fisher will represent Idaho in prepared public speaking during next week's national convention, and the national chapter

team of Jennifer Bautista, Justine Rose and Lauryn Fisher also will make the trip.

Next week's schedule includes:

- Next Wednesday — National chapter interview and awards, and prepared public speaking competition
- Thursday, Oct. 29 — Marketing plan preliminaries and semifinals
- Friday, Oct. 30 — Marketing plan finals

The Marketing Plan Team won the state championship in Moscow with the presentation of a plan developed for The Owyhee Avalanche.



A scraper moves dirt Friday at the future site of the Vance Dairy Construction Co., shop and compound south of Homedale.

Dairy construction company bringing operations home

Vance building large shop just south of Homedale city limits

Land preparation continued last week as a homegrown business prepares to consolidate its operation.

Homedale-based Vance Dairy Construction is building a shop and compound near the end of South 2nd Street East adjacent to U.S. Highway 95.

Stephanie Muir, who works in Vance Dairy Construction's office

on West Idaho Avenue, said the company recently sold its Burley location, and the equipment housed there will be brought to Homedale.

A scraper continued to level the land just south of Droplet Irrigation on Friday and what appeared to be the frame for a chain-link began to take shape. An access road has been cut in the middle of

the parcel for access to the undeveloped portion of South 2nd Street East that connects to U.S. 95.

Marion Vance started Vance Dairy Construction in Homedale in 1980. According to its website, the business has constructed dozens of large-scale dairies in 11 western states and Hawaii in the past 35 years.

Vance nor his son, Kelly, was available for comment on the shop construction.

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Truth 208 tackles more challenges teens face

Put It Down assembly slated for next week

Cyn Reneau visited Homedale High School a few years ago as part of the Idaho Meth Project. Now that organization has the Idaho Prevention Project, and the scope has widened to cover other risky behavior. Today, IPP will present its new statewide prescription drug lesson, “Truth 208: Straight Talk About Medicine Abuse,” in preparation for a launch event later this year. “Students will be learning how abuse effects their body, their relationships and the community and their futures,” Reneau

said. Steroids, cough suppressants, stimulants and painkillers will be addressed, she said. The program also educates students on the components of addiction. “Being on the Teen Advisory Council is an opportunity,” HHS senior Elizabeth Hernandez said. “It’s an honor to be able to represent what (IPP officials are) trying to get across to the teen community.” Hernandez and fellow Homedale senior Makayla Steinmetz meet monthly with their Southwest Idaho Teen Advisory Council compatriots either in person or by conference call, Reneau said. The entire council gathers annually in Boise for a

summer meeting. “The Council works throughout the year to help spread our mission in their communities,” Reneau said. “They will be assisting with a drug free pledge-signing (today).” “The Council also serves as the ‘voice’ of the teens in their area, providing us with input regarding our messaging.” Reneau said that Idaho ranks fourth in the nation for prescription drug abuse among people 12 years old and older, according to the Centers of Disease Control’s latest Risky Behaviors Survey. The survey reports that every day 2,500 American teens abuse a prescription or

over-the-counter medication for the first time, and 1 in 5 teens report abusing medications not prescribed to them. “Teens often consider prescription drugs to be safe than street drugs, yet Rx overdoses kill more people annually than heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine combined,” Reneau wrote in an email. More information about the IPP programs is available at www.truth208.org. Today’s presentation is just the first for Homedale this month. On Thursday, Oct. 29, Put it Down, which addresses the dangers of texting and driving, will be presented as part of Makayla Aberasturi’s Senior Project.

✓ Awareness: Prescription drug abuse assembly planned at HHS gymnasium today

shape some of the organization’s initiatives. HHS will be a first stop for one of those initiatives as IPP education director Cyn Reneau brings “Truth 208: Straight Talk About Medicine Abuse” to the school’s gymnasium for a public event from 11:35 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. today. Idaho First Lady Lori Otter will speak at the event, Idaho Meth Project executive director Adrean Cavener confirmed Monday. Otter is founder and a board member for the Idaho Meth Project, which is the umbrella movement under which Truth 208 has grown. “I am rallying for community participation so the teens see how many adults care about them and the decisions they make,” Reneau wrote in an email Homedale City Hall released to The Owyhee Avalanche. Hernandez applied for a spot on the Southwest Idaho council after talking to 2015 HHS Kerigan Morris when she organized Reneau’s visit to the school last year. “Kerigan told me about (the council) and how it affected her life,” the daughter of Maria and Juan Hernandez said. Reneau’s journey from addict to anti-drug advocate moved Steinmetz to get involved. “I think what inspired me was how Cyn was very open about her past experiences,” the daughter of Terry Steinmetz and Tami Watson said. The HHS seniors joined the teen council during a June symposium where they learned how to counsel peers who might be going through addiction struggles. Hernandez

said she has talked to a few troubled schoolmates. Teen input at the symposium also helped shape the Truth 208 campaign because, as the girls said, the drug culture has changed over the years. “It’s easier for kids to get over-the-counter drugs than to go to a meth dealer,” Hernandez said. “It’s easier to be involved with pills.” Steinmetz said she believes the Truth 208 campaign will touch more lives and have a broader effect than its parent organization, the Idaho Meth Project. Steinmetz and Hernandez agreed that there is a drug problem at their high school, but there are also ways to avoid it. “You have to surround yourself with people that have bigger aspirations than dropping out of school and doing drugs and hanging with that community,” Hernandez said. Another Homedale student, Antonio Reyes, helped with an Idaho Prevention Project community forum Tuesday night in Marsing as part of his Senior Project on drug awareness. Reneau is Reyes’ project mentor, and said his role Tuesday was setting up for the event at the middle school and greeting attendees. That also served as part of the job shadow component of his Senior Project. “I have a family member who does drugs, and it makes me want to talk to people about it,” Reyes said. The son of Refugio Reyes and Maria Stritesky developed and distributed a flier to promote today’s Truth 208 presentation. — JPB



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Death notice

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Oct. 21: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar, milk
- Oct. 22: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar, milk
- Oct. 26: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar, milk
- Oct. 27: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar, milk
- Oct. 28: Pork burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

- Oct. 21: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar, milk
- Oct. 22: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar, milk
- Oct. 26: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar, milk
- Oct. 27: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans, fruit & salad bar, milk
- Oct. 28: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit & salad bar, milk

Homedale High

- Oct. 21: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Oct. 22: Enchilada or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Oct. 26: Chicken stir fry w/rice & egg roll or rib-b-que, fortune cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Oct. 27: Chicken tenders, roll & butter/herb potatoes or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Oct. 28: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

- Oct. 21: Spaghetti, Italian breadstick, beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar & soup
- Oct. 22: Chicken fried steak, oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, wheat roll, salad bar & soup
- Oct. 26: Chicken nuggets, wheat roll, fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup
- Oct. 27: Spicy chicken w/rice, wheat roll, super nacho, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup
- Oct. 28: Rib-b-que sandwich, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Oct. 21: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll/jelly, fruit, milk
- Oct. 22: Taco soup, romaine salad, fruit, cornbread, milk
- Oct. 23: BBQ pork/bun, sweet potato fries, fresh cauliflower, fruit, milk
- Oct. 27: Mac attack, salad w/romaine, steamed carrots, fruit, milk
- Oct. 28: Orange chicken, stir fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit, milk

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Donald Ray Dobbin

Donald Ray Dobbin was born in Caldwell, Idaho in 1935. His Father, Dale and Mother Norma were starting a farming implement business in Marsing, Idaho. Don grew up in Marsing and graduated from Marsing High School in 1953. He went to college for a short time at the University of Idaho and eventually enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Don served his country as a Petty Officer in the Atlantic, and had toured throughout Europe and the Middle East during his service years.

He met Betty McNaboe, his first wife, during naval time in New York City. They married in 1959 and moved to Marsing to join his parent’s business. Don worked there for a few years and had four children: Tammy, Cathy, Philip & Sean. The Dobbin Family then, moved to Chehalis, Washington, where Don took a management position with Purina Feed Store. Don eventually took interest in the Insurance Business, and the family moved to Aberdeen, Washington in 1969. There Don & Betty had their fifth child Steve.

Don continued with the



Insurance Business until he was introduced to Real Estate. Don thrived in the Real Estate & property management business until his death.

Don was an avid reader, loved belonging to the Elks Lodge and was a volunteer for many community and church events.

Don married his second wife Barbara Dewess in 1995. They joyously shared their lives and families throughout their 20 years together. In addition to living on

the Harbor (Grays Harbor), they both were attracted to the desert environment and community of Palm Springs, California. They spent many seasons in: Aberdeen, Mason Lake and Palm Springs until his death on 10/9/2015. Don will be dearly missed by his family, coworkers, community and many, many others. Don unfortunately suffered from lung disease that ultimately took him from us all. Don was 80 years old at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Dewess Dobbin, his sister Judy Malmberg and her husband Bob, daughter Tammy Fahlstrom and her husband Terry, daughter Cathy Dobbin, son Philip Dobbin and his wife Vicki and his granddaughters Molli and Emily; son Sean Dobbin and his wife Keri, grandson Conor and granddaughter Kate, son Steve Dobbin and his wife Toni, grandson Scott, stepdaughter Jennifer Cotton and her husband Curt and granddaughters Grace and Megan.

Funeral arrangements & celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Wayne Ridley



Wayne Ridley passed away peacefully on October 13, 2015, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. Wayne was born in Rush Springs, Oklahoma on Nov. 7, 1930 to Grover and Maud Ridley. Wayne farmed, ranched, picked cotton, drove truck, worked in the oil field and ran moonshine. Wayne enjoyed to rodeo with his brothers any time he could get away.

In 1951 he married Marlene Brumback. On Jan. 7, 1956 Wayne and Marlene moved from Oklahoma to Grand View, with their two small children along with his parents and started a small farm on the Elmore County side of the river. He milked cows, raised pigs, and grew crops. He started doing custom work along with farming and ranching.

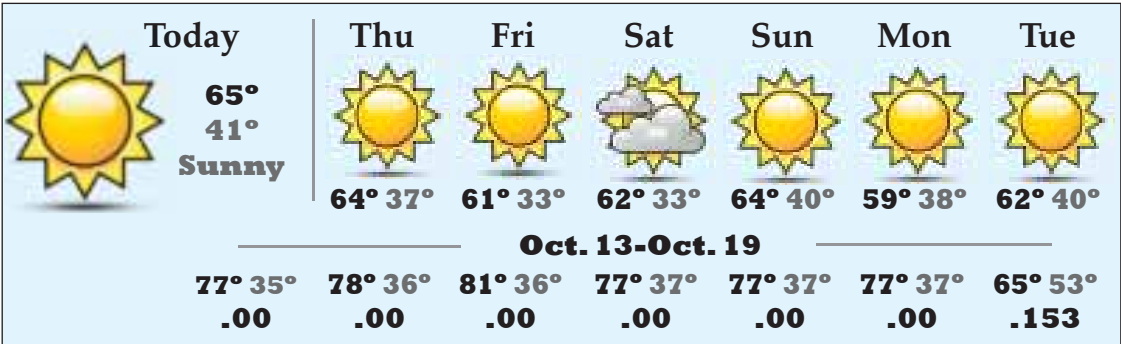
As his farming and ranching grew so did his family. Over the years they added 3 more sons to their family. Wayne and his boys have been doing Custom Work for many years. Wayne served on the

great-grandkids grow up.

Wayne was survived by his wife Marlene, son Cecil Ridley, daughter Vicki and her husband Richard Theodozio, son Buster Ridley, son Ron Ridley and his wife Shawna all of Grand View, sisters Ruby Roberson of Nampa and Dora Rogers of Grand View, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by his sons Ralph Harl, Bill and an infant, his parents, 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

There was a viewing on Monday Oct. 19, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at Rimrock High School, the funeral service began at 10:00 a.m. and graveside services followed at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

The family requests that donations be made to the Grand View Ambulance, PO Box 191, Grand View, ID 83624.



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 2 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 110 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 11 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 17,331 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — Weather gathered from Helena Chemical Co., Homedale.

Calendar

Today
Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Idaho Prevention Project presentation
11:35 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., TRUTH 208: Straight Talk About Medicine Abuse, general public welcome, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
After-school program
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
Kid’s Club
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432
Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kindergarten through sixth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

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

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
TOPS meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday
Homedale mobile food pantry
10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
HHS Drama Club Spook Alley
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$5, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Saturday
Homedale farmers market
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., old high school gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440.

Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
Fall bonfire and yard sale
4 p.m., merchandise accepted, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-2461
Halloween at the HUB
4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. All ages. Party includes chili feed, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest. (208) 896-4634
HHS Drama Club Spook Alley
7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Sunday
Young Life meeting
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 794-1048

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

Tuesday
Fit and fall exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Homedale Chamber meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271
Senior center pinochle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays
After-school Story Time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Kindergarteners through third-graders. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday
Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
County P&Z hearings
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2
Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
After-school program
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
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Gradual weaning may cut calf stress

Weaning is a stressful time for calves. They undergo nutritional, environmental, and psychological changes to which they must adjust. Respiratory and digestive problems are the most frequent issues associated with weaning stress. Weaning method can affect the stress calves experience.



Scott Jensen

Generally, weaning methods are grouped into two broad categories. These are abrupt and gradual separation. Abrupt separation is a fairly common practice in the beef industry. This method is characterized by 1) cows and calves being separated; 2) cows and calves being placed in separate, distant, well-fenced pastures/paddocks/pens; and 3) cows and calves not being allowed to have contact during/after the weaning process. Gradual separation includes options such as fence-line weaning, creep weaning, and nursing prevention. With each of these options, cows and calves are allowed to have contact during the

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weaning process. Researchers over the years have examined the levels of stress associated with abrupt separation and gradual separation weaning methods. The results indicate that calves weaned by the fence-line method (gradual separation) spent less time bawling and less time walking than calves that were separated and weaned away from their dams (abrupt separation). The fence-line weaned calves also spent more time eating and lying down than the calves that were separated and placed in a drylot. Except for vocalizations, fence-line weaned calves exhibited very similar behaviors to non-weaned control calves. Researchers have also examined a two-step weaning procedure that helps reduce the stress of weaning. This two-step procedure involves the prevention of nursing while the cows and calves are still together. The prevention of nursing is accomplished by the calf wearing a lightweight, plastic, anti-suckling device (Step 1). A few days later (approximately a week), the cows and calves are separated (Step 2), with little disturbance to their normal be-

havior. Results from this work show that during the first week following weaning, calves weaned according to the two-step method had greater average daily gains than calves weaned traditionally (abrupt separation). The “two-step” weaned calves spent 25 percent more time at the hay feeders than traditionally weaned calves. In addition, during the first four days following weaning, calves weaned according to the two-step method bawled (called for their mothers) 85 percent less and walked 80 percent less than calves weaned traditionally. Weaning method clearly has an effect on the level of stress that calves exhibit during the weaning process. Some beef producers use weaning time to perform other management practices (castration, dehorning, vaccination, etc.). Care should be taken to ensure that these practices are performed prior to weaning to alleviate some of the calves’ stress.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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TIMBER IN OWYHEE – An impression prevails abroad that one great drawback, in this camp, is a lack of timber. To all thus impressed, we desire to say, you are mistaken. The fact that wood and lumber sells at high figures is not attributable to the scarcity of lumber, nor its distance from where it is wanted. Wood and lumber are sold in this market, and will be for ten years to come, at a small advance on the cost of cutting. Take the say so of a man just emerged from the forests of Maine or Minnesota, and probably it would be that the article in question is scarce here. Timber for fuel, building and mining purposes is plenty and close at hand in Owyhee County now, and will be for ten years to come. The greatest item of cost during this time will be that of cutting.

THE GRAND JURY recommend that the citizens of Silver build a Lockup for the accommodation of intoxicated and disorderly individuals. We doubt whether they will see it in the light, as they generally manage to meet the emergency by throwing up a temporary enclosure for the reception of the subject. For instance, on last Saturday night all the wagon-boxes and cordwood in the town was brought into requisition for the construction of temporary lock-ups. When “the boys” ascertain that a subject is of “no more use to himself,” they put him under a wagon-box and pile wood on top of it until the subject is considered secure. Sometimes a simple structure of cord-wood is deemed sufficient. One of the victims Saturday night, at the upper end of town, was loud in his appeals to be let loose; he swore he was a peaceable citizen, but it was all in vain – he had to freeze it through till morning. The idea of such a mode of shutting a man up is ridiculous enough. The citizens seem very well satisfied with this manner of sobering off the troublesome fellow, and it is doubtful if they can be prevailed upon to go to any extra expense in building a Lockup, while wagon-boxes and cord-wood are in abundance and convenient.

FROM PRESENT APPEARANCES, we should judge the denizens of Silver City and vicinity are getting pretty well prepared for their hibernation during the coming winter; at least, we have noticed several large pack-trains bound that way the present week, and sundry loads of hay. The merchants are getting large supplies of new goods; mills, dwellings and business houses are being well supplied with wood, and everybody wear an air of content that betokens confidence in the future and a full stock of provisions on hand.

Making a calendar submission

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Above: Sage Creek southwest of Homedale was swollen by storm water Monday. **Below:** Rocks broke free from saturated earth but didn't reach the roadway during slides at mileposts 11 and 15 on U.S. 95.



✓ Storm: Rockslides, sinkhole reported

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy told dispatchers that a 4-foot-by-4-foot section of the road shoulder near the intersection of Old Bruneau Highway and Idaho highway 78 had given way. A truck apparently had run off the road because of the softened shoulder. No injuries were reported, and the deputy later told dispatch that a private party was able to retrieve the truck.

Monday morning, a man was able to extricate himself after floodwaters had pushed his vehicle into a tree near Wildhorse Lane in the Givens area. Sheriff Perry Grant said the man escaped injury.

Shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, Idaho Transportation Department crews were dealing with rock slides between mileposts 11 and 15 on U.S. Highway 95. Although deputies were dispatched for traffic control, lanes of travel remained relatively untouched by the debris.

Late Monday morning, NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts employees in Homedale were busy pumping standing water out of the gravel lot behind the business. Water from the lot, which is bordered on the south by East Wyoming Avenue had flooded part of the parts house's paved parking lot.

City workers also dealt with minor flooding at the



Brandon DeMond, left, and Bret Nielson set up a pump and generator to begin moving water out of the lot adjacent to NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts.

Homedale Municipal Airport on Monday morning.

Southwest of Homedale, waters raged near Sage Creek Road, temporarily cutting off access to at least one residence.

California woman faces charges after U.S. 95 traffic stop

Felony and misdemeanor drug charges have been filed against a woman after a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 outside Marsing.

Darlene Rogers, 55, of Portola, Calif., was arrested after an Idaho State Police trooper stopped the car she was driving at 11:20 a.m. last Wednesday at milepost 25 near Pershall Road. Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Jeff Wasson was dispatched to assist the ISP trooper.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said the officers found methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. Law enforcement officials also recovered \$1,693 in cash.

A minor child also was in the car with Rogers, resulting in a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver with a child present.

Rogers was booked into the Owyhee County jail in Murphy.

She also faces another felony for meth possession, and three misdemeanors for possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use and marijuana possession.

Rogers was released after posting a \$25,000 bond. Her preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m., Monday before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

— SC

Several charges for Mountain Home man after DUI arrest

An Elmore County resident is accused of four misdemeanors after he was arrested Friday night.

Richard Roa Jr., 30, of Mountain Home faces charges of excessive driving under the influence, driving without privileges, possession of an open container, and resisting or obstructing an officer.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said Deputy Larry Kendrick was on routine patrol about 7:30 p.m., when he spotted a car driving erratically on Idaho highway 78 in front of Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School outside Bruneau.

Grant said after Roa failed a field sobriety test Kendrick took him into custody. Grant also said the charge of resisting or obstructing was issued because Roa repeatedly tried to hug Kendrick during his investigation.

Tests showed Roa's blood-alcohol level to be .26 and .255, or more than three times the legal limit, Grant said.

Criminal Magistrate Court Clerk Jamie Wylie said Roa entered a guilty plea at his Monday arraignment. Roa is out on bail. He has been appointed a public defender and will be back in court at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 23 for a pre-trial hearing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Marsing man accused of driving drunk

A traffic stop at the Marsing Labor Camp on Saturday night ended with a DUI charge.

Grant said Deputy Terry McGrew pulled over Adolfo Alvarez, 43, of Marsing, at 11:39 p.m., on Saturday.

Grant said Alvarez failed a standard field sobriety test and was taken to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Tests showed Alvarez had a blood-alcohol level of .084 and .088, or just over the legal limit of .08.

He was released from custody after posting bond of \$500.

Wylie said Alvarez will appear in the County Magistrate Courtroom in Homedale because the arrest happened within the city limits of Marsing. Alvarez will be arraigned at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

MRW firefighters douse blaze south of Murphy

Five acres burned, but no structures were threatened, during a brush fire south of Murphy last week.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District volunteers were dispatched at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 for the fire, which burned an area off Rabbit Creek Road.

Eight firefighters responded, and MRW equipment included at Type 4 truck, two Type 6 trucks and a 2,000-gallon wildland tender, according to district public information officer Louis Monson.

MRW crews cleared the call at about 7 p.m.

Sprinkles can't dampen Hwy. 78 disaster benefit



Clockwise from top left:
Dave Barr puts in a bid for Wilson resident Bill Lacy's "Hillbilly Picasso" stone sculpture of a Harley-Davidson during Saturday's third annual Highway 78 Community Disaster Relief benefit at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.
Destiny Mackenzie, 10, leads Marsing FFA member Cody Rhodes in a hoppity-horse race.
Christopher Even, front, methodically moves to the beat of the music in a cake walk.
Car buffs chat while standing next to their classic rides at the show and shine.
Noah Shearer, 5, of Eagle makes a winning toss in the Beanie Baby throw. He was at the event with his grandparents, John and Kitty Purvis of Marsing.

Cowgirl Tea celebrates western women's spirit

RSVP by today for Saturday's event at museum in Murphy

A Murphy horsewoman will serve as keynote speaker for the Cowgirl Tea on Saturday.

Today is the last day to RSVP for the event scheduled for the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Murphy resident Tish Lewis and other Treasure Valley cowgirls will make presentations during the Cowgirl Tea, which organizer Carol Huffman has put together

to celebrate the spirit of cowgirls of old and promote their legacy to the modern cowgirl.

"This is not just a celebration of yesterday's cowgirls," Huffman writes in a press release. "It is meant to inspire today's cowgirls wherever they ride — from bank desk to livestock pen — and provide them an opportunity to make 'her-story.'"

Huffman said the event is geared to celebrate cowgirls' independence, confidence, fearlessness and determination.

The Cowgirl Tea starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday and costs \$10. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the museum.

A native of England, Lewis will share her "Owyhee County Love Story," according to

a flyer announcing the Cowgirl Tea.

After the tea, the group will tour the museum, which includes the Northwest's largest bit and spur collection. The collection has more than 400 items.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Huffman at (208) 467-6374 or (208) 989-3267.

Huffman said one of her inspirations for the tea was Ethyle and Juanita Parry. The twin sisters rode in Bill Cody's Wild West show in the early 1900s, and Huffman used a photo of the women with a flyer advertising the tea.

Huffman said she will also mention the Parry sisters in her presentation Saturday.

"When they rode for Buffalo Bill Cody's

show, he nicknamed them the 'Cossack Girls' because they performed the same reckless and daring horsemanship feats as the Cossack calvary men," Huffman said.

Huffman's husband also was inspired by old-time cowgirls when he put together a drill team called "Spirits of the West." Each girl studied an old-time cowgirl and took on her persona when performing. Huffman said most of the girls went on to write essays and give speeches about the women they studied for college courses and rodeo queen competitions.

"It is that experience and my own Montana cowboy roots that is the reason I am hosting this Cowgirl Tea," Huffman said.

— JPB



Homedale Public Library board of directors representatives are scheduled to discuss buying this building and the land on which it sits east of the library with the city council Thursday.

Homedale council members put on P&Z hats for public hearing

Library board to float land purchase idea at Thursday meeting

The Homedale City Council has a busy night dealing with planning and zoning issues Thursday. Homedale Public Library board members also will be on hand to discuss the possible purchase of the parcel immediately to the east of the library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The city council meeting starts at 6 p.m. Thursday inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. During their second meeting of October, council members will hold a public hearing about a proposed residential apartment in a commercial zone and possibly approve another business' plan to

use a modular building. The public hearing for Tom Gaskins' special use permit to turn the old Cahill Oil Co. office at 11 W. Idaho Ave., into a residential apartment begins the meeting. The building housed Joyce's Creations until the business closed Saturday. The council will discuss the permit after the hearing, and members could make a decision immediately after the hearing. After staff reports, the council will discuss Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation's temporary use permit. OHR wants to set up a modular unit at 108 W. Owyhee Ave. to provide space for an employee office and break room. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said that the city's zoning ordinance doesn't require a public hearing for a temporary use permit. The library board is bringing

forward the idea of buying the property at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., which is just east of the public library. Pegram said board members wanted to come before the council to discuss the move after it was discovered that the property owner could be putting the parcel on the market. An older white building now stands on the property. Also up for discussion Thursday is Terry Reilly Health Clinic's idea to close the first block of South 1st Street East as a safety precaution during the Safe 'n' Sane Halloween event on Friday, Oct. 30. Pegram said TRHS officials believe closing the block would improve pedestrian safety in the afternoon hours when costumed children are trick-or-treating at downtown businesses.

— JPB

Homedale must move water pipe for bridge project on Idaho 19

ITD to replace Succor Creek span next year

The state's plan to replace a bridge has put a new task on the City of Homedale's plate. Idaho Transportation Department officials told city council members last Wednesday that the water line near the Succor Creek bridge must be moved in enough time not to interfere with replacement of the span that carries Idaho highway 19 west of town. The state agency plans to replace the bridge next year, and ITD design technician Kyle Arnzen said the city could be held financially responsible if work to move the pipe delays the bridge project. Arnzen said the bridge replacement project could begin as early as March, which means the city has a very short timeline to complete work that Riedesel Engineering Inc. principal Marty Gergen told council members could take two to three months. The city water line must be moved because the state plans to install riprap in the area where the pipe runs near Succor Creek now. The force of the installation could sever the water line if it remained in the same location, Arnzen said. City public works supervisor Bret Smith told The Owyhee Avalanche that the relocation project, which entails boring under the creekbed, could cost about \$85,000. He said the city has the

money in the budget, but that the expenditure could force delays on other projects. The city also plans to hire its own contractor rather than have ITD do the pipe relocation. Arnzen said that would save Homedale money because the city wouldn't have to pay higher Davis-Bacon wages that are required with state projects. Gergen said the project timeline could be shortened if the city is able to piggyback on existing environmental studies the state already has carried out. Arnzen and colleague Muhammad Zubery said they would check into the possibility of using existing documents. An update is planned at Thursday's council meeting. "I'm fairly optimistic, from what I understand, that there is at least an 80 percent chance we can piggyback on ITD's environmental study," Gergen said. Gergen said there is less urgency with starting the process now than if the city was just getting the ball rolling a month from now. The Succor Creek bridge will be replaced in two phases, Zubery said. The southern portion of the bridge will be replaced first, leaving a 16-foot lane on the north side for two-way traffic. An automatic signal light will be set up to alternate eastbound and westbound vehicles. Upon completion, the new bridge will be 40 feet wider, which is broader than the current span, Arnzen said.

— JPB

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

(Milk available every day)

- Oct. 21: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, broccoli, bread
- Oct. 22: Salisbury steak w/onions mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, bread
- Oct. 27: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, bread
- Oct. 28: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, bread

Rimrock Senior Center

(Milk and juice available every day)

- Oct. 22: Meatball stroganoff w/noodles, Brussels sprouts, strawberry shortcake
- Oct. 27: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll, banana pudding
- Oct. 28: Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, devils jello.

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Marsing substitute teachers will see bigger paychecks

District searches for architect to be ready for possible future growth

All Marsing School District substitute teachers are now taking home more money when they are called into a classroom.

Marsing trustees approved a pay increase as a way to attract substitutes during their Oct. 13 board meeting.

“We, like everybody else, are having such a difficult time getting substitute teachers,” district business manager Deb Holzhey said.

District officials conducted a survey of what seven other districts in the surrounding area are paying substitutes. All of the other districts were paying more than Marsing’s old rate for substitutes.

Marsing had been paying \$55 per day for classified substitutes, and \$60 per day for certified substitutes. The classified category is for people who don’t have a teaching certificate.

“It was raised to \$70 a day, either classified or certified,” Holzhey said. “Long-term, on the 11th day, it would go to \$80 a day,

but that’s not (retroactive). They sub for 10 days at \$70 a day, and then if it’s longer, then on the 11th day they would get paid \$80 going forward.”

The pay increase is effective immediately, and Holzhey added that the district only has one or two certified teachers on its substitute list, and 25 classified substitutes.

The district has \$20,000 set aside to pay substitute teachers at all grade levels during the 2015-16 school year. Holzhey thinks that will be enough to last through May, but the district could move general fund money into the substitute teaching budget line if it becomes necessary.

“If we have somebody who goes out that long term, we can’t plan it, so we do the best we can,” Holzhey said.

Trustees also considered a legal notice and a request for qualifications to retain an architect to plan for future growth.

Holzhey said district officials

have been looking at where their growth projections are.

“The middle school right now is at 231 kids. It’s getting a little crowded,” Holzhey said. “Is there a way to either add onto an existing building, rather than building brand new?”

In case that needs to happen, the district is starting the process of finding a qualified architect.

“So that’s what we were asking the board to review, a legal notice and a request for qualifications, should we decide to do that,” Holzhey said.

School board trustees are looking for a proposal from a qualified design team to provide comprehensive architectural or engineering services, and district officials are asking for qualifications to prove specifics about the team’s experience.

To be considered, proposals must be received by 3 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 9.

Holzhey emphasized that there are no proposals to act on this in the next two years, and the district simply considers this to be part of long-range planning.

— SC



Husky PRIDE award

Dana Jo McGee, sophomore

Parents: Kirk and Traci McGee

Teacher Lennie Freeman’s nomination: “Homecoming week is always an incredible busy time, and student council members are expected to step up and organize, help and run the week. Although Dana Jo is not in student council, she volunteered to help decorate for the dance, organizing events and stepped up and lent a hand when she was not expected to do so.

“She is an intelligent, driven young lady that is very responsible — inside and outside of school. A perfect candidate for the Husky PRIDE award this week, and she should be recognized.”



The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for “Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/Everywhere.”

Homedale Public Library to host holiday gift-making class

A class at Homedale Public Library will help folks give personalized, meaningful hand-made gifts straight out of their kitchen this holiday season.

The class, titled Safe Gifts from the Kitchen, takes place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Thursday, Oct. 29 is the deadline to register for the class, which is being presented by the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

The class is free but donations to the Homedale Public Library are welcome.

Library director Sharla Jensen said the class will give participants ideas for easy, fun, delicious gifts for friends, family and neighbors. She also said it will include information on creating place settings and simple activities for Thanksgiving feasts.

The class will involve a hands-

on activity, and attendees will leave with something that they can make at home.

To sign up for the class, call the library at (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday, or call the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing at (208) 896-4104.

People can also register for the class by stopping by the library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

In other library news, the book for Friday’s Story Time will be “Oh, the Thinks You Can Think,” by Dr. Seuss. Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., and there will also be snacks and music, and children will create their own pirate maps to a dream destination.

This is also national “Get away at your library.” After Story Time, participants will enter a raffle to win a children’s book.

A haunted Halloween party is scheduled for Friday’s Teens and

Tweens program. It will start at 4 p.m. and will include a costume contest, take-home goody bags and games.

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School staff turnover noticeable

Homedale transportation chief struggles to find substitute bus drivers

Each month, Homedale school trustees deal with personnel matters, but in recent years there seems to be more turnover than usual.

Since the 2014-15 school year, 27 teachers and one registrar have left the district's employ. In that same time, the district has hired 29 people as replacements or for new positions.

According to a list provided by the school district, many of the teachers either retired or left for reasons not related to the profession. Since 2014-15, there have been eight retirements and about seven teachers who quit for various non-professional reasons, such as staying home with their children or relocating closer to home.

The district has lost a lot of experience with the turnover. Longtime art teacher Katy Belanger left prior to this school year to take a similar job at Middleton High School. Elementary physical education teacher Dan Moore, another stalwart in the district, now teaches in Meridian. In the 2014-15 school year, science teacher Mark Weekes resigned and took an education job closer

to his Gem County home.

Ahead of the 2015-16 school year, Kelly Schamber left her middle school teaching post to become Kuna Middle School's principal.

In many instances, the district was able to replace the veterans with teachers with long tenures, such as ag teacher Sue Poland to succeed Lori Idsinga and Angie Swallow and Brady Swallow coming on board this year.

Now, the personnel issues seem to be creeping into other areas.

Transportation and maintenance director Tom Muir is dealing with a shortage of substitute bus drivers. District superintendent Rob Sauer said Thursday that the district is still looking for a substitute driver and ideally would like to have a pool of subs.

"We're not alone," Sauer said. "It's all over the state and the country, the challenge of finding regular drivers and substitute drivers."

The bottom line, Sauer says, is there aren't enough certified drivers to go around.

Because of the struggle to find substitute drivers, the school board has approved a guaranteed minimum salary of \$400 per month for a sub. They'll get paid whether they're driving or waiting to be called.

"But in reality that driver will earn that money," Sauer said. "If we ever find a substitute driver, there will be enough sub routes or activities to earn that."

Sauer said the district would like to have at least two substitute

drivers on hand. Those two would essentially replace drivers who recently left.

"One left to drive during the harvest, and the other left for another opportunity," Sauer said. "We could get the one back once the harvest is over."

Muir and maintenance employee Dan Parrill have been picking up the slack.

"The thing about Tom filling in is he has a list of things to do that's so long he doesn't have time to do those other things," Sauer said.

Some coaches also are kicking around the idea to obtain their commercial driver's license with a passenger endorsement. Those coaches with CDLs would drive the bus to their games and be paid appropriate bus driver wages for the seat time, Sauer said.

Sauer said hiring a substitute or using qualified district employees is cheaper and more efficient than contracting with an outside firm.

The cost for a contracted bus driver is about \$40 hour, and the district would have to pay the company for the miles their employee travels to and from an assignment, also called "dead miles."

Even then, Sauer said, it's difficult to find drivers.

"We have tried to call, but for one trip they had no drivers available," he said. "That's another challenge."

Homedale has approximately 10 full-time drivers who earn between \$10.30 and \$15.14 per hour, depending on their experience. Sauer said hours vary depending on whether the driver takes activity routes or drives in the morning or afternoon.

— JPB

Homedale schools fund balance tops \$1M at year's end

Pensions, bonds make up bulk of liabilities

The Homedale School District ended the 2014-15 school year with a general fund balance of more than \$1.1 million.

The board of trustees accepted the audit report from Caldwell-based Millington Zwygart CPAs during its Oct. 12 meeting.

The audit actually shows a fund balance of more than \$1.2 million, but district superintendent Rob Sauer said that does not reflect more than \$100,000 that the district has to hold in a copier reserve fund.

Sauer said the audit report looked "good."

The ending general fund balance of \$1.2 million reflected in the audit represented a nearly \$400,000 draw-down from the balance with which the district began the most recently completed fiscal year.

According to the audit, the school district received nearly \$6 million in state funding last year, and property taxes accounted for more than \$917,000 in revenue. The district also received about \$1 million in grants.

Meanwhile, educational services, such as instruction, support services and food service, accounted for more than \$7.5 million of the district's \$8.1 million in expenditures. Another \$392,000 was spent on district debt, and capital outlays for infrastructure repairs amounted to nearly \$198,000.

The district showed total assets of nearly \$8.5 million and liabilities of nearly \$4.6 million, including \$2.4 million in pension and pension-related items. Liabilities also included \$350,000 in bonds that are payable within one year and another \$750,000 in bond debt payable in more than one year.

School trustees also learned that the district will have to put out some equipment funds to replace a 30-year-old Genie Lift that the maintenance department uses to replace gymnasium lights and do other work at heights. Transportation and maintenance director Tom Muir told the board that lift is too outdated to repair or refurbish and that a new one will cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

HES teacher honored

Tammy Glaser received October's Award of Excellence at last week's meeting. The first-grade

teacher was nominated by her Homedale Elementary School colleagues. HES principal Terri Vasquez called Glaser "an extraordinary teacher" in her introduction before sharing the views of some of school's teachers:

Teri Uria — "I have always been impressed with Tammy's excitement for teaching. In the past I have watched Tammy with her students and been very impressed with how she handles the students. Now that I am working closer to first grade, I see first-hand Tammy's teaching abilities. She has high expectations for her students but is a gentle teacher that shows kids that she cares about them and their learning. I have learned different techniques for first graders by hearing Tammy work with her students. She is truly an amazing teacher and I see progress in her students since the beginning of the school year."

Rebekah Jenkins — "Tammy has been a great mentor to me for my first two years as a teacher. She works hard with her students, and knows how to push them to their full potential without them getting too frustrated. Tammy always has a positive attitude throughout the day."

Marcie Coffman — "Tammy does such a great job preparing the first-graders for the upper grades. She keeps learning fun for the students. We are very fortunate to have her at our school."

Angela Correa — "Tammy is always quick to notice if a student is struggling. She advocates for her students and for all the first-graders to get them the support and services they need. She thinks so clearly and carefully about the students' progress, and often spends extra time working out the details of service with other staff members."

Robyn Chandler — "Smooth, seems like an odd word, but every time I see Tammy she walks and talks in such a smooth manner. It gives me immediate comfort, so I can imagine what it does for her students, parents, and teammates. Her dedication to the students is sincere, and we are fortunate to have her as part of our Homedale team."

Vasquez — "She is meticulous in her planning for her students and always creates fun activities. I was able to watch her class measure potatoes using a variety of 'units' such as beans, paper clips, and blocks. She teaches her students skills in collaboration, teamwork, responsibility, and accountability."

— JPB

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Viewing the audit

The school district's audit is available online through the district's latest meeting agenda at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1001218&mk=50176004>.

Homedale Chamber gets into holiday spirit

Trick-or-treating, parade discussion at next meeting

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will highlight plans for the Homedale for the Holidays Night Light Parade during next week’s meeting. The Chamber meets at noon, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W. Chamber president Gavin Parker said finalizing details for the Night Light Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28, is a priority because the Chamber will only meet one more time

before the holiday event. “It will be really to firm up plans for the holiday parade,” Parker said. “It will be to update everyone on the progress of the additional fundraiser, the chili feed.” The fundraiser will benefit the Homedale Middle School, the cost is \$5 for a bowl of chili with all the fixings. If you are able to help serve, or donate utensils or condiments, contact Lindsay Love at (208) 989-5139 for more information. The theme of this year’s parade is “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” At the conclusion of the parade, the city Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held in Bette Uda City Park.

Parker said the chili feed and a bonfire after the tree lighting will tentatively be held in the freshmen parking lot at the high school, but organizers are still waiting for approval from the school district. The gravel parking lot is located on North 3rd Street East in the northeast corner of the high school campus. The Chamber could also wrap up any final items concerning the annual Homedale Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween community trick-or-treating, but Parker said they nearly have everything finished for the event. It will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday Oct. 30. Children will trick-or-treat at businesses displaying an orange paper

Jack O’ Lantern in the window. Business owners can still pick up those paper Jack O’ Lanterns at City Hall. Parker also said he expects representatives from Terry Reilly Health Services to attend Tuesday’s meeting. The Terry Reilly Homedale Clinic at 108 E. Idaho is planning a Fall Health Festival from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday Oct. 30. Free activities for children will include face painting and pumpkin decorating. Terry Reilly physicians, and staff will also offer blood pressure checks, glucose checks and flu shots for adults. — SC

Anyone can still register to vote at polls

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell has clarified the Election Day voter registration process. Folks who have to make changes to their information such as new names or addresses can still register at their polling place to vote in the Nov. 3 election, but they’ll have to submit a new voter registration card to the county clerk’s office to ensure that any changes made on Election Day will be on the permanent record. Early registration is closed for Nov. 3, but people can still register at the polls on Election Day.



From left: Students Angel Villa Ojeda, Lexie Heck and Lita Thomas enjoy the new slide at Homedale Elementary School. This year’s Homedale PTO fundraiser will help recoup the cost of replacing the old slide, which was vandalized. Submitted photo

Homedale PTO fall carnival to replace Santa Brunch

There are changes coming to one of the largest fundraisers benefitting Homedale Elementary School. The HES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has announced that a fall carnival will replace Santa Brunch. The carnival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, and will feature games, food and a raffle, according to a Facebook post announcing the decision at the group’s Sept. 15 meeting. According to PTO member Camille Heck, the school support group decided a fall carnival would be easier for the community


to support because it won’t be held near Christmas. The switch of the Chamber of Commerce’s Homedale for the Holidays parade to a night light parade and away from the corresponding Saturday of Santa Brunch also facilitated the change, Heck said. The PTO is looking for donations and volunteers to help with the fall carnival. Proceeds from the carnival will help recoup the cost of replacing elementary school playground equipment that was vandalized. The PTO also is continuing its drive for technology upgrades in the classrooms.

Dress-up themes abound for Homedale’s Red Ribbon Week

Homedale students are preparing to mark National Red Ribbon Week. The drug awareness activities will be held Monday through Thursday, Oct. 28 at the high school and middle school and Monday through next Wednesday at the elementary school. Students at each school will dress to a different theme each. The high school schedule includes: • Monday — “Put Drugs to Rest” with students wearing pajamas • Tuesday — “Give the Boot to Drugs” with students wearing their favorite boots • Next Wednesday — “Drugs are a Trick not a Treat” with a Halloween-themed dress-up day • Thursday, Oct. 29 — “Be Red-y to Say No to Drugs” with students wearing as much red as possible Also on Oct. 29, the Sauer

family will present their “Put It Down” assembly to educate students on the dangers of texting and driving. The high school’s Sources of Strength peer leaders group is organizing all the events during Red Ribbon Week, according to HHS student services specialist Debbie Flaming. There are four days of observance at the middle school, as announced by first-year counselor Brooke Winston. • Monday — “I Will Put a Stop to Drugs” with students wearing red clothing. • Tuesday — “I am my own Hero by being Drug Free” with students dressing as their favorite well-known or made-up super hero. • Next Wednesday — “I’m too Bright for Drugs” with bright or neon-colored clothing being the order of the day. • Thursday, Oct. 29 — “I’m at

the Top of my Game” with boys and girls wearing Trojans gear or clothing from their favorite college or professional sports team. At the elementary school, boys and girls will wear pink for Hap-pig-ly Drug Free dress-up day on Monday. The theme plays off this year’s acronym for building rules. OINK stands for “Organize,” “I’m Responsible,” “Need Respect” and “Keep Safe.” On Tuesday, it’s “Hats Off to Drug-free Life” with boys and girls wearing their favorite hats. Next Wednesday’s theme, “Say Boo to Drugs,” allows students to wear their Halloween costumes in preparation for their class Halloween parties which take place that day. HES counselor Randee Garrett is in the midst of the first week of a two-week drug awareness lesson plan. — JPB



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Homedale church plans fall bonfire, “free” yard sale

First Presbyterian accepting items folks can use

The First Presbyterian Church of Homedale is having a yard sale Saturday, but you won’t see any price tags or a cash box. The church’s youth group will hold a bon fire and hot dog roast, and church officials decided to include what they’re calling a “free yard sale.” The event starts at 4 p.m. at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W. There will be several items available for people who can use them, according to Carolyn Rees, who is helping the church get the word out about the event. No money will exchange hands during the yard sale, which is inspired by a similar event the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes on the Duck Valley Reservation hold,

Rees said. “We really want to provide supplies to people needing basics as well as the usual things found at yard sales,” Rees said. Community members who have items cluttering up their garage and closets are invited to bring items to event, too. Items will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. today and Friday at the church, or folks can call to arrange pick-up of their unwanted items. Some of the items that will be available include clothes, bedding, flower pots, hoses, office supplies, books, stuffed animals, refrigerator containers, a boom box stereo and a Health Rider. The church is providing chips, drinks, salads and fixings for the roasted hot dogs. For more information on any aspect of the event, call or text Ben Cardenas at 337-2461. — JPB



Georgia Goodwin began her new job as Owyhee County 4-H coordinator last week.

New 4-H coordinator on the job

Georgia Goodwin brings years of experience as 4-H mom, leader

Owyhee County’s new 4-H coordinator had her first day in the Marsing office on Friday, but it wasn’t her first experience with the 4-H program. Georgia Goodwin spent the first couple days after her Oct. 13 hiring at a training seminar. She has been married to her husband Bob for 17 years, and the couple lives near Givens Hot Springs. They have two sons, Tristin, 19, who attends the University of Idaho, and Cole, 10, who is a student at Marsing Elementary School. Goodwin’s time with the 4-H program started with her oldest son. “He started showing swine, so we did the parent thing with Tristin for two or three years,” Goodwin said. Tristin began doing 4-H activities when he was 8 years old, and left during the ninth grade to start with FFA. His brother Cole got involved with 4-H at age 5. Goodwin has led the Reynolds 4-H club for about 10 years.

She also told The Owyhee Avalanche that right now, she is focusing on recruiting new leaders for the local 4-H program, finding volunteers, and creating more community involvement with the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office. Goodwin said she is prepared to be very busy with her new position “because there’s so many activities and stuff that go on throughout the year. It’s not just the fair.” Part of her first day in the office was spent working on the 2016 Owyhee County Fair, a process that she said is a yearlong effort. She added that she is thrilled about her new job. “I told folks here in the office, there’s those few people who are fortunate enough, and lucky enough to do something that they really enjoy doing, and I get to do that now.” The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners earlier this month set Goodwin’s pay rate at \$29,120 per year. She replaces Sarah Perkins, who resigned to spend more time with her children, and to do some substitute teaching in the Vallivue School District. — SC

Marsing FFA revives haunted greenhouse

The Marsing FFA chapter will get a jump on Halloween with its second annual Haunted House. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29. Volunteers will deck out the FFA greenhouse for the event. “Last year’s haunted house was really scary as the volunteer adults — Sara Hodges and her crew — did an awesome job,”

FFA chapter advisor Mike Martin said. Admission is \$3, and hot dogs, chips, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be available. Martin said the haunted house’s “fright level” will be adjusted to be age-appropriate. “If there is a group of younger children, it is announced ‘little ones,’ so the workers won’t them too badly,” he said.



Mechanized CPR device takes pressure off Marsing EMTs

The Marsing Ambulance Service has received some new life-saving equipment. Pete Smit said Marsing Ambulance received a mechanized cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) machine in the last week of September. The service bought the machine after the Board of County Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$14,863 from the hazardous materials fund. The Physio-Control LUCAS® 2 chest compression system is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions at a constant rate and depth to facilitate the return of spontaneous circulation. Smit told commissioners previously that having a LUCAS® 2 chest compression system will free rescuers to provide other

life-saving measures without the limitations or difficulties of manual CPR. About 15 Emergency Medical Technicians and drivers with Marsing Ambulance spent a couple of hours training with the device after it arrived. Smit was impressed with how the LUCAS® 2 system performed. “We’re extremely pleased with it. This kind of adds another crew member to our ambulance,” Smit said. “It just doesn’t get tired doing CPR.” Ada and Canyon County Ambulance both use the same LUCAS® 2 device. According to the manufacturer’s website, The LUCAS® 2 device delivers at least 100

compressions per minute with a depth of at least two inches. The website says the machine also allows for complete chest wall recoil after each compression. Another section of the manufacturer’s website states that the machine’s mechanically controlled compressions are able to sustain a higher blood flow to the brain and heart compared to manual compressions. Built by Sweden’s Physio-Control Inc., the LUCAS® 2 system is small and portable and can easily fit into a backpack. The machine comes with two batteries and can run for up to 40 minutes on a single charge. It comes with a three-year warranty. — SC

At left: Marsing Ambulance Service administrator Betty Ackerman shows off the service’s new mechanized cardiopulmonary resuscitation machine.

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HMS eighth-graders take time to read to children

Antziri Aviles makes eye contact with third-grader Allie Bell as she and fellow eighth-grader Joanna Sanchez read Thursday in Jamie Maher’s Homedale Elementary classroom. Kassady Damron, right, also listens to the story. Homedale Middle School students visited several classrooms to read their original fairy tales to the younger students.

HHS Drama presents another Spook Alley

A large group of participants behind the scenes could mean especially scary fun for folks attending the Homedale High School Drama Club’s Spook Alley. Club advisor DeAnn Thatcher reports that 40 students have signed up to take part in Spook Alley, which will run Friday and Saturday inside the school’s old gymnasium. “This brings wonderful ideas and many hands to do the work. Not to mention the opportunity for more spooking,” Thatcher said. Spook Alley opens at 7:30 p.m. each day. The event ends at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and 10 p.m. on Saturday Thatcher said the show closes a half-hour earlier on Friday because some of the “spookers” will take the ACT test Saturday morning. “If you like to get spooked, this is a perfect opportunity,” Thatcher said. Tickets are \$5 for two turns through Spook Alley. “That means that with a single ticket one person can go through the alley two times or they can bring a friend and go through once together,” Thatcher said. “Buy multiple tickets for multiplied fun.” Proceeds will help drama club actors as they prepare for their winter production. The drama club will present an adaptation of A Christmas Carol on Dec. 7-8. Mike Ferrians and Brenda Chapman wrote the adaptation. Thatcher said that Stacy Holton, a new math teacher at HHS, is helping the drama club this year and is supervising the backstage crew for the next production.

Marsing Sr. Center’s Halloween party open to all ages Saturday

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are invited to the Marsing Senior Center on Saturday. A fundraiser Halloween party will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the center at 218 Main St. Events during “Halloween at the HUB” will include a chili feed, a pumpkin decorating contest, and a costume contest. The cost of the chili feed will be \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family. If people choose to skip the chili feed, admission is free. Senior center events coordinator Sandy Hall said revenue from the chili feed will go into the center’s general fund for maintenance and upkeep on the building. The HUB is the name of one of two rooms at the center. The other is the Red Door Café, and the party will be held in both rooms. Last week, the center handed out pumpkins to be decorated for the contest. They must be returned by 4 p.m. Saturday for the judging. The pumpkin decorating contest is open to all ages. Each person up to age 17 returning a pumpkin to the center to be judged will receive a free chili dinner during the Halloween party. There will be prizes for the pumpkin and costume contests, but Hall said in an email that they have not decided on the exact prizes yet. She added that the categories for both the pumpkin and costume contests will be preschool age, elementary school age, middle school age and older, and adult. There will be one prize in each category. For more information about the Halloween party, contact the senior center at (208) 896-4634.

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Middle school sweeps SRV crowns



Homedale seventh-graders complete perfect season

Back row, from left: Dalton Strack, Blake Walker, Javier Gudino, Thomas Symms, Jase Lowder, Barton Strack, Jacob Ankeny, John Breshears, Tyson Dunn, Julian Bedolla, Jonathon Zamudio and Josiah Alvor. **Front row, from left:** Fabian Baez, Owen Houser, Skylr Badiola, Bowen Campbell, Tommy Muir, Keagan Christiansen, Dakota Grammel, Bryce Cornwall, Jace Love, Braden Christoffersen and Milo Mertz. Submitted photo



Eighth-graders exact revenge on Fruitland in championship game

Back row, from left: Coach Darren Uranga, Anthony Rodriguez, Michael Babcock, Brandon Chase, Mason Rountree, Gage Northrup, Karsen Frelove, Arnulfo Llamas, Jacob Collett, Brandon Koberlein, coach Tony Uranga and coach Dan Collett.

Front row, from left: Noe Albor, Ricardo Hernandez, Brady Trout, Jaslin Valenzuela, Spencer Fisher, Daniel Uranga, Oscar Maravilla, Carlos Nuñez, Nelson Lomeli and Caleb Vargas. Submitted photo **For more on the championships, see Page 3B.**

Trojans regroup, throttle Panthers

Homedale locks up 3A SRV No. 2 playoff seed

Homedale High School's emotional watershed washed out Parma in Friday's Milk Jug Game.

Awash in frustration after seeing their perfect season end, the Trojans unloaded on the Panthers, scoring on their first seven possessions for a 55-0 domination that locked up the 3A Snake River Valley conference's No. 2 seed into the 3A state playoffs.

— See *Trojans*, page 5B

JV knocks off Adrian volleyball

Victory gives Mustangs No. 2 seed at district

Jordan Valley High School outlasted Adrian for its biggest victory in its best volleyball season in four years.

The Mustangs moved closer to clinching second place in the 1A High Desert League after an emotional victory over the Antelopes on Oct. 13.

Jordan Valley turned back Adrian's mid-match comeback for a 25-10, 25-22, 17-25, 24-26, 15-13 victory on the Mustangs' floor.

The Mustangs' top hitters against Adrian were Regann Skinner, Sage Raine and Morgan Caywood.

Jordan Valley (12-4 overall, 5-1 in league) won for the fifth time in its past six matches and, as it turned out, locked up the league's No. 2 seed into Saturday's 1A District 8 Tournament, which will be played at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Adrian (7-8, 3-2) fell behind the Mustangs in the standings and had to settle for the No. 3 seed

— See *Volleyball*, page 4B

Huskies take Mustangs to limit in district opener

Marsing splits final regular-season matches

Marsing High School volleyball coach Jenny Carper called the Huskies' loss Saturday "frustrating."

Marsing battled back from a 2-1 deficit with a hard-fought fourth game on the first night of the 2A District III Tournament in New Plymouth.

But Melba prevailed, 25-20, 25-27, 25-19, 20-25, 15-8 to put the Huskies (3-11 overall) into Tuesday's elimination round, which was played after deadline at Nampa High School.

Senior Holly Hobbs blocked a season-high eight balls and had nine digs to lead the defense. She

also dished nine assists.

LeAnn Garcia came away with 26 assists and 22 digs, while Avery Villa had 12 assists and 10 digs. Villa also served a team-high three aces.

Adrianna Salutregui notched 15 assists and six digs, while Alex Grant came up with six assists and 14 digs.

Ashley Loucks had 10 assists and six digs to go with six assists and an ace from Jordan Goins.

Thursday: New Plymouth def. Marsing, 3-1 — Showing a glimpse of the determination to come Saturday, the Huskies took the third-seeded Pilgrims

to four games in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale for both.

Hobbs had five kills and five digs as Marsing fell, 24-26, 25-22, 25-13, 26-18, on Senior Night at home.

The Huskies ended the season in fifth place in the conference with a 3-7 record.

Salutregui had three kills, six assists and six digs to go with an ace.

Villa put down four kills and dug 12 balls, while Goins had two kills, seven assists, seven digs and a block.

— See *Huskies*, back page



Senior Holly Hobbs sends the ball over the net against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

Sports



Homedale High School's Lexie Doss outkicks North Star Charter's Pauline Finkbeiner for 35th as Trojans teammate Maya Correa comes in 37th. Photo by Machele Randall

Trojans put together PRs ahead of district

Four girls finish in Tilzey top 50

Homedale High School's cross country runners tackled a couple of huge challenges in preparation for the season's stretch drive.

Last Wednesday, the Trojans took part in one of the largest small-school meets of the season at the Winston Tilzey Invitational in Nampa. Later in the week, coach Heidi Ankeny put her charges through a grueling annual tradition of some tough, hill-climbing road work.

The experiences were all in preparation for the next two weeks.

Homedale looks to build on last year's large contingent of state meet qualifiers when the 3A District III Championships are held Cobblestone Park below Black Canyon Dam outside Emmett on Thursday. The top two teams and the top one-third of finishers who aren't on qualifying teams will move on to the 3A state meet, which is scheduled for Halloween at Farragut State Park in Athol.

At the Tilzey meet, sophomore Lainey Johnson pulled off the best finish among Homedale's athletes.

She was 17th among 89 girls who completed the 5-kilometer course at West Park. Johnson crossed the line in 22 minutes, 56 seconds.

Four Trojans finished in the top 50 of the girls' race, including

senior Maya Correa, who bounced back from a case of bursitis to finish 36th in 24:51.

Fellow senior Lexie Doss was two spots ahead of Correa, crossing the line in 24:45.

Sophomores Hannah Egusquiza (47th at 25:40) and Kendall Nash (55th at 26:17) rounded out Homedale's top five in the girls' meet.

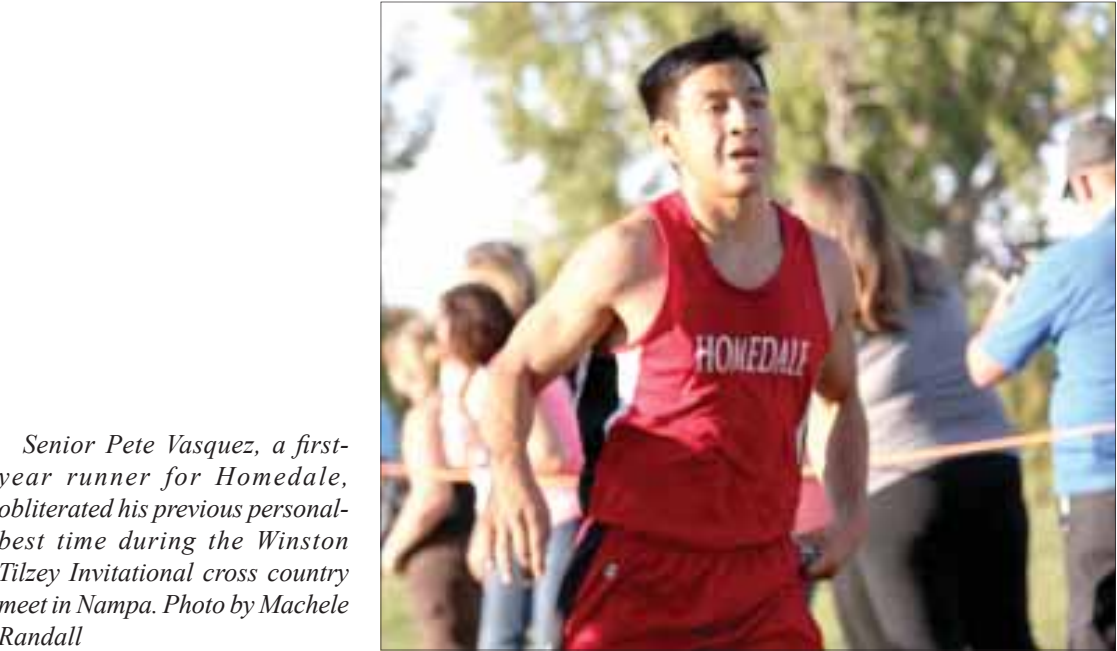
Freshman Taylor Gonzales pulled off a career-best time of 31:32 to finish 81st.

Competing against 155 other runners, senior Nash Johnson led the HHS boys, finishing 45th in 19:12. Junior Pete Vasquez, a first-year runner, shaved 37 seconds after the personal best he set a week earlier in the Homedale Invitational. Vasquez finished the Tilzey in 19:30, and his first sub-20-minute race placed him 52nd.

Junior Jordan Van Es also had a sub-20 time, finishing 54th in 19:33, while sophomore Anthony Beckman just missed the benchmark with a 67th-place time of 20:02.

Rounding out HHS' participation in the girls' meet were:

- Ali Jeppe, sr., (68th at 28:05)
 - Madison Smith, sr., (78th at 30:31)
 - Nallely Gonzalez, soph., (82nd at 31:34)
 - Carley Gonzales, sr., (88th at 35:09)
- Other Trojans boys results:
- Ryan Randall, jr., (88th in 20:44)
 - Miguel Gonzalez, senior (121st in 22:35)



Senior Pete Vasquez, a first-year runner for Homedale, obliterated his previous personal-best time during the Winston Tilzey Invitational cross country meet in Nampa. Photo by Machele Randall

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Athlete of the Week

Liset Llamas, sr., volleyball

The Play — Llamas averaged 7 kills and 4 kills per night as the Trojans split their final 3A Snake River Valley conference matches. She led the team with two aces in a loss to Fruitland on Thursday. During Senior Night on Oct. 13, Llamas had 10 kills and three digs in a three-set sweep of Payette.

Football

Varsity
Friday, Oct. 23 at Payette, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Oct. 22, home vs. Payette, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country

Thursday, Oct. 22 at 3A District III Championship meet, Cobblestone Park, near Black Canyon Dam, Emmett, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity
3A District III Tournament At Fruitland
- If lost Tuesday vs. Weiser: Wednesday, Oct. 21 vs. TBA, 6 p.m.
- If won vs. Weiser and lost vs. Emmett: Wednesday, Oct. 21 vs. TBA, 7:30 p.m.
- If won both Tuesday matches: Thursday, Oct. 22 vs. TBA, championship match, 7:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing's Withers attains PR

Dalton Withers raced to a career personal record to lead Marsing High School at the Winston Tilzey Invitational.

The sophomore was 12 seconds faster than his previous best time, finishing in 21 minutes, 19 seconds over the 5-kilometer West Park course last Wednesday

Homedale JVs halt four-game loss streak

Kincheloe runs for 2 TDs, Deal throws for two

The offense started clicking in the second half Thursday as Homedale High School snapped a four-game junior varsity football losing streak.

Mason Kincheloe rushed for 142 yards and two third-quarter touchdowns to lead the Trojans to a 35-20 victory over host Parma in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game.

Homedale (2-4 overall, 1-3 in conference) held a 14-0 lead after Jordan Packer ran 10 yards for a score in the first quarter, and quarterback Drew Deal sprinted six yards into the end zone in the second quarter.

The Trojans needed a defensive play to stem the Panthers' comeback attempt later in the first half.

On the first play from scrimmage after Parma quarterback Braydon Jensen cut into Homedale's lead

with a 3-yard keeper, teammate Ricky Almeida picked off Drew Deal. Cobey Christoffersen gave the ball back to the Trojans' offense with an interception just two plays later.

Deal raced 23 yards on a quarterback keeper to ignite Homedale again, but the Trojans were unable to score before time expired in the first half.

Deal and Drew Taylor hooked up on a 45-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter before Parma tried to rally with two more touchdowns.

Deal completed nine of 15 passes for 118 yards and two TDs. The Trojans' offense racked up 433 yards despite holding the ball for less time than the Panthers.

Jaeger Rose led the defensive effort with 12 tackles, including six solo stops and 1.5 tackles for loss.

Jaylon Hilton rattled Jensen with two quarterback sacks, and he had 3.5 TFL. Kaden Henry chipped in five solo tackles, while Braydon Miller notched four assists and Kincheloe helped out on six tackles. Christoffersen had three solo tackles, five assists and a TFL.

Trojans split final SRV volleyball matches

Seniors shone Thursday as Homedale High School wrapped up the volleyball regular season.

Madi Fisher had 13 assists, and Gardenia Machuca put down eight kills as the Trojans closed the 3A Snake River Valley conference campaign with a 25-14, 25-15, 25-17 loss on the road against Emmett.

Coach Diana Asumendi's squad (4-10 overall, 2-8 3A SRV) was back in action Tuesday in Fruitland for the opening round of the 3A District III Tournament. The fifth-seeded Trojans took on No. 4 Weiser after deadline; check www.owyheeavalanche.com to see how the Trojans fared.

Senior setter Sydnee Shanley dished five assists, dug four balls and had a kill against Emmett, which grabbed the district tournament top seed by finishing one match ahead of Parma in the conference standings. Another senior, Liset Llamas, contributed four kills, had a team-high two aces and shared the team lead in digs with fellow senior Hailie Martell with five each.

Senior Tristan Corta had three

digs and an ace.

Junior libero Diana Contreras notched two kills and four digs, and Carli Swallow had four digs. Another junior, Ambyr VanWinkle blasted three kills, and freshman Amaya Carter had a kill.

Oct. 13: Homedale def. Payette, 3-0 — The Trojans snapped a four-match losing streak on Senior Night behind sophomore Ashley Burks' season-high 12 kills.

Llamas notched 10 kills and three digs in the final regular-season home match of her career as Homedale rebounded from a tight first set to roll, 26-24, 25-12, 25-19.

Burks also had three digs, while Contreras led the defense with 14 digs. VanWinkle added three kills and a dig, and Carter delivered a kill and a block.

Corta served three aces, and Swallow had a team-high four aces to go with six digs and four assists. Machuca put down six kills and two aces. She also had three digs.

Martell aced two serves and dug seven balls.

Fisher dished a team-high 24 assists.

in Nampa.

Withers finished 98th in the Huskies' final tuneup before Tuesday's 1A-2A District III Championships at Jug Mountain Golf Course in McCall, which was held after deadline.

As a freshman, Withers ran a 21:31 to establish his previous

personal record during last year's district meet.

Another sophomore, Landry Villa, was Marsing's top finisher in Nampa, running a 48th-place time of 19:22.

Other boys' competitors among the 156 entrants included:

- Juan Sierra, sophomore (108th

- in 21:45)
- Alexandre Heidt, senior (127th in 23:06)
- Landon Villa, freshman (155th in 31:43)

Freshman Sefora Arriaga was the lone Huskies athlete in the girls' race, finishing 67th in 28:02.

THOSE HMS CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

Seventh-graders

Sept. 8 — HMS 25, Weiser 12
Sept. 15 — HMS 7, Fruitland 0
Sept. 22 — HMS 12, Parma 0
Sept. 29 — HMS 6, Ontario, Ore., 0
Oct. 6 — HMS 27, Payette 0
Oct. 13 — HMS 12, Parma 6

Eighth-graders

Sept. 8 — HMS 27, Weiser 0
Sept. 15 — Fruitland 8, HMS 6
Sept. 22 — HMS 18, Parma 0
Sept. 29 — HMS 36, Ontario, Ore., 0
Oct. 6 — HMS 38, Payette 8
Oct. 13 — HMS 16, Fruitland 6

Eighth-graders stifle Fruitland

Throughout its season, the Homedale Middle School eighth-grade football team has relied on Nelson Lomeli to kick extra points.

In last week's 3A Snake River Valley conference championship game, Lomeli remained true, but also foiled his opposite number.

He blocked a PAT to preserve the Trojans' second-quarter lead. Homedale went on to beat Fruitland, 16-6, avenge its only loss of the season and claim the conference title game on the Grizzlies' field.

Lomeli's 5-yard touchdown reception and two-point kicked PAT earlier in the second quarter gave Homedale the only points it would need.

Daniel Uranga threw his second TD pass of the game with a 3-yarder to Karsen Frelove in the fourth quarter.

Homedale (5-1 overall) held Fruitland's offense to 90 yards, but the Trojans didn't move the ball much more, picking up just 162 yards.

Uranga completed 15 of 23 passes for 114 yards, while Frelove led all rushers and receivers with 46 yards on the ground and catching five balls for 52 yards.

Lomeli had 33 yards on six catches, and Jacob Collett hauled in three receptions for 24 yards.

As he had all year, Collett also led the defense with 6.5 tackles, which included five assists. Mason Rountree and Noe Albor each spent a lot of time in Fruitland's offensive backfield. Rountree had a sack and three tackles for loss, while Albor had a sack and two TFL.

Collett was the Trojans leading tackler during the six-game season, averaging 5.5 tackles per game. Albor had 7.5 TFL during the year, and he and Collett tied for the team lead with an average of 6.0 assists per game.

Collett, Frelove, Lomeli, Caleb Vargas and Spencer Fisher had interceptions during the regular season.

Albor forced four fumbles and recovered two, while Collett had four fumble recoveries during the year. Gage Northrup also recovered a pair of fumbles.

Frelove led the team with 284 rushing yards, and he scored three TDs. Collett had 138 yards on two TDs on the ground during the season.

Uranga completed 54 of 105 passes during the season for 777 yards and 11 touchdowns. He threw four interceptions.

Lomeli was Uranga's favorite target, hauling in 23 passes for 400 yards and five TDs.

Collett caught 14 passes for 195 yards and three scores, while Frelove had two touchdowns and 116 yards on 12 receptions.

Collett, who was the team's punt returner, averaged 96.7 all-purpose yards per game. He also led the team with 50 points, including eight TDs. Lomeli had seven PATs and five touchdowns for 44 points.



J a v i e r Gudino (32) is poised to scoop up the ball after HMS seventh-grade t e a m m a t e B r a y d e n Christoffersen strips Parma's Tony Gonzalez. Photo by David Hann

4th-quarter flurry lifts 7th-graders

A fourth-quarter comeback carried Homedale Middle School's seventh-graders to a championship.

In a late flurry, the Trojans cashed in on two Parma fumbles to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship with a 12-6 victory at Deward Bell Stadium on Oct. 13.

Homedale capped an unbeaten 6-0 season with an unlikely series of events with less than eight minutes left in the Trojans' season.

Two plays into the fourth quarter, Keagan Christiansen fell on the ball after teammate Brayden Christoffersen dislodged it from a Parma player.

After a penalty set up a 4th-and-15 play from the Panthers' 25, Homedale used some trickery to tie the game.

After taking a pitch from quarterback Tommy Muir, tailback Milo Mertz pulled up in the middle of his sweep and fired a touchdown pass to Javier Gudino.

Three plays later, Barton Strack recovered a Parma fumble forced by fellow Trojans defensive lineman Jase Lowder, and HMS began its game-winning march with three minutes left.

Christoffersen rambled 27 yards for the go-ahead touchdown to cap a 108-yard rushing performance. Mertz had 57 yards on 10 attempts.

Christoffersen and Christiansen led the defense with three tackles each. The Trojans forced five Parma fumbles with Christoffersen triggering two turnovers and Gudino, Lowder and Strack forcing the other fumbles.

Blake Walker made two tackles, and John Breshears had 1.5 tackles. Contributing one tackle each were Thomas Symms, Julian Bedolla and Skylr Badiola.

Parma produced the game's first score with a touchdown pass on a fake punt 32 seconds before halftime.

"We played nervous in the first half. We played not to lose," Trojans coach Jamie Mertz said. "In the second half, we played to win."

The Trojans' unbeaten season featured four consecutive shutouts, and Homedale gave up only 18 points in its six games.

Sports

Jordan Valley’s defensive unit delivers in easy league victory

Behind a stingy defense, Jordan Valley High School rolled to its second lopsided win in three weeks Friday.

The Mustangs didn’t allow a touchdown in a 66-2 victory over the Prairie City/Burnt River co-op in both teams’ penultimate 1A High Desert League contest.

“Defensively this was one of our best games,” Mustangs coach Bryce Kershner said. “We were fundamentally sound across the board, and our defensive line played especially well.”

The coach said Stanford, junior JJ Echave and sophomore Kirk Eiguren provided aggressive play on defense.

“Wyatt, JJ and Kirk were flying to the ball all afternoon,” Kershner said.

Garrett Youren had seven tackles and seven assists.

Jett Warn had eight tackles and six assists as the Mustangs (4-3 overall, 3-1 in league) allowed six or fewer points for the second

time in three games.

Warn also led the way on offense, completing more than half of his 11 successful passes for touchdowns.

Three of Warn’s scoring strikes went to Wyatt Stanford, who caught seven balls for 83 yards.

Warn completed 11 of 16 passes for 180 yards and six touchdowns. He also picked up 81 yards on seven rushes.

“We still have a few areas to clean up, and offensively we need to execute and be more efficient on downs,” Kershner said. “We had a great week of practice, and it showed.

Jordan Valley plays host to league-leading Adrian in a rare night game on the Mustangs field. Kickoff is 7 p.m. on Friday. In the past, portable lights have been brought in to illuminate the field.

— Jordan Valley High School journalism student Sam Green contributed to this report.

Antelopes trample Tigers

Winning streak reaches 18 games

Two players topped 100 yards rushing as Adrian High School won its 18th consecutive football game Friday.

Ryker Murrey amassed 163 yards and four touchdowns on just 10 carries in the Antelopes’ 82-22 destruction of Monument/Dayville.

Top-ranked Adrian scored 47 points in the first quarter of the 1A High Desert League game in Dayville, Ore.

Reagan Shira threw a pair of touchdown passes and booted a 49-yard field goal as the Antelopes (6-0 overall, 4-0 in league) raced out to a 35-0 lead.

Marcus Furtado rushed for 111 yards and scored an 8-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Adrian rolled up 412 of its 523 total yards on the ground.

Shira fired a 70-yard scoring pass to

Kenny Purnell in the first quarter, and Luke Campbell pounded in from two yards out later in the quarter.

Eduardo Munoz scored on an interception return in the first quarter and ran the ball in from nine yards out in the second quarter.

Junior Juan Figueroa’s 44-yard run capped Adrian’s scoring in the fourth quarter.

Figueroa also led the Antelopes’ defense with four solo tackles and two assists.

Furtado, junior Dennis Dick and sophomore Andy Walker each broke through and sacked Tigers quarterback Garrett Warner. Campbell and Purnell had half-sacks.

Monument/Dayville’s Hayden Schafer hauled in four passes for 136 yards as the Tigers amassed 333 yards total offense.

Coach Paul Shenk’s club travels to Jordan Valley on Friday to close out the regular season.



Jordan Valley senior Morgan Caywood (13) tips a ball over the out-stretched arms of Adrian’s front-line players during the rivalry match on Oct. 13 on the Mustangs’ floor. JVHS Journalism photo

Jordan Valley on a roll

Jordan Valley High School wrapped up the league season on a three-match win streak.

The Mustangs, who beat Prairie City and Burnt River in a 1A High Desert League tri-meet Friday in Unity, Ore., won seven of their final eight matches.

Jordan Valley downed Prairie City, 25-19, 16-25, 25-22, 25-9, behind the play of seniors Morgan Caywood and Sage Raine. Freshman Regann Skinner was the team’s top hitter, and fellow ninth-grader Taylor Warn led the

way from the service line.

Warn, Skinner, fellow freshman Emilie Burch and junior Zoey Warn led the way in a 25-19, 25-20, 21-25, 25-17 victory over Burnt River.

“In both games the girls played hard, they had a plan, and used their heads and won,” Mustangs coach Julie Mackenzie said.

The Mustangs (12-4 overall, 5-1 in league) take the 1A HDL’s No. 2 seed into Saturday’s 1A District 8 Tournament in John Day, Ore.

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after beating Monument/Dayville, 25-22, 25-20, 25-23, on the road Friday.

“We came out really flat the first set, and it was a battle the rest of the match,” Adrian coach Aimee Esplin said. “Jordan Valley served well and played well defensively. We made too many service and hitting errors to finish off the match.”

The Antelopes played without junior hitter Anna Hutchings, who was ill.

“I was pleased with the effort the team gave after the first set,” Esplin said.

Morgan Bayes put down 11 kills and served an ace for Adrian.

Selina Villarreal led the Antelopes with three aces and chipped in five kills.

Erin Nielson had six kills, while Kylee Skerjanec blasted seven kills and an ace.

Lauren Barraza dished 12 assists, served two aces and

drilled one kill.

Jordan Valley wrapped up the 1A HDL season Friday and now are preparing for Saturday’s district tournament.

The Mustangs will enter the tournament with the 1A HDL’s No. 2 seed. Jordan Valley’s only loss during the league season came at the hands of regular-season champion Crane.

The No. 2 seed gives Jordan Valley good position heading into the district tournament. The last time the Mustangs advanced out of district play was five years ago when they reached the 1A Oregon state playoffs as the district’s No. 3 seed.

Adrian reached the state playoffs as the district champion last season.

Junior varsity: Jordan Valley def. Adrian — Nicole Terry was top server for the Mustangs in their 25-20, 21-25, 15-6 victory.

“The girls had exceptional serving and blocking, and they had a very tough defense,” Jordan Valley coach Julie Mackenzie said.

— Jordan Valley High School journalism student Skyler Forsythe contributed to this report.

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Sports



Left: Homedale tailback Josh Tolmie jukes around Parma defensive back Payton Pinz during Friday's Milk Jug Game. **Right:** John Collett, left, and Garrett Carter fight to bring down Panthers' tight end Hector Lopez. Photos by Gregg Garrett

✓Trojans: Upperclassmen excel on Senior Night as HHS retains milk can

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Homedale will play on the road when the state playoffs begin in two weeks.

The Senior Night whitewash, which game Homedale its sixth consecutive victory in the rivalry, came seven days after Emmett handed Homedale one of the worst losses of Matt Holtry's coaching reign.

"These kids are competitors. They truly are," Holtry said. "They wanted to come out and get back on track. It was important to them to prove that they could get it going again."

"We wanted to prove to ourselves that we are the team that we thought we were, and if we are going to make a run in the playoffs, we have to get it going again."

Senior tailback Josh Tolmie was one of those guys who got it going again.

Making his first start since dislocating a knee in practice several weeks ago, Tolmie blasted through the Parma defensive line from three yards out for the night's first score on the game's first possession.

Homedale (6-1 overall, 3-1 in conference) spent nearly four minutes running 11 plays on the 67-yard drive, setting the tone for the school's 12th victory in the 16-season

history of the Milk Jug Game.

Tolmie scored two more times — on another 3-yarder in the first quarter and a 7-yard touchdown in the second quarter — and had 63 yards rushing.

"He's an all-conference running back," Holtry said of Tolmie. "When we lost him, Jacob (Furlott) did a good job of filling in, but there's something about being a senior and having a chip on their shoulder about finishing the senior year right."

"When he was out, emotionally he realized how much he missed it and much it meant to him. So he was determined to be out there, and it was fun to see him back to himself again."

Senior Dylan Burks has had a similar fire all season, Holtry said, after missing the majority of the 2014 season with a lower leg injury.

Burks sparked the defense with 10 tackles, including nine assists. He helped out on 2.5 tackles for loss against a stout Parma running attack.

"Early on in the season, you could see he was a man on a mission," Holtry said. "He earned the starting middle linebacker position, and he's never looked back."

"As far as linebacker goes, he's just a tenacious player, and I think it's partially because he had to miss a lot of football last year. He had to make up for any lost time."

Another senior, Chase Martell, helped end two Parma drives with interceptions. He picked off quarterback Payton Pinz in the fourth quarter and returned the ball 90 yards for a touchdown.

Garrett Carter and Furlott also had interceptions.

Friday was also a night of redemption for senior quarterback Lawsen Matteson. He completed 22 of 30 passes for 369 yards. The third-year starter had three touchdown passes, too.

He threw scoring passes of six and 43 yards to Wyatt Wolfe.

In between those throw, however, the Trojans uncorked a hook-and-lateral play to take a 34-0 halftime lead.

Matteson hit Connor Carter for a 19-yard reception before Carter flipped the ball to John Collett, who raced the remainder of the distance for a 36-yard TD.

"That's something we played with through the summer," Holtry said. "We

had competitions with the varsity and put ourselves in end-of-game scenarios.

"With the amount of time left in the quarter (one second), and we just had a TD on a screen pass called back, that was the only call that we could think to come up with."

Homedale racked up 427 yards total offense, while holding Parma to 185 yards and 10 first downs. The Panthers managed only 127 yards rushing after, Holtry says, their star running back Jimmy Dawson has been routinely reaching the century mark and twice ran for 200 yards this season.

"Parma has done a great job this year. They're much improved and did a great job of rushing the football against everyone they played, including Emmett," Holtry said.

"Our focus last week was to shut down the run game. We really preach team defense, and our kids were dialed in this week. (Defensive coordinator Dan Holtry) did a good job of preparing them for the game, and it was fun to watch them execute their assignment."

— JPB



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
The Squeeze Chute

The sun shone dull on its metal bars.
The snow lay drifted against her frame.
Behind the barn near the rusting cars
She's ended up all crippled and lame.

An ol' squeeze chute I'd opened and closed
On a hundred thousand heads and horns
Dragged to the bone yard to decompose
Forgotten rose in a bed of thorns.

I lay a hand on the frozen steel,
The head bar polished as smooth as glass.
The mem'ries flowed and the past revealed
Itself like magic. I knew at last.

Why, through the years of sweat and toil.
Despite the urge to romanticize,
I hated it just like a boil
That throbbed like the Starship Enterprise!

Its dinosaurial devious brain
Laying in wait for liver and loin
Slipped a ratchet and jiggled a chain
Then rendered me a blow to the groin!

It came to collect its pound of flesh.
A finger here, there, a piece of shin.
The aching ribs, recalling a'fresh
A gleeful, scything crack to the chin!

Hot forged below by the River Styx.
It's what they'd make if devils could weld!
They say machinery and cows don't mix
And that truth has never been dispelled,

But maybe I'm being too unkind.
There's some that says she deserves a crown
And, in fairness I could be inclined,
As final tribute, to melt her down

And mold her into a plumber's snake.
A generous way to salute'r.
And pay her homage, for ol' time's sake
Everytime I called Roto Rooter!

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, "Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy," other books and DVDs.

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 3 elections until noon on Friday, Oct. 23.

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

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Fax to (208) 337-4867
 - Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Feds send mixed signals



One can't help be skeptical when viewing recent federal government moves that affect Owyhee County.

On the surface, it seems to be mostly good news: Sage-grouse, Columbia spotted frog and Goose Creek milkvetch have been precluded from Endangered Species Act listing, saving county livestock producers and property owners from the specter of onerous regulations.

But in between the two announcements, the Bureau of Land Management chilled everyone's hopes for a kinder, gentler federal government by deciding — at first — not to produce hard copies of the 70-some-odd-page Soda Fire rehabilitation plan.

On one hand, Owyhee Field Office Manager Michelle Ryerson's decision not to print off copies of the plan in time for the public meeting on said subject is commendable. She's saving paper. She's saving the environment. She's saving taxpayer dollars.

On the other, it shows that the BLM still has a lot to

learn when it comes to dealing with the good folks who put food on our tables.

The number may be small, but there still are a few ranchers out there who don't have the Internet, which by the original BLM mindset would have been the only way for folks to get their hands on a copy of the rehab plan.

It stands to reason some people affected by the Soda Fire don't have Internet access. After all, some ranchers — like Ed and Debbie Wilsey — live far from the maddening crowd in remote areas that some Internet service providers don't reach.

Those folks may have computers, but putting the rehab plan online for them to download doesn't do a lick of good.

Electronic copies at the public meeting would have been a better idea. Some people without Internet still have

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Questions still remain
for veterans care programs



We must see meaningful and lasting change within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to improve veterans' access to high-quality services. In a recent letter to VA Secretary Robert McDonald, I detailed some of the concerns I am hearing from Idaho veterans with their experiences with the VA. I urged the VA to pay special attention to Idahoans as the VA works to improve the beleaguered Veterans Choice Program (VCP) and invited Secretary McDonald to Idaho to hear firsthand from Idaho's veterans.

I asked the agency to report to Congress on how it plans to streamline the VCP and improve access to health care services for veterans. The VCP is not working as it should for many veterans, and many Idahoans would like to see the department reinvigorate other non-VA care programs providing individual treatment outside the VA system. Some recommend that the VA directly hire more health care providers to address unmet care delivery needs. Recognizing the VA cannot adequately fill vacant positions because of nationwide provider shortages, this challenge clearly requires a robust, complementary outside care program to exist in tandem with the Veterans Health Administration network. As the VA works to consolidate non-VA care programs, the following questions must be addressed:

- What steps will the VA take to address the special needs of rural and highly rural communities?
- How will veterans' individual insurance plans be affected by the non-VA care program consolidation?
- How will the consolidated non-VA program interface with TRICARE?
- How will the VA ensure timely and accurate reimbursement of providers?

- How will the VA ensure third-party administrators (TPAs) are reimbursing providers in a timely and accurate manner?
- What role will TPAs serve in a consolidated program?
- Many Idahoans have expressed concerns after having difficulty reaching the TPAs. How will the VA ensure its TPAs are providing timely assistance to veterans?
- Will the VA ensure that veterans have another means to schedule care if the TPA is untimely?
- What training will VA staff and TPAs have to understand and administer the new consolidated program?

The letter was sent as I concluded a second statewide Veterans Survey at the end of September. In conjunction with a town meeting tour, I have sought to learn more about the experiences and needs of Idaho's veterans community by having current and former servicemembers and those active in the veteran community provide feedback through a survey. Idahoans' willingness to participate in the survey is encouraging and critical to guiding meaningful reforms.

While some progress has been made, ensuring timely, high-quality veterans care is an ongoing effort. We need lasting solutions close to home, not short-term, top-down attempts that fail to take into account the needs of local veterans. As continued improvements are sought, thank you to Idaho's veterans for their service and their ongoing help with improving veterans' access to high-quality care.

— 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.

In search of Owyhee's heroes

The Owyhee Avalanche would like to salute those with ties to Owyhee country who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, Bronze Star or Silver Star during military service.

We're seeking information honorees for inclusion in our Veterans Day edition next month. Photos, especially military service-era photos, of the honorees are sought, too.

For more information on how to submit the stories of decorated service personnel, email jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102

Submission deadline is Thursday, Nov. 5.

Commentary

Financial management

Communication will strengthen marriage, neglected finances

Dear Dave,
I've spent most of my marriage not being a good husband and not being involved in our family finances. After being introduced to one of your programs at work, I realized how irresponsible I had been and went home to apologize and tell my wife about it.
During this conversation, I learned that we have about \$80,000 in debt I didn't know about, plus \$45,000 in debt on a new car and motorcycle I did know about. We also have a mortgage on our home.
My wife apologized for making a mess of things, but it wasn't all her fault. She wasn't sneaking around spending and taking out debt, she just made mistakes and was afraid to tell me.
Together, we make about

\$100,000 a year. Can you help us?
— Curtis

Dear Curtis,
I'm really glad you've made the decision to man-up. That's a big step in the right direction for you and your marriage.
To me, what you described is a lot different than her completely lying, hiding stuff, and actively having a financial affair — so to speak — on the side. You weren't plugged in and she wasn't doing a good job, but she didn't have anyone to talk to about it. Things got worse then she probably felt ashamed about how ugly it got and didn't want to tell anybody.
Not counting your house, you've got about \$125,000 in debt. You've got to look at all



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this with a \$100,000 income and say, "What is the fastest way to clean up this dadgum mess?" That's going to mean beans and rice, rice and beans. That means a

scorched-earth lifestyle and living on a budget, which also means you're not going out to eat, not going on vacations, and you're going to start selling so much stuff that the kids think they're next.
I'd probably sell the car and the motorcycle. Get into a couple of basic cars, and spend about two years of crazy intensity getting debt-free except for your home. You can clean this up that fast, but you're going to have no life during that time.
The two of you have some relationship work to do also. It sounds like you've already started on that with you owning your part and her owning hers. The thing is not to blame. From this point forward, you need to sit down *together* and make all of your decisions — financial and

otherwise — together.
Trust me, if you're both willing, you can heal the math problem, the debt problem *and* the marriage problem all at the same time. It will be an amazing thing!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*, which recently passed 5 million copies sold. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, *EveryDollar*, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Idaho Freedom Foundation

School boards must choose a master: parents or the feds

by Wayne Hoffman

Idaho school board members will need to decide next month who they work for: parents and students, or the federal government. The answer should be obvious, but a recent resolution approved by the Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) executive committee would favor the federal government and its newest education schemes rather than children and their families. The committee approved a resolution opting to "hold at bay any expansion of parental rights" in education as contemplated by a bill that passed the Legislature (House Bill No. 113a) earlier this year. The resolution, offered up by the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District, will be voted on at the association's annual meeting Nov. 11 in Coeur d'Alene.
The organization's executive director, Karen Echeverria, told IdahoReporter.com that giving parents authority over their children's education could put school districts at odds with federal mandates, including testing requirements that



are part of Common Core. Parents are calling their school districts, asking to take their children out of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test.
"What is a school district to do?" Echeverria asks. "We're going to have to breach one and comply with the other." The resolution calls for the ISBA to tabulate instances in which aggrieved parents ask to exercise parental authority over their children's education.
Mila Wood, a parent from Canyon County, has a pretty good idea: side with the parents. "To find out this private trade group wants parents to have less of a voice in their child's education and privacy protection, it makes me sad."
She points out that parents would probably be disappointed to know that their money — funding that otherwise would be used in the classroom — is instead being diverted to mount a lobbying campaign to block parents from having a say in their children's education.
Wood's point is paramount, and it requires us to take a closer look at what's fueling ISBA and its policy engine: The ISBA is made up of Idaho school board members who are elected by voters in Idaho school districts. Many of those voters are parents. Many of these parents have children who attend schools in ISBA-member districts. The ISBA gets its money from Idaho school districts, and school districts get their money from taxpayers. Therefore,

the notion that ISBA is siding with the federal government instead of parents ought to put people in a tizzy. The ISBA is contemplating using your own money to "hold at bay" your rights as parents.
In the gargantuan special interest vortex that is Education, Inc., there are plenty of organizations aligning with and fighting for the status quo in education. This status quo often includes support for top-down mandates driven by faceless bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., aided and abetted by either rudderless or spineless state government officials who don't want to tick off labor union bosses, or who worry what textbook makers and software companies might do, say, think or where they might donate campaign money.
School boards, being truly the government closest to the people, ought to be the ones that take a stand in defense of parents, in support of locally driven education, in support of the right of parents to make decisions regarding their kids' education. School boards either represent parents and taxpayers, or they represent the federal government and the federal bureaucracy. We'll now find which next month.
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

✓ Feds: Argument of how grazing can reduce wildfire intensity still rages

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computers, so they could have taken those CDs home and viewed the plan.
It may seem petty to point out this problem now — especially because it was apparently solved two days after the public meeting when Public Lands Council national president Brenda Richards phoned BLM Boise District acting manager Jenifer Arnold and straightened things out.
But the whole mess is indicative of a bigger problem with the BLM. It's a problem Capital Press reporter Sean Ellis magnified with his recent article detailing how radical environmentalists and ranchers continue to bicker about the benefits of grazing.
In short, the BLM can't avoid being wishy-washy on the

subject of wildfire and ranching regardless if you're talking about how to get the ranchers back in business after a fire or how to best prevent the fires in the first place.
In an Oct. 14 article, Ellis put the spotlight on the chicken-and-egg argument that is some enviros' bread-and-butter. Does grazing reduce the intensity of wildfires, or are wildfires intense because of grazing?
For Wilsey and other ranchers, the answer is clear — and was reiterated in Ellis' piece. During Lt. Gov. Brad Little's post-fire visit to his ranch, Wilsey pointed out that in areas that were grazed a little more than others, the fire didn't burn as hot and actually left some vegetation behind. In other words, managed grazing keeps the fuel load down, which in turn, keeps fire intensity at bay.

But radical environmentalists such as those with Western Watersheds Project claim that grazing removes native grasses and opens the land to hot-burning invasive species.
That argument seems contrary to the philosophy that the burned areas need to be seeded quickly with native grasses and sagebrush to keep cheatgrass out.
And yet, BLM spokesperson Jessica Gardetto gave a tepid endorsement of grazing as a tool at the end of Ellis' article.
It seems the BLM is still hedging its bets and playing the line between ensuring the ranchers have the best possible shot at a livelihood and keeping WWP's mission — and its attorneys — in business.

We welcome letters to the editor. (208) 337-4681

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

October 24, 1990

Homedale becomes Gem Community

Governor Cecil D. Andrus was in Homedale Friday afternoon where he presented Homedale Economic Task Force President Ed Marshall with a certificate marking officially the city’s certification as an Idaho Gem Community. Many of the local task force members were at City Hall for the presentation.

Alternate route to be a reality

The so-called Homedale Bypass, also known as the Homedale Alternate Route, is scheduled tentatively for construction in fiscal year 1994 in the latest update of Idaho’s six-year highway development program.

Several other area highway-building projects are also included in the latest update issued Oct. 17 by the Idaho Transportation Board, including a major widening of U.S. 95 from the junction of State Highway 55 near Marsing to the southern city limits of Homedale. The latter 7.3-mile improvement is listed only for preliminary development planning, however, indicating the upgrading probably will not be undertaken until fiscal year 1996.

Ralph T. Gwin, assistant highway engineer in District 3 covering Owyhee County, said the Homedale Alternate Route is expected to be ready for construction in FY 1994, which runs in the standard calendar year from October, 1993 through September, 1994. But the ITB always stipulates that its highway plans are subject to revision because of lack of funding, new federal regulations, revised costs or other unforeseen problems.

The alternate road, when constructed, would end the routing of U.S. 95 through downtown Homedale. After construction, U.S. 95 would curve around the eastern edge of the city from a point near the Homedale bridge on the southern side of the Snake River to a point near the S curve leading south from town, a distance of 0.7 mile. The federal-state road construction project is estimated to cost \$870,000.

In discussing the acquisition of the land right-of-way for construction of the bypass, Gwin reported, “we’ve acquired a portion of it, but not all of it.” He said some land has already been purchased from the Amalgamated Sugar Co. along a gravel road on the eastern end of the company’s sugar beet dump.

The latest update reports there have been 29 accidents in the last three years along U.S. 95 between the ION junction and Homedale where the major road widening is planned approximately 6 years from now. The report terms that accident rate “very high.” Average daily traffic along that stretch of highway is 1,524 vehicles, according to the highway report.

Local actor stars in play

Homedale’s own professional actor, Alan Echeverria, now of Beverly Hills, has been starring since Sept. 21 in a lead role in the play “M. Butterfly,” being staged by the Salt Lake Acting Company in Salt Lake City. The play is scheduled to run through Nov. 18.

A review by Nancy Melich in the Salt Lake Tribune newspaper after the show’s opening reported, “Alan Echeverria, in the extremely challenging role of the (French) diplomat, is immensely likeable.” The Tribune’s theater writer called his performance “a subtle, understated, powerful interpretation.” The writer labeled the dramatic presentation “compelling.”

Alan’s mother, Frances Echeverria, said last week that her son’s latest acting assignment “is probably the most difficult part of any he’s done. He’s on stage the whole time, a little over two hours.” She, her daughter, Nancy Belknap, and Nancy’s daughter, Toni, all of Homedale, plan to take in a performance later this month.

The drama, incidentally, should not be confused with the opera, “Madame Butterfly.” According to Melich, it is based on a true story concerning a Frenchman who falls in love with a Chinese actor and learns 20 years later that she is a man.

50 years ago

October 21, 1965

Development co. seeks to attract new industry

Industry, with its many economic benefits, holds the solution to the problems that Homedale faces as an agricultural community, Richard B. Eismann of the Homedale Development company has declared.

“Progressive communities such as ours throughout the country are energetically seeking to attract industry as a means of expanding their economic base in the face of farm mechanization and consolidation,” he said.

He warned earlier that the nationwide trend toward mechanization and bigger farms is becoming apparent in the Homedale area, with economic effects touching every resident.

He pointed out that farm employment has declined and an increasing number of persons, including the area’s young men and women, are moving away to find employment and make their homes.

“Industry in Homedale not only will stop the economy-disrupting flight from the area, but will stimulate greater progress than we have ever known.”

He listed some of the benefits that have resulted in communities that have attracted new industry.

“An industry employing 50 workers means 148 more people in the community in which it locates,” he said, “as well as 56 additional households, \$135,000 more bank deposits, 58 more passenger cars registered and 87 more workers employed in other fields.”

Candidates file for City Council, mayor posts

Lester Carter has filed a petition to run for mayor of Homedale in next month’s election. The election is for a four-year term, it was reported by Kenny Downing, city clerk, this week.

Mayor Orville G. Soper has declined to run for re-election.

Russ Immisch filed a petition to run for councilman for the first ward for a four-year term, to succeed himself after completing the term vacated by Paul Zatica.

Allen Blessing has filed for councilman of the second ward, for a four-year term, replacing Harold Johnson who is not seeking re-election.

Marsing tops Notus 26-6

Marsing exploded in the first half and held off Notus for a 26-6 Snake River Valley B Southern Division victory Friday afternoon at Notus.

The win was Marsing’s second in three league starts, Notus is now 1-2 in loop action.

The Huskies struck for 14 points in the first quarter on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Tom Salove to Marlin Tullis and a one-yard smash by Jack Bicandi. Salove also passed for Marsing’s final TD, a 10-yard shot to Craig Malmberg.

Wilder junior high defeated by Marsing

The Wilder junior high school football team was defeated by Marsing junior high, 56-13, Thursday afternoon in a game at Marsing. Tim Percifield made a total of four touchdowns during the game.

Homedale Locals

Harry DeGroat of Fortuna, Caif., arrived Tuesday evening of last week to spend some time visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeGroat. He also plans to do some elk and deer hunting while here. This week he is on a deer hunting trip to the Owyhees.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Sr., returned home Friday from Bruneau where they spent five days visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Agenbroad, and with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook. While there, they also called at the Keith McCormick home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan and family spent the weekend in Boise as house guests in his mother’s home, Mrs. Margaret Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams have closed the schoolhouse museum at Silver City for the season.

140 years ago

October 23, 1875

THE MINERS UNION – An Outside View – San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1875, W. J. Hill, Esq. – Dear Sir: In your paper of the 11th I note some remarks in relation to the stopping of the mines for temporary non-payments of wages. Most of the stock in those mines is held by parties there who have paid a great many assessments to develop them. Nearly every one interested in them are losers, but they are willing to pay all reasonable assessments to prospect them. The action of the Miners Union will keep them from paying on what mines are shut down – as it is poor encouragement for us to pay on a mine that is allowed to fill up with water, which will be the case with the Ellmore. There is a large amount of water in it and it will fill up very rapidly, and soon cover up the pumps. In that case I don’t see what they will do. After it fills up to the 7th level it will flow into the Chariot and drown them out. Of course the miners are entitled to their pay, and should have it; but others are just as much entitled to consideration as they are. Had it not been for Mr. Graham and one or two others, the mines could not have pulled through this financial crash, even if the miners had been paid regularly. From parties who are acquainted there I learn that the mines owe Mr. Graham as much as they owe all the miners put together, and, to say the least, they might show some forbearance. Should they persist in their present course, that camp might as well shut up doing business, as it will be utterly impossible to get any money to help them out. I am an owner of stock in several of those mines upon which I have paid several assessments, but won’t pay anymore if the mines remain shut down and that is the feeling of many stock holders. The miners certainly made a big mistake shutting that mine down. If they wanted to quit working till they could get their money, that was all right; but to let the mine fill up and render them worthless will just let them all out for good.

Yours truly,
G. Davis

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MATTERS – The San Francisco *Stock Report* Says: At a meeting of the stockholders of the South Mountain Mining Company, Monday afternoon, Wm. M. Lent, President of the Company, presiding, the Trustees were authorized to dispose of the 67,000 shares of stock belonging to the company, provided they could negotiate it for a sufficient sum to cancel or compromise the indebtedness of the company; if not they were to take immediate steps to put the concern in bankruptcy. Mr. Lent, one of the largest creditors, promises to turn in his claims so as not to crowd the remaining stockholders out, and thinks that by compromising the debts and an economical management for the next six months the mine may be put in good condition once more.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE – Some miscreant last night fired a pistol through the window of a Chinese habitation on Jordan Street, shooting a Chinaman in the neck and inflicting a serious if not fatal wound. No clue to the perpetrator of the dastardly deed has yet been found. It is becoming quite common to hear the report of a pistol of a night in our streets. It is a shameful outrage upon the community, and, if the law is powerless to prevent it, some other plan should be devised to bring it to an end; otherwise we shall hear of somebody being killed by those random bullets.

SOUTH CHARIOT – The strike of the miners, so far as the South Chariot is concerned, is at an end. Work was resumed in the mine last evening and enough ore will soon be taken out to keep the mill pounding away night and day all winter. Superintendent Crutcher has succeeded admirably in bringing about this desirable consummation, considering the limited amount of encouragement that he received from his company in San Francisco.

Public notices

NOTICE OF CITY OF HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the election to be held in and for The City of Homedale, 2 City Council Seats Election, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held to elect the following offices for the specified term:
City of Homedale - 2 City Council Seats for a term of 4 years.
On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:
Precinct 001 – Homedale Senior Center 224 West Idaho Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628
Precinct 002 – Homedale Magistrate Court Building (City Hall) 31 West Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
10/21/15

NOTICE OF CITY OF MARSING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the election to be held in and for The City of Marsing, Mayor and 2 City Council Seats Election, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held to elect the following offices for the specified term:
City of Marsing - Mayor for a term of 4 years.
City of Marsing - 2 City Council Seats for a term of 4 years.
On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:
Precinct 003 – Marsing Community Center 126 2nd Avenue West, Marsing, Idaho 83639
Precinct 004 – County Extension Building 238 West 8th Avenue, Marsing, Idaho 83639
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
10/21/15

NOTICE OF CITY OF GRAND VIEW CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the election to be held in and for The City of Grand View, 4 City Council Seats Election, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held to elect the following offices for the specified term:
City of Grand View - 2 City Council Seats for a term of 4 years.
City of Grand View – 2 City Council Seats for a term of 2 years.
On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:
Precinct 009 – Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho 83624
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
10/21/15

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES
Marsing Joint School District is seeking proposals from qualified design teams to provide comprehensive Architectural/Engineering Services for a variety of projects within the District.
To be considered, proposals must be received by November 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM.
‘Request For Qualification’ packets will be available on

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from the School District Office: Marsing Joint School District, PO Box 340, Highway 78 (209 8th Avenue West, Highway 78), Marsing, Idaho 83639. 208-896-4111
All questions concerning this RFQ should be directed to: Norm Stewart, Superintendent, Marsing Joint School District No. 363, 208-896-4111
10/21,28/15

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Sagebrush Focal Areas and Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Idaho
SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management has approved an application to withdraw approximately 3,854,622 acres of public and National Forest System lands identified as Sagebrush Focal Areas in Idaho from location and entry under the United States mining laws to protect and preserve the Greater Sage-Grouse (GSGR) and its habitat. A notice was published in the *Federal Register* on September 24, 2015, temporarily segregating the lands for up to 2 years while the application is processed. The *Federal Register* notice also provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal application and it initiates the public scoping process for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose impacts of the proposed withdrawal.
DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal application or scoping comments on issues to be analyzed in the EIS must be received by December 23, 2015. Please clearly indicate whether comments are in regard to the withdrawal application or scoping comments on the EIS. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) website at: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 90-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. Additional opportunities for public participation will be available upon publication of the Draft EIS.
ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the BLM Director, 1849 C Street NW (WO-200), Washington, DC 20240 or electronically to: sagebrush_withdrawals@blm.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Mackiewicz, PMP, Senior National Project Manager, BLM, by telephone at 435-636-3616; or by email at mmackiew@blm.gov; or the BLM State Office listed below. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the BLM contact person. 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: The BLM filed an application requesting the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, approximately 3,854,622 acres of public and National Forest System lands located in the State of Idaho from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing, or the mineral material laws. The notice published in the *Federal Register* on September 24, 2015, temporarily segregated the lands from the filing of new mining claims for up to 2 years to protect the most valuable habitat for GRS while various studies and analyses, including a public process, are prepared for the final decision on the withdrawal application. Copies of the map entitled “BLM Petition/ Application for Sagebrush Focal Areas Withdrawal” depicting the lands proposed for withdrawal are posted on the BLM website at: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>. The map is also available from the BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709. The Sagebrush Focal Areas includes all public and National Forest System lands within the townships below that are identified as Sagebrush Focal Areas on the map posted on the BLM website, <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html>:
Boise Meridian
T. 1 N., Rs. 17 and 29 E.,
Tps. 1 and 10 N., R. 18 E.,
Tps. 1 and 9 to 12 N., R. 19 E.,
Tps. 1, 2, and 8 to 12 N., R. 20 E.,
Tps. 1, 2, and 5 to 12 N., R. 21 E.,
Tps. 1, 2, and 4 to 11 N., R. 22 E.,
Tps. 1 to 13 N., Rs. 23 and 24 E.,
Tps. 9, 10, and 12 N., R. 24½ E.,
Tps. 2 to 12, 15 and 16 N., R. 25 E.,
Tps. 2 to 5, 8 to 11, and 13 to 16 N., R. 26 E.,
Tps. 1, 2, 4 to 11, and 13 to 16 N., R. 27 E.,
Tps. 1, 4 to 9, and 13 to 15 N., R. 28 E.,
Tps. 1 and 6 to 9 N., R. 30 E.,
Tps. 8 and 9 N., Rs. 31 and 32 E.,
Tps. 7 to 9 N., Rs. 34 and 35 E.,
Tps. 9 to 12 N., R. 36 E.,
Tps. 10 to 12 N., R. 37 E.,
Tps. 10 and 11 N., R. 38 E.,
Tps. 9 to 11 N., R. 39 E.,
Tps. 8 to 11 N., R. 40 E.,
Tps. 8 to 10 N., R. 41 E.,
Tps. 8 to 16 S., R. 1 W.,
Tps. 9 to 16 S., R. 2 W.,
Tps. 10 to 16 S., R. 3 W.,
Tps. 11 to 16 S., R. 4 W.,
Tps. 12 to 16 S., R. 5 W.,
Tps. 13 to 16 S., R. 6 W.,
Tps. 8 to 14, and 16 S., R. 1 E.,
Tps. 7 to 14 S., R. 2 E.,
Tps. 8 to 14 S., R. 3 E.,
Tps. 8 to 16 S., R. 4 E.,
Tps. 9, and 11 to 16 S., R. 5 E.,
Tps. 11 to 16 S., R. 6 E.,
Tps. 13 to 16 S., Rs. 7 and 8 E.,
Tps. 14 to 16 S., Rs. 9 and 10 E.,
Tps. 3 and 4 and 14 to 16 S., Rs. 11E.,
Tps. 2 to 4 and 13 to 16 S., R. 12 E.,
Tps. 2 to 4 and 12 to 16 S., Rs. 13 and 14 E.,

Tps. 1 to 4 and 12 to 16 S., Rs. 15 and 17 E.,
Tps. 1 to 4, and 13 to 16 S., R. 16 and 18 E.,
Tps. 1 to 3 S., R. 19 E.,
Tps. 1 to 4 S., Rs. 20 and 24 E.,
Tps. 1 to 4, and 14 S., R. 21 E.,
Tps. 1 to 5, and 14 S., R. 22 E.,
Tps. 1 to 6 S., R. 23 E.,
Tps. 1 to 3 S., Rs. 25, and 27 to 29 E.,
T. 1 S., R. 30 E.
The areas described contain approximately 3,854,622 acres of public and National Forest System lands in Bingham, Blaine, Butte, Camas, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Elmore, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Power, and Twin Falls Counties.
The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management approved the BLM’s application. Therefore, the application document constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).
The purpose of the proposed withdrawal of the Sagebrush Focal Areas in Priority Habitat Management Areas is to protect the GSGR and its habitat from adverse effects of locatable mineral exploration and mining subject to valid existing rights.
The use of a right-of-way, interagency or cooperative agreement, or surface management by the BLM under 43 CFR 3715 or 43 CFR 3809 regulations or by the United States Forest Service (USFS) under 36 CFR 228 would not adequately constrain nondiscretionary uses, which could result in loss of critical sage-grouse habitat.
There are no suitable alternative sites for the withdrawal.
No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.
Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting the BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.
For a period until December 23, 2015, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Director, 1849 C Street NW (WO-210), Washington, D.C. 20240, or electronically to sagebrush_withdrawals@blm.gov
All comments received will be considered before any final action is taken on the proposed withdrawal.
The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: air quality/climate, American Indian resources, cultural resources, wilderness, mineral resources, public health and safety, recreation, socio-economic conditions, soil resources, soundscapes, special status species, vegetation resources, visual resources, water resources, and fish and wildlife resources.
Because of the nature of a withdrawal of public lands from operation of the mining law, mitigation of its effects is not likely to be an issue requiring detailed analysis. However, consistent with Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing

NEPA (40 CFR 1502.14), the BLM will consider whether and what kind of mitigation measures may be appropriate to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the approval of this proposed withdrawal.
The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 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.
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 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 withdrawal 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.
Comments including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Washington Office or the Idaho BLM State Office at the addresses noted above, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. 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.
For a period until September 23, 2017, subject to valid existing rights, the lands described in the *Federal Register* notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, unless the withdrawal application/proposal is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the temporary segregative period, but only with approval of the authorized officer of the BLM or the USFS.
The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.
10/21/15

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-2015-662
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GALEN STANLEY SUNDBERG, also known as GALEN S. SUNDBERG and GALEN SUNDBERG, Deceased.

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

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, Owyhee County Courthouse, PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650. Phone 208-495-2421.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2015.

Doris D. Sundberg, PO Box 291, Grand View, ID 83624. 208-590-2433

Hall, Friedly & Ward, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 340 East 2nd North, Mtn. Home, ID 83647. Phone 208-587-4412 Fax 208-587-3144
10/7,14,21/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On February 9, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, at Pioneer Title Co. of Owyhee County, 100 10th Ave. South, Nampa, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the High Line Canal. EXCEPTING THEREFROM Any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Government Lot 3.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description

of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **12946 Bailey Rd., Melba, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Eric J. Fritzler and Angela M.Fritzler, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with North American Mortgage Company as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119; Modification Agreement recorded September 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 258249; Modification Agreement recorded April 14, 2009, as Instrument No. 267932; Modification Agreement recorded 12-07-2012, as Instrument No. 279354, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association, recorded June 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 265399 , in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$684.33 for the months of August 2014 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$111,306.62 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees,

costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 4.125% from July 1, 2014, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 8th day of October, 2015.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106
10/21,28;11/4,11/15

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11863

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Use: COMMERCIAL 01/01 to 12/31 0.28 CFS

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.28 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.28 CFS

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Place of Use: STOCKWATER

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The applicant proposes to drill one new well in either point of diversion location.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 11/09/2015. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
10/21,28/15

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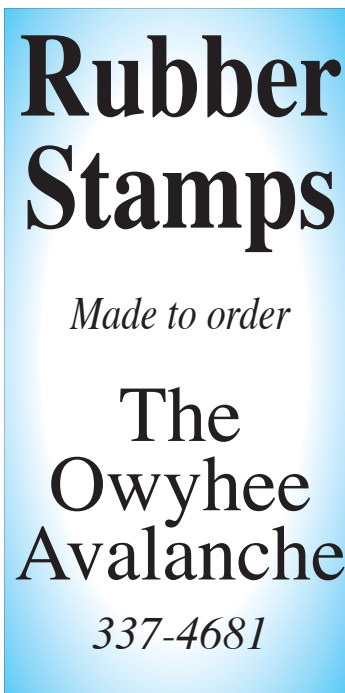
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Sports

Acuña snaps Huskies' scoreless streak on Senior Night

MHS takes two-year 2A WIC skid into finale

Rodrigo Acuña's Senior Night spectacle couldn't help Marsing High School end its football woes.

A two-way starter at tailback and defensive back, Acuña made an impact on both sides of the ball, but the Huskies fell, 20-8, to McCall-Donnelly. The 2A Western Idaho Conference setback was the program's 15th consecutive loss.

Marsing (0-7 overall, 0-4 in conference) held an opponent to 20 points for the second consecutive game. After surrendering an average of 63 points in the first three games, the Huskies have given up an average of 20.5 points per game in their past four losses.

Marsing will try to end the losing streak and avoid a second consecutive winless season when it travels to face Nampa Christian at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Marsing was on track to suffer its fifth shutout of the season Friday night before Acuña rattled off a 54-yard touchdown run with

38 seconds left in the game. Andy Saenz, another senior, ran in the two-point conversion.

The touchdown ended a scoreless streak of 13 consecutive quarters and gave Acuña 117 rushing yards for the night. The long run bumped his rushing average to 9.8 yard per carry for the evening.

The senior also picked off McCall-Donnelly quarterback Ben Knudson twice and led Marsing's defense with 11 solo tackles.

Nick Lankow made nine tackles, and Sam Galligan added six for a Marsing defense that limited the Vandals to 216 total yards.

McCall-Donnelly had a relatively balanced offensive attack. Knudson scored on a 3-yard run with 8 minutes, 21 seconds left in the first quarter to give the Vandals the lead.

Kaden Deluna scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, running in from eight yards out and throwing a 12-yard scoring pas to Tanner Borgeson.

The Vandals held the ball nearly 30 minutes Friday night, but the Huskies ran more plays and gained one more first down (11) than McCall-Donnelly. Marsing



Marsing senior defensive back Rodrigo Acuña puts a hit of McCall-Donnelly's Miguel Rodriguez during Friday's game as teammates Mason Hall (77) and Nick Lankow (55) close in. Photo by Dan Pease

was hampered by 10 penalties at a loss of 85 yards, and the Huskies lost two fumbles.

Senior quarterback Brett

Grossman completed six of nine passes for 29 yards and threw an interception. He also rushed 15 times for 41 yards.

Saenz picked up 69 yards on 15 carries, and Clay King was Marsing's leading receiver with 20 yards on three catches.

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✓ Huskies: Marsing takes down McCall

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Oct. 13: Marsing def. McCall-Donnelly, 3-1 — Grant's 11 digs and five kills led the way as the Huskies won on the road.

Villa and Gabby Rodriguez served two aces apiece. Villa also had four kills and seven digs, while Rodriguez chipped in two kills.

Hobbs distributed three assists with four kills, four digs and four blocks.

Goins served an ace and also had two digs and three assists.

Salutregui chimed in with six assists and seven digs, while Garcia led the defense with nine digs.

Loucks contributed four assists.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Rodrigo Acuña, sr., football

The Play — The tailback reached the century mark in the final home game of his career, rushing for 117 on 12 carries. He boosted his rushing average to 9.8 yards per carry with a 54-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of Friday's 20-8 loss to McCall-Donnelly. Acuña also led the defense with 11 solo tackles and two interceptions.

Football Varsity
Friday, Oct. 23 at Nampa Christian, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Oct. 22, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Cross country
Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2A state championship meet (if nec.), Farragut State Park, Athol

Volleyball Varsity
Wednesday, Oct. 14 at Parma, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 15, home vs. New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
2A District III Tournament
Thursday, Oct. 22 at Nampa H.S., opponent and time TBA (if nec.)

Junior varsity A
Season complete

Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Oct. 14 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.
Season complete

Go Huskies!

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