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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

City voters head to polls Tuesday

Two-man race for Marsing mayor; Homedale, GV council positions up

Candidates speak up

Most of the candidates in the municipal elections across the county took the time to answer questions posed by The Owyhee Avalanche.

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Results online

Because of deadlines, results from the city elections won't appear in the Nov. 4 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Check www.owyheeavalanche.com for results Tuesday night.

Tuesday's election could bring a lot of changes to Owyhee County's three municipal governments.

In Marsing, former city councilman James Ferdinand challenges two-term mayor Keith Green for that town's chief executive position.

In Grand View, potentially three new city councilpersons could emerge as three incumbents and four challengers have thrown their hats into the ring for two races that will fill four positions of varying terms.

Three men are campaigning for two city council positions in Homedale, including two

incumbents.

The polls will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday with two polling places in both Marsing and Homedale and one polling place in Grand View.

Voter registration will be available at all polling places that are open Tuesday. A valid ID is necessary to register at the polls.

The only position not on the ballot in Grand View is for mayor, but nearly everything else is in flux for the small town on the Snake River.

Marie Hipwell has decided not to seek another term on the city council, but incumbents

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Daylight Saving Time ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour this weekend.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

School routes topic of meeting

Public input sought tonight at Homedale event

Officials have renewed hopes to make walking to school safer for Homedale's children.

Community members are invited to give their input on possible routes and how the city should prioritize any possible projects involving pedestrian routes to the town's elementary and middle schools.

A town meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Officials are hoping for a large turnout for the fact-finding and informational meeting.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker and Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson discussed how to get funding for schoolchildren pedestrian routes during an Oct. 14 meeting.

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Island Park restrooms arrive

Workers with Diamond Contractors of Eagle and Inland Crane Inc. of Boise install the new restroom facility at Marsing's Island Park Monday afternoon. Kirby Cook with Civil Dynamics Engineering of Caldwell said the restrooms should be fully installed and ready for use by the end of next week. He added that the modular unit weighs about 42,000 pounds and was lifted into place by a 200-ton crane.

Safe 'n' Sane Halloween returns to Homedale

Terry Reilly plans health festival

Motorists are urged to watch out for trick-or-treaters Friday in downtown Homedale.

The city's annual Safe 'n' Sane

Halloween will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at participating businesses throughout downtown.

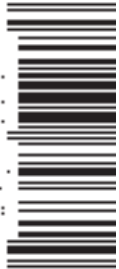
Children 12 and younger are invited to trick-or-treat at businesses displaying an orange Jack O'Lantern in the window. Busi-

nesses can still pick up the Safe 'n' Sane signs at City Hall. Organizers warn that some businesses could end their participation early if they run out of candy.

Motorists will have one less street to navigate Friday, too, after the City Council voted to

close the first block of North 1st Street East to make room for a health fair and enhance trick-or-treaters' pedestrian safety. The closure will eliminate some of the access to Frosty Palace

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Homedale council green lights library board land talks

Lots would be used for library expansion

The Homedale Public Library board of directors has been given the go-ahead to negotiate a land buy.

The Homedale City Council agreed Thursday to allow library board members to try to buy the old Mormon church and the land on which it sits adjacent to the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

It could be the catalyst for a larger library and possibly the long-awaited formation of a taxing district to support the library.

“I think acquiring that land is the first step, and then we’d like you to bring in some plans and cost estimates as far as expansion,” city council president Aaron Tines said.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer urged the library board to get the land appraised.

Sid Tucker owns the land and the building, and board member Carolyn Grooms said he is willing to sell to the library board; however, there is another party interested in buying the land.

“The other party wants to make a parking lot out of it, but we need a bigger library,” Grooms said. “Our new director (Sharla Jensen)

Library news

Find more news on the Homedale Public Library and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing on **Page 7B** this week.

has a lot of good programs down there, and there’s a lot more going on since the library was built in 1982.”

The land, which is actually three city lots, and improvements have an assessed value of \$25,205, Grooms said.

The library board has \$170,000 in the bank, but new library director Sharla Jensen pointed out that the library budget would have to be opened in order to move money into the current appropriations for the purchase.

The old Mormon church building has been on the lot for about 80 years. Jensen said that, if the library board buys the lot, the building could either be sold and moved or torn down.

The city council also approved Debbie Packer as a new library board member. She succeeds Karl-lyne Landrum, who resigned.

The vote appointing Packer was 3-0. Councilperson Kim Murray was out of town on a job, according to Mayor Gheen Christoffersen.

— JPB



Owyhee Gardeners provide a splash of fall color

Top: Members of the Owyhee Gardeners spent Friday afternoon planting a new batch of fresh, colorful flowers around the Welcome to Homedale sign. Above: Donna Haylett tends to a patch. Left: Marilyn Evans helps plant a variety of flowers.

Council works fast on busy night

The Homedale City Council breezed through a busy night Thursday, resolving a couple Planning and Zoning matters and cancelling meetings scheduled in the next two months.

By a 3-0 vote, council members approved Tom Gaskins’ special use permit to convert the Joyce’s Creations shop in the old Cahill Oil Co. office into a residential apartment. Gaskins told The Owyhee Avalanche he had first come before the now-defunct P&Z commission and was approved that body for a permit when he first bought the property eight years ago.

The building, which is located at 11 W. Idaho Ave., previously

was an apartment. The special use permit is necessary because the building is in a commercial zone.

The council also approved a temporary use permit allowing Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation to place a modular unit on its property at 108 W. Owyhee Ave., to create an employee office and break room while portions of the facility is remodeled.

OHR will place a 10-foot-by-30-foot trailer behind the nursing home, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, who said city building inspector Steve Pierson has signed off on the idea.

The council capped the temporary use permit at six months.

Andrew Kimmel from Riedesel Engineering Inc., told council members that relocation of a city water line will be able to proceed without any additional environmental studies.

“The environmental study is

not necessary because there will be under an acre of disturbance,” Kimmel said.

That will cut down on the timeline for the work that is being mandated by the Idaho Transportation Department, which plans to replace the Succor Creek bridge on Idaho highway 19 next year. The city’s water line is in the area of impact for the new bridge footprint.

Kimmel said the water line has to be moved by March 14, which is the start date for the ITD project. He said the city could put the job out to bid by January.

The council members present canceled their second meetings in November and December because the fourth Thursday next month is Thanksgiving and the fourth Thursday in December is Christmas Eve.

Councilperson Kim Murray was absent. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said she was out of town on a job.

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Homedale champs have plan for FFA nationals

Marketing team meets judges Thursday in Louisville

A last-minute substitution produced proficiency — not panic — for Homedale FFA’s marketing team.

But, rest assured, there was still plenty of panic before the chapter’s state championship — and national convention-qualifying — trio came together.

“They called me at 9 o’clock one night both screaming into the phone,” high school sophomore Lindsey Burks, the final piece of the puzzle, said of the moment Jacob Christensen and Lauryn Fisher recruited her.

That was two days before the state competition took place in June in Moscow.

Even though Burks was completely unfamiliar with the Powerpoint or any other element of the presentation, she jumped on board.

A crash course on the plan ensued during a meeting at Moxie Java then she crammed for her part of the presentation with advisor Clara-Leigh Evans.

Two days later, with the live presentation complete, the three team members held the chapter’s first state championship in the discipline.

Going by the name Deep Roots Marketing, the group put together a marketing plan to help bolster The Owyhee Avalanche for their state championship presentation.

With the state championship came an invitation to the FFA national convention. The team will go before judges Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

The team researched their plan online and also talked to pertinent leaders in the target business.

“All the hard work paid off,” Christensen said. “You kind of start out with formatting (for a plan), but you don’t know what it’ll be like. It was cool to see it all come together.”

The marketing proposal, which is already in the hands of national competition judges, outlines how the Avalanche can improve its appeal to the younger generation by expanding its digital footprint.

The team laid out a plan and a projection for the next three years, including how digital expansion would help get the newspaper out to new readers and expand the bottom line.

After the team makes its presentation Thursday, Christensen, Fisher and Burks will stand for 12 questions from national judges.

Although the eight-page



From left: Lindsey Burks, Lauryn Fisher and Jacob Christensen make their pitch in one last run-through before FFA nationals.

marketing proposal has many real-life elements, Evans said there is more science than practicality involved.

“It’s a lab experiment with as much real-life (facts and details) as you can get,” she said.

Christensen, the 17-year-old son of Bobby and Edene Christensen, is now a senior. Fittingly, he plans to pursue a marketing degree at the University of Idaho.

Burks and Fisher, both 15-year-old sophomores, were ninth-graders when they won the state championship. Burks is the daughter of Michelle and Brian Burks, and Fisher’s parents are Dwayne and Tracy Fisher.

The three had to deal with real-life stresses while honing the marketing plan for nationals.

Christensen holds down a part-time job, while Burks and Fisher had to juggle commitments with the junior varsity volleyball team and the beginning of girls’ basketball practice.

Evans said the team members won’t have much rest once they arrive for the national convention, which begins today.

“They probably won’t sleep Tuesday or Wednesday night because the presentation will be going through their head over and over again,” she said. — JPB

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Marsing FFA brings back haunted greenhouse for another year

The Marsing FFA chapter’s second annual Haunted Greenhouse will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Volunteers will deck out the FFA greenhouse for the event.

Admission is \$3, and hot dogs, chips, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be available. The greenhouse is located next to the Marsing High School ag shop.

Chapter advisor Mike Martin said the haunted house’s “fright level” will be adjusted to be age-appropriate.

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✓ Halloween: City Hall contest on again

and Bowen Parker Day CPAs, but Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller erred on the side of caution in his remarks at Thursday’s council meeting.

“The intrusion or possible inconvenience to close one entrance to Frosty Palace is outweighed by the safety of pedestrians,” Eidemiller said. Patrons would still be able to access Frosty Palace from East Idaho Avenue.

Parents should park away from the downtown area to avoid traffic congestion, if their children cannot walk from home. Less traffic in the area will also enhance pedestrian safety as children walk from business to business.

A list of businesses participating in the Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween is available at City Hall, or can be found in this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce helps organize the annual Halloween event. However, businesses do not need to belong to the Chamber to participate in the Safe ‘n’ Sane trick-or-treating.

City Hall will again host a best costume contest. One girl and one boy will receive a prize, and their photos will be displayed at City Hall.

Children must trick-or-treat at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., in order to get judged for the contest.

For more information, call City Hall at 337-4641.

The Terry Reilly Homedale Clinic at 108 E. Idaho Ave. will hold a Fall Health Festival as part of the Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween.

The free event will run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will include activities for children such as face painting and pumpkin decorating. Terry Reilly physicians and staff will also offer blood pressure checks, glucose checks, and flu shots for adults.

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 - Bowen, Parker, Day CPAs** — 19 E. Wyoming Ave.
 - Homedale City Hall** — 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
 - South Board of Control** — 118 S. 1st St. W.
 - Idaho Pizza Co.** — 138 E. Idaho Ave.
 - RehabAuthority** — 134 E. Idaho Ave.
 - Terry Reilly Health Clinic** — 108 E. Idaho Ave.
 - Jacksons Food Store** — 103 E. Idaho Ave.
 - Frosty Palace** — 32 E. Idaho Ave.
 - The Owyhee Avalanche** — 19 E. Idaho Ave.
 - NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply** — 4 E. Idaho Ave.
 - Fisher’s** — 30 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Owyhee County Probation Office** — 8 N. 2nd St. W.
 - Farmer’s Inn** — 18 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Men’s Hair Shack** — 108 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Last Chance Saloon** — 120 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Vance Dairy Construction** — 201 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Family Dollar** — 330 W. Idaho Ave.
 - Matteson’s** — 3 S. Main St.
 - Auto Zone** — 120 S. Main St.
 - Homedale Fire Dept.** — 9 W. Colorado Ave.
 - Tolmie’s Ace Hardware** — 1 E. Owyhee Ave.
 - Owyhee Health and Rehab** — 114 W. Owyhee Ave.
 - Emerald Insurance** — 9 E. Idaho Ave.
 - Paul’s Market** — 20 E. Wyoming
 - Rumors** — 14 E. Wyoming
 - Homedale Public Library** — 25 W. Owyhee Ave.
 - Rebecca’s Mini Mart** — 12 W. Idaho Ave.
 - L & L Meats** — 106 W. Idaho Ave.
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✓ Voters: All four Grand View City Council seats on Tuesday’s ballot

Opal Ward, a former mayor, Donald “Bill” Mead, the council president, and Linda Araujo, are all on the ballot Tuesday.

Grand View business owner Jon Pennington is challenging Araujo and Mead for one of two four-year terms available on the board. The top two vote-getters in Tuesday’s election will win seats.

Ward is vying for one of a pair of two-year council positions. Melvin Freckleton, Katy Hazlett and John Morrison also are on the ballot. As with the four-year position, the top two candidates in voting will win election.

Similar to Grand View, Homedale

has two four-year positions that will be filled in January by the two men with the top vote totals in Tuesday’s election.

Council president Aaron Tines is seeking his third term on the council, and Steve Atkins is running for re-election for the first time. Longtime Homedale resident Jerry Anderson is challenging the incumbents.

The only excitement in Marsing is the mayoral race as only incumbent Chris Even and former council person Marie Herman have filed to seek election to the council, which has two four-year terms that are set to end. Herman

Where to vote

North Homedale — Senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
South Homedale — Magistrate courtroom, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
North Marsing — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.
South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.
Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.
Absentee — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

is trying to succeed Stella Bush, who decided not to run this time around. Herman lost during a write-in campaign to stay on the council in 2011.

Ferdinand served on the council from 2010 to 2014, and he is seeking to supplant Green in the four-year mayoral position.

Green is nearing the end of his second term as mayor.

—JPB

✓ School: Chamber eyes next public service project

Christoffersen said the Chamber of Commerce wants to tackle the safer routes to school idea as its next community service program now that the Welcome to Homedale sign project has wrapped up.

The mayor said Parker will be taking the lead on the safer routes project.

Today’s meeting will help gather information regarding ways to fund any pedestrian initiatives after the Safer Routes to School program ended.

Feedback will help officials plan prospective routes and set priorities the projects.

Funding could be obtained through the Idaho Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

City Councilman Steve Atkins said creating safer walking routes would probably result in a decrease of traffic.

“I think you get a heck of a lot of parents driving their kids because they don’t want them on the road,” Atkins said.

During the Oct. 14 city council meeting, Christoffersen said that he would like to get input on which of two possible routes is more important.

He suggested a route for elementary school students that would create a sidewalk on one side of North 3rd Street West between West Idaho Avenue and West Washington Avenue. Previously the city looked at rebuilding both sides of North 3rd Street with sidewalks, curbs and gutters and an improved roadway.

A route to middle school children could keep students off of Idaho highway 19. Under Christoffersen’s plan, students would walk down 7th Street West and then take residential streets in nearby subdivisions to Johnstone Road.

— JPB



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Oct. 29: No school
Nov. 2: Hot dog, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Nov. 3: Spaghetti, green beans, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Nov. 4: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Oct. 28: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit & salad bar, milk
Oct. 29: Cheesy lasagna or mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, cinnamon roll, fruit & salad bar, milk
Nov. 2: Nachos or toasted cheese sandwich, fruit & salad bar, milk
Nov. 3: Wiener wrap or calzone, string cheese, fruit & salad bar, milk
Nov. 4: Fish sandwich or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, milk

Homedale High

Oct. 28: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Oct. 29: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato chips, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Nov. 2: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Nov. 3: Hot dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes, gravy & buttered bread, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Nov. 4: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

Oct. 28: Rib-b-que sandwich, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
Oct. 29: Pepperoni ripper, chili cheese fries, wheat roll, tossed salad, salad bar & soup
Nov. 2: Sub sandwich or beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup
Nov. 3: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar & soup
Nov. 4: Teriyaki chicken bowl, whole wheat roll or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Oct. 28: Orange chicken, stir fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit, milk
Oct. 29: Soft taco, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk
Oct. 30: Corn dog, sweet potato fries, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit, brownie, milk
Nov. 3: Chicken & noodles, tossed salad, steamed carrots, fruit, milk
Nov. 4: Chicken patty/bun, tossed salad, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

(Milk available every day)

Oct. 28: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, bread
Oct. 29: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread
Nov. 3: Closed for election
Nov. 4: Beef/bean burritos, refried beans, rice, milk, salad bar

Rimrock Senior Center

(Milk and juice available every day)

Oct. 28: Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, devils jello.
Nov. 3: Taco soup, carrots & celery sticks, corn chips & cheese salsa, pears, milk, juice



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Obituaries

Ruth “Flannigan” Bernice McArthur

Ruth “Flannigan” Bernice McArthur, 89, passed October 19, 2015, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ruth was born December 24, 1925, in Buhl, Idaho to Ray and Phoebe Copenbarger. Ruth was married to August J. McArthur on May 6, 1947. They had three children. Following August’s passing in 1966, she was remarried to Ray Whaley in 1971, and later divorced in 1976. Ruth spent the rest of her years being a devoted mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Ruth was raised in the Magic Valley and attended schools there. She spent many years after college working as a waitress and cooking for the sheep shearers. Ruth loved being active and staying busy, she



loved to fish, camp, square-dance, bowl, and do crafts. Above all, Ruth’s true passion was spending

time with her family.

Ruth is survived by her brother, Butch (Ronnie) Copenbarger; sisters, Patty Montgomery and Betty Bosh; sister-in-law, Wilma Copenbarger; five grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and an extended loving family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ray Copenbarger and Robert “Bob” Copenbarger; and children, Norman “Joey” McArthur, August “Pete” McArthur and Sandra “Sandi” Johnston.

A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, Idaho.

Jo Ann (Nichols) Thomas

Jo Ann (Nichols) Thomas, 71 years old of Marsing, Idaho passed away on Oct 17th 2015 at Trinity Mission in Nampa. Jo Ann was born May 27, 1944 to Frank and Vivian Nichols, on Saturday, May 27th, 1944, in Hermosa Beach, CA.

She graduated from Oakland Technical High School in June of 1962.

In 1967 Jo Ann gave birth to Sarah in Oakland, California.

July 1973 Jo Ann Moved to Marsing, Idaho. Here she worked for Simplot. On June 5th, 1976, Mom married the love of her life, Jim. Mom was a bartender for Owyhee Lounge for many years. She could roll a mean dice game or play a strong hand of pitch.

Jo Ann worked for the Marsing School District for 18 years. She started in the lunchroom as a lunch lady. She was a Teacher’s Assistant for first, second and third grade. You could always find her helping kids get ready for tests. Jo Ann was also a bus aide. She kept score for the Marsing High School girls softball team. She retired from Marsing School District in 2010, but she often



went back to help with testing.

In 1989 Mom received the Honorary Sheriff’s Award from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Department. Mom loved the town of Marsing and served several years on the Chamber of Commerce. She also help organize for Marsing’s Christmas Care Tree.

In 1996 her granddaughter Abbi was born and the spoiling began. It didn’t take long for Abbi to have grandma wrapped around her fingers. In 2005 our family grew when Sarah married

Bob and mom was a grandmother again to Robert and Jessica. They loved family summer vacation with the kids.

For 25 year Mom kept score or was pouring beer and selling raffle tickets at the Percifield Co-ed Tournament.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, her parents and two sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah and son-in-law Bob, grandchildren, Abbigale, Jessica, and Robert. Sister Francis and two nieces, Jennifer and Julie. And, of course, mom’s roommates Stacy and Peanut, their puppy.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday Oct. 22, 2015 @ The American Legion Hall in Marsing at 1:00pm. Services are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Home in Garden City, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marsing Senior Center.

The family would like to thank the staff at Horizon Hospice and the staff at Trinity Mission Health & Rehab.

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Grand View plans Halloween bash

All sorts of Halloween fun is planned in Grand View on Saturday.

The festivities take place all night at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt.

The Chamber of Commerce

will hold a pumpkin-carving contest and trunk or treat from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., a dance and pizza feed begins. The event, which runs until midnight, includes a costume contest, DJ music and

all-you-can-eat pizza, breadsticks and soda.

Everything is available by donation only.

For more information on the pumpkin contest or the trunk or treat, call (208) 590-9011.



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Making road to college a little easier

In August, the Idaho State Board of Education passed a proposal allowing automatic conditional admission of resident high school seniors to Idaho colleges and universities. This policy is intended to streamline the admission process, removing barriers for students interested in attending college. In support of this, an event called Enroll Idaho was developed.



Surine Greenway

Hosted by University of Idaho Extension offices throughout the state, along with UI admissions, administration and faculty representatives, Enroll Idaho is a specialized

University of Idaho Extension

event that will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Owyhee County’s event will take place at the Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. High school seniors, their families and friends are invited to attend and learn about the educational options UI has to offer as well as ask any questions about the direct admissions process.

At the university, there are 124 unique majors — 85 undergraduate, 63 master’s, and 31 doctoral degrees. This includes the state’s premier law program and two specialist majors, offering no shortage of possibilities for young people to pursue their future. Vandal grads go on to make a difference in communities around the world;

for this reason and many more, we are proud of our more than 100,000 alumni.

We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for the continued growth of the Vandal family, so if you are looking for more information about this event, visit the official page: <http://www.uidaho.edu/events/enroll-idaho> or check out the Owyhee County Extension’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UniversityOfIdahoOwyheeCountyExtension

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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SCHOOL CENSUS – BOISE – The following was handed us by Mr. J. A. Chittenden, Territorial Superintendent of Public Schools. The census of Alturas and Ada Counties has not yet been taken:

Idaho City, District No. 1. – Number boys of between 4 and 21 years, 107; girls, 100. Children under 4 years, 89; between 4 and 6, 5; born in I. T., 24; attending public school, 38; private, 5.

Buena Vista Bar, No. 2. – Between 4 and 21, boys, 88; girls, 63; children under 4, 31; between 4 and 6, 51; births, 26; attending public school, 20.

Pioneer City, No. 3. – Boys between 4 and 21, 32; girls 31; under 4, 22; between 4 and 6, 19; births, 9; attending public school, 21.

Placerville, No. 4. – Boys between 4 and 21, 37; girls, 34; under 4, 29; between 4 and 6, 22; births, 13; attending school, 42.

Centerville, No. 5. – Boys between 4 and 21, 21; girls 18; under 4, 8; between 4 and 6, 16; births 3.

Pine Grove, No. 6. – Boys between 4 and 21, 39; girls, 32; under 4, 18; births, 8; attending school, 18.

Total number boys between 2 and 21, 324; girls 278, children under 4, 197; between 4 and 6, 114, births, 83; attending public schools, 139, private schools, 5.

OWYHEE COUNTY – Children between 4 and 21 years, 93; under 21, 133.

A VERY RICH STRIKE is talked of in Owhyhee. “Owhyhee” and Owyhee, we s’pose, are “all the same only spelt a little different.” Our Salt Lake contemporary has been consulting the list of geographical names in the back part of Webster’s Unabridged, but common usage and all the maps of this country in existence have settled on the latter way of spelling the title of our mining section. “Owhyhee,” per Webster is the English corruption of the word *Hawaii*, the title of one of the Sandwich Islands. Now, whether our name – Owyhee – is derived from the same source, is a question we have several times been asked but, as yet, failed to decide. We have gone through two different editions of the Oregon dictionary, and were, strange as it may seem, happily disappointed in finding not even the slightest allusion to the word. We have sometimes had a queer notion that the word possessed a Kanaka signification, from the fact that we feel sort of sandwiched in between the rocky, mountain walls of the narrow cañon. As with others, we feel somewhat interested in learning the origin and meaning of the word in question. “What’s in a name?” Don’t all speak at once.

DEQ eyes improving water quality of Bruneau River area

Public comment is sought on a plan to improve water quality in the Bruneau River subbasin.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on an addendum to a document aimed to address elevated temperatures in the Bruneau River, Jacks Creek and Clover Creek in Owyhee County.

Recent analysis revealed temperatures above recommended levels because of a lack of shade. In a press release announcing the public process, the state agency said temperature is a key factor in the health of fish and other cold water organisms found in the subbasin.

The 2015 addendum to the Bruneau River Subbasin Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) plan proposes TMDLs designed to lower temperatures

and bring the three bodies of water into compliance with state water quality standards.

Another goal is to restore the streams to conditions supporting cold water aquatic life, salmonid spawning, primary contact recreation, drinking water supply and seasonal cold water aquatic life.

The proposed plan is available for review at DEQ’s Twin Falls Regional Office and on the DEQ website.

The comment deadline is 5 p.m. on Nov. 16. Comments can be submitted on the agency’s website or by mail or email.

Send comments to: Balthasar Buhidar, DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, 650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or balthasar.buhidar@deq.idaho.gov.

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Calendar

Today

- 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
- 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
- Marsing FFA Haunted House**
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$3, FFA greenhouse, Marsing High School, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Adrian City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Fall Health Festival**
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Terry Reilly Health Services Homedale Clinic, 108 E. Idaho, Homedale. (208) 337-3189.
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

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

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting**
2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- 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
- Senior center bridge**
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. (208) 896-4690
- Holiday gift making class**
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Free, deadline to register is Oct. 29. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Marsing P&Z meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

Wednesday

- Military veterans coffee**
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Coffee club**
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Municipal elections 2015

Homedale city council

Jerry Anderson

Age — Senior citizen
Occupation — Retired carpenter, builder, remodeling
Family — Wife, Vicki (married 55 years). Children — Clint and Jill Anderson, Londa and Danny Britt, Kenna and Richard Bustillos, Rena and Scott Reynolds, Monte and Lorrie Anderson, Fon and Emily Anderson, Kordell and Emily Anderson
Years in Homedale — 57 years
Previous political and civic involvement — 50-plus years of church leadership and financial positions. One year, school board, building committee chair; 20 years, Homedale Bowling Association officer; 20 years, Homedale league officer; election judge. I ran my own business for 40 years dealing with employees, finances, purchases. I am honest and trustworthy.
City council meeting attendance — “20-ish” overall and six in the past year



Steve Atkins

Age — 43
Occupation — Ag Master Technician for Campbell Tractor Company
Family, including spouse and children with names — Lane Atkins 14, Tye Atkins 13
Years in Homedale — Most of my life
Previous political or civic involvement/experience — Served as a peace officer for Homedale for 2 years and a reserve since 2008. Served as a volunteer fireman for many years and most recently served Homedale City for a four year term.
Why are you a good choice? — Previously served a four year term as city council. Lived in the community for many years and feel I am an easy person for the community to reach out to for support.
City council meeting attendance — In the past four years I have only missed a handful due to work conflict. In the past year I have only missed a few due to work conflict.



Aaron D. Tines

Age — 33
Occupation — Morticians assistant
Family — Son Elias and daughter Akili
Years in Homedale — 11
Previous political or civic involvement/experience — Homedale City Council, two terms; past president Homedale Chamber of Commerce
Why are you a good choice? — Current councilmember, budget training, elected officials training, PRIMA certified
City council meeting attendance — I have attended a majority of the council meeting unless there was scheduling conflict.
Other comment — It is my hope that we can encourage citizens to attend city council meetings and provide input into city matters. The decisions made by the city council need the input of those who will ultimately be affected. When we have had community participation there has been great success in addressing issues that people feel are important.



Why are you running for office?

Anderson: I want to return service to the community. I think we may need some new voices in city government, and I may have ideas to help solve some of the issues and problems and be able to add a new voice to the city council.

Atkins: To continue to try and make Homedale a great place to live and raise a family.

Tines: It is important to me to serve the community in which I live and work.

What are the skills and experience you could bring to the position?

Anderson: I know how to lead and help govern. I am self-motivated, honest. I know who to have a budget and to be able to live within that budget from both a professional and personal aspect.

Atkins: Previous four-year term serving on Homedale City Council.

Tines: I am able to bring experience and knowledge of city management to this position. I have obtained this through my time as a councilmember and continuing education.

What are your plans for the position, should you win?

Anderson: Work with others within the city council, learn from them, offer advice if it pertains to help us be a better community and city.

Atkins: I would like to promote a prosperous and growing community for the citizens of Homedale.

Tines: My plans are to maintain an open forum in which everyone can feel that their opinions and ideas are welcomed and taken into consideration.

What are the positive aspects of the city?

Anderson: The mayor and council members are dedicated to do the best they can for all concerned. I want to help clean up the area, help it grow with new houses, new residents, and new businesses. I want there to be a good police force that operates at its best. I want to see lower crime rates, drug issues minimized and/or gone.

Atkins: Homedale is a small community full of citizens who care about each other and have pride in their community.

Tines: The most positive aspect of the city is the people. We have a great community, and that can only be obtained by those who live and work here.

What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about accomplishing that?

Anderson: Better support for the police force, encouragement, more officers if the budget can allow it.

Atkins: To continue to work with the council and mayor to continue to clean up the city of Homedale. I would like to continue to work with the Owyhee Probation Department to use some of their people on projects throughout the city.

Tines: There is always room for improvement. I would like to see the city as a whole continue to move forward and develop. We cannot sit and be idle but must be innovative. Examples of this are to continue to build our economic structure and to develop and renovate the residential areas of our city. Without jobs and housing Homedale will not continue to grow but begin to shrink.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city, and how would you address them?

Anderson: Drug issues. Encourage the police and judges to have more control and enforce penalties for the actions of those who are caught using, dealing and abusing drugs.

Atkins: It is important that we keep up with water/sewer projects so we don’t end up with a huge cost that will drive citizens water bill to very high rates like other cities in the valley have done.

Tines: The most crucial issues facing the city are keeping businesses open and keeping the residence in Homedale. Over the last few years we have seen businesses come and go as well as those living here. We need to continue to develop the city so that people are able to live a sustainable life here and not feel that they have to move to make a living.

Evaluate how the city government has been run; What changes need to be made?

Anderson: I think our city government functions pretty well. Changes — I think they need to be more open with each other and listen more to concerns from our citizens.

Atkins: Amongst the departments we have some good qualified people to support the infrastructure that know how to run the city to keep the cost down to satisfy the citizens and the community. We also need to evaluate the city’s crumbling streets and try to pursue grants to repair and/or replace in a timely manner before we lose the streets altogether.

Tines: I feel that the city government is always a work in progress. We have to continue to be a transparent forum for the community. I feel that this has been accomplished and I want to see the transparency continue. I would like to see the community become more involved in the council meetings as there are a lot of great ideas and insight that our citizens have and I feel it is very important for that to be shared.

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In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?

Anderson: Try to secure more businesses in town. Support the businesses that are already here. Be optimistic.

Atkins: We need to continue to promote growth in our city. We need to continue to work with organizations like western alliance to get us there for example.

Tines: The city needs to continue to be innovative. This comes in the form of attracting commerce to the city so that we can provide jobs and amenities to our citizens. The city also needs to improve the residential needs for the city. This can be accomplished by working with groups like the Western Alliance and people interested in building new housing as well as renovating existing housing.

What would you change about the city’s current policies?

Anderson: I don’t know what all needs to change. I would like to see citizens more involved in some projects such as school safety, clean up the roads and alleyways where they live, be neighbor watchmen.

Atkins: I think we need to take a look at a possible exemption application for fees pertaining to building permits for the elderly and/or handicapped citizens of Homedale that live on a fixed income.

Tines: The city policies change as the needs arise. Some of the current policies that we have need to be updated to fit the needs of today’s society.

What are your views on the following issues?

Anderson	Atkins	Tines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abolition of city’s Planning and Zoning Commission — It probably is not needed now that we have a county building inspector.• Improving Homedale’s economy — It is hard to improve the economy because we are an agricultural community. It all depends on the farmers having water, good weather and good crops. We need to encourage to buy local whenever possible.• Establishment of a library district — Not sure, but probably this is a good idea.• Establishment of code enforcement officer — I think this is probably the leadership of the Chief of Police, with cooperation of all the other officers.• Expansion of the police department — If budget can handle it, then yes do it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abolition of city’s Planning and Zoning Commission — At this time there hasn’t been very much growth to justify the cost of an administrator. In the future, as growth picks up this may need to be re-evaluated.• Improving Homedale’s economy — We need to figure out ways to make Homedale an attractive place for business owners to bring their businesses.• Establishment of a library district — I think the establishment of a library district is long overdue.• Establishment of code enforcement officer — I believe that with a fully staffed police department that this is a duty that can be absorbed by our police officers and that we do not need a separate person for code enforcement. I do believe the stray pet problem in Homedale has been handled very well by the code enforcement officer.• Expansion of the police department — The recent hiring of police officer was to fill the position that was faceted by the school resource officer. So in actuality we are replacing the officer that is in the schools. The SRO’s wages are partially paid by the city and the school district. The school resource officer is needed in our community to ensure the safety of our children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abolition of city’s Planning and Zoning Commission — The recent abolition of the planning and zoning to me were due to the fact that the current issues that were coming before them are more fitted to come before the city council for resolution. I feel that at this point the city can handle the planning and zoning needs of the citizens.• Improving Homedale’s economy — I feel that the economy in the city needs to be strengthened. This is a difficult subject due to the nature of how the economy works. There has to be private entities that find that Homedale is a location where they would like to base their businesses out of. There are a lot of factors that play into this such as geographic location, infrastructure and local workforce.• Establishment of a library district — Currently I do not feel that the library would succeed in passing a local library district due to the current economic climate. I feel that the library would greatly benefit from forming a district as well as the citizens who utilize it. Until this is able to be accomplished the city should do its best to support the library needs.• Establishment of code enforcement officer — The establishment of this position has come with positive feedback. But should the enforcement of city code come at an additional cost to the citizens, the city in the past has been able to handle this type of enforcement with the cooperative efforts of the departments within the city.• Expansion of the police department — I feel that the expansion of any department within the city needs to be a last resort. The city needs to look at how the needs and financial obligations weigh against one another. I feel that all options should be looked at thoroughly before making this decision.

Marsing city council

With two candidates running for two open seats on the Marsing City Council, there is no contested race, but Chris Even and Marie Herman were given the opportunity to answer questionnaires about city issues. Even opted to give a statement, while Herman wrote an essay based on The Owyhee Avalanche’s questions.

I am running for Marsing City Council because I believe that one of the greatest virtues that we have is the opportunity for ordinary citizens to help our community grow in a positive way.

I have no personal agenda in becoming a council member. I just want to help improve and sustain a healthy environment for the residents of Marsing.

Over the past few years our town has made major improvements with the water improvement system and greater curb appeal that has brought an inviting charm into our town.

I have not attended many council meetings since my last term, but The Owyhee Avalanche has done an awesome job in keeping the patrons informed on what is going on with our city government.

Our city needs to continue to grow in a positive way. That is not always an easy task. Keeping our utility rates in the black and protecting our citizens with a law enforcement contract that is feasible and affordable does not always make the city officials very popular people.

But, along with some negative comes some positive. The Island Park shows great promise. Moving the playground to keep our youth safer from motorists and improving the restrooms is a positive project that will benefit many and be inviting enough to bring visitors to our town.

Marie Herman

Age: 53
Family: Three children; four grandchildren
How long residing in county: Moved to Marsing in 1999
Occupation: Office manager
Previous civic or political service: Former Marsing City Council member

The comprehensive plan for the town has had a lot of thought put into it, and we just have to remember what our city attorney said, “It should not be viewed as a final statement of the city’s vision.”

I hope that I am blessed enough to service a second term on the Marsing City Council.

Thank you for your support.

Chris Even

Even is completing his first four-year term as a Marsing city councilman. He is an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy.

“I’ve been serving the citizens of Owyhee County for 15 years with the sheriff’s office, and the last four the citizens of Marsing as a city council member and I would like to continue to serve.”



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Marsing mayoral

James Ferdinand

Age — 46
Occupation — Purchasing Agent for Nashua Homes of Idaho
Family — Wife Jess; Daughters Shelbi and Harlee; Son Colby
Years residing in Marsing — Eight
Previous political or civic involvement/experience — 2010-14 Marsing City Council, Transportation Committee, Marsing Fire Dept., Marsing Ambulance, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, Disaster Auction Committee, Marsing Booster Club
Why are you a good choice? — I am a good leader, I have experience with the city and its employees, and I understand controlling growth, and the upcoming needs of the city.



Why are you running for office?
I feel like it is time for a change in the leadership, time to take look at what is next for Marsing through a fresh set of eyes.

What are the skills and experience you could bring to the position?
I have been on the city council, and have been a part of the decision making on many of the current projects, and I want to help see them through.

What are your plans for the position, should you win?
I am not interested in reinventing the wheel; I will take a look at the good and the bad together, and see what needs change, and what is working well already.

What are the positive aspects of the city?
The most positive aspect of the City of Marsing is the people that live here. Marsing is a one-of-a-kind community that has no equal, and that credit goes to the citizens that live here.

What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about that?
I would like to see the Senior Center get back on its feet, sidewalks, lighting and crosswalks improved. I understand grants are still in the works that I voted on in 2014, and I will continue to push that forward.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city? How would you address them?
Growth... Whether or not Marsing has growth, we will have water, sewer, road, and all other infrastructure needs that have to be met. Controlled growth will help with that burden.

How many city council meetings have you attended in the past year? 4 or 5
How many have you attended in your time in the city? 60-plus

Are there any other specific issues that the city needs to address?
I would like to see the taxpayers more active at City Council meetings.

Evaluate how the city government has been run; what changes need to be made?
I do think communication could be better, but personnel or any other possible issues must be evaluated after taking office.

In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?
I do think the people that live in Marsing understand, more than most, community, especially that our community will continue to stand behind each other, and move forward as one. I do not want to change any part of the feel of Marsing, but as issues arise, and needs come up, they will be addressed, and the goal will always be what is best for the taxpayers of the City of Marsing.

What are your views on the following issues?
Island Park improvements

The current improvements have been something the City has been trying to do for years. I am in favor of it, but question the timing due to the upcoming bridge replacement.

Law enforcement contract with sheriff’s office
I am in favor of having a contract with the sheriff’s office, I look forward to negotiations with the sheriff, and possibly getting OCSO (Posse) volunteers patrolling Marsing as well.
Efforts to improve pedestrian safety

I have always held the safety of our pedestrians very high, changing out street lights, adding crosswalk safety and working on new sidewalks are all part of my plan.

Updated comprehensive plan and land use table
The new updated comprehensive plan (that I believe started in 2003) and the land use table are both necessary for the future of Marsing. I have read both and feel like they bring Marsing into the present for land use and the future for planning and zoning.

FY 16 budget and establishment of mayoral discretionary fund
As a councilman, we established a maximum amount of money the Mayor could spend without Council approval. I see this fund as a way around that limit. I am not completely versed on this line item in the budget, but as Mayor, would seek council approval beyond the previously set limit.

Are there any other specific issues that the city council needs to address?
There is a learning curve involved, even though I have been a part of Marsing City government before. As I get settled in as mayor, and after, I would encourage the public to voice their opinions to me and our city employees, with not only the needs, but the positive that often gets overlooked.

Keith Green

Age — 49
Occupation — Symms Fruit Ranch foreman
Family — Wife — Jolyn; children — Mitch, Megan, Peyton and Amelia; grandchildren — Asher Sterling
Civic and political involvement — Eight years as mayor; current vice-president, Idaho Horticultural Society; currently serving on Idaho Cherry Commission; Marsing Lions Club member; Treasure Valley Partnership member; Caldwell Police reserve (1996 to 2001)
Why are you a good choice? — The past experiences that I have had between my work, time in office and civic duties makes me a well-rounded, capable person.



What are the skills and experience you could bring to the position?
I bring 35 years of managing people at many different levels. My experience in and out of office has allowed me to establish a “hard work, let’s get it done” work ethic, which I pass on to my staff.

What are you plans for the position, should you win?
I plan to continue the work that I have already started with the streets, roads, parks, water and sewer.

What are the positive aspects of the city?
Our little city is a credit to the state and county. We have great parks, schools and people.

What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about that?
As we continue our work on upgrading services in the city, I also see the need to spend more time and effort on our roads.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city? How would you address them?
The city’s irrigation is in need of many improvements and we are working towards updating them now, and the city’s vehicles and machinery need updated.

How many city council meetings have you attended in the past year?
How many have you attended in your time in the city?
I have missed one regular meeting of city council. I have been to many other public and P&Z meetings in the last year and too many to count in my time at the city.

Are there any specific issues that the city needs to address?
The city needs to address the issues with the BLM and keeping them in Marsing after the 2016 extension ends. Dilapidated buildings need to be dealt with. Bringing more business into Marsing also needs to be worked towards.

Evaluate how the city government has been run; What changes need to be made?
Marsing city has been running very well. There are always checks and balances and more reviews that could be made. That takes more staff and more money. To maintain a lean government, the services aren’t as extensive as some people want them. I prefer to keep a lean government.

In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?
The city needs to proceed slowly and carefully. Our growth needs to be as steady as the school and city can maintain them.

What are your views on the following issues?
Island Park improvements
Our Island Park is beautiful, and the improvements have been well received by residents. The working restrooms will be wonderful.

Law enforcement contract with the sheriff’s office
The newly remodeled contract with OCSO was a good thing for the city. With the city also making contributions to the schools for help with the SRO.
Efforts to improve pedestrian safety
New lighting has been ongoing at the city as well as crosswalk improvements over the past years.

Updated comprehensive plan and land use table
The comp plan and land use plan have been ongoing for numerous years. The adoption of the plan is a good thing. Everybody needs to remember it is a plan that can be adjusted as the city needs.

FY 16 budget and establishment of mayoral discretionary fund
FY 16 budget looks good for the city. We have monies in savings and money in general fun. The mayoral fund has no line item in the budget. There has been a \$500 limit established for the mayor since the Roy Herman days.

Are there any other specific issues that the city council needs to address?
Senior citizens. We need to continue to help the center and find funding to continue support of them.

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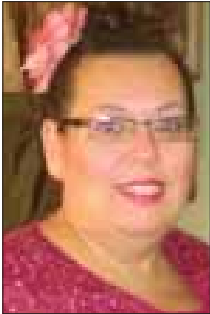
Grand View city council



FOUR-YEAR TERMS

Linda Araujo

Age — 48
Occupation — Home maker, Community volunteer
Family — Husband: Martin (33 years); Children: Nola Aguirre (Missy), Rebecca Araujo, Martin Araujo Jr., Ricardo Araujo, Gabriel Araujo
Years residing in town — 42 years
Previous political or civic experience — 2½ years on Grand View City Council; 1½ years Grand View Water & Sewer Board; 2013 Rural Community Review Committee; 2009-current- Rimrock Community Food Pantry, current chairman; Cub Scouts Pack 73 volunteer; Eastern Owyhee County Library and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High sports fundraising; Grand View Days fundraising
Why are you a good choice? — I’m knowledgeable about the city water, sewer, street and have experience working on projects that make Grand View a better community.



Why are you running for office?
I’m running because I love and care deeply about my town and I want it to remain a good family oriented community.

What are the skills and experience you could bring to the position?
Served 2½ years on the council, knowledgeable about the water & sewer, and experience working on projects that make Grand View a better community.

What are your plans for the position, should you win?
To keep Grand View a family-oriented community that focuses on healthy community development and saving taxpayers money.

What are the positive aspects of the city?
Friendly town folks, low crime rate, financially responsible, local government’s supportive and doesn’t interfere with people’s personal rights unless it’s a health or safety issue.

What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about that?
To see more people get involved and attend meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. I currently invite folks via Facebook and in person.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city? How would you address them?
Redesign the sewer lagoon to meet DEQ’s requirements and our community’s growing needs. We’ve already contracted with an engineer to start the process.

How many city council meetings have you attended in the past year?
How many have you attended in your time in the city?
I’ve attended all but one council meeting, due to a death in my family. I’ve attended at least 35 meetings over the past couple years.

Evaluate the performance of the city government. What changes are needed?
Overall the city council gets an A for positive management. I’d like the mayor to attend all meetings especially key ones like the budget session.

In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?
Continue to make the city inviting to recreationalists and encourage agricultural-based businesses by improving access to the Snake River, and promoting geothermal businesses.

What are your views on the following issues?
Geothermal project
We should explore all the ways that the city can use geothermal, example; heating businesses & homes creating new business and jobs for locals.

Comprehensive plan and P&Z in general
P&Z’s important for the city to manage, because right now building permit fees go to the county when they should go to city.

Improving city’s economic outlook
City Hall is in pretty good shape. We have managed to save money and are always looking for innovative ways to fund projects.

Are there any other specific issues that the city council needs to address?
New playground equipment is needed for toddlers and younger children in our city park. Young families need a safe place to take their children. The current playground is set up for older children. We’re meeting with a few young families to see what they would like to have in the city park. I’ve started fundraising for this project. If anyone is interested in helping or wants to donate, please give me a call.

Other issues or points
I’d really like to see a youth council where young adults help us plan for the future — their future.

Donald (Bill) Mead

Age — 74
Occupation — Fence contractor
Family — Single cowboy
Children — James, Annie and Kathy
Years residing in town — 33 years total, 1972-85 and 1995-present
Previous political or civic experience — Four years Grand View City Council, current president; four years Grand View Chamber of Commerce officer, President of Rimrock Senior Center, Lions Club member, Owyhee County Historical Society member.



Why are you a good choice? — Experienced city council member, very knowledgeable about city business and projects.

Why are you running for office?
I believe I can do good for the city. I’m open to new ideas that save tax payers money and bring in new businesses.

What are the skills and experience you bring to the position?
While on the city council this past four years we’ve accomplished a lot of good things, like saving taxpayers money.

What are your plans for the position, should you win?
Continue to explore ways to save money and create a balanced plan for the geothermal project. It could financially help the city and create jobs.

What are the positive aspects of the city?
Low crime, good place to work and live, and the current city council works to keep it that way.

What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about that?
Attract new business and agricultural growth. Keeping our city clean and prosperous looking will help with this.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city? How would you address them?
Sewer lagoon needs updated to accommodate growth. Engineers are working on plans.

How many city council meetings have you attended in the past year?
How many have you attended in your time in the city?
An estimated 56, I’ve attend all meetings, special and regular. I’ve never missed a meeting since taking office four years ago.

Evaluate the performance of the city government. What changes are needed?
The council has done a good job managing city business.

In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?
I’d like to see the city become a destination place for outdoorsmen and women, and develop the geothermal to help bring in business.

What are your suggestions/views on the following issues?
Geothermal project
I think the geothermal project could be a real asset financially, and is being explored further.

Comprehensive plan and P&Z in general
P&Z is important because they are responsible for writing the comprehensive plan, which helps the city plan for its future.

Improving city’s economic outlook
The council has worked hard to find every way possible to save money. The city’s finances looks good partly to finding grants and donations.

Other issues or points
I’d like to encourage everyone to get out and vote, and I’d like your support on Nov. 3.

Responses not received

The following city council candidates did not return their responses in time for publication:
Jon Pennington, four-year term
Melvin Freckleton, two-year term



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Grand View city council

TWO-YEAR TERMS

Katy Hazlett

Age — 25
Occupation — part time at Gus’s Gas.
Family — Calvin Carothers (s p o u s e) Braxton (stepson 12) S h y a n n (stepdaughter 11) Zoey (daughter 5)
Years in town — 4½ years
Previous political or civic involvement/experience — President of the Chamber of Commerce and Secretary/ treasurer of the PTA
Why are you a good choice? — I am younger so I bring fresh ideas for improvements on Grand View and I am always willing to help especially if it will enrich the lives for my kids.
City council meeting attendance — None



John Morrison

Age — 56
Occupation — Grand View Mutual Canal water master, Owner Lazy Rabbit Homestead
Family — Spouse: Laura Morrison Children: Lindsay Short (son-in-law Layne Short), Joe Caballero, Abby Caballero, Tanner Sharek, Heather Morrison, Hailey Sharek, Christian Sharek and five (almost six) grandchildren
Years in town — Grand View/Bruneau area all my life
Previous political or civic involvement/experience — In the military (Army) for eight years active duty, attend several school board meetings, ran for school board, active at church.
Why are you a good choice? — I have been a resident of the area all my life and I am very familiar with the people in the area and their lifestyles. I love politics.
City council meeting attendance — Two in the past year. Eight in his time in town.



Opal Ward

Age — 77
Family — Widow. Son and daughter-in-law: Sam and Marina; daughter: Patricia Dowell, DVM; one daughter passed away in 1993. Ten grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.
Occupation — retired farmer, business owner and teacher
Years in town — In Grand View for 22 years and in the vicinity for 35 years
Political and community involvement — I have been mayor, on the city council, water and sewer board and the Rimrock Food Pantry board. I am currently on the Planning and Zoning Commission, city council and am treasurer of the Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library board. I volunteer two days a week for the local Christian school and am active in my church.
Why are you a good choice? — I am a good choice for the position on the Grand View City Council as I have been fully involved with what has gone on in the past and remain very interested in the many opportunities for this city in the future. I have regularly attended City Council meetings whether I am on the council or not.
City council meeting attendance — I have attended twelve City Council meetings in the past year and quite a few meetings in the past.



Why are you running for office?

Hazlett: For a new experience and another way to be more involved in my community.
Morrison: There was a vacant seat, I also would like to have the experience working in the city government.
Ward: I care about the town and the people in it. I am an experienced City Council woman.

What are the skills and experience you could bring to the position?

Hazlett: I have excellent people skills and am always willing to hear another person’s point of view on issues. Although I am young, I believe I will be able to bring fresh ideas to the table.
Morrison: I love politics and I love the city of Grand View. I would love to be active in politics.
Ward: I have attended many workshops, including those offered by the Idaho Association of Cities.

What are your plans for the position, should you win?

Hazlett: I will do whatever it takes to continue to improve Grand View. I want to show everyone the importance of little ol’ Grand View and the great history it has and continue to honor that.
Morrison: I want to keep our small-town lifestyle and keep Grand View a great place to live.
Ward: My plans for this position, if I should win, would be to continue to make the town of Grand View into a destination, instead of a drive-through.

What are the positive aspects of the city?

Hazlett: It is a place to raise a family and settle down. I like hearing “I haven’t been here in x amount of years and not much has changed. It feels like home and welcoming every time I am here.”
Morrison: A good place to raise a family. We have a lot of nice people.
Ward: We have a beautiful city on the Snake River where the community works together to benefit each other and the community as a whole.

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What would you like to improve about the city, and how would you go about accomplishing that?

Hazlett: I want to see more involvement from the younger generation such as myself. If I am elected I would be setting an example for others in my generation. By example and encouragement, I think it will promote younger community support.

Morrison: I like our city the way it is but we could use some growth. If we could find a way to encourage people to move here and stay here.

Ward: I would like to see the people who have complaints bring them to the City Council so we can have a dialogue and bring about resolution.

What are the most crucial issues facing the city, and how would you address them?

Hazlett: I believe a lot of the problem is the City Council in itself is having issues. Hopefully with a few new members we will be able to work together collectively vs against one another.

Morrison: Keeping our way of life the way it is and to not have the government interfere with how we want to live.

Ward: One of the crucial issues is having more modest priced housing available. We need to attract people wanting to build affordable and attractive housing.

Evaluate how the city government has been run; What changes need to be made?

Hazlett: No answer given

Morrison: Government not noticed is a good government. I don't feel there are too many problems and things to change

Ward: The City Council works really well together. Differences of opinion are discussed until we have a consensus.

In what direction does the city need to proceed, and how will you get it there?

Hazlett: No answer given

Morrison: Stay on course and keep doing what we are doing, try to promote more growth to help the schools but no big changes.

Ward: We need to provide an atmosphere for family oriented businesses to come to Grand View. One way to do this is to continue with the sidewalks and the city beautification efforts.

What are your views on the following issues?

Hazlett	Morrison	Ward
<div><div>• Geothermal project</div><div>• Comprehensive plan and P&Z in general</div><div>• Improving city's economic outlook</div><div>No answers given</div></div>	<div><div>• Geothermal project</div><div>I would like to see this happen to help promote growth and take advantage of natural resources.</div><div>• Comprehensive plan and P&Z in general</div><div>I disagree with P&Z in general. I am a firm believer of private property rights.</div><div>• Improving city's economic outlook</div><div>If we could promote something to give us economic growth like the solar panel project or other ways to encourage families to move here and have jobs and want to stay.</div></div>	<div><div>Geothermal project</div><div>I am in favor of Geothermal Projects — greenhouses, heating, swimming pool and therapeutic uses.</div><div>Comprehensive plan and P&Z in general</div><div>I am in favor of comprehensive planning and support the Planning and Zoning Commission.</div><div>Improving city's economic outlook</div><div>The city has made a lot of progress in the last several years. We have torn down old buildings and, with the community's help, made a beautiful park in its place. The community has come together, including those who live outside of the city limits) and have started a very nice walking path. The city is beginning to get inquiries from businesses that might, in the future, be willing to locate their business in Grand View.</div></div>

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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."

City officials become certified risk managers

Four city government officials recently completed public risk management certification. Homedale City Clerk Alice Pegram was recertified after a training earlier this month in Boise.

Homedale's deputy city clerk, Rachael Percifield, and City Councilman and county Coroner Aaron Tines received their certifications.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi also completed the certification process.

The local officials attained certification by attending four PRIMA training sessions in a two-year period, while Pegram had to attend each session twice for recertification.

The PRIMA certification strives to increase the proficiency of risk management in the state's public political subdivisions.

Each risk management certification lasts for two years.

Trunk or treat planned at Marsing LDS church

Boys and girls dressed up for Halloween will be able to fill their candy baskets at one central place in Marsing again this year.

Trunk-or-treating will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the LDS Church, 215 3rd Ave. W.

Church Bishop Sean Rowley said the will run until 8 p.m., and chili will be served. Everything will be free.

Rowley did not know how many people will be handing out candy from their car trunks, but said anyone is welcome to come park their car and participate. In the past, some of the car trunks have been decorated in a Halloween theme. Rowley added that organizers of the trunk-or-treating might come up with other activi-

ties for the event. Local businesses in Marsing do not have an organized trick-or-treating event.

However, Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank wants parents to know that a handful of locations will also hand out treats for children.

"Individual businesses do have candy, like we have candy but nothing coordinated," Burbank said.

He was referring to US Bank where he works, which is handing out candy to children this week but is closed Saturdays.

Other places that will hand out candy during normal business hours on Halloween include Marsing Hardware, Logan's Market, and NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts.

Marsing ATV joy-riders sentenced

Two men have been convicted for their roles in taking a four-wheeler belonging to a local dairy.

Elias Govani Andrade Jr., 19, and 29-year-old Sergio Arellano Garcia of Marsing were sentenced before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on Oct. 19 in Murphy. Both had been arrested Sept. 30 after they went joy-riding on an ATV belonging to Garcia's former employer.

Both men were convicted on a misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle without the owner's

consent. Both men received credit for 21 days spent in Owyhee County Jail since their arrest, and both were placed on two years' probation.

Garcia was fined \$250 for misdemeanor trespassing and also must pay a \$450 fine for operating a vehicle without owner's consent.

Andrade, whose residence is listed as Arvin, Calif., apparently is now living in the Marsing area. He was ordered to pay \$302 in fines and court fees.

Givens Hot Springs burglary reported

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is looking for the person or persons who stole cash and property from the business office of Givens Hot Springs.

Sometime between 11 p.m., Saturday and noon Sunday, \$100 cash, and \$125 worth of candy was taken from the resort's office on Idaho highway 78 in Givens.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said no video of the

burglary is available because of a problem with on-site security cameras.

He added that the suspect or suspects entered the office through the front window. A latch on the window was broken, and a wooden dowel that would have kept the window shut was not in place.

Bowman said there are currently no suspects in the case.

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The event will help small business owners improve their chances to be found online through Google Search and Google Maps. Building a website and keeping information on the site current also will be covered.

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Marian Bever leads the room full of western women in a bandana wave Saturday. Photo by Rebekah Burley

Cowgirl Tea sparkles

The inaugural Cowgirl Tea was a “great success,” according to organizer Carol Huffman.

Huffman put together Saturday’s event in Murphy to celebrate legendary western women past, present and future.

The Cowgirl Tea featured music, speakers and refreshments and was held inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Huffman thanked the events sponsors, including:

- Canyon County Historical Society
- Historic Cowgirl Society, which donated the bandanas participants used during a group wave led by Marian Bever
- Steve Huffman Training Stables
- Nampa gift shops: Sparrow Nest, Mustard Seed, A Beautiful Mess and Café de Coco, which furnished the tea.

Huffman alluded that a second annual Cowgirl Tea is in the works for next year.

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Back row, from left: Team manager McKenna Dewitt, Josie Puckett, Caitlyn Pate, Kenna McKay, coach Debby Turner, Mackenzie Miller and Emma Parker. **Front row, from left:** Madison Miller, Maci Cline, Bella Smith and Ainslee Evans. Submitted photo

Homedale seventh-graders snag conference volleyball crown

Determination and dedication carried the Homedale Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team to a conference championship.

The second-seeded Trojans beat No. 4 Ontario, Ore., in three games to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament title before a home crowd at Homedale High School.

"The girls refused to let the ball drop on their side of the court and fought hard for the championship," HMS seventh-grade coach Debby Turner said.

"The girls had an awesome season partly due to

their dedication of attending 6 a.m. practices."

Homedale (6-4 overall) received an opening-round bye then knocked off No. 3 Parma to reach the title match.

Meanwhile, Ontario upset top-seeded Weiser on the other side of the bracket.

"A big thanks goes out to (HMS athletic director) Nick Ketterling for having everything set up and to Becky DeMark for being the official scorekeeper," Turner said.

The HMS eighth-graders took home second place in their tournament.

Siblings sail into 3A meet

Nash, Lainey Johnson
head north for Trojans

It was family day at the 3A District III cross country meet Thursday.

Senior Nash Johnson and his little sister, Lainey, a sophomore, will carry Homedale High School's colors into the 3A state championships.

Nash ran the fastest five kilometers of his life to finish 10th at the district meet in Emmett. He nabbed 10th place after a time of 18 minutes, 46.9 seconds on the Cobblestone Park layout near Black Canyon Dam. Johnson's previous best was an 18:50.63 during last year's Gary Ward Invitational in Nampa, and he now has five sub-19-minute races in two seasons.

Lainey finished eighth in Thursday's girls' district final, running a 22:35 to qualify for the 3A state meet. That was just three seconds off her personal record.

The siblings will compete on Saturday at

— See 3A, page 5B



Marsing's Villa reaches 2A final

Landry Villa's strong finishing kick to the cross country season continued at the district meet.

The Marsing High School sophomore turned in his eighth consecutive time in the 19-minute range Oct. 20 to nab the final District III 2A state meet qualification spot.

Villa ran a 19-minute, 26.25-second 5-kilometer route on the Jug Mountain Golf Course to finish 16th in the 2A boys' championship meet in McCall. He is the only Huskies athlete to reach the state meet, which will be held Saturday at Farragut State Park in Athol.

"Over the last two years, it has been fun watching him turn into a serious and competitive runner,"

— See 2A, page 5B

Homedale hits road for 3A state opener

Kimberly enters
playoff game
on a roll

Ideally, Friday will be just like any other game day for the Homedale High School football team.

Oh, but there is one fairly large exception: The Trojans will board a bus for a ride to Kimberly for the first round of the 3A state playoffs.

"We feel good. It's about a

2-hour, 2½-hour drive. We'll leave earlier, have lunch somewhere and find a place to do a walkthrough," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. Friday against the Bulldogs (5-3), who bring a three-game winning streak and the District IV second seed into the game.

Granted, the Trojans (7-1) have been here before. They traveled to Kellogg a year ago to start the playoff grind.

"Anytime you're playing

— See State, page 3B

HHS rediscovers balance, blasts Payette

Homedale went away from the pass-happy attack it has been using in recent weeks and ran the ball at the Pirates in Friday's final game of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season. The defense chimed in, too, as the Trojans rolled.

For the story, see Page 2B

HHS football wins state academic championship

Homedale High School's football team just got another reason to make it to the state championship game.

The Trojans apparently have to be there to pick up their 3A Academic State Champions Award.

With a cumulative grade-point average of 3.276, the football team became the first bunch of Homedale athletes in a decade to win the Idaho High School Activities Association honor.

"It is an awesome recognition of our student/athletes," Trojans coach Matt Holtry said. "We talk to the kids about being champions all the time, not just on the field."

"This, to me, is an example of our high expectations by our school district, parents, and high school staff to hold these athletes to a higher standard. We are proud of them for their accomplishment and hope that it sets the expectation for future Homedale football players to reach for."

Homedale's tennis team won its sport academic state championship in 2005. Holtry said the championship plaque is usually presented to the winning team during the state championship game.

Twenty-seven of Homedale's 41 varsity football players are on the honor roll. Five players — seniors Richard Symms, Lawsen Matteson and Dylan Burks, junior Jake Deal and sophomore Kaden Henry — carry 4.0 GPAs.

The IHSAA counted cumulative GPAs through Oct. 10.

— JPB



Jake Deal



Dylan Burks



Lawsen Matteson



Kaden Henry



Richard Symms

Sports

Back in groove, Trojans grind up Pirates in SRV finale

Holtry’s self-reflection reignites offense

Even the coach of a once-beaten, state-ranked football team can take stock in the midst of a successful campaign. Matt Holtry re-evaluated his play-calling after Homedale High School’s lone loss to Emmett, and the result was a renewed look and refueled offense.

The Trojans torched Payette, 50-0, to wrap up the 3A Snake River Valley conference season Friday on the Pirates’ field.

“We are a power-power, iso(lation) team. That’s the foundation of our playbook, and we’d gotten so far away from that identity since the Emmett game,” Holtry said.

“The ability to line up in a two-back set and run the ball or to spread it out and throw forces the opponent to prepare for both.”

Kimberly will be preparing for both in anticipation of the fourth-ranked Trojans’ visit to the Bulldogs’ field at 7 p.m. Friday to open the 3A state playoffs.

In Fridays’ regular-season finale, Homedale (7-1 overall, 4-1 3A SRV) was able to take whatever defensive look Payette offered and find a way to exploit it.

Senior Josh Tolmie returned to form with 129 yards rushing on 10 carries. He scored on a 4-yard run to get the scoring started for Homedale on its second possession.

After picking up just five yards in their first time with the ball, the Trojans went on to score on six of their next seven offensive possessions.

The defense also put points on the board during a stifling performance, which bolstered Homedale’s offense when the Trojans couldn’t get ramped up on their first possession.



Senior quarterback Lawsen Matteson threw fewer balls Friday night, but still managed to connect for three touchdowns against Payette.

“The old saying is ‘Confidence breeds confidence,’ and when those kids get a big play on defense or big stop on defense, that’s a comfortable feeling as an offensive coach or an offensive player,” Holtry said.

“If we don’t get this play or don’t score on this drive, if we pin them deep, the defense is going to give us the ball back again in good position.”

Payette had only two possessions of

more than three plays in the first half, and the Pirates went three-and-out on four of their first five possessions.

Another three-play possession ended when senior John Collett picked off Payette quarterback Chris Walker and sprinted 75 yards for a touchdown.

Homedale forced four turnovers in all. Max Mertz and Jake Deal had interceptions, and Collett also forced a fumble.

“I have to go back to our belief in

assignment defense, and our kids believe in what they’re doing and they know what their assignment is and they’re so confident in what their assignment is,” Holty said, adding that any athlete on the Trojans’ squad has the potential to step up and make a crucial play.

“It can be any one of the 11,” he said.

The Trojans went run-heavy against Payette, rolling up 188 yards on 24 carries. Senior quarterback Lawsen Matteson, whose right arm had been in the spotlight most of the year, attempted just 12 passes. He completed eight, and three of those went for touchdowns.

Deal also fired a 9-yard TD pass to Kendall Frelove on a halfback option play in the second quarter.

Frelove had two receptions Friday, and both went for scores. He also hauled in a 25-yard pass from Matteson for Homedale’s final touchdown of the game in the third quarter.

“We have a lot of different personnel groupings that we put out there. It’s just really throughout a game we try to test each one of those and see what the defense gives us when we’re in that grouping,” Holtry said.

“It just so happens that in our Bronco personnel group, which Kendall is part of, they just weren’t keying on him.”

Wyatt Wolfe and Connor Carter each had 15-yard TD receptions.

Exchange student Julian Hartmann, the 2015 Homecoming king, rushed five times for 40 yards in his first substantial work of the season.

The Trojans held Payette to negative rushing yardage and 70 yards total offense on just 36 plays.

Defensively, Dylan Burks led the way with seven tackles, while Richard Symms had six tackles. Dylan Adams, Carter and Frelove notched five stops apiece.

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Athletes of the Week
Lainey Johnson, so., and Nash Johnson, sr.
Cross country
The Play — The brother and sister qualified for the 3A state meet during Thursday's 3A District III championship races in Emmett. Nash achieved a career personal-best time of 18 minutes, 46.9 seconds to finish 10th in the boys' final. Lainey's best time of the year (22:35) was good enough for eighth place in the girls' race.

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Sports

Antelopes streak past Mustangs, win crown

Both football teams start district playoffs Friday

Jordan Valley High School drew first blood at home Friday night, but Adrian's high-powered offense rode off with the 1A High Desert League football crown.

The reigning 1A Oregon state champions scored 50 points in the first half of 62-28 victory over their archrival to take the 1A High Desert League's top seed into the state playoffs.

The Antelopes (7-0 overall, 5-0 in league) put their 19-game winning streak on the line in the 1A District 1 championship game at 7:30 p.m. MDT on Friday in North Powder, Ore., against Wallowa (6-1), which has won five straight games since a 38-22 loss to Adrian at Ward Field on Sept. 11.

Jordan Valley (4-4, 3-2) will meet Pine Eagle (6-2) at 3 p.m. MDT on Friday in Halfway, Ore., in the first round of the 1A District 1 playoffs. The visiting Spartans beat the Mustangs, 36-26, in the season opener for both teams on Sept. 4.

"We still have a few areas to clean up, but we have a great chance at state and get to play Pine Eagle next week," Mustangs second-year coach Bryce Kershner said.

The Mustangs ran 18 more plays that the Antelopes on Friday, and Jordan Valley racked up all but 52 of its 442 total offensive yards through the air.

But Adrian struck often with senior quarterback Reagan Shira firing three touchdown passes in the first half and running for three more scores. His 41-yard TD run gave Adrian the lead for good, 8-6, less than a minute after Jordan Valley quarterback Jett Warn had raced 37 yards for the game's first score.

Shira scored on a 73-yard run in the second quarter, and added a 61-yard blast early in the third

Friday's games
3 p.m., MDT — Jordan Valley at Pine Eagle in Halfway, Ore.
7:30 p.m., MDT — Adrian vs. Wallowa in North Powder, Ore.

quarter. His brother, Bryson, raced 70 yards in the second quarter.

Adrian had 477 yards on the ground and 570 yards total.

"Defensively we struggled to shut down their offense and led to a few big plays," Kershner said.

All three of Reagan Shira's passes went for touchdowns. He connected with Eduardo Munoz from 5 yards and 19 yards, and he hit Michael Griffin from 20 yards out. He also rushed eight times for 221 yards, while his brother covered 165 yards on seven carries.

Warn's favorite target was Wyatt Stanford, who had 10 receptions for 320 yards and touchdown receptions of seven yards at the end of the first quarter and 40 yards with 28 seconds left in the game.

"The guys played their hearts out, and credit Wyatt Stanford, who seemed to be open all night," Kershner said. "He made some great catches and gave us an outlet for the ball."

Warn completed 15 of 25 passes for 362 yards and three TDs. His other scoring strike was a 76-yarder to TJ Davis in the fourth quarter.

Warn also had 45 yards on 15 rushes. His 37-yard jaunt gave Jordan Valley a 6-0 lead about 2½ minutes into the game.

"Offensively we were able to spread Adrian out and expose their coverage but were unable to maintain the momentum throughout the game," Kershner said.

Warn had five tackles and four assists, and Jordan Valley teammate Garret Youren had seven tackles and two assists.



Adrian High School is heading back to the 1A Oregon state playoffs after placing second in Saturday's district volleyball tournament. **Front row, from left:** Gracie Morton, Anna Hutchings, Brooke Meyer and Laynee Walker. **Back row, from left:** Assistant coach Brenda Reay, Roby Young, Selina Villarreal, Kylee Skerjanec, Morgan Bayes, Carlee Morton, Lauren Barraza, Sundee Speelmon, Erin Nielson, and head coach Aimee Esplin. Photo by Julie Morton

Adrian, JV net state playoff berths

The volleyball teams from Adrian and Jordan Valley high schools open the 1A Oregon state playoffs tonight.

The Antelopes (10-9 overall) were runners-up in Saturday's 1A District 8 Tournament and will play host to 1A District 5 runner-up Butte Falls (12-7) at 6 p.m. today.

Adrian lost the district championship match in straight sets to Crane, 25-22, 25-18, 25-21, on Saturday.

"I was really happy overall with our tournament play," Adrian coach Aimee Esplin said. "We played both the Harper/Huntington and Jordan Valley matches the way we needed to and went into the championship match to play hard against a really good team."

The Mustangs (13-5) rallied from an opening-round 25-11, 25-18, 25-17 loss to Adrian on Saturday in John Day, Ore., to finish third in the district tournament.

Jordan Valley is on the road today for a 7 p.m. MDT state playoff match against 1A District 7 runner-up Griswold (18-5) in Helix, Ore.

Jordan Valley entered the district tournament at Grant Union High School as the No. 2 seed after finishing second in the 1A High Desert League.

After its first-round loss, coach Julie Mackenzie's squad rallied to beat Monument/Dayville in four games for the district's third and final state playoffs berth.

Wins today will put the Antelopes and Mustangs in Saturday's second round against undetermined opponents. Saturday's victors qualify for the 1A Oregon state tournament, which will take place Nov. 6-7 at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, Ore.

This is Jordan Valley's first trip to the state playoffs since 2010.

Championship: Crane def. Adrian, 3-0 — Morgan Bayes had eight kills and Selina Villarreal chipped in five in a losing effort against the Mustangs.

"We had our moments but really didn't have a great answer offensively to counteract their offensive strengths," Esplin said. "I liked that we stayed competitively in the match and gained some good playing experience."

Lauren Barraza dished 12 assists, and Carlee Morton had an ace, a kill and four assists.

Anna Hutchings knocked down four kills.

Semifinal: Adrian def. Jordan Valley, 3-0 — Grace Morton broke onto the scene with seven aces as the Antelopes overpowered the Mustangs from the back line.

Bayes, Carlee Morton and Barraza served two aces each, while Hutchings uncorked a serve that couldn't be returned.

Bayes also had seven kills, and Carlee Morton set up eight points with assists. Barraza led the setters with 14 assists to go with two kills.

Villarreal had kills, while Hutchings added six and Erin Nielson contributed five.

Opening round: Adrian def. Harper/Huntington, 3-0 — Hutchings dropped nine kills, and Villarreal added seven in a dominant straight-set victory.

Carlee Morton served five aces and assisted on 13 points, while Barraza had three aces, nine assists and two kills.

— Jordan Valley High School journalism student Nicole Terry contributed to this report.

✓ State: Homedale gets a rerun of spread offense Friday vs. Kimberly

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somewhere you've never been before you have some concerns," Holtry said. "Even when we played Kellogg, there was just that unfamiliar feeling of being somewhere you've never been before."

"The nice thing is the kids do have the experience of playing at Kellogg last year. Plus, we're going to rely on the fact that we're senior-laden and they're going to have the kids focused when we get on the field

regardless of where we're at."

Kimberly runs a spread offense and has scored 50 or more points four times this season, including a 58-56 loss to Declo on Sept. 11. The Bulldogs outgunned Wendell, 70-40, on Oct. 9 to end a three-game losing streak. Kimberly was outscored, 88-7, in the final two games of that skid.

"The nice thing about last week playing against Payette is we saw a lot of the same formation groupings (that Kimberly will run), so

we feel pretty good about being able to practice against that for two weeks," Holtry said.

Versatile Zach Wright, a second-team All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference quarterback as a junior, is the linchpin of the Kimberly offense.

"He can run and throw, and they make things happen," Holtry said. "Our pass defense and defensive backs will be tested a lot."

But Holtry isn't worried about the preparation aspect. Each

player has the opportunity to watch game video on his phone during the ride to Kimberly.

"We typically do keep it pretty quiet. The kids do visit, but it's a time to get their minds right and get focused on the task at hand and get the visualization going," Holtry said of the commute.

As usual, Holtry is locked in on this first game, which could be a steppingstone to an eventual rematch with Emmett for the state championship next month.

But the coach is giving himself the latitude to take a peek in the bracket just above Homedale's opener — Parma takes on District 1-2 champion Timberlake tonight in Coeur d'Alene.

If the Panthers and Trojans win their games Friday, Deward Bell Stadium will be the site for an all-3A SRV quarterfinal matchup next week.

"I'm pulling for Parma just as hard as I've ever pulled before just for that fact," Holtry said.— JPB

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Sports

Nampa Christian collars Marsing en route to playoffs

Huskies end second straight winless season

Marsing High School’s football season ended Friday against a team under a full head of steam.

Nampa Christian wiped out the Huskies, 30-0, wrapping up an unbeaten 2A Western Idaho Conference championship season with its sixth consecutive victory.

The Trojans (6-2 overall, 5-0 in conference) are back at home Friday to open the 2A state playoffs against Orofino.

Marsing (0-8, 0-5) ended a tumultuous season that saw a marked improvement after a coaching change. Alas, the Huskies endured their second consecutive winless season and will take a 16-game losing streak into the 2016 season.

Interim coach Norm Stewart’s club was able to move the ball against Nampa Christian, but couldn’t manage large gains. Marsing averaged just 2.7 yards per play for 161 yards total offense.

The Trojans racked up 347 total

yards and held a 21-0 halftime lead.

Converting three of five fourth-down tries, the Huskies held the ball longer than Nampa Christian and turned the ball over only once on a fumble.

The Trojans, however, wreaked havoc in the trenches, sacking Huskies senior quarterback Brett Grossman four times.

Andy Saenz led the Huskies in rushing during his final prep game, rolling up 51 yards on 10 carries. Another senior, Rodrigo Acuña, rushed 15 times for 32 yards, while sophomore Adam Marcial had 18 yards on five totes.

Sophomore Cole Wainman was Grossman’s most prolific target, catching three balls for 41 yards. Acuña had three catches for 21 yards, and junior Clay King hauled in two catches for 16.

Sophomore defensive lineman Mason Hall led Marsing with



Marsing tailback Andy Saenz rushed for a team-high 51 yards in the final football game of his high school career Friday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

eight tackles, including one for a loss. Acuña had seven tackles and a tackle for a loss.

The Huskies were shut out five

times during the 2015 season, scoring only three touchdowns all year. But after starting the season with three losses by an average

margin of 61 points, Marsing stiffened and cut their average deficit to less than 20 points over the final five contests.

Pilgrims end Huskies’ volleyball season in district tourney

Marsing High School’s volleyball season ended with a straight-loss to New Plymouth.

The Huskies went 0-2 in the 2A District III Tournament, closing the campaign with a 25-11, 25-19, 25-15 loss to the Pilgrims on Oct. 20 at Nampa High School.

“We had a great season overall with lots of building and improvement,” MHS first-year coach Jenny Carper said. “I admire these

ladies for their ability to adjust to a new coach, and for their determination to improve themselves as individuals and as a team.”

Senior Jordan Goins closed her prep career with eight assists and four digs.

“We will miss our seniors Holly Hobbs, Jordan Goins and Adriana Salutregui and thank them for all they brought to the team,” Carper said.

Junior LeAnn Garcia carded nine digs and two kills.

Ashley Loucks finished with five assists and two digs.

“Looking ahead, I am very excited for our underclassmen Alex Grant and Ashley Loucks, who consistently showed positive attitudes and competitive spirits,” Carper said. They are excellent athletes, and will be strong team leaders.

“We also look forward to Avery Villa returning as an all-around player, and LeAnn Garcia, who showed the most improvement as our libero.”

Marsing took New Plymouth to four games in a Senior Night loss on Oct. 15. The Pilgrims won three consecutive sets after losing the first game by two points.

The Huskies were 3-12 in their first year under Carper.

“We had a lot of positives come from this season, and I am confident we will continue to improve and build confidence as individuals and as a team,” the coach said.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Landry Villa, so., cross country

The Play — Villa posted his eighth consecutive time in the 19-minute range Oct. 20 to qualify for the 2A state meet in Athol. Villa finished 16th in the 2A District III championship meet, running the course in McCall in 19:26.25.

Football
Varsity
Season complete

Junior varsity
Season complete

Volleyball
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Wednesday, Oct. 14 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.
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Cross country
Saturday, Oct. 31 at 3A state meet, Farragut State Park, Athol
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Siblings Nash Johnson (top competing against a Nampa athlete during the Homedale Invitational) and Lainey Johnson (below at the Winston Tilzey Invitational in Nampa) will represent Homedale High School at the state meet. Lainey photo by Machele Randall

✓ 3A: Four teammates just miss state cut

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Farragut State Park in Athol. They'll preview the state championship course Friday.

The top 12 finishers in the district boys' meet earned passage to State, while the 10 fastest girls moved on to the last meet of the high school season.

Homedale junior Pete Vasquez, who finished 14th, was just 7½ seconds out of qualifying for State. His personal-best 19:02.8 was more than 27 seconds faster than his first career sub-20 race on Oct. 14 in Nampa.

Senior Maya Correa, who has been battling bursitis in a knee this year, was just two spots out of the qualification realm Thursday. She finished 12th in 23:18.5.

Sophomore Kendall Nash was right behind Correa in 13th with a personal-record 23:21.5, and HHS senior Lexie Doss closed her career with a PR of 23:44.3, which was good for 15th place.

The girls' team finished third in the district meet, and other individual placers included:

- Hannah Egusquiza, so., 21st in 25:07
- Abbi Gibbens, sr., 27th in 28:47
- Ali Jeppe, sr., 28th in 28:47.9

The boys were fourth, just four points behind Emmett, behind finishes from:



- Jordan Van Es, jr., 20th in 19:42.5
- Ryan Randall, jr., 25th in 19:31.1
- Anthony Beckman, so., 21st in 19:34.8
- Alex Beckman, jr., 23rd in 21:11.8

✓ 2A: Melba's Volkers wins district crown

From Page 1B
MHS cross country coach Robin Simpson said.

Villa ran a 22:52 the last time he was on the Jug Mountain course for the 2014 2A Western Idaho Conference meet.

First-year runner Matthew Lee, who had competed since achieving a personal-best time of 19:38 at the Oct. 7 Homedale Invitational, finished 26th in 20:10.93.

"Being a newcomer to cross country this year, Matthew started off strong and continues to im-

prove," Simpson said of the sophomore.

Other Marsing boys' finishers were:

- Dalton Withers, so., 38th at 22:44.72
- Tristin Miller, jr., 41st at 23:46.44
- Alexandre Heidt, sr., 43rd at 23:59.5
- Gavin Thorud, so., tied for 46th at 32:11.78
- Landon Villa, fr., tied for 46th at 32:11.78

"Still being a pretty young team,

the next couple of years look really good," Simpson said. "It's our goal to grow stronger as a team, and maybe get a few more runners (especially girls) on board.

"Taking these guys, as a team, to State is the ultimate goal."

Marsing's lone female competitor, freshman Sefora Arriaga, finished 28th in 28:18.47.

Melba's Cheylah Volkers, who has strong ties to Owyhee County through the 4-H horse project, won the district championship. The sophomore ran a 21:05.75 race.

Trojans bow out against Grizzlies

A familiar nemesis brought the curtain down on Homedale High School's volleyball season.

Fruitland rallied from a first-set loss to dispatch the Trojans, 24-26, 25-23, 25-15, 25-22, in a hotly contested 3A District III Tournament match on the Grizzlies' floor last Wednesday.

No statistics were provided.

Oct. 20: Weiser def. Homedale, 3-2 — Despite three hitters reaching double figures in kills, the Trojans fell to the eventual district champions in the first round.

Liset Llamas and Ashley Burks clubbed 16 kills each as Homedale rallied from a 2-0 deficit only to fall in five games, 25-22, 25-19, 10-25, 19-25, 15-8.

Freshman Amaya Carter added nine kills, and senior Gardenia Machuca turned in a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs.

Hailie Martell, who had 14 digs, and Carli Swallow (six digs) served two aces each.

Senior Madi Fisher set up the offense all night with 43 assists to go with a team-high three aces.

Diana Contreras led the defense with 29 digs, while Tristan Corta had 12 digs and an ace.

Opportunistic Homedale JV captures its finale

Cobey Christoffersen's interception return of a touchdown highlighted five turnovers Homedale High School's junior varsity football team forced Thursday.

Christoffersen's 22-yard return to pay dirt was part of a three-score second quarter as the Trojans capped the season with a 32-0 whitewash of 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Payette at Deward Bell Stadium.

Christoffersen was one of four Homedale defenders to pick off Pirates quarterback Mason Rynearson as part of six Payette turnovers.

Ty Lowder and Kaden Henry also recovered fumbles for the Trojans (3-4 overall, 2-3 in conference). Lowder, Drew Taylor and Fabian Alcantara also had interceptions.

Drew Deal threw touchdown passes of 25 yards to Tony Baltierrez and 11 yards to Braydon Miller as part of Homedale's three-score second quarter. Deal scored the game's first TD on a 5-yard run.

Mason Kincheloe scored on a 15-yard run for Homedale's final touchdown in the third quarter.

Homedale chewed up Payette's defense for 25 first downs and 332 rushing yards as Kincheloe rolled up 150 yards on the ground. Jaeger Rose added 71 yards on five carries.

Baltierrez was the Trojans' leading receiver with 69 yards on three catches.

Rose also sparked the defense with nine tackles.

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Sheriff’s office wants to reunite gun, owner

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is trying to locate the owner of a gun recovered during the Soda Fire.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the Ruger Single-Six .22 caliber revolver probably was lost within the last year.

Bowman said authorities are reaching out to the public because the nickel-plated gun hasn’t popped up on any national databases for missing or stolen guns.

Members of a prison crew enlisted to fight the August wildfire found the gun in an area near feedlots in Wilson.

Anyone who has information about the gun can contact Bowman through county dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

Men arrested for felony probation violations

Two men convicted of felonies in Owyhee County recently were picked up for probation violations on Oct. 19.

Donovan Clark Langford, who received probation rather than a state prison term for a felony drug conviction, was arrested in Tulare County, Calif.

William Raymond Calvillo, who was on probation after his felony eluding a peace officer conviction, was arrested in Ada County.

Both men were arrested on \$25,000 felony probation violation warrants.

Langford had been placed on four years’ probation for methamphetamine possession during a July sentencing hearing in Murphy.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Langford will be extradited once authorities in California are through with him.

According to the Tulare County Sheriff’s Department, Langford was arrested in August on charges of driving under the influence and burglary. His bail was sent at \$10,000 for the DUI and \$100,000 for the burglary. He isn’t scheduled to appear in court in California again until Nov. 18.

Bowman said the extradition could involve a private company whose personnel would escort Langford from Northern California to Murphy when the time comes.

Calvillo was convicted of eluding a peace officer after leading authorities on a high-speed chase that ended with the suspect running through an open door at Marsing High School during a February 2014 incident.

He was transferred into Owyhee County custody soon after his Oct. 19 arrest.

Earlier this year, Meridian Police chased Calvillo during an incident in which officers shot his dog.

Local fiddlers gear up for annual hoedown

A handful of young fiddlers with Owyhee County ties will be featured in the 33rd annual Country Harvest Hoedown in Nampa on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Little Hoedowners and Junior Jammers, under the guidance of Roberta Pearce, will perform two shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 3rd St. S.

Admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children 12 and younger.

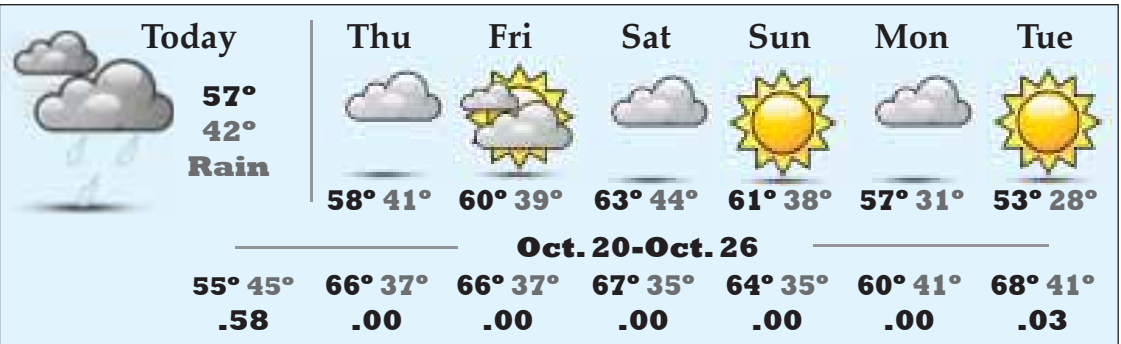
One of the local children who is part of the Little Hoedowners is Eliot Little, son of Marsing residents Deidra and Tim Little.

The program will also feature three-time grand master fiddle champion Katrina Nicolayeff, who recently returned from Nashville, Tenn., where she was featured on the Grand Ole Opry.

To honor military veterans for their service, the Junior Jammer Fiddlers will open the show with a medley of the theme songs from each branch of service.

Pearce is offering free tickets for the matinee to senior citizens who live in nursing homes or care centers. Activity directors for those facilities are encouraged to contact the Civic Center to reserve tickets.

For more information, contact the Civic Center at (208) 468-5555 or through www.nampaciviccenter.com



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 3 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 140 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 9 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 23,325 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — Weather statistics gathered from Helena Chemical Co., Homeale and AccuWeather website.



Above: Marsing second-graders rotated into the high school ag shop over two days last week to continue the painted pumpkin tradition with FFA members.

Right: Jaxon Astorquia (left), son of Jake and Megan Astorquia, and Josie Showalter, daughter of Chad and Gina Showalter, paint pumpkins for Halloween in the high school ag shop.



Marsing FFA helps 2nd-graders channel spirit of Halloween

Fun pumpkin activity part of Ag in Classroom

Marsing FFA members and second-grade elementary students continued a Halloween tradition last week.

Eight years ago, Marsing FFA chapter advisor Mike Martin and second-grade teacher Wendy Stansell came up with an idea to have the FFA members help second graders paint pumpkins for the holiday. The goal was to strengthen the relationship between students at the two schools.

After eight years, the elementary to high school program has come full circle.

“These kids that started doing this are now feeding into Mike’s FFA program,” Stansell said.

said. “They remember coming over, and they have that positive memory, so then they’re also interested in agriculture and in FFA.”

Second-grade teachers Dorothy Hutchings and Mary Westrand also brought their students over to the ag shop to participate this year. Children decorated their pumpkins last Wednesday and Thursday.

Stansell thinks the tradition has worked out very well.

“It’s been great. Every year the kids look forward to coming over,” Stansell said. “They know that’s a second-grade treat that they get to come over and paint pumpkins.”

In the inaugural year, the pumpkins were grown in the school district’s community garden.

“One year they froze, and so then some were donated, or

the ag department had brought some,” Stansell said.

She pointed out that no school funds are used to purchase pumpkins, and she and Martin alone gather the supplies. Wissel Farms of Nampa donated this year’s pumpkins.

Stansell said the pumpkin painting is more than just a fun afternoon activity for her students. It also ties into their Idaho Ag in the Classroom project, and Stansell is certified as an Ag in the Classroom teacher.

“I take classes in the summer about Idaho agriculture, so it’s part of our social studies curriculum,” Stansell said. “This is also the end of the Ag in the Classroom project. We’ve talked about crops and what’s being grown in Idaho, so this is an ending project.”

— SC

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Lizard Butte Library hosts Halloween party today

Library director seeks input for possible new program

Some of the smallest vampires and witches in Owyhee County will be at Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library today. A Halloween party will be held during Preschool Story Time starting at 10:30 this morning. Library director Janna Streibel said boys and girls attending today’s party are encouraged to wear their costumes.

“All the parents can bring snacks to share with the other kids, and they have the story, and snacks and games,” Streibel said. “Halloween Night” by Marjorie Dennis Murray will be read during Story Time. In other library news, Streibel seeking input from patrons on establishing a new program. The idea is to make kits available that people could borrow to either learn a new skill, or create something at home. “Like an electric guitar one, where you can actually check out an electric guitar and amp, and a how to play the guitar book,”

Streibel said. “That all comes in this kit that they can check out for a week or two.” Other kits could cover topics such as crocheting, physical fitness programs, robotics, or making a pressure cooker available for people interested in trying their hand at canning. Streibel explained what the crocheting kit would include as an example. “It would come with everything, and there would be yarn in there with a note, (saying) ‘If you want to donate more yarn please leave it,’ ” Streibel said. She added that program development is in the preliminary stage, and she hasn’t

yet addressed how it might be funded. “At this point I’m just trying gauge interest, and what people want. We’ll work on funding as we get further along the plan,” Streibel said. To give your input on what you would like to see the library offer with the kits, email the library through lizardbuttlibrary@yahoo.com or call 896-4690. Patrons can also give their comments in person at the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. The library is open in the afternoon Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. — SC

Friends of Homedale Public Library reorganize offices

New president tabbed after Ned Stokes’ passing

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library organization has a new leader. The library support group re-organized during a meeting earlier this month. Longtime library supporter Ned Stokes was president of the Friends, and was a founding

member of the group when it was first organized in the summer of 2011. Stokes died in September after he battled melanoma cancer in recent months. Previously vice-president, Pauline Cook was appointed the group’s new president during an Oct. 17 meeting. Friends of the Library secretary Nancy Belknap said Stokes’ death was a huge loss for the group and the community. “He was a very gentle lead-

er. It was such a blow to us,” Belknap said. “He’s been missed terribly.” Marlene Bean is now vice-president, and Steve Belknap remains treasurer. Bean once served as the group’s secretary. “She was secretary when I started, and then she didn’t come to meetings for a while because she doesn’t drive at night, and we had our meetings at night,” Nancy Belknap said. “That was when we moved it to Saturday in

the day to entice her back.” Friends of the Library board members serve one-year terms. “Usually we organize in September, but this year for whatever reason, one reason or another, we couldn’t all meet in September,” Belknap said. She added that the Friends group is always looking for new members. “Our ultimate plan is to get a library district going, but up until then we are just trying to do our book sales,” Belknap said.

Creating a taxing district to fund the library first came up in 2010, but the initiative has never gone to voters. It costs \$10 a year to be a member of the Friends of the Library. To join, Belknap invites people to attend one of their meetings, which are held at 10 a.m., on the third Saturday of each month at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. The group does not meet in December. For more information, call the library at 337-4228. — SC

Homedale Public Library part of hospice patients donation drive

The Homedale Public Library is one of the drop-off points for a donation drive to benefit hospice care patients. The Heart ’n’ Home hospice and palliative care Cicely ambassador team is collecting items for comfort baskets, which will be given to all of their patients on Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. Heart ’n’ Home volunteer coordinator Kairin Gualco-Kutsch said the Caldwell branch of the business serves a number of home-bound hospice care patients in Homedale, which is why the firm reached out to the library to establish a local drop-off point. She did not have an exact figure on how many Homedale patients they serve. Volunteers with the Cicely ambassador team are collecting the following items for the comfort baskets:

Mugs, card games, nail polish, blankets, headbands, candles, activity books, chapstick, individual soaps and body washes, hats and scarves, stationary sets, Kleenex, hand sanitizers, tea cups, travel-sized lotions and aftershaves, hot cocoa and tea bags, books, crayons, puzzles, magazines, and travel games. The items will be collected through Nov. 13. The volunteers originally wanted to distribute the baskets for Christmas, but decided they wanted to get it done before Thanksgiving. “Within the comfort baskets there are a lot of scarves, and we have some knitted hats that were donated,” Gualco-Kutsch said. “It’s officially getting close to the winter and the colder season, so they can have those comfort baskets all the way through the

holidays, not just at Christmas.” The Cicely program is a youth volunteer program designed and initiated by Heart ’n’ Home. The program was named after Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement. The Homedale Public Library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and open afternoons Monday through Friday. For more information on donating comfort basket, call the library at 337-4228 or Heart ’n’ Home at 454-0232. In other library news, Story Time at 10:15 a.m., Friday will feature a Halloween party with face painting, games and snacks. The story will be “Curious George goes to a costume party”, and children are encouraged to dress up. Teens and Tweens will not be held this Friday, but will return at 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. — SC



Homedale fifth-grader Kayden Morris, left, and Homedale sixth-grader Rhyalee Nix kept things scary during Friday’s Teens and Tweens program at the Homedale Public Library.

New trustee joins library board

Debbie Packer is the newest trustee on the Homedale Public Library board. City council members approved Packer’s appointment to the board of directors during their Thursday meeting. Board chair Dawn Whitney said trustee Karlyne Landrum gave her resignation shortly before the group’s monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Council members formally accepted the resignation Thursday. During its October meeting, the library board renewed the

term of secretary Janet McCornack, who Whitney said joined the board around 1994. All members of the board serve five-year terms. • Whitney’s term expires in 2018. She was appointed in 2004. • Board secretary Lavon “Gypsy” Jackson’s term expires 2019. She was first appointed in 2009. • Trustee Carolyn Grooms, whose term ends in 2017, was first appointed in 2010. She is in her second term and was appointed to fill out the remainder of her predecessor’s term.

The board meets each month on the Tuesday before the first City Council meeting. The next meetings are set for 1 p.m., Nov. 10, and 1 p.m., Dec. 8 at the library. Whitney said McCornack’s schedule required them to move the meetings to 1 p.m., rather than the usual time of 10 a.m.

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Cracks in the roadway on Pioneer Road south of Homedale are noticeable in the aftermath of surging waters caused by heavy rains on Oct. 19.

Homedale road crews slated to repair flood-damaged culvert

Highway District official itemizes other projects

Repairs could begin in the next few days on a portion of Pioneer Road closed since last week’s flooding.

Homedale Highway District’s director of highways said a portion of the road between Johnstone Road and Homestead Road in Homedale was closed around 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 because of safety concerns.

“At that crossing, water began to run beside the culvert on both sides, undermining the road,” Stewart Constantine said. “As it might look safe to cross, the worry is that the undermining could cause the road to collapse.”

A road closed sign was set up at Johnstone Road and Pioneer Road to keep motorists off a compromised corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert about a half-mile west from the intersection.

That part of the road crosses over Succor Creek, which raged

early last week because of autumn’s first heavy rainfall.

“The CMP there has rusted through and will be replaced,” Constantine said.

Constantine expected the new pipe to be delivered from Twin Falls either Monday or Tuesday, and he continues to coordinate with the South Board of Control on the replacement construction.

Constantine said the Pioneer Road crossing was the only flood-related damage in the highway district.

The Idaho Transportation Department also performed shoulder work on a portion of Idaho highway 78 near Givens on Oct. 20 in response to flood damage to the road.

Four days before the storm, highway district crews replaced a CMP crossing that carried Succor Creek under Homestead Road.

Constantine also discussed other crossing repairs during the highway district board’s October meeting. More than \$3,500 was spent to repair the Homestead crossing and Mule Creek Drain crossings on Johnstone Road and

West Thompson Road. South Board crews replaced CMP with high-density polyethylene in both Mule Creek crossings.

Another crossing of West Thompson and Y Road will require action soon, Constantine told highway commissioners, because more CMP is rusting through and one part of the pipe has fallen into the drain, causing erosion that could lead to a road washout.

In another highway district-related item, Constantine has provided cost estimates for Western States Dust Control to spray lignosulfonate on Cemetery Road to mitigate dust problems. Property owners along a portion of the road west of Y Road complained about dust and speeding motorists during the highway board’s September meeting.

District commissioners authorized a \$2,400 expenditure, which would cover spraying about 40,000 square feet of roadway in front of two residences in the 3400 block of Cemetery and the Stage Coach subdivision.

— JPB

Grand View man allegedly tries to strangle hunting partner

A 29-year-old Grand View man is under arrest after an altercation with a couple of hunting buddies.

Jas Oneill Harger was booked into Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on Oct. 20 on a misdemeanor charge of simple battery after an altercation that allegedly occurred three days earlier.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Harger apparently tried to strangle a 50-year-old man during an altercation in which

Harger also allegedly struck the man in the face twice and tried to head-butt him.

Authorities are still trying to piece together whether Harger will be charged with battery on a 17-year-old juvenile who was also on hand.

“These guys were hunting together, and there was alcohol involved,” Bowman said.

Bowman said it’s unknown what the three males — who lived together at a River Road residence

— were arguing about.

Nearly 12 hours after the morning incident, deputies arrested Harger on an active bench warrant for a felony probation violation in Elmore County.

Five years ago, Harger was convicted for attempting to deliver a controlled substance in both Elmore and Owyhee counties. He allegedly violated the probation in his Elmore County case, which triggered the bench warrant on Oct. 19.

Thousands of trout planted at C.J. Strike

Idaho Power to reduce camping fees

Idaho Power added more than 70,000 rainbow trout to the Snake River at popular fishing spots this month.

More than 52,000 rainbow trout have been released into C.J. Strike’s Cottonwood and Jack’s Creek accesses. Fish stocked at C.J. Strike are about 10 inches, the same size that Idaho Power has released in the past.

“We’re continually trying to improve angler success,” said Idaho Power senior biologist Steve Brink. “We are trying a larger fish to help us understand what drives these angler success rates.”

Some of the fish released are fitted with jaw tags. Anglers are asked to report any tagged fish they catch by recording the tag number, date, the reward value (if any) and the approximate location where the fish was caught. They can call toll free, (800) 388-6011, and provide their name, mailing address, telephone number and whether the fish was kept or released. Anglers who report catching a tagged fish are entered into an annual drawing for \$1,000.

An additional 15,000 were released into the Lower Salmon Falls Reservoir near Bell Rapids and 4,000 at Centennial Park near

Twin Falls.

The fish released at Bell Rapids and Twin Falls are 12 inches long and weigh about a pound.

Idaho Power’s federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric facilities on the Snake River require the company to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities. As part of that effort, the company stocks the Mid-Snake each year.

These fish are raised in the Hagerman Valley. Fish that aren’t caught right away can grow several inches per year, especially in C.J. Strike, which provides Idaho Power says provides excellent food and habitat for trout and other game species.

Idaho Power also will lower camping fees at the parks it manages beginning Sunday.

The fall camping rates, which are half the price of spring and summer fees, pertain to parks at C.J. Strike Reservoir and in Hells Canyon.

The rates, in effect through March, range from \$4 to \$5 per night at the C.J. Strike parks to \$8 per night for Hells Canyon RV spaces and \$5 for tent spaces.

Campers should bring their own water. All drinkable water systems will be shut down and winterized by Nov. 6. Restrooms will remain open through the winter.

For a full rate schedule, maps and other park information, visit the Parks link at idahopower.com/recreation.

Citing public safety, BLM closes Leslie Gulch Road

Last week’s heavy rains have created travel problems in the Leslie Gulch Recreation Area, so the Bureau of Land Management has closed the access road.

The BLM Vale District announced closure of Leslie Gulch Road to prevent the possibility of recreationalists getting stuck in mud or damaging the road more.

The dirt-and-gravel road will reopen once repairs are made, but the BLM wasn’t specific about a timeline on how long that work might take, or what the project will entail.

“We hate having to limit access to any of our public lands,” Vale District Malheur Resource area field manager Pat Ryan said. “But

we don’t want anyone getting stuck out there.”

Vale District engineers are assessing damage and will work to repair the road and reestablish open travel through the area. Until then, the road will be closed.

“Closing the road helps us make sure the public stays out a potentially bad situation,” Ryan said, “it also makes sure we can get the road repaired quickly and thoroughly.”

For more information on the status of the Leslie Gulch Road and access to the Leslie Gulch Recreation Area visit: http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=286 or contact the BLM Vale District Office.

Boise man cited for having three marijuana cigarettes

A Boise man was cited for marijuana possession and released after a traffic stop Monday morning.

Just before 5 a.m., Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Cody Hammond pulled over a 2006 Volkswagen at U.S. Highway 95 and Pascoe Road. The vehicle was being driven by 63-year-old Donald Hazzard.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Hammond told Hazzard that he could smell marijuana in the vehicle. Hazzard then admitted to having three marijuana cigarettes.

Hammond gave Hazzard a ticket for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. Hazzard was then released at the scene.

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Jail inspection lists non-compliances

Owyhee County commissioners and the sheriff have been presented with a letter from the Jails Standards Coordinator of the Idaho Sheriff’s Association, containing a list of over 30 items of non-compliance to the jail. The information was made public this past week.

The most significant fact in the rating of the jail by the standards people is that, once all the non-compliance items are brought into compliance, the facility will only have a rated capacity of four prisoners.

Sheriff Tim Nettleton said the average count is about 6.2 prisoners in the jail at any given time, adding that he sometimes keeps 12-13 prisoners in the facility.

Nettleton said that the county has been on “borrowed time” since 1979, when the county commissioners were advised that changes were inevitable to continue using the jail for a detention facility. A letter outlining several major changes was sent to the county in July of 1989, stating that, “there will have to be major changes made for you to be able (to hold prisoners).” The letter outlined some of the problems facing the county, including decreasing capacity of the number of prisoners, an inadequate kitchen, supervision, etc. This is not meant to threaten or unduly alarm you and your commissioners, but it seems only fair to tell you what will happen to give you as much lead time as possible to plan for the future,” the letter said.

The most recent letter, also signed by Judy Felton, Jail Standards Coordinator, Idaho Sheriffs Association, which followed a visit by the jail standards inspection team, said, in part: “The proposals for consideration by the Jail Standards Inspection Committee in determining whether your facility will remain operational at this time certainly need no discussion in this letter. I believe we agree on the general changes that can make your facility temporarily acceptable and those will undoubtedly be specifically addressed in your Compliance Plan. What I do feel needs emphasis at this time is the importance of a structured planning process. As urgent as your situation is, it will only be successfully resolved when your constituents realize the urgency and become actively involved. You and your Commissioners cannot solve the problem alone – this is a county problem.”

Election is next Tuesday

Area voters will head to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 6, to help pick a Governor, U.S. Senator and 1st District Congressman for the state, along with well over a dozen lesser state and county office-holders. In a key local race, two Homedale area men are on the ballot seeking to represent the Second District on the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners. Incumbent Republican County Commissioner Harold “Hal” Tolmie of Homedale is being opposed for the seat by George Hyer, D. of rural Homedale.

Running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by James McClure are Larry E. Craig of Boise, D. Contesting for the Congressional seat being vacated by Craig are C.A. “Skip” Smyser of Parma, R, and Larry LaRocco of Boise, D.

Hutton urges opposition to Payette plan

Clyde Hutton, manager of the South Board of Control headquartered in Homedale, has appealed to members of the Gem Irrigation District to voice their opposition before Nov. 30 to the latest Payette Comprehensive Plan.

In a memo to Gem members sent earlier this month, Hutton warned that if the Payette River corridor plan is allowed to go through, Gem’s proposed hydro project on that river will be prohibited, killing the district’s hope to use income from the project to help reduce water assessments and improve the irrigation system here.

Beyond that, Hutton warned, “This plan is only one of a series of plans that will eventually be prepared for every river in Idaho. If this plan is allowed to go forward it will become the standard by which all future plans will be developed. We must not let this dangerous precedent of arbitrary restrictions and prohibitions on uses of Idaho’s water go forward.”

50 years ago

October 28, 1965

Arvin Mill would employ 40-50 persons here

A reputable wood-processing firm is “seriously considering” Homedale as the site of a new mill that would provide employment for as many as 40-50 persons, but many problems remain to be worked out before a final decision is reached, a spokesman for the Homedale Development Company says.

Don Shaffer identified the firm as the L. H. Arvin Millwork Company, which has its headquarters in Reno and plants in Nevada and California.

Arvin proposes to build a mill estimated to cost \$350,000 to \$400,000 if satisfactory solutions to the many problems can be found according to Shaffer.

“The possibility that Arvin may locate here presents Homedale with a challenge, as well as an opportunity to broaden its economic base,” he said.

Problems include financing, construction of access roads, a railroad siding and sewer and water facilities, and fire protection.

The Arvin mill would be built on a 7½-acre site located about 2 miles southeast of Homedale on Snake River, along the railroad right-of-way on property previously owned by the Homedale Development Co.

It would consist of a modern galvanized-steel mill building providing 30,000 square feet of production space and an office building 24x48 providing 1,200 square feet of office space.

Arvin also would erect additional buildings with 10,000 square feet of space, as well as a large paved area for employee parking. A railroad spur would be built to the plant.

4th quarter TD gives Marsing 12-7 win Friday

Marsing struck in the fourth quarter on a 15-yard pass to stun Homedale 12-7 in a Snake River Valley B Southern Division game here Friday night.

The Huskies battled from behind on a Tom Salove to Ron Malmberg pass after a Homedale punt rolled out of bounds at the Trojan 30.

Marsing scored first on Marlin Tullis’ nine-yard run. The Trojans tied it on Jim Jackson’s smash from seven yards away and took a 7-6 halftime lead on Ken Kushlan’s run for the extra point.

Haken named Bowler of the Month

Dave Haken was chosen as bowler of the month with a high series of 819, according to Ray Tolsma. Individual scores or the four games were 203, 258, 177 and 181.

Carroll Johnstone rolled a 212 game and Wes Schlegel a 202. Perk Thompson scored high in his four games, with a 209, 207, 180 and 213.

Other high games were rolled by Charles DeGeus, 202, Red Stone, 209, C. W. Floyd, 236, and Ralph Lineberger, 213 and 240.

Gov’t envelope price is increased

New prices for stamped envelopes are now in effect at all post offices, Postmaster Victor T. Uria announces. The price of a 5-cent stamped envelope, for example, is now 7-cents when purchased singly or in quantities of less than 500. This is an increase of one cent above the previous single purchase price.

“Price increases are necessary to meet the legal requirement that stamped envelopes shall not be sold for less than cost,” Mr. Uria explained. “At present contract prices, the stamped envelope service was incurring a loss exceeding \$3 million annually.” This is in spite of the fact that the new contract for stamped envelopes, which became effective January 1, 1965, resulted in lowered costs of \$1.5 million per year compared with the previous contract.

Homedale Locals

Mrs. C. Taylor, instructor of the Seventh-day Adventist church school, returned home last week from Auburn, Wash., where she attended the Teachers’ Institute.

140 years ago

October 30, 1875

BY TELEGRAPH – THE VIRGINIA FIRE - Over two-thirds of the city destroyed - Loss Between two and three millions. Reno, Nev., Oct. 27 – The fate so long dreaded by the people of Virginia City has come at last, and two-thirds of the city is now a smoldering ruin. The principal business part of the city, containing nearly all the valuable buildings, was in the space of a few short hours razed to the ground.

At about half past five o’clock yesterday morning, a one-story lodging house, on the east side of A Street, between Taylor and Union Streets, kept by a woman name Kate Shay, better known as Crazy Kate, was discovered in flames.

The Babcock Extinguisher was soon on the ground, also the hand-engine of Fire Company No. 4, but all of no avail to stay the progress of the flames. Before the steamers could get a stream on the fire the doom of the city was sealed.

A strong wind was blowing from the west at the time, which carried the flames and burning cinders for hundreds of feet, and twenty minutes after the alarm was first given, not less than thirty or forty buildings were all in flames.

Where the damage is so great there is no use to attempt a detailed account of the losses in the limits of this dispatch, the best idea that can be given being that they are counted by millions.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN FUN – South Mountain, Oct 27. Although our town has suffered in its finances, our citizens have lost none of their spirit, nor are they slow to appreciate a joke.

Last Monday evening one of our Jehus made a discovery between the curtain and window frame, which at once made his young blood boil, excited his curiosity and provoked his mirthfulness.

There was a gay and festive Lothario in the rapturous embrace of one of South Mountain’s fair feminines.

To summon the particular admirer was but the work of a moment.

He came, he saw, he went for his six-shooter and vowed eternal vengeance upon the intruder who stole the charms of his beloved.

Friendly hands detained him, else your correspondent might have been called upon to record a fearful tragedy.

Lothario, all unconscious of his audience, returned to his couch of single blessedness.

Last evening the boys, wishing to show their appreciation of that independence of spirit which would not permit the fair one to languish without those little attentions to which married life had accustomed her, made up a brass (?) band and complimented her with a serenade. Empty oil-cans and a flute were the principal instruments, and the South Mountain Glee Club favored her with a few of their choicest selections.

The band then adjourned to Chinatown and, while entertaining the Celestial denizens, the Glee Club stole a few chickens, for next day’s dinner.

By invitation they then visited Mr. Lacy’s establishment, the genial proprietor of which, with a keg of beer, put night-caps on the boys, and all was still.

VERITAS.

THE BRUNEAU POSTOFFICE – WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 10, 1875. Sir: In reply to your letter of 29th ult., in relation to the supply of offices on route 42122 from Silver City to Bruneau, Idaho, you are informed that, an office having been recently established at Bruneau, a letter has been addressed to the lowest bidder, under the advertisement of December 1, 1874, requesting him to inform the department whether he will now undertake the service for the balance of the term, viz: To June 30, 1878.

Should he reply in the affirmative service will be put on the route at the earliest day practicable.

If he declines, a temporary contract will be ordered and the service re-established.

Respectfully,
J. N. Turner
Second Asst. P. M. General.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Ike’s Tour



Bein’ a country vet, I’ve had my share of emergency calls regarding escaped animals. Feeder steers in City Park, buffalo at the mall or snakes in the school yard. But none of my rescue missions can compare to Gary’s tale titled “THE DAY IKE TOURED FAIRVIEW.”

Even 30 years ago, Fairview, Utah, put on a pretty good rodeo. Gary happened to be mounted and in the arena when the bull ridin’ began. Ike was a big rough blue gray brahmer with horns like petrified cedar and the disposition of a constipated bank examiner! Ike dislodged his rider with ease, made straight for the 6-foot arena fence and cleared it by two cow lengths! He broke for downtown with Gary hot on his heels!

Ike’s first stop was a garage. The shocked owner saw the big bull gallop by and slide in. Thinking to trap him, he closed the garage door. Gary had just turned his horse into the driveway when the garage door exploded in a shower of splinters and glass! Ike thundered by him with a good portion of the door skewered to his head!

He ran across the street scattering lumber and drove himself between the shavs of a parked pony cart ... head-first! He picked it up and smashed it into the side of a car!

Gary went to buildin’ a loop as the headed down the street. Ike poked his head in a service station, decided against payin’ a visit, bounced across the next lawn and into the backyard where a picnic was in progress.

“Don’t anybody move!” screamed Gary as Ike wandered amongst the frozen relatives, squealing toddlers and potato salad. Gary roped him, but the rope broke when Ike jumped over the neighbor’s privacy fence. Someone threw Gary another rope. He dropped the horn knot over the saddle horn and roped Ike again! He set his horse. When Ike hit the end of the line, Gary might as well a’been chained to a box car dropped off the Bay Bridge! It jerked him and his saddle up and over the ol’ pony’s withers!

Ike ran across the back porch as Gary and his horse sorta hopped along behind him like they had their pants down around their knees! Ike made a loop around the porch posts, then headed back to the street. The posts tore out with a screech and the roof collapsed like a hot dog stand closin’ its eyes.

Finally Gary’s buddies got two more ropes on Ike. They tipped him over on the curb and managed to guide him (as in guided missile) across the road. But not before he kicked in the window and driver’s-side door of a curious onlooker who had stopped to gape!

Ike lived to make several more tours. There were some arenas he just didn’t care to stay in.

— 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.

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee On the hunt for veterans’ stories, bazaar happenings



As the weather turns chilly, there are a few cold, hard facts that we all must realize.

The most immediate: Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday morning. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour (“fall back,” remember). But we’ll forgive you if you’re not up at 2 a.m. counting down the seconds; set your clocks when you go to bed Saturday night and enjoy a theoretical extra hour of Sunday snooze.

The most depressing (for some): Summer is over, and it won’t be back until 2016.

Here’s hoping for some snow this winter to help brighten our farmers’ outlook for next year’s crops.

The most entertaining: Holiday bazaar season is just around the corner. It actually starts Friday with the King Kattle Korral open house for Christmas in Oreana, which runs through Sunday.

Plans are in the works for holiday parades in Homedale and Marsing, too.

And let’s not forget to salute our military men and women when Veterans Day rolls around.

The bazaars and Veterans Day remind me of The Owyhee Avalanche’s mission to be the county’s information source.

We’ve published a solicitation a few times in the past month inviting folks to send in their vignettes about Owyhee County veterans — past and present — who have had the military’s highest honors bestowed upon them.

We’re still looking for stories and photos or those service members who have been honored with the Congressional

Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star and the Silver Star.

If you know of anyone who has earned those medals, send the information and a photo, if possible, to the Avalanche at jon@owyheeavalanche.com, or you can call me at (208) 337-4861, ext. 102 for more information on submissions. Or drop the information in the mail to The Owyhee Avalanche, Attn.: Veterans Day stories, P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628.

We’re running out of time, though. Any features received will appear in the Nov. 11 edition of the Avalanche, which because of the federal holiday will have an altered delivery.

The above avenues can also be used to send information about upcoming bazaars. We’ll run articles about the bazaar and also include them in our community calendar, which can be viewed online or each week in the Avalanche.

Of course, Veterans Day features and bazaar information aren’t the only pieces of intelligence we seek.

The offer still stands to publish photos of first hunts or trophy hunts as the season winds along.

As always, we’re wanting to hear about great human interest stories or folks who really get into decorating for the holidays or the success of your kid’s or grandkid’s sports team.

So, even if there are a few of us who are sorry to see the mercury begin its annual descent, the fact that there are still plenty of great stories percolating in Owyhee County will keep us warm through the winter.

Let’s hear from you.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Speak up to end domestic violence, help victims



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month — a time to reflect on the significant progress and important work ahead to change our culture so no one experiences domestic violence.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women recognized Idaho as part of the national tour celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Since its enactment in 1994 and subsequent reauthorizations with bipartisan leadership and support, the law has helped Idaho nonprofits, governmental agencies and tribes provide life-saving services. It was an honor to serve as the lead Republican sponsor in the successful effort to renew the law in 2013 and increase access to assistance for victims of crime. As part of the anniversary tour, 60 Idaho nonprofits, governmental agencies and tribes came together to share the significant effect of VAWA in helping prevent and respond to violence against women.

Yet, according to the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, each day in Idaho, more than 514 individuals, predominately women and children, seek safety and services from Idaho’s 23 community and tribal domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs.

“We need to continue to work together and understand the entirety of the lived experience of individuals and families impacted by abuse and be informed by the social realities that shape it,” Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence executive director Kelly Miller says. “We need to understand the complexities of people’s lives, and intentionally turn towards others to help alleviate

suffering or violence.”

Those in abusive relationships, or who know someone in an abusive relationship, must have the opportunity to seek support to enhance the safety of themselves and their children. Everyone deserves to be safe and valued in their relationships. Please reach out if you are being abused. People care.

Another important action to decrease domestic violence is the need to engage in conversations with boys and young men in our lives about truly valuing and respecting women, and with girls and young women about building on strengths and reaching their full potential. We need to continue to work toward compassionate communities free from violence.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, many are coming together to raise awareness and connect victims with resources. To honor the lives lost to domestic violence and survivors, we must continue to build on the progress made to end this intolerable violence in our communities.

This month of recognition is a good time to learn about local community or tribal programs and ways to prevent violence from happening in the first place. For more information about domestic and dating violence prevention and awareness initiatives and funding legislation, please visit my website: <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Saving money saves you from financial pitfalls

Dear Dave,

I know you're all about getting out of debt, and I agree with your stance on that. I started college last month, and scholarships and Pell Grants will pay for everything. But is saving money really that important if you're young and have a good income? What good does money do you if you don't use it for something?

— Tim

Dear Tim,

Congrats on beginning college! I'm glad, too, that you understand how I feel about debt. But it worries me that you seem to think that you're not doing anything with your money when you save. Saving money is one of the most important things you can do with your money, because when you save you're planning for the future and the unexpected.

Retirement may seem a long way off right now, but think for a second how it would feel to have worked your entire life only to end up broke at age 65. If that thought doesn't scare you, it should. Have you ever seen someone that age, or older, wrangling shopping carts in the rain or flipping burgers at a fast food joint? In most cases, it's not because they love the job and being around people. They're doing it because they have to, because they failed to plan for the future and save some money.

Let's talk about something a little closer. You said you agree with my stance on debt. Okay, so how are you going to buy your next car without going into debt if you haven't saved anything? How will you survive if you get laid off from your job if you haven't saved any money? Bad things happen when people are foolish enough not to save money.

Saving *is* doing something with your money, Tim. It's one of the most important things you can do



with money — for yourself and those around you!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I live on a budget and are getting out of debt. Our daughter is in high school, and we've been teaching her

about your plan. Is it realistic to expect a 16-year-old with a part-time job and a hand-me-down car to make and live on a budget?

— Marcie

Dear Marcie,

Anyone who has an income can make and live off a budget. Your daughter is at a great time in her life to learn how to prioritize spending, saving and giving — and making her money behave!

Even in her situation, when she's still living at home with you guys, there are plenty of things she can include in a budget. Think about it: She needs gas for the car, basic maintenance and insurance ... things like that. She'll also want a little spending money, and she might even have ideas of going to college. So sit down with her and show her how to make out a budget to figure out the upcoming month's expenses before the month begins. Make sure she knows how to properly balance and reconcile her bank account, too.

Of course, at this point it's still your responsibility as parents to provide her with the basic necessities. But I love your attitude and your willingness to teach her how to handle money intelligently. The sooner she learns some basic money management principles, the sooner she'll be able to handle her finances in the real world responsibly.

— 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. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.*

Americans for Limited Government

Ryan's hope: Infuse conservatism back into House GOP

by Rick Manning

It appears that the white smoke is coming up from the U.S. Capitol, and Paul Ryan will be acclaimed as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The reluctant leader famously put forward a series of demands in order to take the job, and apparently, his colleagues seem set in their internal choice that has had all the qualities of a high school sophomore class election.

Regardless of who the House GOP's choice for the job is, they still have the daunting task ahead of taking on President Barack Obama over the last 16 months of his presidency.

Otherwise, Obama will be busily transforming America until the Secret Service stuffs him into a limo to transport him to his new home in January 2017.

And there are only two must-pass bills a year that Congress can use to throw sand in Obama's regulatory assault — the debt ceiling increase and the government funding legislation — both which are due to come up in the days ahead.

What the GOP does with these two opportunities will determine how far down into the ground Obama is allowed to drive the country in his last year via midnight regulations.

The predominant sentiment in the GOP is to play pill bug,

curl up in a ball and hope that no one squishes them. That path leads to complete acquiescence to Democrat and corporate K Street demands for accelerating our nation's orgiastic debt spree and the decimation of our formerly inviolable self-determination rights through trade deals and racial pandering policies.

Following this path effectively neuters congressional prerogatives with lasting consequences related to the future constitutional validity of claims of Article One authority. Why should courts stick up for the separation of powers when Congress will not? It is also the surest path to a Democratic majority in the Senate and the loss of the gains Republicans made in the House in 2014.

The alternative that is often offered is that confronting Obama over his funding excesses, like the morally reprehensible Planned Parenthood, would be politically disastrous. This is false. It is through the thorough debate and scrutiny of the funding of every aspect of government that GOP leaders in Congress will identify and eliminate many of Obama's excesses. They may not win the topline battle, but in fighting, they could win many other smaller, but no less consequential funding victories.

The truth is that there are hundreds of regulations that are going into effect, lawsuits being defended and out-of-control actions by this administration that should be scrutinized and reined in using the government funding process.

Is President Obama really going to shut down the government over whether eugenicist Margaret Sanger's bust should be honored in the Smithsonian? No, he is not.

Larger issues like Obama's regulatory assault on actual available fuels to generate electricity could also survive the negotiations between the executive and legislative branches, but only if the new Speaker makes it a priority.

The new Speaker is not tainted with any of the previous negotiations between his predecessor and the other branches of government, nor should he be saddled with an irrational fear of taking a hard line position.

If Paul Ryan is Speaker, he will have a chance to lead. A chance to show his critics that he can truly unite the Republican Party around limited government principles and make progress in stopping Obama's agenda. If he succeeds, the nation will be better off for his service. If not, he will be little more than a footnote as the second accidental Speaker in the past 20 years.

— *Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.*

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Public notices

CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hear comments from the public regarding the revision of the Planning and Zoning Map.

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 17, 2015 at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding revising the Planning and Zoning Map will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID. 83639, or delivered to Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on November 17, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2015
10/28;11/4/15

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
10/28/15

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
10/28/15

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
10/28/15

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

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

REYNOLDS CREEK CALF RANCH COLLC, 12971 BAILEY RD, MELBA, ID 83641

Point of Diversion NWSE NESE S13 T01S R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

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

Date Filed: 6/19/2015

Place of Use :
COMMERCIAL
T01S R03W S13 NESE

Place of Use: STOCKWATER
T01S R03W S13 SWNE SENE

NESE NWSE
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

Sample ballot

CITY OF HOMEDALE
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for such candidate(s) as you desire by placing an X in the small square at the right of the name(s), or by writing in the name(s) of the person(s) you desire to vote for, and place an X in the square at the right of their name.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY OF HOMEDALE

FOR CITY COUNCIL
Four Year Term
(Vote for Two)

Jerry Anderson

Steve Atkins

Aaron Tines

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

Sample ballot

CITY OF MARSING
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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CANDIDATES FOR CITY OF MARSING

FOR MAYOR
Four Year Term
(Vote for One)

James Ferdinand

Keith Green

(Write-In)

FOR CITY COUNCIL SEAT
Four Year Term
(Vote for Two)

Chris Even

Marie Herman

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

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10/21,28/15

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Rosalee Eells, Plaintiff/
Petitioner, -vs- Dallas Eells,
Defendant/Respondent.

To: Dallas Eells

You have been sued by Rosalee Eells, the Petitioner, in the District Court in and for Canyon County, Idaho, Case No.CV 15-9576.

The nature of the claim against you is that the plaintiff/petitioner has filed a petition to obtain a divorce from you, the defendant/ respondent, on the ground of irreconsilable differences and 5 years seperation without cohabitation and to obtain an award of all community property in the possession of the plaintiff/ petitioner and that you be awarded all the community property in your possession.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the clerk of the court at 1115 Albany St, Caldwell, ID 83605, phone No. 208-454-7300 and served a copy of your response on the

Petitioner’s attorney Richard B. Eismann, Eismann Law Offices, 3016 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa, ID 83651-6416, phone No. 208-467-3100.

A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Petitioner. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: October 21, 2015
Signed: Canyon County District Court, Clerk of the District Court

By - Deputy Clerk
Richard B. Eismann, ISB # 557, Eismann Law Offices, 3016 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, Idaho 83651-6416, Telephone: (208) 467-3100 Facsimile: (208) 466-4498 RBE/aa/1, Attorney for the petitioner
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NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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CANDIDATES FOR CITY OF GRAND VIEW

FOR CITY COUNCIL SEAT
Four Year Term
(Vote for Two)

Linda R. Araujo

Donald W. Mead

Jon Pennington

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

FOR COUNCIL SEAT
Two Year Term
(Vote for Two)

Melvin D. Freckleton

Katy M. Hazlett

John S. Morrison

Opal M. Ward

(Write-In)

SUMMARY STATEMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2014 TO 2015 ALL FUNDS HOMEDALE JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 HOMEDALE, IDAHO				
	GENERAL M & O FUND		ALL OTHER FUNDS	
REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beginning Balance	(1,513,232)	(1,511,764)	(1,267,945)	(1,315,565)
Local Revenue	(289,560)	(327,487)	(818,452)	(843,809)
Intermediate Revenue	0	0	0	0
State Revenue	(5,880,665)	(5,901,410)	(86,415)	(96,415)
Federal Revenue	0	0	(941,529)	(957,553)
Other Revenue	0	0	(6,100)	(6,100)
Transfers	(34,400)	(33,734)	(556,169)	(559,945)
TOTALS	(7,717,857)	(7,774,395)	(3,676,610)	(3,779,387)
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	3,602,409	3,535,832	548,150	521,353
Benefits	1,337,542	1,297,001	226,961	218,286
Purchased Services	1,212,144	1,094,271	142,674	68,116
Supplies & Materials	291,727	224,243	394,089	339,094
Capital Objects	57,210	68,304	771,668	312,452
Debt Retirement	0	0	392,868	392,871
Insurance & Judgments	52,812	52,812	34	34
Transfers	385,437	385,437	205,132	208,242
Contingency Reserve	380,785	0	0	0
Unappropriated Balances	397,791	1,116,495	995,034	1,718,939
TOTALS	7,717,857	7,774,395	3,676,610	3,779,387

The undersigned certifies that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the Homedale School District.

Faith K. Olsen

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager

Oct. 28, 2015

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2014-2015 BUDGET MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363 ALL FUNDS		
REVENUES	Budget	Actual
BEGINNING BALANCE	2,107,116	2,290,544
LOCAL REVENUES	895,972	895,259
STATE REVENUES	4,358,134	4,483,064
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,371,917	1,330,181
OTHER REVENUES	0	0
TRANSFERS	326,905	533,643
TOTALS	9,060,044	9,532,691
EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	3,581,055	3,341,397
BENEFITS	1,068,741	947,383
PURCH SERVICE	1,417,730	1,224,805
MATERIALS/SUPP.	593,334	540,018
CAPITAL OUTLAY	526,512	128,019
INSURANCE	41,141	37,734
DEBT SERVICE	1,252,643	466,900
TRANSFERS OUT	326,905	533,643
ENDING BALANCES	251,983	2,312,792
TOTALS	9,060,044	9,532,691
A copy of the School District Budget and the annual financial reports are available for public inspection in the District's Administrative Office. Deb Holzhey, Busines Mgr. 10.22.15		

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The Owyhee Avalanche

School District Name/Number: <u>Bruneau - Grand View Joint School District 365</u>						
<u>Bruneau, Idaho</u>						
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES WITH CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL FUNDS						
Line	Code	Account	2014-2015 Budget	Budget Salary & Benefits	2014-2015 Actual	Actual Salary & Benefits
1		REVENUE RECEIPTS				
2	410000	Local Sources	\$1,057,808		\$1,156,297	
3	420000	County Sources	\$0		\$0	
4	430000	State Sources	\$2,740,758		\$2,891,482	
5	440000	Federal Sources	\$542,460		\$440,976	
6	450000	Other Sources	\$0		\$0	
7		TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,341,024		\$4,488,735	
8	460000	Transfers IN	\$0		\$7,202	
9		TOTAL REVENUE & TRANSFERS	\$4,341,024		\$4,495,937	
10						
11		EXPENDITURES				
12	500000	Instructional Services	\$2,362,128	\$1,493,154	\$2,361,490	\$1,307,576
13	600000	Support Services	\$1,519,399	\$704,991	\$1,163,789	\$547,059
14	700000	Non-Instructional Services	\$190,320	\$87,830	\$168,203	\$72,627
15	800000	Facility Acquisition Services	\$243,804	\$0	\$0	
16	910000	Debt Services	\$380,400	\$0	\$369,300	
17		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,676,051	\$2,286,075	\$4,042,782	\$1,927,262
18	920000	Transfers OUT	\$15,000		\$7,202	
19		TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	\$4,691,051		\$4,049,984	
20		Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures & Transfers	-\$350,027		\$445,953	
21						
22	320001	Fund Balance at July 1, 2014	\$598,914		\$1,262,160	
23						
24	320002	Adjustments				
25						
26	320003	Adj. Fund Balance July 1, 2014	\$598,914		\$1,262,160	
27						
28	320000	FUND BALANCE At June 30, 2015 *Total of Line 20 + 28	\$248,887		\$1,706,113	

The undersigned certify that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the Bruneau - Grand View Joint School District.

Jon Bruneau
Chairperson of the Board

Jodi Sweet
Clerk of the Board

Anthony Agnew
Treasurer of the Board

Business Manager

Public notices

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)

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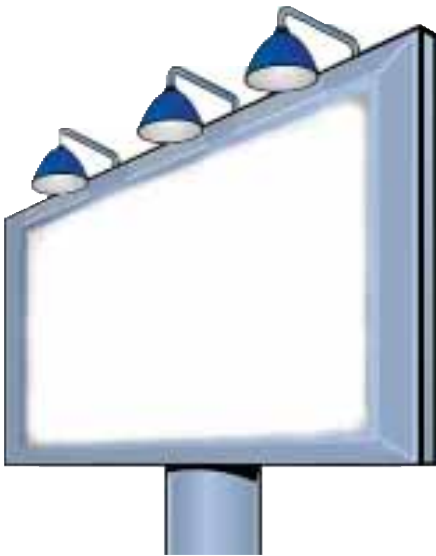
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First Lady, advocates drive home anti-drug abuse message



Truth 208 makes its debut at HHS community assembly

There was no preaching at last week’s drug awareness assembly at Homedale High School, just facts and stark realities. Self-described “cop turned junkie turned advocate” Cyn Reneau, the education director for the Idaho Prevention Project, let the Truth 208: Straight Talk About Medicine Abuse video and statistics do the talking.

The video encapsulated how prescription drug abuse affected family members and friends of three individuals who either died or suffered life-altering experiences because of their decision to abuse the drugs in high school.

Reneau saw a smattering of hands went up when she asked the students assembled in the main gymnasium if they knew of anyone who was abusing drugs.

At the end of her presentation, she challenged those same students.

“Too many of your friends are dying,” she told the student body assembled in the main gymnasium. “We’ve lost too many Idaho teens.

“If you know a friend or a classmate who needs help, you need to step up.”

With help from Homedale seniors Eliza-

beth Hernandez, Antonio Reyes and Makayla Steinmetz, Reneau provided details of the types of drugs Idaho teens most frequently abuse. Reyes helped run the Powerpoint, and all three teens quizzed their schoolmates on pop culture and drug abuse facts.

Reneau said Idaho teens are abusing steroids, stimulants such as Adderall and prescription painkillers. Steroids are the most abused drugs among the state’s teenagers, Reneau said.

Cough suppressants are a drug of choice for middle-schoolers, who can’t comprehend that something given to them by their parents for their health could be harmful.

“I’ve had seventh-graders argue with me that, ‘Why would they give me something that would kill me?’ They don’t understand that once they start altering that dosage, there are ramifications.”

Getting youth to understand the pitfalls of drug abuse is one of the main tenets of the Idaho Protection Project, which is an arm of the Idaho Meth Project.

Founding board member Lori Otter, Idaho’s First Lady, and another Idaho Meth Project director, Debbie Fields, were on hand last Wednesday as was the project’s

executive director, Adrean Cavener. Local officials who attended the event included Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, County Coroner Aaron Tines and school resource officers HPD Sgt. Mike McFetridge and Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Jaime Wood.

Miss Boise State International and Miss Southern Idaho Megan Smith also attended.

“I’m not here to preach to you,” Otter told the student body to kick off the assembly. “I’m here to give you the information that will keep your family and little brothers and little sisters from experiencing this heartbreak.”

Otter urged the students to find the correct information on the issues.

Reneau outlined how prescription drug abuse starts. While so-called “pharm parties” can involve prescription drugs not intended for the youths who bring them to share, in many cases the drugs kids abuse start out as legitimate prescriptions from doctors for injuries or other ailments.

“The doctor says take four and you start to take eight because the leg really, really hurts,” Reneau said.

Other forms of abuse include borrowing a friend’s prescription drugs or continuing to take painkillers after an injury heals because of the feeling you get from the drugs.

And the phenomenon has escalated over time, Reneau said.

“In 2013, prescription drug abuse surpassed marijuana use,” she said.

She added that Idaho ranks fourth in the nation for drug abuse by children 12 and older and that 1-in-5 teens admit to using illegal drugs.

Reneau said she wanted to bring one of the first Truth 208 presentations to Homedale because she was impressed with the activism of Reyes, Steinmetz and Hernandez.

“Remember that your future and the future of your community all depends on whether you want to live a drug-free life,” Reneau told the teenagers.

First-year principal Matt Holtry backed up the assembly with his closing remarks.

“You need to take some time throughout the day to think about how this has impacted you, your friends and your family.”

— JPB



Top: Idaho First Lady Lori Otter addressed the Homedale High School student body. Above: Idaho Prevention Project education director Cyn Reneau gauges reaction after she asks if any students know of a peer who abuses prescription drugs.

Truth 208 brings drug awareness effort to Marsing schools

Drug abuse is no longer a problem isolated to large cities.

That was part of Cyn Reneau’s message during a drug awareness presentation Oct. 20 at the Marsing schools cafeteria.

Reneau, a recovering meth addict, is the Idaho Prevention Project education director. The IPP grew out of the Idaho Meth Project, which was launched in 2008.

About a dozen parents and around 22 students attended last week’s public forum, which Reneau began with simple advice to help every parent address the drug abuse issue.

“If you were to forget everything else I say tonight, I want you to remember one stat,” Reneau said. “In Idaho, statistically, if you have a conversation about drugs at home, your teen becomes 50 percent less likely to ever use.”

Opinions on whether or not the Marsing district had a drug problem varied among students prior to the presentation.

One seventh-grader told The Owyhee Avalanche there isn’t a problem, and a high school freshman heard that there used to be a drug problem in the schools.

“But not anymore, not as much, you kind of hear it every now and

then,” he said.

A MHS junior disagreed with that and said there is a lot of marijuana going around among students.

Marsing School Resource Officer Jaime Wood, an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy, thinks all schools have varying degrees of drug problems, but said it is hard to say how severe the situation is in Marsing.

Wood said he doesn’t have to deal with drug issues every day, or even every week. Wood believes drugs have become less prevalent since he started as SRO, and he thinks awareness campaigns like the one that came through Marsing last week also make a difference.

Wood doesn’t think that OCSO’s loss of the K-9 unit “Goose” will affect detecting drugs in the schools.

“We still have access to drug dogs that we use. There’s different agencies that are willing to bring their dogs out,” Wood said. “Those guys are always looking for training for their dogs, and assignments for their dogs. They’re all really cooperative.”

Goose and his handler, former OCSO deputy Karl Kingston, now work for the Homedale Police De-

partment.

During her presentation, Reneau talked to the audience about marijuana, methamphetamine, hallucinogens, heroin, synthetic drugs such as bath salts and ecstasy, prescription drugs, over-the-counter medication like cough suppressants, and cocaine.

Reneau put an emphasis on prescription drugs because she said Idaho ranks fourth in the nation for Rx abuse.

“As an Idaho teen, these kids are more likely to die of a prescription drug overdose than in a car accident,” Reneau said. “We are losing more kids that way every month.”

Two teens, one of them a Marsing resident, were recently sentenced for misdemeanor possession or use of a legend drug or precursor without an authorized prescription or drug order.

The teens were sentenced to nine months probation, 10 days in jail, community service, and paid court costs of less than \$100.

During a question-and-answer session, Marsing Ambulance administrator Betty Ackerman asked if raves are still popular places for teens to find illicit drugs.

Reneau said in rural areas like Owyhee County, so-called “pharm

(pharmacological) parties are more popular. The teens bring prescription drugs, which are often stolen from family members, friends, or neighbors. Those drugs are placed in a bowl or other container for the teens to share.

“Could be grandma’s laxative. It could be a heart med. Alcohol is usually a factor,” Reneau said. “So not only are they in danger of the medication they’re ingesting, they’re ingesting it on top of alcohol.”

The discussion about pharm parties alarmed Ackerman, who focused on the plight of a first-responder.

She said because a teen likely wouldn’t know exactly what drugs he or she took, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or paramedics wouldn’t know what to expect.

“You can do basic things, if there’s trouble breathing you deal with that, and if they have an altered level of consciousness you deal with that,” Ackerman said. “It is terrifying because you have no idea, and the interaction of the different drugs I wouldn’t even know, and the interaction between the alcohol and the different drugs.”

She added that if Marsing Ambulance personnel responded to a

pharm party incident, they would have to call Canyon County paramedics.

“Because we’re not paramedics — we are basic EMTs — we would call paramedics so if they stopped breathing, they can actually give medication that if it’s a narcotic they’ve taken, it will reverse the effects of the narcotic,” Ackerman said.

A middle school student in the audience asked why some drugs have names like “bath salts.”

Reneau answered that by frequently changing the names, and chemical make-ups of drugs, illicit manufacturers can stay one step ahead of police because laws have to be created to target drugs very specifically.

“They change it just enough that it ends up not being against the law,” Reneau said.

After the Q&A session, she told The Owyhee Avalanche that turnout at the event was “awesome.”

“I have talked to as few as six people, and as many as 6,000,” Reneau said. “To me, it’s not a matter of how many people attend, it’s a matter of what you do once you walk out those doors. Share what you’ve learned with your family members.”

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