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Public school meetings today

Marsing patrons talk safety

Getting an idea of what problems people think Marsing schools are facing, and what their ideal vision is for student safety are two of the goals behind a gathering scheduled tonight.

A community safety meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. inside the district cafeteria.

A free dinner starts at 6, and district superintendent Norm Stewart said the discussion will begin around 6:30.

Just as he did during the

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Safe route walking tour slated

Public can stroll possible paths for Homedale

Patrons and officials are invited to get a first-hand look on what safer routes to Homedale schools may look like today.

Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker will lead a walking tour of the potential pedestrian projects with the group leaving from City Hall (31 W. Wyoming Ave.) at 1 p.m. today.

The Chamber is spearheading the effort to make walking to and

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GATEWAY DEDICATION HAILS VETERANS

Navy and Air National Guard veteran Oscar Evans delivers the keynote address last Wednesday during the Homedale gateway sign dedication. For more, see *Page 9*

BOCC keeps Jacks Creek Road open

Simplot appellate deadline is Dec. 8

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has ruled against J.R. Simplot Co.'s request to close a portion of Jacks Creek Road between Grand View and Bruneau.

In the ruling issued during a Nov. 9 meeting, the BOCC stated, "The disputed portion thereof, as a public road on County maps of public county roads and on the map of roadways to be maintained which is furnished to the Department of Transportation, and shall maintain the Road, including the disputed portion thereof, as needed and as funds allow."

This is the second time the BOCC

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Free dinner to be served in Marsing

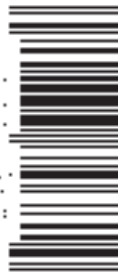
Another community Thanksgiving meal slated Thursday

Marsing's churches are banding together for the third annual free community Thanksgiving dinner.

The free dinner, which is open to everyone, will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

"We want to help our community and all those that are in need," Marsing Assembly of God pastor Rick Sherrow

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County to conduct test of emergency alert program

At 2 p.m. today, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will conduct a test of the county's Emergency Action Plan.

OCSO dispatch supervisor Christine Ballard said the mock scenario is a dam breach at C.J. Strike reservoir.

"We are going to be sending out an emergency alert by the AlertSense system, and it's going to everybody who signed up," Ballard said. "The text will be something along the lines of, I don't have the exact verbiage, 'This is a test of the Emergency Action Plan for Owyhee County. Test, test only.'"

AlertSense is the name brand of the company the county uses for reverse 911 notifications. The county will not send the test message out on radio or television.

The test is being conducted in conjunction with Idaho Power, the Bureau of Homeland Security, and the Idaho State Communications Center.

Idaho Power and the county are required to test their Emergency Action Plans annually.

"We have decided that because it is their yearly one, that we are going to join them, and it meets our requirement through Homeland Security to do a yearly exercise of our emergency system in

the county," Ballard said.

County employees and citizens will be stationed in specific areas of the county to see if they get the information on their cellphones. That will be how Ballard gauges the success of the exercise.

"It all depends on where you're at in the county, whether you have cell phone service, which is half of our battle out here," Ballard said.

The new alert service was launched in August and is being financed for three years by a state grant. Ballard said more state funding could be provided after the initial three-year period, keeping the expense off the backs of the county's taxpayers.

Real alerts would include information on such things as missing children, weather events, fire warnings or hazardous materials evacuations.

The website to join the emergency alert call list is <http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp>. People can remove themselves from the service through the same website.

No fee is associated with the service, but standard text message rates may apply depending on a person's cellphone plan. People do not have to live in the county to receive the information.

Ballard invites anyone who has questions about the alert service to call her through OCSO dispatch at (208) 495-1154, ext. 101.

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6:00 pm - Saturday, November 28th

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U of I's Jensen talks ag in Belarus

Meeting ministers helps form new markets for county producers

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Scott Jensen recently returned from a consulting trip to Belarus for U.S. Livestock Genetics Export (USLGE), Inc.

The non-profit company is comprised of breed associations of beef, dairy, horse, swine, and sheep industries.

Jensen arrived in Belarus on Oct. 29, and got back to his home between Marsing and Homedale on Nov. 4. He conducted a series of one-day seminars at agriculture universities in Minsk, Grodno and Gorki.

Topics included the U.S. dairy industry, Jersey cattle, Black Angus cattle, the structure of the U.S. beef industry, and the process of exporting and importing live animals.



University of Idaho Extension Office educator Scott Jensen inside a meat cooler at a beef processing plant in Belarus. Submitted photo

"We met with their secretary of agriculture, and a bunch of his ministry officials," Jensen said. "It would be similar to us sitting down here with the secretary of the department of ag in D.C."

Part of his interest in going on such consulting missions is to help the profit margins of Owyhee County ranchers.

"Ultimately as we develop export markets for U.S. livestock, it adds to the value of the animals," Jensen said.

However, it could be more than a year before any transactions are made as a result of his trip to Belarus.

"They want to import 10,000 head of registered Angus heifers," Jensen said.

"They want to import 30,000 units of Holstein semen, they want to import 200 head of Black Angus bulls."

The Belarus ag industry leaders would like to have that shipment in May of next year. Jensen said May 2017 is more likely because it will take more time to find that many heifers and bulls.

"It takes quite a bit of work on the pre-screening, selecting the cattle in the first place," Jensen said.

"There's a long list of health requirements. Most of the animals are required to be quarantined for three to four weeks prior to shipment."

He has also gone to the Philippines three times starting in September 2008. The first two trips were for USLGE to teach animal husbandry and artificial insemination classes. He also taught artificial insemination techniques during a third trip funded by Land O'Lakes.

A year and a half ago, Jensen made a consulting trip to central Europe with stops in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania.

Prior to the trip, a person from each of those countries came to the U.S. to tour dairies, feedlots, and the U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in Maryland.

"Then we went to their countries, and in each country we did a one-day seminar," Jensen said. "Then the next day, we met with the high-ranking ag industry government officials to find out how we can help improve livestock production."

Of all the trade trips Jensen has taken, he thinks the most recent one is most likely to benefit Owyhee County ranchers, mostly because of the size of the order for heifers and bulls.


"That's one that has the potential to open markets for quite a few beef genetics," Jensen said. "When you take that coupled with the semen they're interested in purchasing, all of those things are going to add value to the livestock here."

OWYHEE COUNTY EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

In conjunction with Idaho Power, Bureau of Homeland Security, Owyhee County and others, we are testing our Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Owyhee County.

The test will be on November 18th at 14:00 (2pm).

The scenario is a dam breach at CJ Strike. A test message will go out to the public on our reverse 911 system, Alert Sense. We will not be sending to the TV and radio.



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Marsing City Council officially OKs new comprehensive plan

Another new P&Z member appointed

During a brief Marsing City Council meeting on Nov. 10, city leaders signed a resolution finalizing a new comprehensive plan and land use map.

Council members approved the new plan and map last month, but a resolution to institute it had not been drafted.

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

During last month's City Council meeting, city attorney

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

Council members also approved Mayor Keith Green's recommendation to appoint Bob Ramos to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ramos replaces P&Z chair Cliff Hahlbeck, who resigned from the panel last month. Green said Hahlbeck stepped down for "personal reasons."

Green said the other P&Z

commissioners were expected to appoint a new chairman during their meeting Tuesday night after deadline.

This is the second new P&Z member to be appointed in the past two months.

In October, city council members approved Green's recommendation of Noyam Hale to replace John DeOsio, who left the commission earlier this year.

During last week's council members also agreed to donate \$100 to purchase desserts for the third annual Thanksgiving community dinner to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center.

— SC

Owner accepts Homedale library board's offer to buy neighboring parcel

The Homedale Public Library board of directors will acquire an adjacent property for expansion.

City clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram confirmed that owner Sid Tucker accepted library director Sharla Jensen's first offer of \$27,500 for the parcels at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., which are directly east of the library and include the town's old LDS church.

Jensen's negotiations came after the city council voted 3-0 to authorize an offer of no more than \$30,000 during a Nov. 9 special meeting. Councilperson Kim Murray was absent.

Tucker has agreed to pay for the property title search, and Pegram said city attorney Paul J. Fitzer is drawing up the sales agreement.

During an Oct. 22 council meeting, library board member

Carolyn Grooms said the land and improvements were assessed at \$25,205.

The library is paying for the property — including a 10 percent down payment — out of its nest egg, which Pegram said is about \$170,000 and includes \$158,000 in the state investment fund. Because the purchase wasn't budgeted when the library's fiscal year 2016 appropriations were finalized, the council will have to open the budget, Pegram said. She said the budget opening process probably will happen in the spring and will include other items.

Library directors eye the property for expansion of the 30-year-old library building. The city had to move quickly because apparently another party was interested in acquiring the three parcels.

COSSA pro-tech students offer free services

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) Professional Technical Clubs will hold a community day of service on Thursday at the Wilder campus.

The community day of service runs from noon to 7 p.m. and coincides with the school's parent-teacher conferences, which will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the COSSA building, 109 Penny Lane, in Wilder.

Free services offered will include:

- Garden tool sharpening and repair from the welding students
- Headlight cleaning and repositioning (if needed) from the diesel mechanics students
- Vehicle inspection from the auto repair students
- Electrical tool repair from the pre-engineering students
- Wobbly chair or small wooden furniture repair from the building

trades students

- Vital sign screenings from the emergency medical technician and certified nursing assistant students.
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter members will serve dinner to parents and community members from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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County coroner focuses on suicide prevention

Resources available for those struggling, survivors

With the suicide rate increasing in 2015, Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines is reaching out in hopes that people struggling and their loved ones will reach out for help.

“It’s a huge concern for me, and it’s one of the things that we’d like to be able to get some information: ‘If there is someone out there feeling this way, here’s some resources to get some help,’” Tines said.

“And for the loved ones who notice changes, we want to give some direction to get them help.”

Tines and emergency crews responded to a pair of open-air suicides — one southwest of Homedale and one at Claytonia Pond outside Marsing — in the span of six days recently.

There have been eight suicides in Owyhee County since January, Tines said. That’s one more than authorities reported for the entire five-year span between 2010 and 2014, according to data from the Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho’s website.

There’s no way of pinpointing why there is an increase in suicides this year, but Tines said it’s important to work on the causes and pay attention to the

signs.

“We need to be proactive about some of the areas of concern in our county,” he said. “We need to at least address the community and let them know what’s going on, what they should look for, and what we can do about it.”

The ages of the suicide victims have ranged from 17 to 70, Tines said. Some were out-of-county residents, too.

SPAN Idaho provides some of the signs people should look for, and the organization also has a suicide prevention lifeline at (800) 273-TALK (8255). Tines points out the hotline isn’t just for those in an immediate crisis, but folks can call the line or visit the website www.spanidaho.org for resources on counseling as well as how to spot the signs of someone in trouble.

“People going through this don’t need to think that they’re going through this alone,” Tines said. “There are people who want to help.

“We just need to get them steered in the right direction to seek out the assistance.”

While the SPAN Idaho hotline is operational again, Tines said there are other aspects of suicide

prevention where the state is still lagging, including mental health services. But the hotline can truly be a lifeline for people in rural areas where mental health services are even harder to come by, Tines said.

SPAN Idaho provides resources to help people who think friends or loved ones may harm themselves, but the organization also has suicide survivor resources.

Tines said his office has begun stocking survivor packets as well to give those left to cope with the loss resources to seek counseling and to understand the grieving process.

Tines said first-responders confronted with suicides have resources to find counseling as well. Such services may be especially critical in a small-town setting in which an emergency medical technician, sheriff’s deputy or police officer may know the victim personally.

Anyone who may witness a suicide or discover a suicide victim also can find help, Tines said.

“We provide them with whatever resources that we can because even being a witness to certain events can be traumatic to them, and we need to understand that,” he said.

— JPB

Warning signs

According to the Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho website, here are some of the warning signs of someone who may be contemplating suicide:

- Threatening to, talking or writing about suicide
- Previous suicide attempt
- Seeking methods to kill oneself
- Agitation, especially combined with sleeplessness
- Giving away prized possessions, making final arrangements, putting affairs in order
- Feeling hopeless or trapped
- Withdrawing from friends, family or society
- Nightmares
- Changes in eating patterns
- Dramatic mood changes
- Increased alcohol or drug use
- Inability to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Recent loss of a friend or family member through death, suicide, or divorce
- Sudden dramatic decline or improvement in work/school work
- Themes of death or depression in conversation, writing, reading or art
- Neglect of personal appearance
- No longer interested in favorite activities or hobbies
- Chronic headaches, stomach aches, fatigue
- Taking unnecessary risks/recklessness
- Sudden, unexpected loss of freedom or fear of punishment/humiliation

How to get help

- Suicide prevention lifeline: (800) 273-TALK (8255)
- SPAN Idaho website: www.spanidaho.org



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New trustee joins Marsing school board

Brad McIntyre takes over for Clay Sauer

The Marsing School District Board has a new trustee. Brad McIntyre will fill out the term of Zone 5 Trustee Clay Sauer. The term will expire in June 2017. Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart said Sauer submitted his letter of resignation during the board's Oct. 13 meeting. The remaining trustees appointed McIntyre during the Nov. 10 meeting. "... Via Idaho Code, they have 90 days within declaration of

vacancy (to) appoint someone to that position," Stewart said. "They interviewed him and appointed him the other night."

McIntyre was the only person to express interest in filling out Sauer's term. "He seemed like a good fit from the board's perspective, I believe, and that's why they decided to go ahead and make the motion to appoint him," Stewart said. McIntyre says he enjoys serving in the community, and his



Brad McIntyre

children are in Marsing schools.

"I like to make sure the schools are operated correctly and in the best interest of the kids in the community," McIntyre said. "I just felt like if they needed someone I'd be willing to do it."

He has also served on the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission and is currently on the Owyhee Conservation District board of supervisors.

He succeeds Sauer, who became ineligible to serve when he moved



Clay Sauer

his family to Middleton. McIntyre doesn't see anything wrong with how the current Marsing School District trustees have been running the schools. "They're doing a great job," McIntyre said. "We just need to keep the community connected on what's happening in the schools."

He added that he intends to run for election in May 2017 to continue his time on the board.

McIntyre lives in Marsing on the Owyhee County side of Zone 5.

The Zone 5 area straddles the Snake River with portions in both Owyhee and Canyon counties. The zone's northern boundaries include an area north of East Thompson Road in Owyhee

County and Symms Road in Canyon County. The southern boundary is 4th Street South inside the Marsing city limits. The western border is Old Bruneau Highway. The eastern border is in the area east of Lloyd Lane in Canyon County.

McIntyre has been married to his wife Jill for eight years. The couple have five children: Heston, 6, Henley, 4, Emmett and Elsie, both 3, and Quinlynn, who is 6 months old.

— SC

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✓ Road: Jacks Creek passes by company's newly remodeled wild horse holding facility

has refused to close the portion of Jacks Creek Road. Simplot made the same request three years ago. Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said Simplot's 30-day appeal period began when the decision was released at the meeting. In September, Simplot consultant Ron Parks asked for the closure because the company's facility confined animal feeding operation adjacent to a portion of the road had been remodeled into a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) to house wild mustangs for the Bureau of Land Management.

"It is to prevent folks causing harm to the horses, and to the facility," Parks said during a Sept. 14 meeting. The southern end of the section of the road considered for vacation begins at the intersection of Jacks Creek Road and Davis Road. It extends northeast where the section of road would end before it crosses into BLM land and intersects Idaho highway 78. Closing the road became a priority for Simplot after the county Planning and Zoning Commission granted a conditional use permit for the wild horse facility in May, weeks after a public hearing.

Only two people live on the section of the road that the BOCC considered for vacation. Both are Simplot employees living separately in company-owned housing. Just a handful of people would have access to the road if it were vacated. "Simplot employees, EMS (emergency medical services), and fire and sheriff," Parks said during the Sept. 14 meeting. Under a five-year agreement with the BLM, Simplot will house no more than 3,500 horses on 80 acres of the former Bruneau Cattle Co. feedlot.

— SC

✓ Dinner: Volunteers feed hundreds each holiday season

said. "What we're getting out of it is the opportunity to give back in our community." Volunteers from the Assembly of God, First Church of the Nazarene, Vision Bible Church and Lizard Butte Baptist Church will prepare the dinner, and Marsing city council members voted last week to provide \$100 to purchase desserts for the dinner. Sherrow said a donation box will be set up near the dessert

table for anyone who wants to contribute to offset costs. The dinner will include ham, turkey and all the trimmings, including mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn and green beans. Sherrow encourages folks to invite any they know who could use a Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner attracted an average of 200 people during its first two years.

✓ Safety: Event follows up similar January gathering

district's first safety meeting on Jan. 15, state Department of Education student engagement and postsecondary readiness director Matt McCarter will facilitate tonight's meeting. "Last time it involved law enforcement, the school district, as well as community to try to talk about some of the problem areas that we're seeing and coming up with solutions," Stewart said. Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies, including school resource officer Jaime Wood,

were on hand for the January discussion as were Mayor Keith Green and school board trustee Michelle Jacobi. "So this is a follow-up meeting to that meeting ... to try to just continue with that, and expand that," Stewart said. He added that Wood will also attend tonight's meeting. During the January meeting, McCarter said communities and school districts that hold public forums have "figured it out" when it comes to problem-solving.

✓ Tour: Proposed student pedestrian routes to 2 schools to be analyzed this afternoon

from school easier for elementary and middle school students. "I'm excited," Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer said. "I appreciate Gavin and others taking the lead on this. "I appreciate their focus on student safety and them partnering with us on that." During a town meeting last month, Parker outlined three options, including two different ideas to try to minimize the amount of time middle-schoolers spend on Idaho highway 19 and Johnstone Road on their trips to and from school. Ideas to improve pedestrian safety on North 3rd Street West and West Washington Avenue for elementary students also were

discussed. The majority of people at the town meeting favored what is being called the "alternate" route to Homedale Middle School. That route would include children moving off of West Idaho Avenue (Idaho 19) as far east as South 5th Street West and taking a paved and lighted pathway along private agricultural ground that would connect with either Audrey Drive or Marion Drive just northeast of the middle school. The walking tour is the next step in developing applications for Idaho Transportation Department Transportation Alternatives Program grants of up to \$500,000 each. Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson

has committed to writing the grants, and organizers may seek one or two grants. Each grant would require a 7 percent match in cash, which Parker said would be about \$36,000 for the largest available grant. Proponents must select a priority route in case only one grant is awarded, and Sauer said school board trustees prefer the alternate route to the middle school. "This is something the board is very interested in, and I believe it would be a high priority for us," Sauer said, adding that trustees haven't discussed how they may help with matching funds because the process is still in its infancy.

— JPB

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Homedale Elementary School, mayor win with walking

Division champ students earn \$2,000

Homedale Elementary School students walked their way into the money during an October competition.

The school’s 460 students walked more than 7,000 miles in the Mayor’s School Walking Challenge, winning their division and \$2,000 with a 15.23-mile-per-student average.

“I am so proud of the students and staff at Homedale Elementary. I appreciate the PE teacher, Mr. (Cam) Long, for spearheading this effort,” HES principal Terri Vasquez said.

“The staff really motivated the students to walk, and walking as a class made it a fun class activity. We will continue to utilize the walking track during the year.”

Although the contest was weighted on a per-mile average to level the playing field for schools with different enrollments, Homedale was still second in miles for its 11-school division. Reed Elementary in Kuna, with 621 students, rolled 9,309 miles for a runner-up average of 14.99 miles.

The school received its award during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon after deadline.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen finished third overall in the mayoral portion of the challenge, and he earned \$1,000 for the city’s parks system for being one of 12 chief executives who averaged 10,000 steps or more per day.

“It’s going to go into one of our parks,” Christoffersen said of the windfall. “I’ll put a team together and find out what we need.”

Emmett Mayor Gordon Petrie walked 534 miles (a 17-mile daily average) to win the \$5,000 top prize.

“I got my butt kicked, but I’m glad I got something for it,” Christoffersen said, adding, “I’m really proud of the school.”

Christoffersen averaged 30,785 steps each day, taking 954,347 steps during his treks throughout the month between his business on U.S. Highway 95 and City Hall and also walkabouts in town.

The mayor said he was slowed by an illness near the end of the month, but he plans to pick up the pace again once he’s fully recovered.

“By the end of the deal, I like to walk,” he said. “I’ve been sick, but I want to get back out and walk.

“I felt better, and I got to know the town. It’s amazing: You have a totally different outlook when you walk this town instead of driving.”

The mayor said he got a chance to see just how much pride there is in individual properties and also got a feel for how the city’s ordinance and animal control officer has impacted the look of town.

“Our ordinance deal has got to be working wonders,” he said. “If you want to see your town, just walk the back streets. There are some people doing real good jobs with their places.”

Petrie took nearly 1.2 million steps during the month, and according to reports incorporated “walking meetings” with his staff to attain his daily average of 38,588 steps. Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall finished about 4,000 steps ahead of Christoffersen (958,392 for the month and 30,916 daily average).

Vasquez said there’s no final decision on what the school will purchase, but the winnings may be combined with other funding to buy a piece of playground equipment.

Each class at Homedale walked during recess, before and after special events, during lunchtime and during physical education class. Teachers sometimes also took their students out during class time.

“Competition among both schools and mayors was fierce this year,” Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health manager

Kendra Witt-Doyle said. “But beyond a month of competition, we’re seeing lasting, healthy changes incorporated into schools and city offices. The competition was a gateway into routine fitness.”

High Five Children’s Health Collaborative, Idaho Dairy Council and St. Luke’s sponsored the monthlong “Walktober.”

The Mayor’s School Walking Challenge is designed to improve children’s health by inspiring them to walk or run at school. Mayors act as role models for students and encourage participation throughout the city.

During the month, 26,745 students from 60 schools in southwestern Idaho walked 177,096 miles. Setting an example for these active students were Idaho mayors from 25 communities who logged 9,682 miles in October.

“Kids were excited to walk at school with their mayors, who were inspired to get moving too. Hopefully a month full of fun opportunities will lead to a lifetime of healthy choices,” St. Luke’s Health Ambassador and former Olympian Kristin Armstrong said.

Schools were grouped in geographically similar areas with comparable enrollment. The prizes are earmarked for physical activity or food service equipment.

“The sponsors were impressed and inspired by the enthusiasm from the schools and mayors who participated Mayors School Walking Challenge,” Idaho Dairy Council health and wellness manager Pohley Richey said. “We hope all of the participants will continue to make strides toward improved health and wellness.”

Other elementary schools in Homedale’s division included Fruitland, Eagle Hills in Eagle, Crimson Point in Kuna, Middleton Heights, New Plymouth, Star, Greenleaf Friends Academy, Meadow Valley in New Meadows and Garden Valley in Crouch.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 18: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw veggie & fruit bar, milk
Nov. 19: Turkey & gravy w/mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit bar, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Nov. 23-26: No School
Nov. 30: Hot dog, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Nov. 18: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar, milk
Nov. 19: Turkey & gravy w/mashed potatoes, fruit & salad bar, jello, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Nov. 23-26: No School
Nov. 30: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk

Homedale High

Nov. 18: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Nov. 19: Turkey & gravy w/mashed potatoes, salad bar, fruit choice, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Nov. 23-26: No School
Nov. 30: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

Nov. 18: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick or beef finger steaks, green beans, salad bar & soup
Nov. 19: Chicken fried steak or oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, whole wheat roll, salad bar & soup
Nov. 23-26: No School
Nov. 30: Sub sandwich or beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Nov. 18: Lasagna, steamed carrots, whole grain breadstick, fruit, milk
Nov. 19: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit, milk
Nov. 20: Hamburger/bun, romaine/tomato, fries, baked beans, fresh fruit, pumpkin bar, milk
Nov. 23: Monday School. Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, breadstick, fruit, milk
Nov. 24: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, milk
Nov. 25-27: No School

COSSA

Nov. 18: Italian pasta bake, salad w/ranch, mixed fruit, milk
Nov. 19: Soft taco, rice & beans, pears, milk
Nov. 23: BBQ chicken wrap, coleslaw, baked beans, peaches, milk
Nov. 24: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, mixed fruit, milk
Nov. 25-26: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk and salad bar served each day

Nov. 18: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread
Nov. 19: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots
Nov. 24: Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, dessert
Nov. 25-26: Closed

Marsing Senior Center

All breakfast orders come w/meat & eggs, fruit, juice and milk
Milk served each day

Nov. 18: Ham & beans, carrots, coleslaw, pears, corn bread
Nov. 19: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, peas, yams, apricots, roll
Nov. 23: Breakfast to order, omelet
Nov. 24: Potato bar w/chili, vegetable soup, apricots, roll
Nov. 25-26: Closed
Nov. 30: Breakfast to order, pancakes

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served each day

Nov. 19: Steak fajitas, green peppers, onions & mushroom sautéed, green salad, flour tortilla, refried beans, ice cream
Nov. 24: Chili, cornbread, cole slaw, jello w/fruit, cinnamon roll
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Community dinner

Vendors wanted for Grand View Christmas bazaar

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce is looking for vendors for the annual Christmas in the Country bazaar.

This year’s event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5 in Grand View Elementary School.

A table is \$20, and wall space is \$30. Space is limited.

If you would like a form to reserve a space, or would like more information, call Cyndi Fullmer (208) 834-2636.

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Death notice

STEVEN GERALD MOUNKES, 58, of Wilder, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

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Classifieds!

Make sure jerky from hunt is safe

With hunting season upon us, you might be wondering what options you have for treating that meat after the hunt. While first and foremost it is essential that you are handling the meat safely when you are out in the field — because of the pathogens that can be present and continue to thrive in the conditions existing in the field — but also when you have brought the meat into your home. While you can always freeze your meat, you also have the opportunity to can or dehydrate it as well. If you are looking to dehydrate or make jerky, the free publication “Making Jerky at Home Safely” (Pacific Northwest Extension No. 632) could be useful.

University of Idaho Food Safety Specialist and Extension



Surine Greenway

University of Idaho Extension

Educators collaborated to provide research-based recommendations regarding making jerky at home in “Making Jerky At Home Safely.” Downloadable and printable at <http://www.cals.uidaho.edu/edComm/pdf/PNW/PNW0632.pdf>, publication briefly covers why the research was conducted: Foodborne illness outbreaks that occurred in the home were linked directly to jerky.

There are also three methods included that cover how to destroy pathogens

- Precooking the meat
- Post-drying heating
- Vinegar soak.

These recommendations are included for safety, not quality. Conducting one (or even a combination) of these methods will ensure that your meat will not contain a pathogen, such as E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella and the Trichinella parasite, which can cause Trichinosis.

The publication also includes information regarding the meat selection — beef, game meat, poultry/rabbit, fish and ground meat.

Equipment selection is a great inclusion that covers different gadgets and appliances that can be of use during the process as well as some recipes that can be used if not using a commercially purchased seasoning.

Pick up “Making Jerky at Home Safely” for some tips and guidance, but if you have questions regarding the process, please contact me at the Owyhee County Extension Office for further assistance.

— 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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JOHN CLARK — Mr. Clark was the man killed by the Indians on Sucker Creek, an account of which was published last week. He was in the employ of Frank Drake, as packer, for a year and a half. Mr. Drake would like to be informed as to where any of the relatives of Clark can be found. Drake thinks Clark was from the Sate of Maine, and knows him to have been five years in the regular army as sergeant, and part of that time stationed at Fort Reading in Northern Cal. Mr. D. says Clark was a man of good education, and one of the most trusty men he ever knew. Poor Clark sleeps his last sleep on the side of a barren mountain, thirty or forty miles from any human habitation, unless we class the dens of his murderers with the domiciles of humanity. Mr. D. intends to have a neat tombstone shipped up from below to place over the remains of Mr. Clark

TIN IN JORDAN CREEK — We understand considerable prospecting is going on in Jordan Creek, Owyhee, for the discovery of the source of the tin pebbles found in the bed of the creek. We are informed that nearly three years ago specimens of tin ore were taken from the same stream and brought to this place for examination. Mr. Blake of the Newspaper depot forwarded some of them East to his brother, Prof. Blake, an experienced metallurgist, who pronounced them tin — about 80 per cent in purity. He wrote back that if a ledge of that ore could be found it would be worth more than any gold or silver mine in America. More search was made after the letter was received, but without success. Since that time we have heard nothing more of the tin until recently, when the pebbles again attracted attention, - *World*

THE RUBY CITY Post-Office was established as a “special office” about August, 1864. A special office we understand to be one located at a point off this line of any mail route and for which no contract has been awarded, and such offices must sustain themselves. The P. M. General ordered the Ruby Postmaster to hire some one to carry the mail weekly — till a contract was let — for the proceeds of his office. Such an arrangement was made with Joseph Leach & Co., and they have performed the service promptly till this date, tri-weekly. No contract was let until July, 1865, hence nearly a year’s service was performed for merely a nominal sum — as pay it amounted to nothing. The new contractors — so far as we can learn — never attempted to carry the mail, and Messrs. Leach & Co. have continued to carry it without any certainty of ever receiving a cent. They done this service during the past severe winter under difficulties that well paid contractors would have sworn was a valid excuse for failure. When the stages could not be driven nearer than Reynolds Creek, the mail was carried on the backs of footmen — in most cases by driver. Too great credit cannot be awarded this Company for such valuable services. The route is only a weekly one, and the mail has been punctually carried tri-weekly. Every citizen of Owyhee county will readily testify to the great benefit realized by this community from such mail service. Congress should make a special appropriation to pay this Company a just compensation, unless the P. M. General is authorized to do so by existing laws. Every citizen should feel bound to use his influence to secure this object.

OCHS to explore how Silver City was electrified

The process that brought electricity to Silver City is the topic of the next Owyhee County Historical Society meeting. The meeting, which is open to the public, takes place at 7 p.m. on Friday inside McKeeth Hall at the county historical museum in Murphy. Alan Drew, the Northwest Lineman College senior vice president of research and development, will discuss his recent Idaho Magazine article “Tracing the Footsteps of the

Pioneers,” which details the research Drew and the college’s students and staff did on how the first electric power reached the historic mining area. The colleagues’ research traced the location of the original 22-kilovolt transmission line that ran from Swan Falls Dam to Silver City. Next week’s presentation will uncover where the old powerline is located and spotlight some of the challenges faced during the 1900-01 construction project.

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Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon**
Noon, free, RSVP by Monday, Nov. 16, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St, Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282
- 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
- Community Thanksgiving dinner**
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., free, donations accepted, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting**
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

Friday

- UI Extension Country Christmas workshop**
9 a.m. to noon, Country Christmas Stocking, Owyhee County University of Idaho Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- UI Extension Country Christmas class**
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Country Kitchen Gifts, University

- of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- MHS winter sports kickoff banquet**
6 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Saturday

- Senior center fundraiser breakfast**
7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6 per plate, \$3 children younger than 8, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale farmers market**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., old high school gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440
- Friends of the Homedale library meeting**
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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Gateway dedication blends civic, national pride

Boy Scouts hoist new, larger U.S. flag at Homedale’s entrance

The entire Homedale High School student body was introduced to a hero last Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Oscar Evans (ret.), a Homedale resident who served in the Navy and Air National Guard, served as keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony on Veterans Day at the Welcome to Homedale sign.

A couple hundred people made their way to the grassy island at the intersection of East Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95 for the event.

HHS principal Matt Holtry and other teachers accompanied students down East Idaho Avenue to the Homedale sign for the ceremony that served as the official unveiling of the sign and a new 6-foot-by-10-foot American flag.

The honor guard from Boy Scout Troop 509 hoisted the new flag in a solemn activity before Homedale Chamber of Commerce vice-president Luke Ankeny thanked a long list of people and businesses who helped make the gateway sign project a reality.

“This sign project, with the flags and the flowerbeds was truly a community effort,” Ankeny said. “We hope it will encourage community pride and more projects.”

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller also spoke.

“We have many future leaders of our city of our county and our state here today,” Christoffersen said.

“Take a moment to see what you can do to unite our nation and make it stronger.”

Eidemiller asked attendees, which included a handful of veterans, to take a moment and reflect on the POW-MIA flag that flies on one of the three poles.

The sign project united several different people and organizations

in the city, and Ankeny recalled many of them in his remarks.

Evans positioned the focus of the event squarely on military veterans — those who have served, those who continue to serve and the many who have given their lives in service, including several of Evans’ unit-mates.

“Some were lost in war and some in peace, but it’s up to us to make sure they didn’t die in vain,” he said.

As a jet pilot in both the Navy and the Air National Guard, Evans flew missions in the Persian Gulf, the Mediterrean Sea and Adriatic Sea.

“I got to drop enough bombs to turn Lizard Butte into Lake Lowell,” Evans said.

He spoke of the servicemen and women currently with the USS Theodore Roosevelt strike force in the western Pacific — many not much older than the high school students who stood before him — and how they had already flown several sorties in the time the teenagers had been in school that morning.

And he spoke of the service members’ support system back home dedicating one passage of his address “to the spouses, neighbors and loved ones. Anyone carrying a torch as we carry a sword.”

Evans poignantly summed up the sacrifice armed forces personnel are willing to make by reciting a quote sometimes attributed to Gene Castagnetti, the director of the Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in another touching part of his speech:

“A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check, payable to the United States of America, for an amount up to and including his life.”

— JPB



The Boy Scout Troop 509 color guard prepares to raise the new Old Glory during last Wednesday’s dedication.

Sign dedication

Luke Ankeny thanked several individuals and businesses on behalf of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce during last Wednesday’s ceremony:

- The late Mayor Paul Fink for his initial support
- Retired public works supervisor Larry Bauer for his early involvement in planning
- Current public works supervisor Bret Smith and his crew for work with the construction effort
- Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and the city council for their support and assistance
- Donna Titmus for initial suggestion for a flag pole on the island in memory of Mayor Paul Fink
- Jeff Eidemiller for spearheading the flag pole portion of the project.
- The Frank Matteson Memorial - The Matteson Family - for donation to purchase the flag poles
- Tom Morris and family for donation of Owyhee rock
- Tim Downing and family for donation of Owyhee rock and petrified wood
- The Owyhee Gardeners for donation of plant material and labor for the landscaping
- Nolan Taggart and the late Ned Stokes for landscape design and donation of time and labor
- Ric Uria of Uria Pump for donation of time and labor for trenching
- Trak Utilities for donation of equipment to bore under the road

He also acknowledged vendors who assisted with the project:

- A&S Lumber and Supply, Antone Badiola — timber posts
- Parma Post and Pole, Tom Carr — timber Posts
- Steve Wynia — stonemason
- Jeff Haylett — electrician
- Krazy Kurbs — concrete curbing
- Pacific Steel — cutting signs
- Mark Bauer and the COSSA welding program — sign braces and brackets

Some county offices closed two days

County offices closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 include:

Treasurer, prosecutor, Planning and Zoning and the building department in Murphy. The sheriff’s office administration and civil department, which handles concealed weapons permits, sex offender registration and other civil matters, will be closed, too.

The county clerk’s office and courts will be closed on Thanksgiving, but will open again on the morning of Nov. 27.

The assessor’s office, including division of motor vehicles and driver’s license services, will be open in both Murphy and Marsing on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

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A tractor with seed drills in a three-wide configuration disperses grass seed on land off of U.S. Highway 95 that was scorched by the Soda Fire this summer. BLM photo

BLM begins seeding lands scorched by Soda Fire

Treatments could continue through 2020

Despite the ground being soggy from rain the night before, the Bureau of Land Management conducted another round of re-seeding Nov. 10 on land burned by the Soda Fire.

The BLM held a media day for news outlets to see the treatment conducted near Squaw Creek, about a mile off U.S. Highway 95 at mile marker 7.

BLM crews started drill seeding with tractors about a month ago to rehabilitate the nearly 300,000 acres burned this summer.

BLM natural resource specialist Cindy Fritz said aerial seeding started Friday. Another round of aerial seeding will start Dec. 1.

“And we’ve got that one in two phases, and that’s because of seed availability,” Fritz said, adding that the process will take about 20 days.

A third aerial seeding operation will start in early January,

she said.

The aerial seeding applications will cover a wide range of areas that were burned.

The treatments are designed to address soil stabilization first, and then invasive species, primarily cheatgrass control. Perennial grasses are being planted on many of the steep hillsides to prevent erosion.

“I would say actually the main focus is to get desirable perennials to out-compete cheat grass in the long run,” Fritz said.

The perennial grasses help stop the spread of wildfire and also creates suitable sage-grouse habitat. Cheatgrass burns faster than perennial grasses, contributing to hot, intense wildfires.

The seed is being put down now because it is too cold for germination.

“That way it will lay there all winter, and it will germinate in the right conditions next spring when we get the temperatures and the moisture,” Fritz said. “We could seed in the spring, but it gets too muddy and we can’t get in there.”

Grazing permittees might no-

tice some recovery of vegetation in the short term, but restoring the land to pre-fire conditions is expected to take 15-20 years.

“We will see growth next spring. We’re actually seeing growth on the existing plants onsite now,” Fritz said. “First perennial grasses, then get some shrubs, but it takes a while. A sagebrush seedling is going to be an inch tall for the first year, two inches for the next year.”

The reseeding efforts this year alone will cost the U.S. government \$9.2 million.

The applications could continue for up to five years.

“We used to just do ES&R (emergency stabilization and rehabilitation) for three years, where we seed the first year, or couple years and then we do some monitoring,” Fritz said. “Now they’ve opened it up a little more, we want to do seeding efforts and ensure that we have success, and that may mean some re-treatments out there.”

BLM crews are also repairing fences and restoring maintenance trails on lands affected by the Soda Fire.

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Federal contractor completes illegal dumping cleanup

The Bureau of Land Management is doing more than rehabilitating the area burned by the Soda Fire.

Late last month, crews completed cleanup of an illegal dump site originally discovered in 2013.

“It was unfortunate that the Soda Fire happened, but it did uncover the extent of illegal dumping in the area and provided the funding to clean it up,” acting BLM Boise District Manager Jenifer Arnold said. “Illegal dumping poses a danger to the public, and it is expensive to remove the debris and possible contamination left behind.”

BLM reports that 2,000 tires, 13 old vehicles and about 40 cubic

yards of burned tire remnants were removed from the dumpsite.

BLM law enforcement and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office are working to located vehicle owners through vehicle identification numbers (VINs).

The person responsible for the dumping was convicted in January, and the federal agency had obtained partial funding for cleanup and removed 300 tires from the area in early August before the Soda Fire started.

Funding to complete the cleanup is part of the Soda Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan. BLM’s Emergency Response Contractor’s local subcontractor, H2O Environmental, carried out the cleanup.

Duck Valley resident sentenced for DUI

A man involved in two summertime car accidents in the span of 10 miles has been convicted on a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge.

Dirk Mario Roa, a 42-year-old Duck Valley Indian Reservation resident, spent two days in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after his sentencing before Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

Roa was placed on 18 months’ probation and had his driver’s license suspended for six months. The balance of a 180-day jail term was suspended, and he was

ordered to pay \$653 in courts and fines.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a second misdemeanor charge of reckless driving.

Roa was arrested on the night of July 14 after two wrecks 10 miles apart. He hit an enclosed trailer in the first accident and then reportedly hit a deer before a sheriff’s deputy and emergency personnel responded to the scene of the second crash. Reports at the time indicated authorities didn’t find evidence of an animal strike.



Husky PRIDE award

Angie Draper, junior

Parents: Lynn and Corina Draper

Principal Tim Little’s nomination: “Angie demonstrated one of the most honest and thoughtful actions I have witnessed in 18 years of education during school last week. A true sign of integrity, she voluntarily turned in a large sum of cash that she found in the school. Doing the right thing when no one was looking, her character, morals and standards represent our students and school in a positive light. The owner of the cash was found and extremely grateful as well. True sign of Husky PRIDE!”



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.”

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Hands Around Homedale Christmas drive begins

Schoolchildren have kicked off the annual Hands Around Homedale food drive. The food drive began Monday and will run through Dec. 10. Students from all three Homedale schools are participating in the food drive, and the items collected will be distributed to needy families in Homedale hours after the collection campaign ends. Homedale Middle School is holding a contest among its advisory classes, and counselor Brooke Winston said the class that gathers the most donations will win a root beer float party. The winning class from each grade level will earn popcorn and juice and ribbons, Winston said. Elementary school counselor

Randee Garrett has compiled a list of needy families in the community. Those families will be able to pick up care packages from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, after the collected food has been sorted. Garrett said families unable to make it out on Dec. 10 may visit the elementary cafeteria the next day to pick up their boxes. The Hands Around Homedale families also will receive gifts through the annual Wish Tree effort. Community members are encouraged to visit participating businesses and take wish tags. Volunteers usually set up the trees populated with wish tags on Thanksgiving weekend. The gifts will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Homedale Sr. Center to host Festival of Trees

Decorated trees sought for show

Organizers are looking for entries for the second annual Festival of Trees to benefit Homedale’s Meals on Wheels program. The festival runs Tuesday, Nov. 24 through Saturday, Nov. 28, with the exception of Thursday, Nov. 26, which is Thanksgiving. It’ll take place at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Donna Fisher and Mary Burman “papered” the town Thursday in promoting the upcoming fundraiser. They also secured help from students in Homedale High School’s Sources of Strength to assist with set up of the festival trees, wreaths and table tops on Monday, Nov. 23. The teenagers also will be available to deliver trees to patrons who buy them during the Nov. 28 auction of the trees. Local businesses, organizations and individuals can build unique trees to enter in the Festival of Trees. People who visit the senior

center during the week will be able to vote for their favorite trees. The top three trees in voting receive cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$50. After days of display, folks will be able to purchase the trees during a live auction on the afternoon of Nov. 28. The tree winners also will be announced at that time. A silent auction will be held throughout the week, too, with wreaths and other holiday items open to bids. After the auction, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be sold to keep people warm until the Homedale for the Holidays night light parade begins at 6 p.m. on Nov. 28. The Festival of Trees will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 27 and from 10 a.m. until the auction begins on Nov. 28. For more information on the Festival of Trees, or to sponsor a tree or contribute silent auction lots, call Fisher at (208) 559-0914 or Burman at (208) 337-4466.

Marsing woman involved in fatal Idaho 55 crash

A Caldwell woman died Saturday in a two-vehicle crash on Idaho highway 55. The accident occurred at approximately 6:45 p.m. at Chicken Dinner Road. Carolina Estrada-Hernandez, 18, of Caldwell, was southbound on the highway in a 2001 Ford Taurus when her vehicle crossed the center line and struck a northbound 2012 Ford Fusion driven by Melissa Loucks, 39, of Marsing on the front passenger side. The Taurus overturned and came to rest on its top. One of Estrada-Hernandez’ passengers, Vanessa Mendoza,

18, of Caldwell, who was not wearing a seatbelt, later died at West Valley Medical Center. Idaho State Police public information officer Teresa Baker said Loucks had three female juvenile passengers ages 11, 13 and 14. Estrada-Hernandez also had two female juvenile passengers, ages 13 and 14. All five juveniles were taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. “I don’t have any update on their conditions,” Baker said. According to ISP, none of the subjects in Loucks’ car were wearing seatbelts.



Adult volunteer Megan Lowder paints a design Annabella Estrada’s face. Submitted photo

HES carnival raises \$8,000

The inaugural Homedale Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Fall Festival drew a huge crowd Saturday. About 500 people attended the event inside the HES gymnasium. “We got a great turnout,” PTO spokesperson Camille Heck said. “We were so excited.” The carnival, which replaced the Santa Brunch as the PTO’s primary fundraiser, grossed more than \$8,000, Heck said. “It turned out to be a nice event with a great turnout,” parent volunteer Marcy Hibbs said. “We learned a lot that will be helpful

for next year. Thanks to all who helped.” Hibbs’ 5-year-old daughter, Miah, enjoyed a ring toss game created by Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency welding students under the supervision of Homedale resident Mark Bauer. “The carnival was really fun,” Miah said. “My favorite was the spider web ring toss my grandpa made.” Proceeds from the event will be used to provide more technology in HES classrooms and to help pay for the districtwide parental electronic communication system.



From left: Homedale Middle School teachers Brennen Davis, David Hann, Jake Levinski, David Correa and Nick Ketterling. Submitted photo

HMS teachers take to tutus to celebrate students’ citizenship

When students excelled in reaching citizenship goals last month, it landed Homedale Middle School teachers in tutus. Brennen Davis, David Hann, Jake Levinski, David Correa and Nick Ketterling spent the day wearing ballerina gear for Tutus for Tuesday on Nov. 3. The men accessorized after students earned 445 PRIDE points during October, which exceeded the monthly goal of 400, according to first-year HMS counselor Brooke Winston. PRIDE stands for Patience,

Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence. “Students will have the opportunity to take responsibility for their own actions and choices by staying focused and true to the PRIDE philosophy that is now part of our school’s culture,” Winston said. “The students have been exposed to what a student with PRIDE looks like in the halls, the lunchroom, the classroom, the playground, the bus, etc.” Students earn PRIDE points by modeling PRIDE throughout

Homedale library offers cooking class

“Cook Once, Eat for a Week” is a cooking class that will take place at the Homedale Public Library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The last day to register is next Wednesday. Led by University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension staff, the class is free, but donations to the library are welcome. Library director Sharla Jensen said the class will provide attendees with the right tips and knowledge to properly use their kitchen time to meet a family’s needs. “Menu planning and meal preparation can help you spend more time with your family doing things that don’t require you to stay glued to the stove,” Jensen said in an email. To sign up for the class, call the library at (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday, or call the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104. People can also register for the class by stopping by the library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The library is continuing their November giveaway, too. If people come into the library and fill out a three-question survey, they will be entered into a raffle for a family pass to the Caldwell YMCA. Jensen said the drawing will be held on Nov. 30. Story Time (10:15 a.m.) and Teens and Tweens (4 p.m.) continue Friday.

Lizard Butte Library plans surprises on family reading night

Families are encouraged to set aside an hour of their time Thursday night to stop by the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing.

Family reading night will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Marsing School District Superintendent Norm Stewart will be the guest reader.

Library director Janna Streibel said what Stewart is going to read will be a surprise, because she left it up to him to decide.

“Because the theme is “curl up with a classic,” so he gets to pick his favorite classic from his childhood,” Streibel said.

Stewart is happy he was asked to attend, and puts a high value on literacy.

“If we can inspire kids to enjoy reading, even by listening to the book, then I love doing that,” Stewart said. “I love even being able to go into our classrooms here. When I was asked to be able to come down and read, I jumped at the opportunity.”

Streibel said because the theme is “curl up with a classic,” the reading will be a pajama party, and everyone attending is encouraged to wear their PJs.

“So he’s going to read a story, and we’re going to have cookies and milk, and a family craft,” she said.

The craft will be making Thanksgiving wreaths, featuring leaves on which family members can write those things for which they are thankful. The families can then take

them home to decorate for the holiday.

Streibel also said there will be an “exciting announcement” during the evening, but she would not elaborate.

For more information, email the library through lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com or call 896-4690. The library is open in the afternoon Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

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Schools honor Veterans

Military veterans lined up to accept thanks at the end of the Homedale Elementary School program last Wednesday, including, from far left, Robert Warner (Navy), Mark Thatcher (Navy), Calvin Walker (Army), Robert Cohagan (Navy) Raul Morin (Army), Rudy Garcia (Army), Jack Foots (Marines) and Dan Marston (Marines).



Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even, a Navy veteran, looks for a volunteer from Marsing Elementary's third-grade class. Even was the guest speaker at the school's Veterans Day assembly in the district cafeteria.



Eighth-grader Spencer Fisher, son of Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, instructs fellow members of Boy Scout Troop 509 during the posting of the colors at Homedale Middle School's event.



Elliot Little, 9, son of Deidra and Tim Little, plays the fiddle during a Veterans Day assembly for Marsing Elementary School in the district cafeteria.

Grocery wreck nets DUI, drug charges

A man involved in a fender bender in Logan's Market parking lot in Marsing has been charged with four crimes, including a felony drug charge and misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the minor two-vehicle accident was called in to dispatchers at 12:50 p.m., last Wednesday.

Kerry Pearl, 51, of Marsing was driving a small brown Toyota pickup truck, which collided with a white Dodge Neon. The female driver of the Neon was unhurt.

Several OCSO deputies responded to the scene and suspected that Pearl had been drinking.

Bowman said they also found prescription drugs in the vehicle, and they were not in an authorized container.

Pearl refused a breath test at the scene and was taken to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell where his blood was drawn. Bowman said the results of Pearl's blood alcohol tests have not yet been returned.

Pearl faces felony possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor DUI, misdemeanor possession or use of a legend drug without an authorized prescription, and a misdemeanor for failing to purchase a driver's license.

This is the second DUI charge against Pearl. He was convicted of misdemeanor DUI in Canyon County in 2004.

Bowman said Pearl was still being held in the Owyhee County jail in Murphy on Monday.

Pearl's preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

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Gambling Trojans can't stop scrambling Senator

Homedale's season ends in 3A semifinals again

Matt Holtry's gambles didn't pay off, but the coach still came away with the reward of watching a special era in Homedale High School football. "Obviously this group has brought a lot to our program," the seventh-year coach said. "Two years ago in the state semifinals, a lot of these kids were a big part of that run, and to bring home basically two state third-place trophies in the past three years (and a 3A Snake River Valley

conference) championship, which hasn't been done in however long. "Just the expectation to win every time you step on the field. The kids have that now." The expectation was there Friday night in Gooding, but the Trojans couldn't overcome Wyatt Williams, the Senators' play-making quarterback, in a 43-34 loss in a 3A state semifinal game. "The difference in the game was their quarterback, and that's what I thought it was going to be," Holtry said. "At the end of the day, if they don't have him at quarterback, we win by four scores.

"He's that big of a difference-maker." Williams' ability to prolong plays ended the season for fourth-ranked Homedale (9-2) and extended Gooding's season into the 3A state championship game. The Senators (9-2) meet 3A SRV champion Emmett (10-0) in the Milk Bowl at 4 p.m. Saturday inside Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello. Holtry and a few Homedale players will be there, too, picking up the school's academic state championship award. Williams pushed the Senators — See *Trojans*, page 15



Josh Tolmie brought the curtain down on his high school career Friday night with 109 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Locals tabbed football all-stars



Dylan Adams



Connor Carter



Garrett Carter



Lawsen Matteson

Five Homedale players, one Marsing senior to play Nov. 28

Six local athletes will close their high school careers in a senior all-star football game Thanksgiving weekend. Five Homedale High School upperclassmen and Marsing senior linebacker Connor Rhodes will play in the Third District East-West Shrine Game on Saturday, Nov. 28. The 11-man game kicks off around 2 p.m. at Eagle High School. The annual eight-man game gets things going at 11 a.m., but organizers say Rimrock High School has no representation this year. Rhodes will play for the West team. Trojans suiting up for the East squad include quarterback Lawsen Matteson, receiver/linebacker Connor Carter, receiver/defensive back Garrett Carter, center/defensive lineman Jakobee Osborn and two-way lineman Dylan Adams.

A players' dinner will be held Sunday, and workouts get started Monday.



Jakobee Osborn



Connor Rhodes



Adrian senior running back Bryson Shira distances himself from Powers defenders Tristan Sears (3) and Austin Stallard (2) during Saturday's 1A Oregon quarterfinal game at Ward Field. AHS Yearbook photo

Antelopes roll into state semifinals

Fellow 1A HDL team Crane awaits in Hermiston showdown

Adrian High School stands one win away from a return to the state championship game, and in the way is its staunchest competitor from earlier in the football season. The Antelopes throttled Powers, 53-8, on Saturday at Ward Field to reach Saturday's 1A Oregon semifinal in Hermiston, Ore.

Top-seeded Adrian (10-0) takes a 22-game winning streak into the semifinal against fellow 1A High Desert League member Crane (10-1), which is the No. 4 seed in the state bracket. The Mustangs routed Hosanna Christian, 50-6, on Saturday for their seventh consecutive victory

since a 50-34 loss to the Antelopes on Sept. 25. Crane's 34 points in the regular-season meeting is the most the Adrian defense has surrendered this season. The Antelopes have outscored their three playoff opponents (including the district championship game) by an average of 53-10. On the season, Adrian is averaging 57.2 points per game while giving up 20.6. — See *Antelopes*, page 16

Sports



Senior wide receiver Connor Carter caught 10 passes for 139 yards and a touchdown Friday in Gooding. Another stellar individual effort helped Carter finish his final prep season with 1,032 yards receiving on 80 catches, which is an average of nearly 13 yards per reception.

✓ Trojans: Frelove leads defensive effort again

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past the semifinal barrier (like Homedale, Gooding was eliminated in the penultimate game of the 2013 prep season) with his legs and his arm.

After Homedale built a 21-7 lead on two Lawsen Matteson touchdown passes and a Josh Tolmie run into the end zone, Williams led Gooding to a pair of scores in the final 5 minutes, 40 seconds of the first half to shift momentum.

The game-tying touchdown was a 47-yard Hail Mary pass to Bryson Comstock on a 3rd-and-10 play at the first-half buzzer.

“That was the key point that made the game what it was,” Holtry said. “You take that touchdown away, and I think the second half has a different feel about it.”

Senators’ defensive back Jed Pierson set up the tying drive when he broke off his coverage and raced t the Homedale sideline to intercept a Matteson pass.

Holtry’s aggressive decision to try to build a large halftime lead was a factor in his senior quarterback trying to push the ball down the field.

“Our thought was if we could get to 28-14 by the half that would be a nice lead,” Holtry said. “We took some risks throwing the ball, and they intercepted and were able to score at the end of the half.”

Gooding also got the ball back to start the third quarter, and Williams scrambled to pull off another third-down conversion for a 35-yard TD pass to Pierson.

“He extended plays at the right time, and they got lucky on some plays,” Holtry said.

In an effort to keep the ball away from the Gooding offense, Tolmie tried to lead the Trojans back in the final half of what would turn out to be the final game of his three-year varsity career.

The senior tailback chewed up a lot of the third quarter with a portion of his 109-yard rushing performance. He scored his second TD of the game on a 4-yard carry, but Williams was able to answer with another touchdown pass.

In the fourth quarter, Tolmie scored on a 7-yard run to get HHS to within an extra point. With the Senators ahead, 35-34, Holtry rolled the dice again, but the Trojans couldn’t complete the two-point conversion for the lead.

“We decided to go for two because we were struggling trying to stop them when they had the ball,” Holtry said. “After that, we had timeouts, but we never had any opportunity to use them to stop the clock because they never got in any 2nd-and-long or 3rd-and-long situations.”

Matteson completed 26 of 35 passes

for 262 yards with two TDs and two interceptions. Connor Carter caught 10 balls for 139 yards and a 6-yard score in the first quarter. Fellow senior John Collett scored the game’s first touchdown on a 38-yard catch-and-run.

Carter and another senior, Chase Martell, had six tackles each, while Kendall Frelove continued his strong late-season surge with two sacks (including two assists) and a co-team-high five solo tackles (with Martell and Collett).

“That tradition of winning is back,” Holtry said. “Not that this group are the only ones that are responsible for that because really this has been a seven-year process, and every kid that’s been a part of the program the past seven years is part of that restoration, so to speak.

“But this group has been a big part of just reaching that next level and being able to compete at the state level and to reach the state semifinals. And to top it off to be the state academic champions is kind of the icing on the cake for this group just to show what type of kids they are and how special this group really is.

“They’re not just good kids on the football field, but they’re great kids in the classroom and a great group of kids to work with.”

— JPB

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Athletes of the Week

2015 football team
Third place in 3A state playoffs

The season — Led by a strong group of senior athletes, the Trojans captured the program's 23rd top-three finish since the state playoffs began 39 seasons ago in 1977 and second third-place trophy in the past two seasons.

The team is Matt Holtry's second nine-game winner and the program's third in the past 16 seasons. This year's playoffs run moved Holtry into sole possession of second place on the all-time list for coaches' state

playoff appearances with five. He passed Daryl Kellum and is halfway to matching leader Jim McMillan, who made 10 appearances in 13 seasons. Holtry (40-26 in seven seasons) is four wins away from passing Deward Bell and Ken Kellum into third place on the Trojans' all-time victory list. Holtry has now been at the Homedale helm as long as Bell was (sharing the third-longest reign in school history), and he is the longest-tenured HHS football coach since McMillan served from 1982 to 1994.

Sports

Senior quarterback Reagan Shira scampers toward the end zone during his big rushing day against Powers. AHS Yearbook photo



✓ Antelopes: Winning streak reaches 22

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The Mustangs’ scoring average is more impressively. Crane is averaging 59.8 points per game, while the defense — strengthened by four shutouts — has allowed an average of 9.8 points per game. In their 10 wins, the Mustangs have averaged 62.4 points, while giving up just 5.8.

Crane’s scoring averages were helped greatly by its 98-8 thrashing of Monument/Dayville in the 1A HDL finale on Oct. 23.

Likewise, a potent mix of electric offense and stonewall defense through the playoffs has bolstered Adrian’s averages.

That trend continued Saturday afternoon at Ward Field as the Antelopes ran to the first game’s

first four touchdowns and posted more than twice the total offensive yardage as Powers despite the Cruisers running seven additional plays.

Reagan Shira completed nine of 12 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns and also ran the ball eight times for 140 yards.

His brother, Bryson, piled up 132 yards on 13 carries as Adrian averaged 11.4 yards per play.

Colton Nielson, another senior, led the defense with 10 tackles, while the Shira brothers made seven stops apiece.

The Cruisers’ only points came on Jackson Stallard’s 1-yard run and two-point conversion run 27 seconds before halftime.

Eduardo Munoz scored two

touchdowns for Adrian. He ran in from two yards out in the first quarter and then caught a 9-yard pass from Reagan Shira in the third quarter.

Reagan Shira also threw a 14-yard TD pass to Michael Griffin — the senior’s fourth scoring reception in the past two games — to cap the scoring with 83 seconds left in the third quarter. Reagan Shira posted touchdown runs of 25 yards and 45 yards, too.

Bryson Shira opened the scoring just 1 minute, 44 seconds into the game with an 18-yard run. He also scored on jaunts of 65 yards (second quarter) and eight yards (third quarter). He also racked up 108 receiving yards on three catches.

MHS football coach’s interim label removed

Norm Stewart is ready to build a program.

The interim status was removed from the Marsing High School football coach’s job title last week.

“Ultimately, we’re going to be trying to out and try to get as many kids out on the field as possible,” Stewart said Thursday, two days after the trustees gave him the job full-time.

Coaching ranks

- 1996-07 — Don Heller
- 2008 — Jake Walgamott
- 2009 — tScott Bryant
- 2010-12 — Jaime Wood
- 2013 — Wood and Brad Hill
- 2014-15 — Hill
- 2015 — Norm Stewart

“There are many kids in high school who could be out participating in football.”

Stewart, who is the district superintendent, was appointed to the football helm two games into the season when Brad Hill was fired. The Huskies closed the gap with their subsequent opponents, but endured their second consecutive 0-8 season.

Stewart is the fifth man to hold the head coaching job since Don Heller’s departure after the 2007 season.

Because he holds the superintendent’s job, though, one would think he’s prepared to stick around.

His outlook seems to back that up.

He wants to get enough athletes into the program to have a full junior varsity season in 2016. The combination of injuries and low numbers forced the Huskies to play two-quarter JV games this year.

But Stewart’s vision goes beyond the four years he may have an athlete under his wing.

The ultimate goal is “to develop a well-round program so you can also incorporate some youth camps for younger kids,” Stewart said.

He also wants to develop the middle school program and have a common thread from Optimist through high school.

— JPB

MHS winter sports banquet slated Friday

The Marsing Booster Club will play host to the Winter Sports Kickoff Banquet on Friday.

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. inside the Marsing School District cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

Coaches will introduce athletes from the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams and wrestling squad.

Dinner costs \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 10 and younger. Marsing High School athletes eat for free.

The spaghetti dinner will include salad and garlic bread, and booster club members are asked to bring dessert for the event.

There will be a raffle, too.

All proceeds will go to the non-profit booster club,

which supports the various MHS athletic teams.

Organizers’ goals for the banquet are to promote school pride and community involvement while building good character traits and self-respect in the students.



MARSING HUSKIES Athlete of the Week

Connor Rhodes, Linebacker

Rhodes caps his high school career in next week’s Third District East-West All-Star Shrine Football Game. The senior is the only Huskies senior to be chosen to play for the West team. The game kicks off at about 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28 at Eagle High School.

Marsing Hardware & Pump 896-4162

NAPA AUTO PARTS 896-4815

SHOWALTER CONSTRUCTION CAN YOU DIG IT? 896-4331

BAUER HEATING & COOLING bryant 482-0103

Farm Bureau Insurance Company 337-4041

Girls’ basketball Varsity Saturday, Nov. 21 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity Saturday, Nov. 21 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Wrestling Friday, Dec. 4 at Bucks Bags Tournament, Capital H.S., Boise, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at Bucks Bags Tournament, Capital H.S., Boise, 10 a.m.

Boys’ basketball Varsity Tuesday, Dec. 1, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A Tuesday, Dec. 1, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B Tuesday, Dec. 1, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Marsing seniors await new van as horizons expand

County, city kick in support as center continues its new mission

With an eye toward providing more mobility to its clients, the Marsing Senior Center is poised to purchase transportation that anyone can drive.

Owyhee County Commissioners have given senior centers a one-time financial boost of \$5,000 each in Fiscal Year 2016, and Marsing Senior Center officials plan to use their allotment to help purchase a 14-passenger van.

Center board of directors vice-chair Pete Smit said the new van has two handicapped access ramps and is classified so anyone can drive it. A person must have a commercial driver's license to pilot the center's existing 16-passenger van.

"We had asked for some help to upgrade our van," Smit said. "It's getting old, and we're just having some issues with it."

The center originally requested \$17,000 from the Board of County Commissioners, and that triggered the elected officials' decision to allocate a total of \$16,000 to the four facilities that service Owyhee County seniors.

"We can't just go out and arbitrarily support one senior center," District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) said. "We decided we would (give) \$5,000 to (Rimrock in Grand View), Marsing and Homedale and another \$1,000 to Melba, and that would get all the senior centers that we have dealings with."

Marsing's entire allocation will go toward the \$13,000 match (20 percent) for the new van, which Smit says costs \$65,000. Earlier this year, the Marsing City Council agreed to contribute \$2,000 to the cause.

The Idaho Transportation Department recently approved Marsing to receive a new van, which has two handicapped ramps, and center officials are awaiting delivery.

The new van is the latest step in trying to make the Marsing Senior Center more inclusive and community-oriented, Smit said.

The current van transports disabled people to doctor's appointments and dialysis sessions, and the Marsing Lions Club used it as a shuttle during the Third of July Celebrate Our Nation event.

"We're transitioning the senior center to impact more of the community," Smit said. "Our primary goal is the seniors" but

involvement from all ages in the community will only help bolster the center's main mission.

The senior center board has been discussing developing more services for the community, such as personal care for people who may need help around the home or outside the home. The concept would be a fee-based service, but Smit many of the services might be covered by Medicare or other health insurance.

The new vehicle could be used for trips to Boise and different non-medical destinations similar to how the Rimrock Senior Center takes Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana seniors into Mountain Home occasionally for shopping trips.

Smit said there is also an idea to acquire a passenger sedan for smaller groups, such as doctor's appointments.

"If somebody has a used, four-door, large automobile, we would love to chat with them," Smit said.

The senior center is a 501(c)3 non-profit, so the donation of an automobile would be tax-deductible. Call (208) 896-4634 or (208) 863-8742 for more information on how to help out. Folks can also call those numbers to chime in on what they'd like to see from the center.

— JPB



Marsing community member Ellen Dines, second from left, accepts tomatoes and other produce from Marsing FFA members, including Bailey Bowman (left), Brooke Labit and Sami Floyd (far right). Submitted photo

Part of FFA's harvest heads to Marsing seniors

Earlier this month, the Marsing FFA chapter donated about 50 pounds of produce from the high school garden to the town's senior center.

Chapter members presented Ellen Dines with three boxes of tomatoes and peppers on Nov. 2 at the school.

"The inspiration was to give back to the community," FFA advisor Mike Martin said. "The Marsing community supports the FFA program and students."

"Hopefully, the senior center will be able to utilize some for meal preparation and the rest just to be donated to the seniors."

Martin said the chapter had donated a few tomatoes and peppers in past years, but this was the first time a significant crop was handed over.

Homedale Sr. Center grateful for county support increase

Monthly breakfast returns Saturday

A \$500 bump in an annual allocation may not seem like much, but Homedale Senior Center coordinator Shirley McAbee says the county support is welcome especially this time of year.

McAbee said the center usually receives

\$4,500 annually, but the Board of County Commissioners increased the Fiscal Year 2016 commitment to all centers that provide services for Owyhee County seniors.

"We usually just put it in the (operational) fund, and it just dwindles over the year, especially during the winter time," McAbee said.

The county's allocation usually helps make ends meet until late winter or early

spring, she said.

The senior center also brings in funds with its monthly breakfast, which is served on the third Saturday of the month. The next breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. The all-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$6 for adults.

The senior center recently acquired a new freezer through a grant, giving volunteers more efficient storage space for

the food used to make breakfast as well as congregate meals that are served three days each week — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — at noon.

The senior center is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The center also receives operational funds from its thrift store proceeds. The thrift store is open during regular business hours.

For more information, call 337-3020.

Greenhand wins Marsing creed

by Zoe Kish
chapter reporter

The Marsing FFA chapter celebrated its annual greenhand night and creed contest on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Marsing High School ag building.

This year, Colton Hutchings won the chapter creed contest and is eligible to compete in the Boise Valley District competition.

Hayden Kish was runner-up. Other participating greenhands included Anja Durham, Alejandra Miranda, Spencer Fisher and Thomas Sevy.

The chapter awarded its greenhands "FFA Member Lives Here" signs and celebrated the evening with cake and punch.

This year, the chapter welcomes the membership of Giorgia Comin, a foreign exchange student from Italy.

"I am so excited to be an FFA member," Comin said. "The dance was so fun, and I can't wait to experience more FFA adventures."



From left: Esmeralda Robles, Zoe Kish, Giorgia Comin and Adrianna Salutregui show off a sign that is placed in the front yard of an FFA member.

Homedale FFA gears up for Gift of Green

by Riley Haun
Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter is planning its annual Gift of Green event, which will culminate on Dec. 16.

Derek Pfoister is orchestrating this year's effort as his senior project at Homedale High School, and community members can help with donations if they wish.

The chapter has performed this community service event every holiday season for the past few years. One local family is "adopted" by the chapter, and students help pick out, wrap, and deliver presents for the family's children. A food drive is also held to help out the family with their holiday dinner.

This year's family has two children, both boys. One is a

middle school student and the other is in high school.

A group of FFA members will be shopping for gifts at Target and Walmart on Friday, Dec. 4. Proceeds from Thursday's Harvest Auction will be finance the shopping.

With the auction proceeds going to the Gift of Green effort, chapter members know they may have to pay slightly higher fees to travel to FFA events, but feel it is a very worthwhile and rewarding use of their funds.

Community members can drop off food donations

If members of the community wish to help Homedale FFA give back to the community, food donations can be delivered directly to the ag shop during school hours.

Adoption Day brings natural next step

Family has rich tradition in foster care system

When Tracy Hulse adopts her three young foster children Friday, she'll take the next logical step in her family's evolution of caring for the next generation.

Friday is National Adoption Day, and the 44-year-old Homedale resident couldn't think of a better day to bring the three siblings into her life permanently.

"In my heart, they're already officially mine," Hulse said. "I guess what it means the most is no one can take them away."

Hulse has cared for the three siblings — brothers who are 2 years old and 4 and their 6-year-old sister — for 16 months, and she sees Friday's ceremony in Caldwell as a way to show the children that someone will care for them for the rest of their lives.

"If I don't adopt them, where else are they going to go?" Hulse asks. "They'll just go back into the system."

"I cannot be the next parental figure that abandons them. That's not an option. They are my babies. They were my babies the day I got them, and they will be until the day I die."

The decision to adopt the three children, whose parents have moved out of state and have

relinquished their rights, involved discussions with Hulse's parents — Bob and Linda — with whom she lives in Homedale.

Her parents provide daycare for the children while Tracy works in Boise each day. The family also has a 14-year-old foster child in the house

"It's a wonderful thing," Bob said. "These three kids, it makes me feel real good we're going to be able to give them a home and give them a stable life."

Bob and Linda have been foster parents since their days living in the Spokane, Wash., area. They adopted their grandchildren, Raife and Brandy, when they were 1½ and 2½, respectively. They're now 30 and 31. At one point, the family had 16 children running around their Washington state home — three of their own plus 13 foster children.

The Hulses had more than 100 foster children over the years, Linda figures.

"We did have three of our own, and I think it was more my wife's idea being a foster mother than it was mine," Bob said.

Bob says kids actually "drive him up a wall," but don't let the gruff expression fool you. The man has made a living as Santa

Claus for too long to actually subscribe to that notion. He has been Santa Claus since he walked into Paul's Market in Caldwell and was recruited in 1985. He says this is his last Christmas taking on the jolly fellow's persona, though.

"Having that many kids, it kinda rubs off on you," Bob says, revealing his "old softie" side.

The Hulses took family planning class at Spokane Valley Community College, and Bob used to counsel other foster parents at Friday night social gatherings at their house.

Tracy grew up in an environment with foster children, but she didn't consider becoming part of the system until she was asked to step in when a family member was about to lose children. Her relative was able to keep the children, but Tracy began the process to become a foster parent anyway.

It takes between three to six months to get a foster care license. The process includes taking PRIDE classes. PRIDE stands for Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education. Tracy said she had children placed two days after she finished her PRIDE class in 2008, but others have had foster children in their care even while they were



It's smiles all around for Tracy Hulse and the three siblings who will legally become her children Friday as they stand outside their Homedale house.

in the middle of training.

Tracy said unification with parents or other family members is always the first option before the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare moves children into the foster care system.

Tracy's adoption ceremony will be part of a large event at

the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell on Friday to mark National Adoption Day.

More information on becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent is available on the Health and Welfare website, www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov.

— JPB

Campaign to help Homedale family continues

Group raising money to buy needed van with lift or ramp

It has been more than 10 years since a summertime swimming accident change Jonathan Page's life. Today, the Homedale man's family continues to try to make his life comfortable.

Jonathan suffered an anoxic brain injury in August 2005 that left him with brain damage and confined him to a wheelchair. He graduated from Homedale High School in 2009, but his parents — Samuel and Robyn Page — continue to care for him and take him to his many appointments.

Driving back and forth from several appointments has taken its toll on the Page's specially equipped van, and a non-profit group in Caldwell is re-energizing its effort to raise enough money for a newer

mode of transportation.

Crafts for a Cause, which is made up for alumni from the Treasure Valley Community College education program's alumni, is selling holiday décor again this year. The goal is to raise enough money to buy a new van for the Pages. The organization is about halfway to its next goal of raising \$1,200 (the group already has raised \$2,000), and volunteers will have a booth set up during Friday's Winter Wonderland event in Caldwell. The booth will be located near Indian Creek by the train depot.

Crafts for a Cause also has a Facebook page — under Crafts for a Cause of Idaho — where sale items are displayed.

Call group chair Samantha Hayes at (208) 353-7705 or email craftsforacauseidaho@gmail.com for more information.

Founded by the late Joyce Davis, Crafts for a Cause of Idaho helped the family of Vale, Ore., resident Matthew Johnson with funeral expenses earlier this year. Johnson

died while trying to rescue puppies from a hole.

Jonathan Page nearly drowned in August 2005 when he was swimming with relatives during summer vacation in Tulsa, Okla.

In the decade since the accident, the community has rallied when necessary. Mike Greeley's Industrial Trades class at Homedale High School helped build a ramp system at the Pages' home when Jonathan first returned from the hospital. Samuel Page, the pastor at Trinity Free Holiness Church, believes the outpouring his family experienced was just the latest example of the Homedale community coming together when someone was in need.

The Pages figure it will take at least \$30,000 to purchase a durable, reliable van. Samuel Page says there are several versions of the ideal vehicle, including minivans with either rear-loading ramps or a way to load Jonathan into the front passenger seat so he can see where the family is

going. Now, Robyn says, Jonathan's view is obscured because his chair sits so high in the family's van.

There are other fundraising efforts for the Page family, too. A Go Fund Me page has been established. Visit www.gofundme.com and search for "Jonathan Page."

Jonathan's sister in Tulsa, Tamarah West, also has designed Jamberry fingernails specifically for the cause. She has a Facebook page on which she is selling fake fingernails colored neon green for \$22 per sheet. All proceeds will go to the van fund.

Neon green is the color of ribbons worn to raise awareness for traumatic brain injuries, Jonathan's mother explained. His sister's nail offerings have different designs and different slogans, such as "Faith," "Hope," and "Strength."

The nails are available for order through West's Facebook page until Nov. 30.

— JPB

Eligible producers can now vote for County Committee

FSA election deadline is Dec. 7

Eligible farmers and ranchers should have received ballots for this year's Farm Service Agency County Committee elections.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture agency mailed ballots last week for the 2015 election for the Owyhee-Canyon-Ada county committee. Producers must return their votes to the Caldwell FSA

office by Dec. 7 to be counted.

"County committee members represent the farmers and ranchers in their communities," FSA administrator Val Dolcini said. "Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. They are essential to the daily operation of nearly 2,200 offices across the country. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

Seats currently held by Ted Wheeler in Ada County (Local Administrative Area 5) and Dave Reynolds (LAA 4 in Melba and Kuna) are on this year's ballot.

Each committee person serves a three-year term. Other local County Committee members are:

- Martin Jaca of Reynolds, who serves LAA 7 (Marsing, Bruneau and Grand View), was first elected in 2007. His term expires in 2016.
- Kathy Smith of Marsing, who was re-elected last year, is the

LAA 6 committee person.

- Mike Goodson of Parma (LAA 1 including Wilder, Greenleaf and Parma) was re-elected last year.
- Dennis Evans, who serves LAA 2 (Caldwell, Notus and western Middleton), began his first term in 2014 and his seat will be subject to election next year.
- Robyn Wylie-Lindquist, who serves LAA 3 (Middleton and Nampa), started in 2011, and her second term ends next year.

Producers must participate or

cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the election.

FSA has made the ballot more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who did not receive ballots can pick one up at their FSA office.

New terms begin Jan. 1.

For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office. Visit <http://offices.usda.gov> to find an FSA office near you.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 21, 1990

Homedale Elementary School celebrates holiday
The Homedale Elementary School kindergarteners put on Indian brave headbands Monday while they helped make bread for the Thanksgiving meal enjoyed by their class, in advance of tomorrow’s official Thanksgiving holiday. The junior cooks include: Vincent Prieto, Joey A. Lopez, Josh Engum, Jake Asumendi, Tyler Kelly, Nicholas Glasgow, Eric Rangel and Kristopher Gardner. Helping the boys and others in their class prepare the bread were their teacher, Arlene Marshall; Ellen Kent, teacher’s aide; and Pam Gibbens, mother of one of the kindergarteners. Other items on the menu for their feast, in recognition of the Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving meal in America: deer meat, homemade butter, carrot sticks and pumpkin pie.

Owyhee ranchers lead cattle association
BOISE – As Idaho Cattle Association members prepare to gather in Sun Valley for convention, a review of the year indicates 1990 was a year of endless challenge, but also a “Centennial Cattle Celebration” of many victories in meeting those challenges.

At the same time, the bulk of ICA’s record 1,183 members will receive their anniversary dues notice in October and November, urging them to renew their investment in a strong state association.

President Bert Brackett said membership renewal “gives every member an opportunity to give ICA a vote of confidence and thanks.”

“This past year, cattlemen were faced with challenge after challenge to our livelihood. But because a strong ICA was there to aggressively meet each and every one, we dodged a lot of bullets and came out a winner on almost all,” Brackett said.

Public Lands — Maintaining its commitment to cattlemen in a state where 88 percent of all cattle graze on public lands, ICA hired retired Idaho Hunters Association exec George Bennett as a part-time public lands director and took on repeated attacks on “multiple use.”

Wilderness — ICA’s leadership was significant in killing the 2 million-acre Andrus-McClure bill. After environmental extremists initially announced they would boycott legislatively sponsored wilderness negotiations, ICA’s public criticism forced them to the table for talks now in progress.

Water Rights — ICA publicly criticized President Bush and Rep. Richard Stallings for supporting the Nevada wilderness bill, the first to create a federal reserved water right for preexisting wilderness. Though the bill was enacted, ICA’s stand did succeed in winning Stallings’ vote against an Arizona bill a few months later because of the same water language.

Saylor Creek — ICA leaders repeatedly offered, once in a meeting at the Pentagon itself, to negotiate in good faith with the U.S. Air Force for a truly “multiple use” expansion of the Saylor Creek Bombing Range. But Brackett made clear in a speech to 1,000 Mountain Home residents at the Statehouse that ICA would not support a plan that put Owyhee County ranchers out of business. USAF “canceled” the expansion plans pending next year’s military budget.

Wolf Introduction — ICA maintained opposition to wolf introduction in Idaho or Yellowstone, testifying against a McClure bill last month.

ICA, ICW leaders all hail from Owyhee County
Among the leaders of the Idaho Cattle Association this past year include ICA “Young Cattleman” Dave Tindall, ICW President Celia Tindall, ICW vice president Paula Brackett, and ICA President Bert Brackett. All are Owyhee County ranchers.

The Idaho CattleWomen made significant strides in 1989-90 under the leadership of President Celia Tindall. Tindall said her term as president “has been an educational year for me. I’ve enjoyed it thoroughly.”

“I think one of the major accomplishments is more unified course with ICA and determining the direction for our own organization,” Tindall said.

50 years ago

November 18, 1965

Chroniclings
The city hall experienced a flood last Wednesday night and City Clerk Kenny Downing is ready to give some surplus water to California or New York. When the heavy rain shorted out controls, it not only triggered a false alarm by the fire whistle, but also blocked the automatic shut-off of the city well, which continued to pump until the water tank ran over, sloshing water against the back door of the city hall and completely covering the floor with water. Kenny faced a wet office when he opened up Friday morning after the Veterans Day holiday, although other members of the city crew had already been wielding mops after the trouble was discovered.

Development Co. continues work on wood mill here
Further work on plans for building and financing a new woodworking mill at Homedale were completed last week when L. H. Arvin of the L. H. Arvin Millwork Co., of Reno, Nev., spent several days here assembling data and completing application forms necessary for working with the Homedale Development Co. in applying to the Small Business administration for a “502” loan.

The Arvins where accompanied by Vernon M. Meiser, retained as engineer to design the millwork plant, which would be built on an eight-acre plot on the Snake River bank adjoining the railroad about three miles southeast of Homedale on land previously obtained by the development company as an industrial site.

The Homedale Development Co. completed changes in its by-laws Wednesday night at a meeting held at 8 o’clock at the city hall.

The meeting was conducted by President F. H. Saunders for the voting of proxies to change by-laws so they would be acceptable to the S.B.A.

A total of 1,832 votes were cast in favor of the change. No one voted against the measure, and President Saunders expressed his pleasure at the unanimity of the action and the response given.

During the visit here by the Arvin executives, and their families, they also participated in upland bird hunting, and took the opportunity to meet local people and become acquainted with the community.

Homedale Locals
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carpenter of Nampa attended the wedding of Barbara Demshar and Van Harris of Nampa, Thursday evening at St. Hubert’s Catholic church.

Mrs. Jean Miller of Boise spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cearley, while her husband was deer hunting in the Lowman area.

Johnny Uranga recently returned home after completing 4 years and 9 months with the U. S. Air Force. He has been home a month from Great Falls, Mont. He, his wife and daughter are presently living in Nampa. Mr. Uranga is now employed in Boise at the Western Electric Co.

Corean Henson was taken to Caldwell Tuesday, where the cast on her hip was removed. Corean has missed the past nine weeks of school due to the accident at school in which she injured her left hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Uranga and son, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Uranga and daughter recently returned home from a 10-day trip. In Eugene, Ore., they visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tucker and children. They also motored to Portland and toured along the California coast. In Pleasanton, Calif., they visited the Ysedro Bicandi family and also called on his sister, Libe Uranga at Sebastapol, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce and Bob Coffin spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanford and family of Jordan Valley, Ore., to help celebrate the 11th birthday of Mike Stanford. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kershner and family of South Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kershner and son of Flint Creek were also dinner guests Sunday in the Stanford home.

140 years ago

November 20, 1875

THE MYSTERY SOLVED – At last intelligence comes to hand which solves the mystery of the foundering of the steamer Pacific, on the night of the 4th instant, on the Northwest Coast. It was the ship Orpheus that collided with the ill-fated steamer. The Orpheus sailed from San Francisco on the 29th ult., in ballast, for Port Discovery, to bring back a load of coal. Her starboard gear was entirely carried away by the collision, and she lay to until the next morning to repair the damage. Mistaking the light on Cape Beale for Tatoosh, the Orpheus ran ashore and was totally wrecked on Copper Island, about 5 o’clock the following morning. Captain Sawyer and his wife, and crew of twenty-one men were subsequently found encamped on the island by the Revenue cutter Wolcott, and brought to Port Townsend. Captain Sawyer states that on the fatal evening he was approaching Cape Flatter, which was about twenty miles off. His man at the wheel first saw the steamer’s head-light off the port bow, and immediately after straight ahead. He could see neither of her side lights, and could not make out which direction she was coming. He put his helm a-starboard and turned his ship’s head off shore. The light came nearer, and he continued to starboard his helm until his vessel had turned around, his sails flat aback and his ship hove to. The steamer by this time had got very near him and blew one whistle, almost immediately striking his ship. Captain Sawyer states that he hailed the steamer as she surged past and called to them to lay by him and send him a boat, as he supposed the ship to be in a sinking condition, but no one answered his hail, neither did he see any one on her deck. She drifted or steamed away and he saw her no more. An unauthenticated report says that a passenger named A. Frazer has also been saved. This is the substance of the news of the disaster received up to date, and there is now but little hope of any more survivors being found.

CUBA – The belief is gaining ground that the insurrection in Cuba has been kept up long enough to entitle the insurgents to recognition by our government. The independence of the Cubans has already been acknowledged by most of the South American republics. This country has suffered seriously from the internecine strife and spoliation that has been allowed to go on unchecked in that fair isle for many years, and it is a disgrace to civilization that it should be allowed to continue and be characterized by such barbarous and atrocious acts as have been recorded from time to time. Situated almost within a stone’s throw of the United States, our government has permitted these atrocities until the present time. The signs of the times however indicated that there may be decisive action soon. If it is true as intimated that the American Minister at Madrid has informed the Spanish Government that the contest must be closed by the beginning of the year, otherwise the United States will accord belligerent rights to the insurgents, then there is a possibility of lively times being close at hand. That Cuba will ere long either become independent or be annexed to the United States is daily growing more certain. We should prefer to see the Star Spangled Banner wave over the “Gem of the Antilles.”

DOW VINCENT LEFT town this morning for his ranch, a few miles this side of South Mountain. He intends to do some freighting this winter between Trout Creek and Silver.

BULLION – We notice in Moore & Co’s bank to-day a bar of Oro Fino bullion just assayed and worth \$2,356.53; also another small silver bar from some outside mine valued at \$578.53. There will be several more bars from the Oro Fino in a day or two.

VIRGINIA CITY HAS finally resolved at a public meeting that “The future prosperity and security of the city depends upon having the streets widened and proper water supply guaranteed.”

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The farmer and the salesman



“Don’t be leanin’ on my fender,” said the farmer to the rep.
“TAKE A LOOK AT THIS NEW SEED CORN.”

“Git your foot offa my step!”

“AND I’VE GOT A LINE OF CLEANERS TO REDUCE YOUR BAC-T COUNT,”

“And reduce my line of credit by the very same amount!”

“NOT TO MENTION SCOURS VACCINE TO PREVENT THE DREADED CRUD,
AND THIS IRON-ENRICHED INJECTION TO REJUVENATE TIRED BLOOD.”

“I don’t need yer blamed concoctions! All my calves are at their peak!”

“YEAH, I NOTICED THAT YER DEADMAN’S PILE IS SMALLER THAN LAST WEEK,
AND YER PIGS ARE DOIN’ BETTER SINCE YOU BOUGHT MY SUPPLEMENT.”

“It’s that parsley I been addin’, not yer feed, that makes ’em grunt!”

“HOW’S THAT HERBICIDE I SOLD YA? KILLED THE WEEDS IN YOUR FIELD.”

“Huh! It rained just right this summer, that’s what doubled up my yield!”

“DO YA NEED SOME MORE INFLATIONS, BALER TWINE OR RUBBER BOOTS?”

“Read my lips! No milk replacer, no organic substitutes!

Everything you try to sell me just adds to my expenses.

It’s hard enough to keep’er runnin’ smooth between the fences!

Can’t you see yer takin’ up my time. I’ve got to go and feed.

So say good-bye and leave me ...

“What you think I’m gonna need.”

— 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.
- E-mail to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Fax to (208) 337-4867
 - Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Being there



Engagement is an essential piece of the puzzle if you intend to serve your community as an elected official.

Homedale City Councilperson Kim Murray took on the responsibility to be there for her fellow citizens when she garnered the most votes in the 2013 election.

Murray, who is nearing the midpoint of her four-year term, has missed one-third of Homedale’s meetings in 2015, including the past three regular meetings.

The number of consecutive absences grows to four with the Nov. 9 special meeting in which the council authorized negotiations for more land for the public library.

Murray is missing for a reason. She’s out of town working.

And, as city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram points out, Murray is “always available by phone if we need her.” She also contacts City Hall to get each meeting agenda and informational packet.

The fact remains that one-fifth of the city’s leadership has been MIA for eight of 23 official gatherings in 2015.

She phoned in when she was visiting her son in Las Vegas earlier this year, but interstate phone connections (and background noise) make participation in potentially crucial conversations pretty sketchy.

Everyone has to make a living. There’s no denying that. And it’s understandable if your job takes you out of town on occasion.

But with a quick glance to the other side of the council table one sees Steve Atkins. He has a job that has taken him out of state as well. He has missed a handful of meetings in his first eight years. Yet, he has been able to be at the majority of the meetings, in person.

Vonnie Harkins has been there, even though it’s a not-so-well-kept secret that she is ill.

Then-Mayor Paul Fink remained at his post, hardly missing a beat, even as he was in the final stages of cancer.

Americans for Limited Govt.
Republicans’ House bills attempt to stem federal land grab in West

by Dustin Howard

Uncle Sam is the largest landowner west of the Rockies, with 660 million acres of land, an area nearly 10 times the size of the United Kingdom. That accounts for 29 percent of the country’s landmass, and only grows with the federal government amassing ever-larger tracts of land.

The government already owns half of the West. Really. One entity with so many other responsibilities cannot efficiently manage such a large quantity of land.

For this reason, U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has put forward the Protecting America’s Recreation and Conservation (PARC) Act for the purpose of empowering states to better manage where the federal government has failed. The PARC Act is a set of reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a Great Society-era program that enables the federal mismanagement of half the West.

Rep. Bishop said in a statement, “The LWCF’s current lopsided funding ratio makes limited funds available to establish recreation projects and facilities that can be responsibly managed and maintained by state and local entities while continuing to vastly expand the federal estate,” Bishop said. “Even more troubling on the federal side is that the money is being spent with little transparency, scant oversight, and minimal local input.”

While Rep. Bishop has acted to reform LWCF, his legislation also seeks to restrict land acquisition by the federal government, limiting the Obama Administration’s efforts to purchase even more land.

On the same day, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) introduced

Under the law, Murray hasn’t disqualified herself to serve on the council. There are no provisions in Idaho Statute that says a person has to be present at council meetings; only that a quorum is necessary, and the city council has achieved such throughout her two years in office.

But this isn’t about the letter of the law. It is black-and-white, however, when it comes to perception.

What few folks who show up for the council meetings expect to see a full council before them. If one council member is absent meeting after meeting, it tends to erode the trust citizens have in that person’s ability to execute the duties of the office.

Furthermore, if the council member is out of town on business for extended periods — even in this age of constant contact through email, texting and cellphone conversations — it might hamper that person’s ability to help their constituents with day-to-day problems.

Right now, Homedale Senior Center members are trying to reinstate the handicapped parking spaces that disappeared from in front of the center when then-Mayor Harold Wilson’s Local Improvement District dream became a reality. A senior reached out to Murray to find out how to get the ball rolling on the problem. Apparently, Murray took the phone call, but hasn’t followed through.

Those are two basics for a city councilperson: Be there for your constituents and follow through.

Kevin Barlow tried to do that even after he moved to Emmett and disqualified himself from serving. He resigned when it was discovered he no longer lived in Homedale.

Kim Murray resides in Homedale — when she’s not working out of state — but hasn’t been able to carry out crucial elements of her job.

It might be time for her to let someone else try to be there for the citizens of Homedale.

Petition opposes Malheur monument designation

A group called the Citizens in Opposition to the Owyhee Canyonlands Monument Committee has started a campaign opposing efforts to create a national monument in Malheur County.

An online petition opposing the Owyhee Canyonlands monument proposal can be found at www.change.org and entering “Owyhee” in the search box.

Several conservation groups have proposed permanent protection of 2.5 million acres in Malheur County, and want President Barack Obama to designate a national monument under the Antiquities Act. The plan would create nearly 2 million acres of wilderness and 50 miles of wild and scenic rivers.

Similar rumblings during the Clinton administration kicked off the collaborative process that resulted in the Owyhee Initiative in Idaho.

H.R. 3946, the Protecting Local Communities from Executive Overreach Act. The Act narrows the scope of the Antiquities Act of 1906 to prevent this and future presidents from acting unilaterally in seizing certain lands to be designated as “monuments”. The president’s

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Commentary

Financial management

Extra \$5K from home sale not worth fixer-upper debt

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are about to relocate to another part of the country. We'd like to sell our house, but we're thinking about taking out a small loan to have some work done first. We could get in the \$180,000 range selling it "as-is" but closer to \$200,000 if we installed new roof, carpeting, exterior paint and concrete work. I know how you feel about debt, but what are your thoughts in this scenario?

— Kim

Dear Kim,
From what you just described, and assuming the concrete work wouldn't be too extensive, you looking at going into debt probably \$12,000 to \$15,000 in order to get \$20,000 more out of the deal. I'd just sell it. I wouldn't go to all that trouble for \$5,000.
Every piece of debt you take

on compromises your financial security and robs you of your largest wealth-building tool — your income. Even if you guys are in good shape, you've got a lot of uncertainty and the potential for unexpected expenses in the months ahead. Just sell the house and get on with your lives. It's not worth the hassle.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I work as the executive director of a nonprofit charitable organization. Lately, I've been wondering if I should hire an employee as a development person. I don't want to damage the work we do, and I can't help but look at bringing in someone new as a gamble.
Do you have any suggestions? How do you handle situations like this?

— Denise



Dear Denise,
Over the years, I've found that you can reduce a lot of the fear when it comes to hiring simply by doing your due diligence — and then some — during the hiring process. I get what you're saying, though. It's kind of a gamble

anytime you hire someone. But if you do your job during the hiring process, I've found that in most cases it turns into an investment rather than a gamble. Even then, some investments are better than others.

In your line of work, you need a lot more than a warm body in a chair. You need someone who really cares about your cause and is really gifted when it comes to physically, mentally and spiritually involving people in the community. In a sense, a development person is kind of like a salesperson. A good one is worth their weight in gold, while a bad one will only cost you a ridiculous amount of time and money, while potentially tarnishing your good name.

Look for the best of the best, and don't rely on résumés to tell you the whole story. At my office, we always have numerous interviews, and the process can

go on for months. We're also OK with not hiring someone and putting the position on hold for a while if we can't find the person who is an exact fit professionally and personally. And remember, Denise. Like with all things, it never hurts to ask God for a little guidance!

— Dave

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

✓ West: Monuments affect local economies

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monuments are designed to restrict the economic activity that his vested interests have fought for years. Currently, folks in Eastern Oregon worry about the fate of the Owyhee Canyonlands because a group of conservation organizations have started an effort to create a 2.5-million-acre national monument in Malheur County.

According to Gosar, President Obama seized 1.25 million acres of land, with another 1.7 million acres in jeopardy. The legislation specifically requires the federal government to attain community consent before action, and limits the acquired parcels to 5,000 acres. This prevents the federal government from robbing states of their autonomy and crippling economic activity that creates jobs and tax revenue.

The two acts are complementary of each other, and attempt to rectify the shameless legacy-building President Obama is doing at the expense of Western Americans, who suffer economic hardships as a result. Massive amounts of natural resources remain out of reach because the president is repaying campaign pledges to environmentalists. These very environmentalists rely on the same minerals, timber and agriculture that everybody else relies on, but this precludes many in the West from benefiting from their own resources.

Pursuing both bills as a unified policy sends the message that we can maintain conservation efforts and natural treasures without locking the U.S. into artificial scarcity. Ultimately, states should be given control of the lands within their borders, where environmental concerns can be balanced with economic ones.

State governments have long accepted the transfer of lands from federal control to state control. Local considerations can better determine their own interests in purposing land. The unified pursuit of both bills, as well as transferring more land to the states would ensure that true conservationism could occur, while addressing the needs of the communities that are impacted.

Fortunately, Congress may have the opportunity in the weeks ahead to prevent future land grabs by including a rider by Gosar and Bishop. The upcoming omnibus federal government funding bill provides the perfect opportunity for Congress to rein in the president on this important issue, and reassert its Article I power of the purse.

— Dustin Howard is a contributing editor for the Americans for Limited Government.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Veterans deserve never-ending respect, effective federal support



The outpouring of responses to my 2015 Veterans Survey is helpful and encouraging as I continue to work with Idaho's veteran community to improve veterans services. Nearly 1,000 Idahoans participated in the survey. The survey results demonstrate an unwavering commitment among Idaho veterans to ensure that current and future veterans have access to high-quality care. The vast majority of survey participants identified themselves as servicemembers, and their insights provide a path forward for continued progress.

Through the survey, veterans have shared personal stories of success and hope gained through VA programs. These experiences highlight ways the VA is working well to help our veterans. On the other hand, veterans have also shared horrific stories of personal loss or deprivation because of perceived failures of the VA. My office stands ready to help these Idahoans however we can. I have also heard many inspiring accounts about specific people within the VA community who go above and beyond to help Idaho veterans, even with limited resources. Idaho is very fortunate to have so many local individuals dedicated to the needs of those who served our country.

The Veterans Survey is more than just a survey. It is a process that has brought together people all across the state of Idaho with the aim of improving veterans services and experiences with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The survey has been a tool for feedback and for relationship-building across the state. Relationships have been built with local leaders at the VA, Idaho Division of Veterans Services (IDVS), and in Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). These local leaders have used the survey to share with me their considerable knowledge of VA programs.

In the weeks ahead, I will discuss more of the details of the survey results. The survey is intended to serve as a new starting point for conversations about the future of the VA in Idaho. All are encouraged to read the survey

results that can be found on my official website at www.crapo.senate.gov. I use the incoming information to set my policy agenda for the next year. Hopefully, Idahoans, including those who work for the VA, IDVS, or volunteer with a VSO, will find the survey report useful.

Additionally, although the survey has concluded, it is never too late for Idahoans to contact me to share their thoughts and experiences, whether they are about the VA or another federal agency. If you find yourself in need of assistance with a specific agency, please contact the staff in one of my regional offices to discuss your situation, after which I will contact the agency on your behalf. While I cannot direct a certain outcome, I can help communicate the circumstances and request that the agency take appropriate actions to assist you. Additionally, because of jurisdictional constraints, I can only assist with federal agencies. If your concern is with a state or local entity, you may wish to contact the appropriate jurisdiction for these issues. More information regarding assistance, including contact information, the required privacy release form and frequently asked questions, can be accessed through my website at www.crapo.senate.gov.

We should celebrate the service of America's veterans beyond Veterans Day and honor their dedication to this country, and our nation must ensure that the services provided to support their military service respect the personal costs of our freedoms. We cannot let up in our work to ensure that quality veterans services are easily accessible. Thank you to the Idaho veteran community for your service to our nation and your steady dedication to ensuring the efficiency and responsiveness of veterans care.

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

We welcome letters to the editor. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for information

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by John and Melanie Mitchell dba Voodoo Tattoo requesting that they be allowed to operate a tattoo shop at 6 W. Idaho Ave.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk,
City of Homedale
11/18,25/15

CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Idaho Code, Chapter 65, the Marsing City Council 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 December 9, 2015 at the regular Council meeting at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to the 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 December 9, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2015
11/18,25/15

PUBLIC NOTICE

On November 2, 2015 the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Board of Commissioners proposed, voted and passed a motion to change the current regular Commissioner’s monthly meeting day from the first Monday at 2:00 p.m. of each month to the first Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. of each month effective January 2016. For questions contact the cemetery at 208-896-4226.

Bruce Benson, Sec/Tre, Clerk
11/11,18/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2015-0729 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of NELLIE M. HASKETT and PAUL E. HASKETT, Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.

DATED this 2 day of November, 2015

James Duane Haskett, Co-Personal Representative
Doris Kay Neil, Co-Personal Representative
11/11,18,25/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 28, 2015 File No.: 8296.20317 Sale date and time (local time): March 1, 2016 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Justin W Kelleher, a married man as his sole and separate estate Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for HomeStreet Bank, its successor and assigns Recording date: 12/31/2013 Recorder’s instrument number: 282952 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 28, 2015: \$163,297.47 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 57 of the Amended Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Kelleher, Justin W. (TS# 8296.20317) 1002.283830-File No.

11/18,25;12/2,9/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. 024333-ID Parcel No.: RP01S03W143243A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On 03/22/2016 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of Aldridge Pite, LLP as a result of the merger of Pite Duncan, LLP into Aldridge Connors, LLP, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE

3 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN ALUMINUM CAP MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, SOUTH 89°15’07% EAST (FORMERLY SOUTH 89°14’45% EAST) 663.70 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 00°39’50” WEST 667.40 FEET TO AN IRON PIN BEING THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00°39’50% WEST 333.70 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°19’33% EAST 663.10 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14; THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY NORTH 00°41’,50” EAST (FORMERLY SOUTH 0°41’34% WEST) 333.42 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°18’06% WEST 663.30 FEET TO THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALLOIL, GAS, GRAVEL, MINERAL AND GEOTHERMAL RIGHTS, AS RESERVED IN THE WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JANUARY 14, 1988, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 194136, OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDS. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 12602 ROCKY TOP LN, MELBA, ID 83641-4257, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JACK HENDERSON AND PHYLLIS HENDERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE CO., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA N.A., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/21/2010, recorded 2/3/2010, as Instrument No. 270266, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 10/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 11/12/2015 is \$155,327.87 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect

ANNUAL STREET & ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF GRAND VIEW CITY OF GRAND VIEW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Beginning Balance as of October 1st, 2014: \$0.00

Receipts:

Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$17.77
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise	\$8,373.09
State Funding Sources:	
Highway User Revenue	\$15,599.39
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$23,990.25

Disbursements:

New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$1,768.89
Equipment	\$1,568.03
Administration	\$14,360.12
All Other Expenditures	\$3,806.85
Total Disbursements	\$21,503.89

Receipts Over Disbursements	\$2,486.36
Closing Balance	\$2,486.36
Funds retained for specific future projects	\$0
Ending Balance	\$2,486.36

Tammy Payne, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Grand View
11/18/2015

the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 11/12/2015 CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of Aldridge Pite, LLP successor to Pite Duncan, LLP as a result of the merger of Pite Duncan, LLP into Aldridge Connors, LLP
11/18,25;12/2,9/15

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV 15-9576 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON MAGISTRATES DIVISION

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 irreconcilable differences and 5 years separation 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
10/28;11/4,11,18,25/15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-15-735M IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Anthony Eugene Laib
A Petition to change the name of Anthony Eugene Laib, now residing in the City of Bruneau, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Tony E Willis. The reason for the change in name is: to take the name of stepfather. Have been using Willis for a long time.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11 o’clock a.m. on December 21, 2015 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 11/3/15
Clerk of the District Court, By: Rachelle Faney, Deputy Clerk
11/11,18,25;12/2/15



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Homedale

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George 208 896-4851

WANTED

The Grand View Chamber is looking for vendors for their Annual Christmas in the Country Bazaar on Dec. 5th. The bazaar will be held at the Grand View Elementary from 9am - 5pm. A table space is \$20 and a Wall Space is \$30 (space is limited). If you would like a form or more information please call Cyndi at 834-2636

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Vendors Wanted: Homedale Farmers Market Fall & Holiday markets. Contact Denise Dixon 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com

MISC.

We purchase old corral and beams, we dismantle old barns and commercial buildings with wood construction. Call Anthony at River Valley Woodworks 208-559-1651

Boise Cascade

HELP WANTED:
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Property tax bills to be mailed Friday

Owyhee County landowners should be watching for their property tax bills in the mail. County Treasurer Brenda Richards said last week that the bills will be mailed on Friday. Property owners have the option of paying the bill in full or making two payments. The first payment is due on Dec. 20, while the rest of the bill must be paid in full by June 20 to avoid penalties. Make payments through the county's website, owyhee county.net, in the Treasurer's Office section, by credit card, by electronic check, in person or by mail. Credit card and electronic check payments will be assessed a 2.5 percent service charge through Access Idaho. The county doesn't receive any of the surcharge.

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Melba School District leaders and local legislators turned the first shovels of dirt at the Melba Elementary School groundbreaking on Nov. 9. **From left:** Trustee Travis Christensen, trustee Ed Smith, District 11B Rep. Christy Perry, elementary principal Sherry Ann Adams, District 11A Rep. Gayle Batt, trustee Megan Volkers, trustee Mary Huff, trustee Jason Knopp, and superintendent Andrew Grover. Submitted photo

Melba district breaks ground on new elementary school

Several dignitaries and community members turned out for the Melba Elementary School groundbreaking. Murphy resident Mary Huff, a Melba School District trustee, was among the people who donned hard hats and grabbed gold shovels and turned dirt Nov. 9. Other trustees, including Megan Volkers, district superintendent Andy Grover, and elementary principal Sherry Adams joined District 11 state representatives Christy Perry and Gayle Batt in the ceremony. “Once a great building stood where the new school is going,” Volkers said. “We will have a great foundation upon which we will place our future.” The new 62,000-square-foot, 24-classroom school is being constructed on the site of the old high school and district maintenance shop. The new building comes after a \$9.5 million bond passed in March. LKV Architects, which specializes in building elementary schools, is leading the construction project. “This school is for the community,” Grover said. “The new school will house and educate our students for the next four generations. We are hoping that we looked far enough into the future that this building will carry on that far.” Melba has more than 400 elementary students, including many from Owyhee County, and the current school building holds only 160 children. Sixty percent of the student body attends class in portable structures. The new school will hold 650 students, and construction should be completed in September. “The current school is falling apart, and I don’t feel my kids are safe,” Melba Elementary PTA officer Faith Robson said. “I’m very excited and can’t wait to see the new school complete.”

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