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## Friday fire guts home

A Friday morning fire destroyed a Homedale residence while the owners were away on a trip.

The fire was reported around 7:45 a.m. Friday at a locked house at 219 W. Washington Ave. A handyman staying in a trailer in the driveway and two others were able to get off the property unharmed.

Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria said the homeowners received assistance from the burnout fund.

The people staying in the trailer didn't need help from the fund, Uria said.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who is a volunteer firefighter, was first on the scene after the call came in. Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Cody Hammond

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Homedale volunteer firefighters Bryan Badiola, left obscured, and Curtis Stansell work on a fire reported before 8 a.m. on Friday.



Drum major Ben Holloway, a senior, leads the Homedale High School marching band through its routine Saturday morning at the Caldwell Showcase. Submitted photo

## HHS band places second in Showcase

### Marsing wins best percussion in Caldwell

Homedale High School's marching band started the season right Saturday with a runner-up showing at the Caldwell Showcase.

Second-year director John

Zieske reported that the Trojans band and color guard also collected the Spirit Stick at Caldwell High School for cheering loudly for all the bands in the USBands competition.

Homedale finished two-tenths of a point behind Group I champion Ontario, Ore., which prevailed with a score of 76.225.

Marsing finished fourth overall

in Group I at 71.850, and director Dawn Sandmeyer's drum corps won the division's best percussion award.

Homedale also won Best Color Guard and Best Visual awards.

Homedale continues its festival season Saturday in Kuna.

## Grand View Fire wants to expand

Chief: Property owners OK with annexation

A proposal to expand the Grand View Rural Fire Protection District tax base could be approved by the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) in the next few months, but the affected property owners are already on board.

During a Sept. 19 meeting, the (BOCC) heard a report from district representatives regarding the proposed expansion.

Fire Chief Charles Enszt stated that all 19 homeowners that

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# Cross-valley pursuit ends in Homedale

A high-speed chase that crossed three counties ended with an arrest Friday night in a Homedale neighborhood.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that Ada County law enforcement officers took 39-year-old James Cox into custody after he crashed a stolen motorcycle on Selway Drive around 8 p.m. on Friday and attempted to flee on foot.

Eidemiller said two Homedale officers were on scene, but neither engaged in the pursuit once Cox

crossed the Snake River.

Homedale Ambulance transported Cox to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise before he was put behind bars at Ada County Jail.

Cox faces six felonies in the wake of the hit-and-run accident and high-speed pursuit.

On Monday in Boise, Cox was arraigned on two counts each of eluding law enforcement and leaving the scene of an accident as well as single counts of grand theft and burglary.

The pursuit began when Cox allegedly refused to stop for Boise Police.

He later struck a cyclist with his vehicle then ditched the car and stole a motorcycle before fleeing Ada County.

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Homedale tank facelift begins



*Above:* Jace Davis of Wilder-based Valspec Painting LLC started work to repaint the original Homedale water tower Monday afternoon. Davis expects the project to take about three days. *Left:* A hydraulic lift was brought in to carry Davis up and down during work to repaint the 115-foot-high water tower.

The City of Homedale is spending \$10,000 out of its economic development fund for Fiscal Year 2016 for the project. The second block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West between Wyoming and Colorado avenues is closed during painting.

Davis is returning the tower to its original, unblemished galvanized look and he will affix red interlocking "HT" logos on the east and west sides of the tank, city public works supervisor Bret Smith said.

The tower is no longer in service as part of the city's water infrastructure, but the government still earns revenue from telecommunications companies that rent space around the tank to place their cellular antennas.

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# Homedale FFA accepts another Monsanto grant

## Money will allow greater STEM emphasis in school’s ag curriculum

After receiving a \$10,000 grant for the second time in as many years, Homedale FFA is ready to do its part in furthering STEM education in schools.

Ag students and chemistry students at Homedale High School will partner in the learning process, according to FFA advisor and ag teacher Sue Poland. The ag students will learn about chemical elements in the lab, while the chemistry students will be able to witness practical application of chemistry on the farm.

Some STEM-focused kits have been bought for the school’s chemistry program, and those students will work with the Ag Department’s food science and plant science on a hands-on, career-focused chemistry lab.

“They will be able to explore how chemistry in foods affect the consumer, or how plant chemistry affects plant health and productivity through soil and water quality experiments,” Poland said.

The Ag Department will obtain several plant science lab kits to enhance the STEM component of the curriculum, Poland said.

“(The department will) expand the emphasis on inquiry-based learning techniques that we use in food science to the plant science class,” Poland said.

Poland and Homedale’s FFA officers accepted the program’s second Monsanto America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant in as many years prior to the Sept. 20 volleyball game against Parma.

Local Monsanto employees — Idaho production manager Brett Lolley and production representative Tyler Tolmie (a confessed Parma grad) — made the presentation.



Homedale FFA members hold a plaque and placard celebrating a \$10,000 grant as Monsanto representative Brett Lolley talks about the award and fellow Monsanto rep Tyler Tolmie looks on. **From left:** Tylee McKay, Riley Haun, Wyatt Dorsey, Krista Mayer, Lindsey McRae, Tanis Lentfer, Jesse Packer and Lauryn Fisher

Lolley pointed out that Poland has now received five Monsanto grants totaling \$26,000. He also pointed out that Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, owner of Wilder-based Fisher Club Lambs, were sponsors for this latest grant.

“I was tickled to get selected again,” Poland said. “I wasn’t sure if they would pick the same school two years in a row.” — JPB

# Senators push for year-end PILT reauthorization

Idaho’s U.S. senators have urged Senate leadership to work toward the inclusion of full Payment in Lieu of Taxes funding in any year-end legislation likely to be signed into law.

The PILT program is critical to Owyhee County and other rural governments that have a shrunken tax base because of a high percentage of exempt federal lands.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch sent the request Friday in a letter to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

“PILT funding is an important resource for many counties in Idaho and other rural and western communities,” Crapo said. “The strong showing of bipartisan senators on this letter is evidence that PILT payments are critical to communities nationwide.”

“PILT provides payments to counties to help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal land within their boundaries. Reauthorizing PILT is necessary to avoid severe cuts in our county budgets,” Risch said.

In Owyhee County, nearly 80 percent of the land is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and, therefore, tax-exempt.



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# Drug arrests on rise in Homedale

## Two meth busts in two days

The Homedale Police Department has dealt with a steady number of drug arrests recently.

“We’ve been averaging one or two drug busts per week for the last month,” Sgt. Mike McFetridge said. “We’ve been getting more meth pipes, not so much baggies of meth.”

Even if a suspect is found with a pipe with meth residue, a felony charge can be brought. But, McFetridge said, there have been several misdemeanor arrests for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, too.

“It’s a little busier than normal. We’ve noticed an increase definitely,” McFetridge said. “And they’re all coming off of traffic stops.”

McFetridge said the suspects aren’t just Homedale residents. People with Parma and Wilder addresses are being arrested within the city limits, too.

The most recent arrest came after 3 a.m. on Sept. 19 at the Homedale Municipal Airport.

McFetridge said Officer Casey McGrew spotted a pickup truck turn off the highway and head down toward the Snake River, but not before the driver turned off his headlights and continued to move down the dirt road.

McGrew found 51-year-old Richard Hayes fishing with the door of his pickup wide-open. In the center console of the pickup in plain sight, McFetridge said, was a crack pipe. He said a Ziploc bag containing a large meth rock was also found.

Hayes, who said he recently relocated to the area from Indian Valley, was taken into custody and booked on felony possession

of a controlled substance and two misdemeanors including two counts of paraphernalia possession and one count of reckless driving for driving with his lights off.

Hayes’ preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. A bond reduction hearing also is scheduled.

Two days earlier, McGrew made another meth possession arrest after he pulled over a Canyon County resident who had been reported by another agency as driving without privileges.

McGrew pulled over 23-year-old Daniel Sanchez, whose residence is listed as Homedale, near the intersection of West Idaho Avenue and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West. McFetridge said Sanchez had failed to signal a turn at about 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 17.

“Casey stopped a car and arrested him for DWP (driving without privileges) and during the stop we located a meth pipe in his jacket pocket,” McFetridge said, adding that the residue in the pipe was NIK-tested and turned up positive for methamphetamine.

Sanchez was booked into Owyhee County Jail on charges of felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession. He also was charged with misdemeanors for a driver’s license violation and providing false information to a law enforcement officer.

A preliminary and bond hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday before Grober.

The month began with three other methamphetamine arrests in the span of three days.

On Sept. 5, Jaime Fraire Sr., was arrested for meth and marijuana possession and two counts of misdemeanor paraphernalia possession after he was apparently

found carrying a large metal pipe and talking incoherently in a gas station parking lot.

Fraire is scheduled for arraignment at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 in Murphy. He was bound over in district court during his Sept. 20 preliminary hearing.

On Sept. 4, Alex Santiago Ibarra was arrested and charged with felony drug possession, two counts of misdemeanor paraphernalia possession and several misdemeanor driving offenses.

According to court records, Homedale Police stopped Ibarra’s purple 1998 Honda on West Idaho Avenue. It was discovered that the license plates on the vehicle actually were registered to a 1997 Ford pickup.

Paraphernalia and meth were found in the center console of the vehicle, according to the probable cause statement.

Ibarra entered not guilty pleas to all counts on Sept. 6 and was subsequently released from jail after posting a \$10,000 bond. His preliminary hearing, originally scheduled for Sept. 19, has been continued until 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 before Grober in Murphy.

Juan Carlos Moreno Trejo Jr., 19, of Wilder was charged with felony and misdemeanor drug possession, misdemeanor driving under the influence and possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle as well as misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. He was arrested on Sept. 3 near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

McFetridge initially pulled over the defendant’s vehicle when Moreno Trejo spun his tires at a stop sign on Nevada Avenue.

A search of Moreno Trejo’s car allegedly turned up a pipe with meth residue and marijuana.

— JPB

# Homedale officers make drunk driving arrests

A Parma resident waived his preliminary hearing last week after his arrest for felony driving under the influence.

Michael Bryant Squibb was arrested on Sept. 10 and accused of DUI for the third time in the past 10 years.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge took Squibb into custody after stopping him because he was driving without license plates and failed to use his turn signal.

Squibb’s alleged intoxicated state was reported to HPD by a local bar after the man left, McFetridge said. He was stopped near the intersection of East Montana Avenue and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East behind Homedale High School at about 1:30 a.m.

Court records indicate that Squibb fell onto his car after officers asked him to exit his vehicle in preparation for field sobriety tests.

Squibb, who remains in custody in Owyhee County Jail, registered blood-alcohol concentration of .218 and .210. The legal limit is .08.

Squibb is scheduled for

arraignment before Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 in Murphy. In addition to felony DUI, he faces misdemeanor charges of driving without privileges and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Squibb spent 35 days in jail earlier this year after his DUI conviction in Canyon County. He also served jail time for a 2012 DUI conviction in Canyon County.

McFetridge said HPD officers have been handling a steady flow of drunk driving arrests.

Jeremiah Hull of Wilder faces a 9 a.m. arraignment next Wednesday in Homedale magistrate court after his Sept. 17 arrest. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober will preside.

Hull was stopped at 1:53 a.m. on West Oregon Avenue after he was spotted driving on the wrong side of the road. He also failed to signal a turn, according to McFetridge.

Hull’s BAC measured .153 and .148, and he was booked into Owyhee County Jail for misdemeanor DUI.

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# Several activities crammed into HHS Homecoming

## Snake Dance tonight; parade set Thursday

Homedale High School finds itself in the midst of Homecoming Week with plans to honor two community contributors at Friday night's football game.

Students have been vying for spirit points for their respective classes with dress-up days during the week, and the contest intensifies today with Powder puff and Thursday with class competitions ahead of the annual Homecoming parade.

The Snake Dance and bonfire will be held tonight after the Powder puff games.

The Homecoming queen and king will be crowned during Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference game against Fruitland



New scoreboard panels honoring Mike Matteson and Hal Tolmie are in place. at Deward Bell Stadium.

Principal and football coach Matt Holtry said the plan is to also dedicate memorial scoreboard panels honoring Mike Matteson and Harold "Hal" Tolmie at some point during the night's activities. The panels already are in place alongside memorials to Tom Arima, Poke Henson and John Kushlan at the base of the scoreboard.

The Homecoming royalty includes:

- **Queen candidates** — Sarah Jones, Lindsey McRae and Ambyr VanWinkle
- **King candidates** — Cristian Figueroa, Shane Keller and Pedro (Pete) Vasquez

- **Junior princess and prince** — Lauryn Fisher and Jeremy Bell
- **Sophomore princess and prince** — Quinn Mikelson and Gunner Campbell
- **Freshman princess and prince** — Aliyah Montes and Nelson Lomeli

The Powder puff games will be played at 6:30 p.m. today at Deward Bell Stadium.

Class games will be held between 12:45 p.m. and 2:25 p.m. on Thursday inside the school's main gymnasium.

Students will be released from school after class competitions to line up for the parade, which will start west down Owyhee Avenue at 2:45 p.m. The route will conclude heading east on Idaho Avenue.

Saturday's Homecoming dance theme is "Luau."

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## ✓ Fire: Homeowners were out of state when blaze broke out Friday

arrived shortly afterward.

Homedale Fire volunteers battled the blaze for about 90 minutes. Personnel was still on scene in the afternoon watching for flare-ups as a state fire marshal combed through the room where the fire apparently originated looking for clues that could explain the ignition source. The cause is unknown, Uria said.

The homeowners returned from Washington state early in the afternoon to figure out what to do with what was left of the house. Some rooms were spared, but the fire appeared to spread through the attic.

— JPB



Jeff Eidemiller, center, and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Cody Hammond, right, stand with one of the people who was on the property.

## ✓ Expand: Small portion of Elmore County could be annexed in move

would be annexed into the district have agreed to the plan.

"We got signatures. One hundred percent have agreed to join in," Enszt said.

Grand View Fire commissioner Ed Collett explained that the proposal won't have to go before voters.

"This doesn't need to be voted on because all the people who are outside the district were asked and signed to be annexed in," Collett said. "They came to us, they just now realized that they were outside our district. A lot of them knew they were on the close edge, but they didn't know they were outside the district."

Enszt added that a small portion of Elmore County where one house would be brought into the district.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell explained that Elmore County would collect the taxes from the single homeowner across the county line and send the district a check.

Enszt told the commissioners that his firefighters could get to all of the homes in the expansion area quickly.

"Most of them would be within the 10-mile range," Enszt said. "It would be 15 minutes from the time of call. Usually we

have five- or 10-minute response times."

Barkell told Enszt and the other fire district representatives that the first step in the process is to hold a public hearing on the proposal.

"And you have to get in a hurry, because we have to have the legal description and the map, and it has to be certified as legal," Barkell said. "We have to submit that to the state by the end of the year."

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, BOCC chair, pointed out that the county can provide some help in making sure the district does things properly.

"If you have questions on the legal part of it, don't hesitate to call the prosecutor (Douglas D. Emery). He is paid by the taxpayers," Aberasturi said.

The BOCC could approve the annexation after the public hearing is held.

During the meeting, the fire district officials also talked to commissioners about buying new extraction equipment for use in responding to vehicle crashes.

The district is asking the county to pay for most, if not all, of the roughly \$30,000 to purchase the equipment.

Elmore County recently bought the same equipment after getting at least three bids as required by state law on single purchases of \$25,000 or more.

Barkell said the county wouldn't have to put the extraction equipment out to bid because Elmore already did so. However, no decision was reached during the meeting on making the purchase.

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# Death notices

**MYRNA LANE SOWER CARON**, 82, a native of Adrian, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in McCall.

**EUNICE LaBERTA (BERT) RATLIFF DOUTY**, 71, a Greenleaf resident and Grand View High School graduate, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 at a Caldwell hospital.

**HERSHEL L. HOWELL**, 83, former owner of the Homedale Drive Inn, died on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at his Caldwell home. A viewing was held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

**BLAYZE VERNON**, 6 days old, son of Hailee (Garrett) and Troy Vernon, died on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2016 of natural causes in a Palo Alto, Calif., hospital. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**GENEVIEVE ROSE WATTS**, 89, of Homedale, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at a Boise care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252


# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

*Milk served every day*  
*Salad Bar available with each meal*  
*(lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)*  
Sept. 28: Taco salad w/cheese, salsa, chips  
Sept. 29: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, roll  
Oct. 4: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll  
Oct. 5: Meatball hero, broccoli  
Oct. 6: Pork chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables

## Marsing Senior Menu

*Milk served every day*  
Sept. 28: Chicken, potatoes, carrots  
Sept. 29: Beef, potatoes, biscuits & gravy



*Adam Krause of the Staff at Flahiff Funeral Chapels, bid Aaron Times a heartfelt and fond farewell as he leaves his position as a Mortician's Assistant and Manager of our Homedale location to pursue other adventures. Aaron joined our "Flahiff Family" in March of 2004 and has served our families with true compassion and dignity. His commitment to his profession and to the people of Owyhee County and surrounding areas, is second to none and his presence on our staff will be greatly missed! We sincerely thank you for your 12 years of service. Best of luck to you, Aaron!*

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*  
Sept. 28: Beef stew, hot roll, cookie, fresh apple  
Sept. 29: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, rollup.  
Oct. 3: Hot dog, tater tots  
Oct. 4: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy  
Oct. 5: Chicken taco, corn

## Homedale Middle

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*  
Sept. 28: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, broccoli, fruit & salad bar, cheese cracker  
Sept. 29: Crisipto or hot dog, potato chips, fruit & salad bar  
Oct. 3: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans  
Oct. 4: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans  
Oct. 5: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll

## Homedale High

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*  
Sept. 28: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice  
Sept. 29: Chicken patty or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice  
Oct. 3: Pepperoni pizza ripper or deli sandwich w/chips  
Oct. 4: Hot dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes, gravy, roll  
Oct. 5: Nachos or chef salad

## Marsing Elementary

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*  
Sept. 28: Lasagna, breadstick, green beans, jello OR PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers  
Sept. 29: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, wheat roll, buttered corn OR PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers  
Oct. 3: Corn dog or PB&J, cheese stick, steamed carrots, cookie  
Oct. 4: Chicken parmesan, green beans or PB&J w/yogurt, animal crackers  
Oct. 5: Enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potato or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers

## Marsing Middle-High

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*  
Sept. 28: Lasagna, breadstick, green beans, jello OR fish sandwich OR salad bar & soup OR grab-n-go  
Sept. 29: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, wheat roll, buttered corn OR salad bar & soup OR grab-n-go  
Oct. 3: Corn dog or orange chicken & rice, steamed carrots, cookie  
Oct. 4: Chicken parmesan or oven roasted chicken, breadstick, green beans  
Oct. 5: Enchilada & rice or pulled pork sandwich, baked sweet potato

## Bruneau-Grand View

Sept. 28: Teriyaki chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit  
Sept. 29: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll  
Sept. 30: Hamburger, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, chocolate chip cookie  
Oct. 4: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato mix, baby carrots, fruit  
Oct. 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach salad, peas, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit

## COSSA

Sept. 28: Soft taco, refried beans, salad, fruit  
Sept. 29: Pizza, salad bar, fruit  
Oct. 3: Walking taco, rice, salad, fruit  
Oct. 4: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, salad, fruit  
Oct. 5: Spaghetti, salad, carrots, fruit

# COSSA's risky behavior outreach returns

## Community forum to address teen dangers

Learning about decisions that could put their lives at risk will be the focus for students at the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA) campus in Wilder next Wednesday.

The fourth annual Teens and Risky Behaviors Symposium runs from 8:15 a.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. at the campus at 109 Penny Lane and features several presentations demonstrating how bad decisions can affect the lives of a young person and his or her friends.

COSSAAcademy and COSSA's professional-technical students and Marsing High school students are scheduled to visit for the day of lessons.

Marsing principal Tim Little said 25 10<sup>th</sup>-graders who are doing well academically were chosen to attend the symposium.

Organizations scheduled to participate include:

- Advocates Against Family Violence
- Buckle Up for Bobby (seatbelt awareness)
- Truth 208 (formerly The Idaho Meth Project)
- Southwest District Health
- Sage Recovery
- The Idaho National Guard
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- The Idaho Governor's Office of Drug Policy

COSSA counselor Brandy Smith stated that after the student sessions end, adults from the school's communities are invited to attend a community forum starting at 3 p.m., which will be followed by a dinner hour at 5 p.m.

"We are providing a free dinner for those who attend in the evening, but we are asking that children not attend," Smith said.

The community members will be encouraged to discuss issues facing today's teens and what solutions may be available.

At 6 p.m. the guest speaker will be Natalie Marti, the sole survivor of a car crash caused by a drunk driver in 2003. Her husband Shawn and daughter Sage were killed instantly in the crash near Caldwell.

Two discussion sessions, one at 7 p.m. and another at 7:50 p.m. will wrap up the evening.

To RSVP for the free evening event, contact Smith at smithb@cossaschools.org or (208) 482-6074, ext. 256.

# Got news?

Call us with community events, happenings or questions: (208) 337-4681



# Empowering farm, ranch women

The University of Idaho Extension is excited to offer a course titled “Annie’s Project” in Caldwell from October through November.

Annie’s Project empowers farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information. This is a six-week course designed especially for farm/ranch women to help them better comprehend their operation, as well as develop their management and decision-making skills for their farms. Sessions include discussions, presentations and computer training for budgeting.

*Surine Greenway*

Annie’s Project gives farm/ranch women the opportunity to learn from agricultural professionals and network with other women in similar situations. Annie’s Project will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday from

## University of Idaho Extension

Oct. 12 to Nov. 16 at the University of Idaho Caldwell Research Center, 1904 E. Chicago St., in Caldwell. Topics will include:

- Personality temperament assessment
- Financial records management
- Understanding market terminology
- Interpreting financial statements
- Enterprise budgeting
- Tax reporting
- Sifting through estate-planning tools.

Rikki Ruiz, Small Farms Agriculture Extension Educator from Gem County, and Surine Greenway, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educator from Owyhee County, will co-teach this class. Guest speakers from community organizations and resources are also brought in to better educate class participants on the agencies that can be an asset in the operation of their agricultural business.

Marsing and Homedale residents have attended previous sessions, and have shared positive feedback about their participation.

The cost is \$60 per person, and participants receive a portfolio, software programs, handouts, and resources, as a part of their Annie’s Project course materials. Course size is limited to 20 participants per class.

Pre-registration is due by Oct. 7.

For more information and to register, call the U of I Gem County Extension office at (208) 365-6363 or email rikkiw@ui-daho.edu.

— *Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at 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. Column source: National Center for Home Food Preservation (<http://nchfp.uga.edu>).*

## Today

### Coffee club

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Owyhee County P&Z public hearings

10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

### Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., 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

### Vision Church food distribution

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

### HHS Homecoming parade

2:45 p.m., downtown Homedale.

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### Faith Riders horse riding

6:30 p.m., spring and summer session, Lucky 3 Arena, Idaho highway 55, Marsing. (208) 249-1595

### Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

### AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Friday

### Story Time

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

### Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

## Saturday

### Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N.

6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

### Silver Star annual spaghetti feed

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Masonic Hall, 19 W. Idaho St., Homedale. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 2 to 6, children under age two eat free. Proceeds to benefit two needy Homedale families. (208) 484-3330

## Sunday

### Mus tournament

Noon, social hour and lunch, 1:30 p.m., single-elimination tournament, \$25 entry fee, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-3041 or (208) 337-3840

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

### Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First Monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

## 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

### Senior center bridge

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

### After-school program

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

### AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Wednesday

### Military veterans coffee


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

### Coffee club

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Financial education webinar

12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228



## Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by  
*Michael F. Hanley IV*

# Change

I’ve always liked to work horses but would never trade my swather for a team and mower. I just swathed a patch of sickle bar, and it would plug with mouse nests and/or come to a stop choked with “sickle grass.” Instead I passed through in air-conditioned comfort. So much for the good old days!

Change comes in many ways. I recall the time I was with my mother at Safeway in Caldwell. Two Mexican ladies, with a passel of little ones, were passing down the aisle. Two old-timers were observing.

One said to the other, “They’re taking over.”

My mother whispered to me, “I wonder what the Indians thought when they saw those two?”

— *Michael F. Hanley is a longtime Jordan Valley rancher and a native to the Owyhee country. He also serves as a historian for the Jordan Valley area.*

*If you have an Owyhee County tale you’d like to reminisce about, call (208) 337-4681 or email [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) for submission information.*

# International Dinner benefit tickets on sale

Tickets are now available for the third annual International Dinner fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The dinner takes place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., in Caldwell.

Event proceeds help the needy in Owyhee and Canyon counties.

In addition to dinner that includes foods from around the world there is a silent auction, and cultural dancing for entertainment. Dances from Mexico, clogging from American folklore and other ethnic dances performed by

a group of students from The College of Idaho will be featured.

The silent auction will feature artwork, handcrafted goods, gift baskets and more.

Food donations and contributions to the silent auction are welcome.

It’s recommended that tickets be purchased in advance, but they will be available at the door as well.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

For more information on the dinner or helping out, call MJ Stuart at (360) 348-1455 or the Parish office at (208) 459-3653.

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Dave Wilper, caretaker of Our Lady of Tears Church in Silver City, inside the church explains a birdhouse that was created in the likeness of the historic building.

# Diocese salutes man’s care for historic church

## Bishop honors Wilper with new award during Silver City visit

Silver City’s only year-round resident has received special recognition from Idaho’s Catholic community.

Earlier this month during a rare visit to Silver City, Bishop Peter Christensen of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise presented Dave Wilper, longtime caretaker of Our Lady of Tears Church in the historic mining town, with the Diocese’s inaugural Guardian Award. Wilper has overseen all of the renovation work at the church since 1989.

The projects have included manufacturing and installing new front doors, putting in new stained-glass windows, refinishing the floor, and building and installing new pews. The outside of the church has been repainted several times over the years, and new tin sheeting was completed on the roof in 2008.

The new award, which will be issued each year, recognizes efforts of individuals who support the Idaho Catholic Church in an exemplary manner.

Wilper, 68, was raised Catholic in Boise and is going into his third and final year as Silver City’s winter watchman.

He first came to Silver City around 1957.

“Those were the days that shows like Gunsmoke and Wag-on Train, the TV westerns, were on,” Wilper said. “This was a real ghost town, and I was absolutely enthralled with it.”

His interest in the town continued to grow over the years, and

he bought his home on Jordan Street below the hilltop church in 1979.

At that time, the church — built in 1898 — was boarded up with large, square shutters on all the windows.

“It was only open once or twice a year for Mass if we’d have a priest come up, and some years we wouldn’t have a mass up here at all,” Wilper said.

He became caretaker of the church in 1989, and it was around that time that the congregation realized that a revenue source was needed to fix up the old building.

“We started the Friends of Our Lady of Tears, which is our little fundraising organization, and we started an endowment fund so we’d have a little money if anything ever needed to be done to the church,” Wilper said.

Over the years, the group has raised about \$200,000, which has gone back into the church for maintenance and repairs.

The handrail leading parishioners up the steep, rocky hill to the church was one of the first improvements made.

Getting rid of those old square shutters was another of Wilper’s priorities.

“The whole personality of the church when it was closed, was different than when it was open and you could see the gothic arches on the windows,” he said.

Wilper made it a goal to tackle one restoration project per year at the church. One of the

most complicated projects was pouring a new concrete foundation under the building in 1997, which led to the church receiving the Preservation Idaho Orchid Award in 1998.

Awarded by the Idaho Historic Preservation Council, the annual Orchid Award commemorates work to maintain and restore historic buildings throughout the state.

“We were real gratified because it was the first recognition that we’d ever had on anything we’d done up here,” Wilper said.

He added that work on the historic building is never really finished.

“The weather up here with the wind, the sun, the snow and ice, it’s real hard on an old wood-frame building like this,” Wilper said. “The south side gets really weathered, and the putty falls out of the windows. You just have to stay on top of it all the time.”

However, after taking care of the church for 27 years, Wilper is starting to realize that he’s not getting any younger.

“It’s getting harder and harder for me to get anything done, and I really need some help,” he said. “It’s really hard to find somebody who spends a lot of time up here who has the expertise to work on the building and has the desire to do it.”

Despite the challenges, Wilper said he will continue to look after the church as long as he’s able.

He thanks Jim Hyslop and Hyslop’s son Jesse, along with other folks in town, for helping him work on the building over the years.

“Everybody who has a place in



Dave Wilper (left), caretaker of Our Lady of Tears Church in Silver City, stands with the Guardian Award he received from Bishop Peter Christensen of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise (right). Photo by Bill Molitor

Silver City has partial ownership, because it’s part of the town, and it’s historic so everybody feels like it’s part of the community,” Wilper said.

He was surprised to be given the Guardian Award, but admits that he is flattered to be the first person to receive the honor.

“I like our new Bishop because he seems so interested in recognizing the work that the laypeople put in,” Wilper said. “He said he had this idea a long time ago to show appreciation to laypeople all over the state that contributed money, time and labor into whatever project they did. Then

he said when he saw what I had done, he decided I was going to be the first one.”

The Bishop typically only travels to Silver City once a year, but Christensen has visited Our Lady of Tears four times since last fall.

Wilper believes that working on the old church truly has been a labor of love.

“It was entrusted to me, and now I feel like I have a terrific obligation toward it,” he said. “We’re doing our best to preserve it, and I hope it’s here in another 100 years.”





**Chrome in the park**  
*Right: Judges Randy Friedley, left, and Homedale Assembly of God Church pastor Ivar Moore judge about 30 classic vehicles Saturday at Bette Uda City Park for the church's second annual car and bike show. They stand in front of Joe Morello's 1929 Ford, a winning entry. Above: Folks admire what amounts to Chevy truck row with, from right, Homedale resident Nathan Armenta's 1956 pickup, his son's 1952 model and Payette resident Michael Johnson's 1969 pickup.*



**Droplet Garden Center now open in downtown Homedale**  
*The former owner of Droplet Irrigation in Homedale has turned his attention to a different business venture. Jonathan Demcak, seen restocking shelves, opened Droplet Garden Center in May. "I wanted to do more retail, and this was something the whole family could get involved in," Demcak said. He added that the store provides a variety of products and services. "We're a FedEx shipping center. We do copying, faxes, printing, that kind of stuff. We also have a garden, home décor and gift area. We're working on starting a greenhouse and nursery," he said. The business, located at 31 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (208) 908-0965.*

# Cowgirl Tea to celebrate western women in Murphy

Time is running out to get your spot for the second annual Cowgirl Tea in Murphy.

This year's event, which will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, will feature a western author, a western poet and a western musical duo.

Organizer Carol Huffman said 35 women attended last year's inaugural Cowgirl Tea. She hopes to more than double that attendance this year and points out that men also can participate.

"It really was very magical, literally, what happened last year because we had an event that nobody knew what it was going to be," Huffman said. "We had a couple activities to get women talking, and it turned out to be a fun and very enriching event."

RSVPs for the 2016 event will be accepted until Saturday. Contact Huffman at (208) 989-3267 or carolhuffman@msn.com.

The cost is \$12 at the door, and a museum tour will be held afterward. Huffman said one of the highlights of the tour is the Northwest's largest bit and spur collection. The project is supported by funding from the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Idaho Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The theme of this year's event is "Our Heroes have always been Cowgirls."

"You don't have to wear a cowboy hat or a pair of boots to be a hero," Huffman said. "You just have to have lived your life in such a way that you have influenced and inspired others to live out theirs."

Bruneau author and editor and western bookseller Milly Hunt Porter is the keynote speaker for the Cowgirl Tea inside McKeeth Hall.

The father-daughter Western music duo of David and Jenny Lynn Anderson will provide entertainment as will Idaho native and Cowgal poet Sam DeLeeuw.

Huffman characterizes the Cowgirl Tea as an informal event with a formalized structure that will provide fun and entertainment.

"We don't promise 'Boot-scoot Boogie,' but we do promise interaction, laughter, and plenty of story," Huffman said.

In addition to activities and the tea, there also will be a silent auction with part of the proceeds benefitting the museum.

"We believe in 'her-story'. I have one, you have one, and we have one," Huffman said. "Sharing them with each other enriches all of us. And we do it through poetry, music, and...tea."

# Flag sale helps HHS seniors

Newly designed Homedale Trojan Pride flags are on sale into December to raise money for the senior class trip.

In announcing the sale, Class of 2017 advisor Randy Lyons said flag poles and holders are available at Tolmie's Ace Hardware.

"This effort has a dual purpose," Lyons wrote in an email. "One, as a fundraiser for the senior class, and secondly, to preserve the spirit and honor of Homedale High School, Trojan Nation and the Homedale community."

Trojans fans are asked to fly the flags at businesses, private homes and other buildings every Friday as part of the school's "Go Red Homedale Celebration."

"We are asking that Trojan Nation display the HT flag every Friday from dawn to dusk as a symbol of Trojan unity on game day, throughout our school year, and to remind folks to support events in our district," Lyons said.

Some flags are available now for \$40 each, but Lyons said pre-sale orders are being taken as well.

For more information, call Lyons at 337-4613, ext. 262 or HHS principal Matt Holtry at 337-4613, ext. 230.

# Marsing High School Homecoming details announced

Homecoming week for Marsing High School begins Monday and runs through Saturday, Oct. 8.

MHS English Language Arts teacher Lennie Freeman said this year's Homecoming theme is "Once Upon a Time," and each class will have a specific focus on the theme.

**Seniors** — Little Mermaid

**Juniors** — The Worlds of Tim Burton

**Sophomores** — The Ancient World of Greece and Rome

**Freshmen** — Peter Pan

Classes, clubs and school organizations may begin decorating floats on Friday. Float building may continue through next Wednesday.

School hall decorating will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Scheduled events include:

**Monday** — Dress-up: Dress to Unimpress

**Tuesday** — Dress-up: Decades Day (12<sup>th</sup>-graders: 1980s; 11<sup>th</sup>: '90s; 10<sup>th</sup>: '50s; 9<sup>th</sup>: '70s)

• Royalty nominees will be introduced between the junior varsity and varsity volleyball matches at home against Cole Valley Christian. Royalty includes the king and queen (seniors), the prince and princess (juniors), and the duke and duchess (sophomores/freshmen)

• King nominees — Tre Ponce, Gavin Thorud, Dakota Hardy, Jacob Larsen and Tyler Simonson

• Queen nominees — LeAnn Garcia, Trinity Wood, Avery Villa, Destiny Gauvey and Shey-anne Glorfield

• Prince nominees — Alec Gibson, Brian Purtell and Markus Allen

• Princess nominees — Mackenzie Farrens, Leanna Miller and Leslie Oliveros

• Duke nominees — Ethan Archer (sophomore), Cash Sevy (freshman)

• Duchess nominees — Rebecca George (sophomore), Emily Loucks (freshman)

• An bonfire celebration will be held behind the high school gym on Main Street after the volleyball match. The cheerleaders and band will be there, and the entire community is invited.

**Next Wednesday** — Dress-up: Opposite Day

• Boys' volleyball game at 6 p.m. in the middle school gym, and girls' powder puff game immediately afterward on the football field

• All-class tug-of-war after the powder puff game

**Thursday, Oct. 6** — Blue and Gold Day

• Homecoming parade begins at 2 p.m. and will travel a route from Marsing City Park to the high school

• Pep rally and spirit games after the parade

**Friday, Oct. 7**

• Royalty court announced at 6:30 p.m. on the football field

• Homecoming football game against Cole Valley Christian starts at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 8**

• Formal Homecoming dance, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.



# Alleged battery turns into felony arrest

A Marsing man was arrested on a \$100,000 warrant Friday, and he could be facing more trouble.

Forrest Barnett, 38, was taken into custody after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy responded to a battery report on Market Road.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Barnett was wanted in Caldwell for felonies, including fleeing an officer and injury to a child, and misdemeanor battery related to a July incident.

Barnett now could face a battery charge in Owyhee after he allegedly hit his 61-year-old stepfather Friday night. The report has been forwarded to Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery for possible charges, Bowman said.

# Lewd conduct suspect's hearing rescheduled

A Nampa man accused of lewd conduct with a 12-year-old girl is scheduled to make his preliminary appearances in court Monday.

Christopher M. Stevens, 28, has been charged with three felony counts of lewd conduct with a minor younger than 16.

According to court documents, the alleged offenses took place at a Homedale residence between June and August. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed charges against Stevens on Aug. 22 after a Homedale Police Department investigation.

Stevens' preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Stevens' original preliminary hearing, scheduled for Sept. 19, was continued.

# Felony drug suspect misses court hearings

A California woman has failed to appear in court to answer a felony drug charge filed after a search by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit.

Katherine N. Wyman of Chico, Calif., was arrested on May 30 after OCSO Deputy Jaime Wood led his K-9 partner Abby on a search of the woman's car during a traffic stop initiated by sheriff's Cpl. Chris Even.

Deputies allegedly found the methamphetamine Ecstasy in a handbag inside Wyman's vehicle.

Charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, Wyman posted \$10,000 bail a day after her arrest with a preliminary hearing scheduled for June 13. Subsequent preliminary hearings were vacated before an order was issued allowing the hearing to move forward without Wyman's presence.

No bench warrant has been issued, and no further hearings are scheduled.

# Forged checks lead to felony charges

A 22-year-old Homedale man has been charged with felonies after allegedly forging checks on his uncle's bank account.

James W. Miller was arrested by an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy earlier this month after allegedly stealing 13 checks and writing them to cash in a total amount of \$6,400.

He is scheduled for arraignment on felony counts of forgery and grand theft before Third District Court Davis F. VanderVelde at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 in Murphy.

The sheriff's office began looking into the case when Miller's uncle reported unusual activity on his bank account in late August.

# Marijuana nets man community service

A Glenss Ferry man can perform community service to avoid jail time after his conviction for marijuana possession.

Alfred Heath was sentenced on Sept. 19 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Heath was ordered to pay \$663.50 in fines and court costs for his misdemeanor drug possession conviction. He also must serve two days in jail, but Grober gave the man the option of community service in lieu of time behind bars.

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# Silver Star spaghetti feed helps needy

Proceeds provide families Christmas; food drive ongoing

A Saturday spaghetti feed will raise money to give two Homedale families a Christmas this year.

Silver Star Chapter 83 and Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 will hold the special dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Masonic Hall at 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat dinner are \$10 per adult, and \$5 for children age 2-6. Children younger than 2 eat for free. For more information on the spaghetti feed, call Silver Star secretary Mary Baldwin at (208) 484-3330.

Silver Star Chapter 83 Order of the Eastern Star is an organization for men and women of Masonic relationship. Females must be related to a Mason or active in Job's Daughters or Rainbow for five consecutive years. Males in Silver Star must be Masons.

There are more than 500,000 Eastern Star members throughout the world. Silver Star Chapter 83 was formed 57 years ago.

A combined project with the town's Masonic lodge, the spaghetti feed was started 10 years ago.

Last year's event raised \$260 despite lackluster attendance, Baldwin said.

"That was all Eastern Star members (who attended). We were really disappointed last year," Baldwin said. "No one from the community came. There was a car show in the park that day and competed with us."

In 2014, the spaghetti feed generated \$750, enough to cover both

families.

The families chosen for the Christmas effort always have at least one child who attends Homedale Elementary School.

In addition to Christmas gifts and clothing, families also receive a food box with enough groceries to last about a month.

Items for the food drive can be dropped off at the Masonic Hall from noon to 4 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month when the Masons meet or from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month when the Silver Star chapter meets. The food drive is currently under way and continues through Dec. 15.

Food drive items also will be accepted during Saturday's spaghetti feed.

There are 20 members of Silver Star involved with the spaghetti feed, but the group has 42 members. The Masons provide the building and help set up the dining hall while Silver Star members cook and serve the meal and clean the building.

Silver Star also helps the Masons with their scholarship breakfast, which is held twice a year. The next one is set for 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 9, also at the Homedale Masonic Hall. Another scholarship breakfast will happen sometime in March, Baldwin said.

Proceeds from the breakfasts help fund scholarships for graduating seniors from high schools in Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus. The Masons also give an annual Teacher of the Year award to educators in Homedale and Marsing.

The local Masonic chapter originated in Silver City as one of the first lodges in Idaho. The group still meets in the old mining town each summer. — SC

# Homedale man involved in fatal wreck

A Homedale resident was behind the wheel of a mini-van that authorities say clipped a farm tractor Sunday morning, triggering a fatal accident.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office identified the driver of the silver 1998 Nissan Quest van as Edgar Alaniz, 28, of Homedale.

Alaniz, his 24-year-old wife and two minor children were riding in the van at 8 a.m. on Sunday on Homedale Road when he attempted to pass two 2013 John Deere farm tractors traveling eastbound on the road at a point west of Beet Road near Caldwell.

The Quest struck the first tractor as Alaniz attempted his pass, ejecting the tractor's driver. The van then drove into the back of the second tractor, which overturned, and its driver was ejected.

The driver of the second tractor, 55-year-old Augustin Rangel of Caldwell, later died at the hospital.

The driver of the first tractor, Samuel Palacio, 37, of Caldwell, was taken to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell for evaluation.

Alaniz and the two minor children were uninjured, but Alaniz's wife was taken to West Valley for evaluation.

The van and tractor came to rest in the lane of travel on Homedale Road, which was blocked several hours Sunday during the subsequent investigation.

# Txoko Ona schedules mus tournament

Fall events are taking shape at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale.

The clubhouse, located at 333 S. Main St., will play host to a 8-king mus tournament on Sunday. The event starts at noon with socializing, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the tournament an hour later.

A \$25 fee includes lunch and entry into the single-elimination tournament.

Call Tony Larrocea at (208) 337-3041 or club president John Lejardi at (208) 337-3840 to reserve a spot in the tournament.

The Txoko Ona center will play host to its fall dinner on Saturday, Nov. 12.

A no-host social hour starts at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be announced at a later date.

Adults can eat for \$20, and it's \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat free.

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## Soda Fire rehab has BLM busy

Crews continue to bolster desirable vegetation in the Soda Fire burn area.

Fall application of herbicide on Bureau of Land Management-managed lands in Oregon is under way. The Idaho portion of the treatment plan begins next month, and the operation will continue until Oct. 30 or until work is complete.

The herbicide Imazapic is being applied to the burned areas to decrease competition from invasive annual grasses and aid the recovery of desirable

perennial grasses and forbs. Drill seeding, aerial seeding and seedling planting treatments will also occur this fall and winter in both states.

Areas treated in Oregon include the Pole Creek Top from Strodes Basin to McBride Creek Road and areas west of U.S. Highway 95 between the Idaho and Oregon state line and Succor Creek Grade.

Treatments in Idaho will include the Salmon Butte, Reynolds Creek, Sands Basin, McBride Creek and Succor Creek areas.

## Homedale library directors fine-tune expansion proposal

Homedale Public Library officials have made some small changes to the blueprint for a proposed expansion effort.

During a special meeting, the library board of directors tweaked the plans submitted by architect Rocky Towle.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said she will meet with Towle this week to finalize details of the blueprint to apply for a \$350,000 Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant.

In initial drawings, the entry-way vestibule was designed at 7-feet-by-13-feet. On Thursday, the library board decided to increase the size of the vestibule to 10-feet-by-13-feet.

Jensen stated that the first plan for the entry room wasn't big enough.

"I have these magazine racks, and I have the bulletin board," she said. "There needs to be enough room for people walking through while other people are browsing that stuff."

An interior window would be added to the children's room enabling Jensen to see inside the room from the front desk.

Jensen plans on telling Towle that the building must have an entry door that could be opened by pushing a button.

"One poor old guy struggles in here with a wheelchair all the time," Jensen said. "I don't know if it is required by ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) or not, but we need one."

She also wants to shift where the door would be located on the west side of the building for smoother access to the old library. The revision would move the door to the south, so patrons could walk out of the new building directly onto the sidewalk going straight to the back door of the old library.

"If we move the door down, instead of coming out to the middle of this building, they'll come out onto this walkway, and they could come use this door," Jensen said.

The downside to moving the door is that it would reduce the size of the utility room in the new building.

The board also discussed some electrical components that would be installed in the steel structure because Towle has requested location information.

"Where we're going to have tables and chairs, there's got to be a few plug-ins in the floor because I have people come in and just sit with their laptops at the table," Jensen said.

Board members agreed to have primarily floor outlets in the main section of the library, with wall outlets between the bookcases. The outlets would be on the walls of the children's area because books in that area would be on carts.

Jensen pointed out that she would like to have lighting in the display case to be located near the front entrance.

"It's going to be mostly glass, and I really want to get people in the community involved to show off their collections of stuff," Jensen said.

She also plans to ask Towle about adding another window to the front of the building, which would put three windows on each side of the front entrance.

Board members decided that commercial grade carpet would be appropriate in most of the expansion while tile or vinyl flooring would be put in the bathrooms.

— SC



Fernando Perez, 15, returns a book to the Homedale Public Library using the library's new curbside drop-off box. Fernando is the son of Alma Cruz of Homedale.

## Family movie nights to launch at library

Parents are invited to mark their calendar for a family movie night at the Homedale Public Library.

The free movie showings will take place once a month. The first family movie night will start at 5 p.m., Saturday Oct. 8.

Patrons can stop by the front desk of the library to vote on a movie of their choice. The movie with the most votes will be shown for that particular month.

The PG-rated animated movies that folks can choose from for the Oct. 8 movie night are:

- Home
- Frozen
- How to Train Your Dragon
- Minions
- Zootopia

Anyone who votes for a film to be shown during a family movie night will be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

The library's board of directors recently authorized \$363 to purchase a yearlong license to show movies.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information about the library and its programs.

### Seuss' "Apples" to appear at Story Time

Children will focus on the simple joys of apples during Friday's Story Time at 10:15 a.m.

Boys and girls will hear a reading of "Ten Apples on Top" by Dr. Seuss. A non-fiction book titled "Apple Trees" by Gail Saunders-Smith will also be read.

Children will participate in apple counting, apple sorting and apple stamping after the stories, according to library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael.

### Medieval times with Teens and Tweens

At 4 p.m., on Friday the Teens and Tweens group will participate in an activity involving a tool used throughout the middle ages.

McMichael said the boys and girls age 10 to 17 will construct various types of catapults and test them to see which works the best.



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# BOCC puts second deputy prosecutor under contract

## Chuck Saari transitioning into retirement

Some new blood has joined the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

During a Sept. 19 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved an independent contractor deal to bring on the legal assistance of attorney Dan Blocksom.

Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery stated that he needs some help in his office because deputy prosecutor Chuck Saari is now mostly retired, and only wants to work from home about four hours a week.

“What Dan proposes is an independent contractor arrangement,” Emery said. “He has his own medical insurance, he has

his own lap-top, and he’s not regarded as an employee of the county, and his compensation rate would be \$80 an hour. It’s anticipated that he could work up to 12 billable hours per week.”



Dan Blocksom

Blocksom will not receive any county benefits under his contract. He will come out to Murphy to work one day a week on Mondays, and will do additional research work from home.

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Owyhee County clerk Angie Barkell stated that Blocksom will be paid out of the same budget line that provides compensation for Saari.

“The balance today is \$5,346, the budget for 2017 is \$27,000,” Barkell wrote. “Chuck is paid \$75 per hour as an employee.”

Emery told commissioners that Blocksom would serve a number of roles in his office.

“He would be able to address any of the civil issues in the prosecutor’s office, and also be able to pinch hit occasionally on the criminal calendar,” Emery said.

Saari has handled the bulk of civil matters for the PA’s office during most of Emery’s eight years in office. Emery starts his third four-year term in January.

Blocksom currently works for Boise County four days a week, and he will continue in that role. He previously was employed with the Idaho Association of Counties, and in the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

Blocksom grew up in Kyoto,

Japan, and graduated from Stanford Law School in 2011.

“Dan comes well recommended from Canyon County,” Emery said. “I haven’t told Dan this, but he’s probably one of the sharpest civil attorneys that has worked within that department.”

He also pointed out that Saari is still an asset to his office.

“He was a civil attorney in Canyon County for 20 years, so there’s relatively little that he is not familiar with or hasn’t dealt with,” Emery said.

“He’s a great resource, and we’ll continue to use him. It’s just that he wants to be a grandpa and wants to actually feel like he’s retired.”

Blocksom wanted the BOCC to know that there could be one scheduling conflict because of his employment with Boise County commissioners.

“They meet on Tuesdays, so

if we have a three-day weekend like Labor Day, I won’t be able to attend your meeting if it’s on a Tuesday because I’m going to be over there,” Blocksom said.

He added that he is always available to the commissioners through his cellphone or email.

Commissioners approved two contracts for Blocksom — one that will run through the end of the month to wrap up Fiscal Year 2016, and another for FY 17.

District 2 Commissioner, and BOCC chair, Kelly Aberasturi welcomed Blocksom on board.

“We appreciate you coming and helping us out,” Aberasturi said. “It’s a big help to the county. Thank you very much.”

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland echoed the chairman’s comments.

“We’re really pleased,” he said.

— SC

## Homedale woman faces felony for destroying TV

A 22-year-old Homedale woman faces arraignment next month on a felony charge after allegedly destroying a rented television during a domestic disturbance.

Chelsea M. Gramkow originally was charged with felony domestic assault when she allegedly tried to cause bodily harm to her husband at their Homedale residence in May.

She also allegedly damaged a TV valued at \$2,500 during the incident.

After being released from jail after that initial call, Gramkow then allegedly poured bleach on her husband’s clothing and the floor of their Utah Avenue residence, resulting in a misdemeanor malicious injury to property charge.

She’s scheduled for arraignment before Third District Judge

Thomas J. Ryan at 9 a.m. on Oct. 28.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery reduced the felony domestic assault charge to a misdemeanor with the enhancement of a child being present.

In an unrelated case, Gramkow also faces misdemeanor charges of driving without privileges and failure to provide proof of insurance following a June 4 traffic stop.

She was also booked on felony drug possession after a search of the vehicle turned up prescription pills, but Emery dropped that charge during a Sept. 19 hearing.

A pretrial conference with Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 17. A trail date has not been set.

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# Marsing teen hurt in off-road rollover

An 18-year-old Marsing man suffered a broken elbow in an off-roading accident.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy and Marsing Ambulance crew were dispatched to the Gem Stop truck stop shortly before 5 p.m. on Sept. 19.

Two men were riding in a 1993 Chevrolet S-10 pickup on a dirt road off Cow Creek Road when, the driver told the deputy, a tire blew and the vehicle went off the left side of the road, sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The driver, 18-year-old Charles Stanford of Marsing, overcorrected, and the vehicle rolled.

Stanford and his passenger, 21-year-old Corey Clausen of Caldwell, caught a ride to the Gem Stop to call for help. Stanford was taken to the hospital by personal vehicle, Bowman said.

Bowman said Stanford received a misdemeanor citation for failure

to purchase a driver's license.

It's unclear if more charges will be filed, but Bowman said Stanford admitted to the deputy that he had consumed two beers while driving the vehicle, and three unopened beer cans were found at the crash site.

The investigation continues.

**Man wrecks on Cinnabar**

A 57-year-old man apparently suffered a broken collarbone and broken ribs Sunday afternoon in an off-road motorcycle accident.

Bowman said the unidentified man crashed sometime before 1 p.m. on Cinnabar Mountain.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit responded.

Bowman said it appears the man was transported from the scene by personal vehicle because air ambulance was cancelled and a ground ambulance was never dispatched.

— JPB



From left: Dominik Montes, Nikkita Montes and Andrea Vega paint during a Homedale Youth Club session last year. Submitted photo

## Homedale Youth Club returns

### Preschoolers through eighth-graders can register Friday

The Homedale Youth Club's third year begins Friday with student registration.

The free program at the Homedale Presbyterian Church is open to preschoolers through eighth-graders.

The 2016-17 session for kindergarten through eighth-graders begins at 9 a.m. Friday. Preschool will start at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at which time registration also will be taken.

Each Friday, the program begins with breakfast and ends at noon after lunch. Between meals, students are busy with sports, games, art, crafts, and friendship.

Youth Club participants take part in community events, including the Festival of Trees at the senior center, Idaho Food Bank commodities distribution, El-Ada Community Action Partnership food distribution and the Angel Walk.

Organizers hope to add field trips this year, and there are plans to prepare special subjects that can be studied by small groups of children with common interests.

The Youth Club also has had a summertime presence, providing swim passes for the enrollees and some of the children took part in the Homedale Farmers Market Cultivate! Program.

Formed in 2014 when the Homedale School District converted to a four-day school week, the Youth Club is a continuation of the elementary school's Club Kid after-school program.

The Youth Club is staffed by a core group of elementary and middle school teachers as well as community volunteers and high school students.

Other volunteers are sought for this year. Each prospective volunteer must be at least 18 and pass a background check.

The club has been the focus of previous Homedale High

School senior projects, and 2016 graduate Maya Correa initiated the preschool as her senior project last year. Other Youth Club-related senior projects dealt with teaching soccer and producing an anti-bullying video.

A 2011 HHS graduate, second-year Homedale Elementary teacher Elizabeth Albor, will teach the Youth Club preschool. According to Youth Club representative Carolyn Rees, Albor completed her Master's in Education in May. She graduated from The College of Idaho in 2015 with a Bachelor's degree.

Albor's educational experience in Homedale stretches to work at the elementary school when she was still a student in the district. She also has been involved with the Migrant Summer School Program, and worked with children ages 3-5 this summer.

She is planning a variety of activities for the Youth Club preschool such as painting, singing, arts and crafts, theater play, and other hands-on activities.

The Homedale Youth Club is supported by donations from the Homedale Lions Club, the Homedale Ministerial Association, and the Whittenberger Foundation. The program also has applied for other grants.

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# Avalanche Sports

Marsing losing streak  
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## Melba's Volkers 9<sup>th</sup> at Firman

The Melba High School cross country, nearly to an athlete, produced a season-best meet Saturday at the Bob Firman Invitational.

Junior Cheylah Volkers logged her best time of the year and finished ninth in the Div. II 5-kilometer race at Eagle Island State Park.

Volkers ran a 20-minute, 0.9-second race to pull in the only top-10 finish of any Owyhee country-area athletes at the prestigious meet.

Marsing ninth-grader Joaquin Oliveros achieved a personal-best time of 20:29.3 in the freshman

— See *Firman*, back page

## Adrian outlasts Crane

Anna Hutchings served 10 aces Friday to lead Adrian High School to victory in an exciting 1A High Desert League volleyball opener.

Carlee Morton added five kills and six assists in the Antelopes' 25-17, 26-28, 25-16, 10-25, 15-11 home victory over Crane.

"It was nice to get a win on our first league game against a tough opponent," Adrian coach Aimee Esplin said. "We had some ups and downs, but I'm pleased with their efforts and especially in the final set to dig in and come out with a win. We know we have work to do to, but this team is fun to watch.

Adrian (7-4 overall, 1-0 in league) also received four kills and four aces from Lauren Barraza.

Morgan Bayes chipped in seven kills and three aces, while Erin Nielson had four kills.



**Above:** Jordan Valley High School quarterback Chase Fillmore lunges over the goal line for a touchdown during Friday's league-opening win over Harper Charter/Huntington. **Below:** Running back TJ Davis looks for a hole in the Loco-Nets' defensive line. Photos by Tara Echave

## Mustangs gallop to first HDL win

TJ Davis slammed the door for Jordan Valley High School's football team Friday.

The junior tailback rolled up 277 yards on 28 carries in the Mustangs' home opener rout of Harper Charter/Huntington.

Davis scored a pair of touchdowns, and Wade Stanford gained 102 yards on 11 carries as the Mustangs out-ran the Loco-Nets, 32-22, in a 1A High Desert League game.

"Our offensive line played extremely well and opened the holes up for our backs," third-year coach Bryce Kershner said. "TJ did a great job finishing off the game and putting it out of reach."

Kershner said minor mistakes held back Jordan Valley, which is ranked third in Class 1A by the Oregon School Activities Association.

In addition to quarterbacking the offense, Chase Fillmore anchored Jordan Valley's defense with 10 tackles and five assists.

Garrett Youren notched a sack, five tackles and four assists.

"Chase Fillmore played exceptionally well especially on defense," Kershner said. "Not one player gave up, and that is a credit to their determination and toughness."



Homedale's Amaya Carter concentrates on a spike attempt in the Trojans' Sept. 20 loss to Parma at home.

## Trojans hang tough against elite

### HHS can't break through vs. SRV opponents

Even in the midst of a losing streak, there are rays of hope, and Homedale High School's volleyball team found a bunch against a powerhouse.

On a night when the student section tried to keep it sunny

with a tropical dress code and kooky worship of a late-arriving pineapple, the Trojans battled hard but fell in three sets to perennial 3A Snake River Valley conference contender Parma on Sept. 20.

A day later, Homedale used a decisive fifth set to end its five-match losing streak. Amaya Carter, a 5-foot, 9-inch sophomore middle blocker, racked up a career-high 21 kills in the Trojans' 25-14, 25-18, 21-25, 22-25, 15-2

non-conference win over visiting Nyssa, Ore., last Wednesday.

First-year coach Jessica Willson's charges stunned Parma in the early going with a lot of energy and hustle, but the Panthers eventually prevailed, 25-23, 25-21, 25-9, on the Trojans' floor.

Parma (5-3 overall, 3-1 in conference at week's end) won

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## Weiser stuns Homedale

### Homecoming game drama intensifies

There are certain things that drive high school coaches mad.

Homedale's Matt Holtry is facing two scenarios that are most likely at the top of his list — losing and Homecoming.

After Friday's 22-20 setback to Weiser, the Trojans have lost two consecutive games for the first time since 2014 and the eighth time in Holtry's nine years at the helm.

And, with a smaller 3A Snake River Valley conference field magnifying the importance of every victory, Homedale plays its most important game of the season — against rival Fruitland — at the tail end of Homecoming week, probably the most distracting time of the season for young football players.

"There are a lot of activities going on during Homecoming week," Holtry said. "As coaches, we have to make sure the players have the right priorities in place and that they make football practice and the game a priority this week."

The top three teams in the five-school 3A SRV qualify for the state playoffs, but the No. 2 and No. 3 berths are placed into what amounts to a play-in mini-bracket the week before the state quarterfinals.

Homedale finds itself in the unenviable position after a furious fourth-quarter comeback fell short in Friday's conference opener against the Wolverines (2-3, 1-0) at Walter Johnson Field.

Weiser had been outscored, 121-16, during its three-game losing streak leading into the conference opener. The Wolverines'

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Sports

Homedale JV rallies to defeat Weiser

Rebounding from a rocky start, Homedale High School's junior varsity football team rallied to stay unbeaten Thursday.

Karsen Freelove and Jaegar Rose posted exciting return touchdowns to prod the Trojans to a 42-22 victory over Weiser.

The 3A Snake River Valley conference-opening victory at Deward Bell Stadium extended Homedale's winning streak to three games. The Trojans also played well enough to win against West Jefferson on Sept. 14, but the game was only a two-quarter contest and not an official game.

Weiser jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. Ande Jensen's 25-yard return of Daniel Uranga's interception got the Wolverines on the board first. Angel Magana kicked a 28-yard field goal later in the first quarter.

But Rose returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to ignite the Trojans' race to the front.

Freelove's 1-yard plunge in the second quarter put Homedale ahead, 13-9, and Uranga hit Trent Shanley with a 3-yard scoring strike to open the second-half scoring.

Rose, who rushed for 144 yards on 23 carries, scored on a 6-yard run to give Homedale a 27-9 lead.

After the Wolverines got back to within five points, 27-22, Spencer Fisher ran 18 yards for another Trojans' TD before Freelove's pick-six sealed the deal.

Homedale's flurry of scoring was in direct contrast to how



Although he found things to be tough sledding early on, Homedale High School running back Jaegar Rose, shown in the grasp of a Weiser defender, found his form and rushed for 144 yards. He also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown Thursday.

the game started for the home squad.

Weiser snuffed the Trojans' first three drives. The Wolverines' defense forced a punt after just three downs on Homedale's first possession and then picked off Uranga on successive drives.

Homedale committed four

turnovers, but was able to force Weiser into three crucial mistakes. Two of Wolverines' turnovers were converted into Trojans' TDs.

Ty Lowder and Brady Trout recovered fumbles for the Trojans, while Trout and Jeremy Bell notched sacks of Weiser

quarterback Sylais York.

Homedale limited Weiser's offense to seven first downs and 131 total yards.

With Uranga completing 11 of 23 passes for 205 yards, Homedale rolled up 426 yards total offense and dodged 10 penalties for a total of loss of 87 yards.

HMS rallies vs. Fruitland

The apex of Keagan Christensen's day was also the high point for Homedale Middle School's eighth-grade football team.

Making amends for a first-quarter fumble, Christensen made big stops all day long Sept. 20 and forced a fourth-quarter fumble with the Trojans ahead.

The move secured Homedale's 12-8 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over the Grizzlies at Deward Bell Stadium.


Christensen scored the Trojans' first touchdown and led the defense with 2.5 tackles for loss and four tackles overall.

On the game-winning drive, Homedale marched 65 yards behind its passel of offensive linemen (tackles Jase Lowder, Avery Volk, Dakota Gammel and Fabian Baez; guards Julian Bedolla and Barton Strack; center John Breshears; and tight ends Blake Walker and Jace Love).


Max Mertz gained 66 of his 176 yards in the fourth quarter as the Trojans controlled the clock. He scored the go-ahead TD on a 2-yard run with 2½ minutes left.

The Trojans didn't have to wait long to get the ball back as Breshears fell on the fumble Christensen forced on the ensuing play from scrimmage.


Christensen scored Homedale's first TD on a 15-yard run early in the second half.




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Brodee Walker, sr.  
Averaged 7 solo tackles, 12 total in past two games



**Volleyball**  
Amaya Carter, so.  
Career-high 21 kills vs. Nyssa (averaged 14.3 for the week)




**Cross country**  
Pete Vasquez, sr.  
Season-best 19:54.1 at 3A SRV meet


**Football**  
Varsity  
Friday, Sept. 30, home vs. Fruitland, 7 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Fruitland, 6:30 p.m.

**Cross country**  
Wednesday, Sept. 28 at We Love Hills! meet, Payette, 4:50 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Gary Ward Classic, Lakeview Park, Nampa, 4:30 p.m.


**Volleyball**  
Varsity  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Fruitland, 6:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Pirate Tournament, Payette  
Saturday, Oct. 1  
9 a.m. vs. Marsing • 10 a.m. vs. Payette  
11 a.m. vs. Nyssa, Ore. • Noon vs. Baker, Ore.  
3A Snake River Valley conference  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.  
Fresh-soph  
Pirate Tournament, Payette  
Saturday, Oct. 1  
8 a.m. vs. Marsing • 8:45 a.m. vs. Vale, Ore.  
Bracket play starts at 10:30 a.m.  
3A Snake River Valley conference  
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Sports

Jordan Valley volleyball team endures key injury

Junior varsity wins Crane tourney

An early injury didn’t derail Jordan Valley High School in its league-opening volleyball victory Friday.

Zoey Warn and Regann Skinner drilled seven kills apiece in a 25-9, 25-19, 25-20 1A High Desert League win over Harper Charter/Huntington on the Mustangs’ floor.

Adversity challenged Jordan Valley (3-5 overall, 1-0 in league) early in Game 1 when outside hitter Taylor Warn went down with an ankle injury.

“Luckily we were able to make a quick adjustment and still stick to the fast-paced game we had started,” first-year Mustangs coach Kelsey Anderson said.

“We were able to get different

players experience and playing time.”

Anderson said sophomore Nicole Terry and junior Katelyn Deen stepped up to fill in during Warn’s absence.

Alisha Rogers dished 11 assists and put down four kills. Cheyenne Davis also set nine points.

“We saw a huge amount of progress with our offense and a lot of confidence all the way around the net,” Anderson said.

Crane tournament

The Mustangs faced more challenges during the Saturday event as Taylor Warn remained sidelined and a flu virus swept through the team bus on the trip to the tournament.

According to Anderson, Emily Burch and Bekkah Cline were too ill to play by the time the Mustangs arrived at Crane High School. The Mustangs had no bench, and the girls on the floor were either

dealing with flu symptoms or recovering.

“The girls showed up to Crane with more heart than I could have imagined,” Anderson said. “I was impressed with the way the girls showed up in the morning. This gave us a huge advantage over teams we played in pool play that seemed to still be asleep.”

After pool-play wins over Dayville/Monument and Prairie City, the Mustangs entered bracket play for a rematch with the Tigers.

**Jordan Valley def. Monument/Dayville, 2-1** — Zoey Warn fired six aces and Terry added three, but the Mustangs had to hold on in the final set for a 22-25, 25-17, 15-13 win.

“The Mustangs played a solid defensive game but struggled in the net due to fatigue from a long day,” Anderson said.

Skinner put down nine kills and blocked four shots, while Warn and Burch had six kills apiece.

Rogers notched nine assists and had three digs.

**Crane def. Jordan Valley, 2-0** — The Mustangs’ tournament run ended against the host squad, 25-18, 25-15, as Jordan Valley struggled will missed serves and other mistakes.

“Going into this match, we knew that Crane is a solid team all the way around,” Anderson said. “To get the edge, I felt that our defense needed to step up. Crane’s hitters were using areas that the Mustangs weren’t used to covering, and unfortunately we just couldn’t adjust.”

Burch had five kills, and Skinner served two aces and notched three kills and four digs.

Zoey Warn had three kills, while Davis led the setters with six assists.

**Junior varsity wins Crane title**

Becky Mackenzie served five

aces in the tourney final as the Mustangs won the crown.

“The junior varsity team had an amazing showing at the tournament,” Anderson said. “Strong wins in pool play got the girls a No. 1 spot in the bracket.

“The day was filled with ups and downs as the girls found and lost their momentum.”

Strong offense carried Jordan Valley, but Anderson said Mackenzie’s defense was also key.

“We saw amazing defense from freshman Becky Mackenzie and a big improvement from first-year player Sandy Brown,” Anderson said. “Baylee Davis did a fantastic job of running the team as setter.”

Shianne Keller fired three aces in the title game, while Skyler Forsythe came up with three kills.

Davis and Mackenzie had two tip kills each.

✓Trojans: Team sandwiches win over Nyssa between 3A SRV setbacks

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the 3A District III championship in 2013 and has made state tournament appearances each season since 2010. The Panthers beat Fruitland for their third consecutive 3A SRV victory Thursday.

Carter and 5-7 junior outside hitter Ashley Burks led the net attack as Homedale (3-7, 0-3) burst from the gate in Game 1.

Carter had three of her team-high 10 kills in the first set as Homedale led by as much as four points, 13-9, after Diana Contreras’ ace triggered a Parma timeout.

The Panthers regrouped and tied the first game when Homedale’s diggers could get to Madison Jackson’s tip over the net.

The Trojans’ defense struggled near the end of the first game as the Panthers finally seized

momentum after a seesaw battle in which the teams traded points through 14 rallies.

Homedale never led in Game 2, although the Trojans scrambled back from an 11-5 deficit with Burks dropping one of her two aces off the net, Lindsey Burks picking up a key kill and Sophie Nash keeping a point alive by lunging for a dig and then tipping the ball for a teammate to return.

Game 2 was mostly hard luck for the Trojans. Carter got her hands up for several blocks, only to have the ball ricochet out of bounds for a Parma point.

Homedale pulled to within a point twice, including at 18-17 when Sophie Nash got up to stuff a Parma kill attempt. She had two blocks, while Carter led the way with three.

Burks finished with seven kills, while Josey Hall and Lindsey

Burks had four apiece.

The Burks girls and Contreras each served a pair of aces.

Homedale’s scrappy nature was evident in the defensive stats. The team was 50-for-77 (64.9 percent) on digs, and nine different players got in the scoring column. The usual suspects, Nash and Contreras, had 12 and nine digs, respectively. Carlie Swallow and Lindsey Burks came up with eight apiece.

**Thursday, Weiser def. Homedale, 3-0** — The Wolverines held on in the third set to deny the Trojans their first game victory in conference play.

Usually the quarterback of the offense, Nash made her presence known on defense with five of her team’s seven blocks. She also had 29 assists in the 25-20, 25-21, 27-25 loss in Weiser.

Amaya Carter led the front-line

players again with 12 kills. Hall chimed in with seven, and Ashley Burks had six. Carter also served a pair of aces.

Maxwell was 7-for-8 in digs, while Contreras led the defense with 13 digs. Fisher, Nash and Shenk had eight digs each, and Swallow carded seven in 10 attempts.

**Last Wednesday: Homedale def. Nyssa, Ore., 3-2** — The Trojans stormed through the fifth set to fight off the Bulldogs’ late charge.

Homedale had won the first two sets before Nyssa rallied on the Trojans’ floor, tying the match at two sets apiece.

A night after struggling from the back line, Ashley Burks fired four aces to pace Homedale’s service game. She also had a season-high 16 kills in 45 attempts (.356 kill percentage) to back up Amaya

Carter’s .438 (21-for-48).

Sophomore right side hitter Josey Hall broke out with nine kills, while Lindsey Burks chipped in eight and Paige Carter added seven. Hall also had a team-high two blocks.

The Trojans had their best spiking night of the season, averaging 13 kills per set with a .309 percentage (65-for-210).

Homedale’s defense was at the top of its game, too, as the Trojans posted a .769 dig percentage (110-for-143) and averaged 22 digs per set. Leading the way was Maxwell, who averaged 5.5 digs per set (11 total). Diana Contreras was the top digger with a season-high 24, while Swallow added 18 and Nash chipped in 16. Shenk (12) and Hall (11) also reached double figures.

Nash had all but one of her team’s assists, setting 64 balls.

✓Homedale: Coach says Trojans will have to run table to win conference

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only other victory was a 20-13 season-opening triumph over Buhl, but they were coming off a 34-0 blowout loss to Baker, Ore., on Sept. 14.

Homedale opened the season 2-0 by scoring 89 points. But in the three ensuing games, the Trojans have struggled to put points on the board. The team has scored 48 points while going 1-2.

“A lot of our struggles have come down to execution on a consistent basis,” Holtry said.

“We have some great plays and then we have some plays that are uncharacteristic of us. This goes back to the Vale game. We just need to play more consistent football.”

Now Fruitland awaits, and

the Trojans are trying to avoid its first three-game losing streak since 2012.

The Grizzlies (3-2, 1-0) opened conference Friday with a 69-5 trouncing of Payette. Fruitland also has a 28-14 win over Gooding, which ended Homedale’s season in the 3A state semifinals last year.

During its two-game losing streak, Homedale has subsisted on the effectiveness of its defense.

Against Weiser, the defense rose up again early. Mason Kincheloe recovered Jacen Smith’s fumble on the Weiser 5-yard line to end the game’s first drive. It was Weiser’s second fumble within the game’s four plays

Jake Deal’s 1-yard quarterback sneak and Adrian Monreal’s ensu-

ing PAT kick gave Homedale a 7-0 lead.

Then the Trojans’ offense went into hibernation as Weiser scored touchdowns on three of its next four possessions.

Homedale turned the ball over only once, but had a run of six straight unsuccessful offensive possessions.

Beginning late in the third quarter, the Trojans mounted three long drives that helped pad Homedale’s offensive statistical domination. The Trojans out-gained the Wolverines but 180 yards (302 to 122), but Weiser owned possession 11 minutes more than their visitors.

“Again it just goes back to being consistent. We can’t have two good plays and then two bad

plays,” Holtry said.

“It is about the consistent play and stringing multiple plays in a row together. The more we do that the more success we will see.”

After Alberto Sanchez drilled a 28-yard field goal for a 22-7 lead, Deal led the Trojans on consecutive scoring drives covering 132 yards.

Carson Brown scored on a 12-yard scoring pass, and Karsen Freelove raced 35 yards for a touchdown to put Homedale a field goal away from the win with eight minutes left in the game.

Homedale’s defense forced Weiser three-and-out on the Wolverines’ final three possessions.

After Freelove’s touchdown run, Scott Matlock and Brodee Walker teamed to sack quarterback Brody vonBrethorst and hold Weiser to

one yard to give the offense another chance. Walker had 11 tackles, including 3.5 for loss, while Kendall Freelove was the leading tackler against with a dozen stops.

Karsen Freelove ran 33 yards on one play as the Trojans moved the ball again, but the drive stalled after three short runs and an illegal motion penalty.

Freelove carried the ball 12 times for 119 yards.

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

October 2, 1991

### City election contest now developing

Contests are developing in the city of Homedale for both the office of mayor as well as for at least two seats on the city council.

Both Paul J. Fink and Fred Aspiazu have filed a sufficient number of petitions of nomination at City Hall to place their names on the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ballot to seek election as Mayor, City Clerk-Treasurer Edna L. Grimes confirmed Monday. Fink is the incumbent.

City Councilman Dan Murphy confirmed Monday that he has also circulated a petition and is preparing to file to run for mayor. Grimes had no information immediately at hand late Monday to indicate whether Murphy’s council seat will be filled by appointment or by voters in the upcoming election, assuming Murphy carries through with his plan to run for mayor.

Three candidates for the Homedale City Council, Daniel Erbe, Tom Griffith and Roy Jackson, have also filed required petitions at City Hall to get their names on the November ballot. Erbe is one of two incumbent councilmen whose terms of office are expiring at the end of the year.

The other incumbent councilman, Mike Beavers, said recently that he had not yet decided whether to seek re-election.

### New bleachers for the Homedale football, track field

Paul J. Fink of Valley Machine Shop and Bill “Griz” Garrison were spotted working Thursday on new visitor bleachers being erected beside Homedale High’s football-track field. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) had urged the old seating be replaced, and Fink won the construction bid. He reported that school officials and various Homedale Fan Club members have donated personal time helping with the project in recent days. Apparently, aluminum seats arrived from out-of-state not matching one advertised size specification, creating a last-minute problem for those hurrying to have the new viewing stand ready for last Friday’s football game with Fruitland.

### Hot springs once again owned by a Givens

Steve Givens, the new owner of Givens Hot Springs, never met his great grandmother, Mattie Givens Yanke, the founder of the longtime swim resort in Owyhee County. He was born the day she died in 1944.

But the odd coincidence of birth and death was “like passing on the legacy,” Steve’s wife, Nadine, believes. And it is a legacy that Givens and his wife seem serious about renewing since they acquired the oldest continuously operating business in the county from Steve’s cousin, Liz Cuff, and her husband, Virgil, earlier this year.

The two from rural Star have completely remodeled the pool building and dressing rooms over recent weeks, replacing the roof and ceiling and repainting the interior in an airy sky-blue tone. They quietly reopened it to the public on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, saying they plan a grand opening later on. They’ve also been preparing family quarters at the site for their part-time use as “our getaway, our peace and quiet,” Nadine says.

Steve explained, “We’ve thoroughly enjoyed it out here. I enjoy the people...I have to operate in both worlds, but I enjoy this one more.

### Felty receives leadership award

Camille “Cami” Felty of Homedale received a certificate from Caldwell Rotary Club members on Sept. 20 following her report on a Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference she attended in Sun Valley Aug. 5-8.

Felty, 17 and a senior at Homedale High, was among approximately 65 youth aged 17-24 selected by the Rotary group from southern Idaho to participate in the leadership seminar.

Felty is the daughter of Bob and Barbara Felty of Homedale.

## 50 years ago

September 29, 1966

### Four delegates attend state homemaker’s

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual State Extension Homemaker’s Council met September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pocatello at the Bannock Hotel. There were 235 women from throughout the state registered.

Owyhee County was represented at the convention by Mrs. Mary Lee Wood, Owyhee County Extension home Agent; Mrs. Louis Breshears, Homedale, Western District Director; Mrs. Ray Huter, Homedale, Owyhee County Council President; and Mrs. Walter Smith of the Wilson community. They traveled to and from Pocatello by chartered bus and returned late Friday.

### Two HS students receive letters of merit

Letters of Commendation honoring their high performance on the 1966 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST) have been awarded to two students at Homedale High School, Principal Darrel Reisch has announced.

Those named commended students are Jack M. Kershner and Jack E. Matteson.

They are among 38,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two percent of those who will graduate from high school in 1967. The commended students rank just bellow the 14,000 Semifinalists announced earlier by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

### Grand View

The youth of Grand View have been given a challenge to develop a plan for world peace by their local Lions Club – a challenge that could earn one of them a \$25,000 educational and/or a career assistance grant.

The Grand View Lions Club and Lions clubs throughout the world are sponsoring an essay contest for the world’s youth on a most important world subject today – “peace”. The contest offers \$50,000 in total awards, including the \$25,000 first prize, eight semi-final world regional awards of \$1,000 each and travel expenses for the eight winners to Chicago, Ill., in July, 1967. At that time the first-prize winner will be chosen from the eight. Also more than 20,000 local, district and multiple district awards will be made.

“We are hopeful one of our young people will win this worldwide prestige award,” President Thomas Collett of the Grand View Lions Club said in announcing the contest locally today.

### Private Britton graduates from recruit training

Marine Private Robert L Britton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Britton of Homedale, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Station at San Diego, California.

He will now undergo four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military job field before being assigned to a permanent unit.

### Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell attended the annual Senior Citizens dinner, which was held Saturday at Nampa. It was given by the Nampa Stake, LDS Church. A program followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Decoursey of Jerome.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ash and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Arima attended the ninth annual “Parade of Barbershop Quartettes” which was held Saturday at the Boise High School auditorium. The musical program was sponsored by the Boise Chordbusters.

Dale Dickson and sons Dale Ray, Blaine and Mike Pearson went elk hunting over the weekend in the Warm Lake area. The hunting group was unsuccessful in getting their elk.

Merle Breshears has been visiting since Thursday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Flora Breshears. He returned to Boise Monday.

## 140 years ago

September 30, 1876

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST – When the two parties first brought their candidates for President and Vice President into the field, it seemed to be the general impression that the canvass would be conducted in a more quiet spirit than usually characterizes Presidential campaigns. The candidate of the Republican party had not been connected with any of the stealing or speculating rings at Washington, and had not been a very prominent man in national politics. Hence it was thought that neither his record nor private life would be assailed. Governor Tilden, having been regarded as a man of more than average purity for a politician and having a favorable political record for integrity, was thought to be moderately secure from vituperation. But the genius of the American people has been found equal to the emergency, and it has been ascertained (unless somebody lies) that both candidates are swindlers and perjurers, and both liable to the pains and penalties of prison life, if justice were meted out to them.

All this is in a measure degrading to the American people, having a tendency to disgrace the nation in the eyes of the world, and to demoralize the people of whom these are representative men. When both parties have aimed at the selection of their best men, and both advocate reform, it would seem as if public morals was at a low ebb when the best selections that could be made, were felons in the eyes of the law.

While no sane man in his calm moments can believe these accusations to be true, they are nevertheless paraded all over the land by stump orators and party newspapers as veritable truths. The leading journals of the country that have the power to wield a salutary influence over the people, should take up the cudgel, and endeavor to elevate politics to a higher plain.

Oh, politics! thou “filthy pool,”  
As men are wont to say,  
Surely the *spoils*, with power to rule,  
Will be less potent some day.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – The statute provides for the election of three County Commissioners for each county, but has made no provision for electing them by Districts, or for districting the several counties. This law needs amending. Each county should be divided into three Commissioner Districts, and only the voters of their respective districts have a voice in choosing Commissioners.

Under the present law it might occur that all three of the Commissioners of this county would be elected from Silver City. It is not likely to happen, but the law should be so framed as to preclude the possibility of such a contingency. Again the voters of any particular section of the county are supposed to best understand the qualifications of their neighbors. While a candidate residing in Jordan Valley or South Mountain may be well known at home, he will be, most likely, totally unknown to the residents of Castle Creek and Bruneau. You may reverse the order and the same reasons will apply; but few men in the eastern part of the county are known to those of the extreme west or even to the residents of Silver City, the county seat. Let the next Legislature attend to this.

THE NAMES of Indians signing the Red Cloud treaty are, Red Cloud, Young-man-afraid-of-his-horse, Red Dog, Little Wound, American Horse, Afraid-of-the bear, Three Bears, Fire Hunter, Quick Bear, Red Leaf, Fire Eyes, Man White-cow, Kill Bull, Weasel Bear, Two Lance, Bad Wound, High Bear, He-takes-the-evening, Soldier, Slow Bull, Red Kenny, High Wolf, Big Foot, Young-man-afraid, after making his speech, took the pen in his hand and making his mark said, “that is to signify that the Great Father has to feed and clothe me a hundred years and give me wagons and cattle. When Fire Hunter signed he held a blanket over his face, made his mark blindfolded and took his seat in silence. Crow-with-a-Good-Voice would not sign the treaty but walked away with quite a show of indignation. Lo is no doubt perfectly satisfied now that Uncle Sam is in mortal fear of him.



Sports



Marsing JVs edge Melba

Adonis Stelzried gathers in a pitch from Enrique Quebrado, who flung the ball as a Melba defender closed in Thursday night during the Marsing High School junior varsity's 8-0 victory in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener for both teams on the Huskies' field. Photo by Dan Pease



Marsing's Brook Labit makes a dig against Nampa Christian during the Huskies' conference loss at home Thursday. Photo by Dan Pease

NC extends win streak vs. Marsing

Marsing High School was able to slow Nampa Christian down slightly, but couldn't stop the streaking volleyball team. The Huskies salvaged a narrow third-set victory against their 2A Western Idaho Conference opponents but fell, 25-15, 25-8, 23-25, 25-17 at home Thursday. Sheyanne Glorfield had six blocks and two kills for Marsing (1-8 overall, 0-5 in conference at week's end).

Nampa Christian (7-1, 5-0) got 16 kills and four aces from Megan Yett and won its sixth consecutive match. Nancy Leggett notched 10 kills. Ashley Loucks put together an all-around game for the Huskies, setting nine points, serving two aces and getting five digs. Avery Villa chipped 11 digs and successfully received 21 serves. She and Gabby Rodriguez logged

three kills each, while Rodriguez came up with 16 digs. LeAnn Garcia had 14 digs, two aces and 18 service receptions. Sept. 20: Melba def. Marsing, 3-0 — The Huskies' offense couldn't match the defense's intensity in a 25-16, 25-8, 25-11 conference road loss. The Mustangs (4-5, 3-2) won their third consecutive 2A WIC match after opening the conference campaign with a three-set loss to Nampa Christian. They lost to Cole Valley Christian on Thursday.

Garcia led the Huskies with 11 digs, and she served a pair of aces. Villa had six digs and two kills. Loucks came up with two digs to go with a kill and an assist. Emma Heitz had two assists, and Glorfield led the defense with two blocks while chipping in two digs.

Struggling Adrian drops HDL opener

Adrian High School was unable to get its footing during Friday's league-opening football loss. Crane, which for years battled the Antelopes for 1A High Desert League supremacy, returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and never looked back in a 52-6 runaway at Ward Field. Adrian (0-4 overall, 0-1 in league) was playing its home opener. The Antelopes have been outscored 164-12 in their past three games. They have a bye

this week before traveling to play Harper Charter/Huntington on Oct. 7. Adrian managed just 96 yards total offense against Crane (3-0, 1-0) despite running 16 more plays than the Mustangs. Crane took the lead 14 seconds into the contest when George Balowski returned the opening kickoff 86 yards for a score. Balowski also returned a Ryker Murrey interception for a touchdown at the end of the first

half and scored on a 15-yard run in the third quarter. Murrey tossed a 9-yard pass to Kenny Purnell five minutes into the final period for Adrian's only touchdown. Murrey got the start at quarterback after Ed Muñoz had taken snaps in Adrian's first three games. Muñoz led the Antelopes with 53 rushing yards, and Purnell caught both of Murrey's completions for 13 yards.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

**Football**  
Brian Purtell, jr.  
8 solo tackles, 9 assists in four games

**Volleyball**  
Avery Villa, sr.  
Averaged 2.5 kills, 8.5 digs in two 2A WIC matches

**Cross country**  
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Junior varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 29, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

**Cross country**  
Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Redhawk GC, Nampa

**Volleyball**  
Varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at McCall-Donnelly, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball Junior varsity A  
2A Western Idaho Conference  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
Pirate Tournament, Payette  
Saturday, Oct. 1  
8 a.m. vs. Baker, Ore. • 9 a.m. vs. Homedale  
11 a.m. vs. Payette • Noon vs. Nyssa, Ore.

Volleyball Junior varsity B  
2A Western Idaho Conference  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Cow thoughts

The ol’ cow thought to herself, “I sure hate standin’ in line. Even if it’s just once a year, it’s not somethin’ I look forward to.

“Oh, great. Here comes that yay hoo with a hot shot. Where’d they pick him up? Must be refugee from the hayin’ crew.

“The weather’s nice. Thank goodness for that! I’ve stood in this alley in the hot sun and in blizzards. You’d think these fools would plan their preg checkin’ when the weather’s decent.

“Keep movin’, Molly. I know she’s worried. Losin’ her teeth. ’Course I’m no spring chicken either and that bout with the eye infection didn’t improve my looks any.

“OK, kid! I’m movin’ up! It’s not easy in all this goop. They should’a had you shovel the alley, but I suspect that would’a been beyond your learning skills!

“Uh-oh. I can hear the squeeze chute clangin’. I been through it enough times I know it doesn’t hurt, but just the sound of it makes me nervous. I wonder if that lady will still be there.

“Alright, Molly. Go on. You’re gonna do OK.

“Bred. Good. She’s bred. Anybody could’a told that by lookin’, but they’ve got Doc here to make it official. She’s gettin’ her shots, but they’re cutting her off to the right. Not stayin’ with the big bunch. Dental problems, no doubt.

“Whoa! Sorry, kid! I wasn’t ready for that! But I’m in the chute. Ya happy now?

“By gosh, the lady is still settin’ on that barrel where she was last year writin’ in her notebook. She looks cold. Oooh! Speakin’ of cold! Thanks, Doc! I really needed that! I feel like I just got rear-ended by an army tank!

“Bred, he says. I should hope so! I didn’t stand out there all spring with that bunch of slobberin’ yearlin’ bulls for nothin’! I know my job!

“Jeez! I wish there was a better way to check my teeth without you hamhanded Vikings stickin’ your fingers up my nose!

“Try that on for size! Dang, I missed him.

“Ump! Agh! Where did that lunatic learn to give shots? Bet he makes a mean fondue.

“So, the big boss is givin’ me the once over. He’s lookin’ at my eye. It’s cloudy, but no pain. He’s squattin’ down to check it. Now he’s puffin’ a little powder in it. Now, for sure I can’t see!

“Well, I be durned. I believe he patted me on the head!

“Okay, I’m goin’.

“Boy, I’m glad that’s over.

“Naw, he couldn’t have. Patted me on the head, I mean. Must’a been my imagination.”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books, DVDs and his newest release, “Baxter Black Amongst Friends,” which is a two-CD, one-DVD set.

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The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 8 primary election until noon on Friday, Oct. 28. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

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Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director



Business tax breaks Governments’ big-business incentives hurt small firms

In Lewiston, city officials are considering an ordinance that would provide special deals for businesses that create 30 jobs or more and make multimillion-dollar investments in the city. The proposal comes as the state and Nez Perce counties have raised taxes on most everyone while showering big businesses with special breaks.

Credit Lewiston with at least committing its proposal to writing. Too many other taxing districts in the state are making it up as they go, forgiving local taxes and fees on a case-by-case basis. That doesn’t make Lewiston’s proposal better, just legible. The proposal offers to relieve businesses of the burden of paying certain fees and receiving expedited handling by government officials if certain conditions are met.

To decide who benefits and who doesn’t, Lewiston proposes to evaluate the “number and quality of jobs created” and the “strength of public benefit to the city of Lewiston, including benefits to existing businesses in the city of Lewiston by virtue of the proposed business being within the supply chain, or building on an existing

economic cluster, such as ammunitions, paper products, boat builders, viticulture, value-added agriculture, or information technology.” In other words, the government will decide which sectors of the economy deserve special consideration and which don’t. Because government is so good at knowing the difference.

The city government also proposes to review the “level of the applicant’s creditworthiness and financial strength.” Question: Where does the city government derive expertise to examine the health of a business’s balance sheet or market viability? Furthermore, if a business already has the financial wherewithal to pay its fees and taxes, why is the government waiving them for the capable and pushing the costs to those who aren’t? It’s like buying a steak dinner for Bruce Wayne and making Oliver Twist pick up the tab.

Supporters of these kinds of deals contend government must offer incentives to lure companies or to keep

— See *Incentives*, Page 9B

Sens. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Angus King (I-Maine)

From Washington Simpler better to protect digital infrastructure



In the 2015 novel Ghost Fleet, the U.S. is challenged in a future war by a technologically savvy enemy. The enemy exploits the cyber vulnerabilities in a U.S. military that has grown overly reliant on highly networked and computer-dependent weapons platforms. Left nearly defenseless, the U.S. comes to realize it must rely on long-retired, technologically simpler, and ultimately more dependable weapon systems to fight back.

Although P.W. Singer and August Cole’s story is fiction, the potential threats described are cause for real concern. And the military is not the only sector that might make an attractive target. In fact, our most critical energy systems in the U.S. are connected through complex digital technologies as well.

Increasingly automated and complex control systems are essential to the infrastructure that provides everything from the basic necessities of modern life, including communication, navigation, and manufacturing, to critical functions of national security. Protecting these systems is one of our most pressing security challenges. In short, while the rapid, worldwide adoption of digital automation technologies has created many benefits, it has also introduced significant cyber vulnerabilities to critical infrastructure that must be addressed.

To that end, we recently introduced bipartisan legislation along with Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) to safeguard the U.S. from these potentially catastrophic threats. The Securing Energy Infrastructure Act would launch a coordinated effort to help protect U.S. infrastructure from the vulnerabilities inherent in a connected and highly interdependent world. In doing so, it seeks to identify better ways to protect the country’s critical control systems — those systems that support some of the most important energy sector processes.

As members of both the Intelligence and Energy committees, we drafted a bill that would establish a pilot program principally aimed at identifying ways to reduce some of the digital complexity in our critical infrastructure, thereby limiting opportunities for cyber-

attacks and improving our ability to defend those systems. For example, by replacing certain portions of digital and technologically advanced operating systems that are vulnerable to exploitation with far simpler analog devices or manual processes and procedures, we can hinder sophisticated cyber-enemies. This will require that our nation shift from simple applications of complex technologies to applying new thinking on simple, but more secure and robust solutions.

One of the benefits of less dependence on automation and digital technology in critical infrastructure was revealed in a December 2015 cyber-attack against Ukraine’s power grid. The sophisticated cyber-attack left more than 225,000 people without power for several hours. Subsequent investigations suggest Ukraine was saved from a much greater impact by operating its grid in manual modes when digital systems could not be trusted.

We are proud that the solutions to many of these security challenges are being developed at our National Laboratories, including the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Our National Labs are unique assets, and their expertise will help drive the innovations this legislation aims to achieve. By encouraging this research, we are working to ensure the U.S. never faces a day when our reliance on highly networked technology leaves us vulnerable to attack.

While Ghost Fleet may be a thrilling novel, its lesson rings true; the U.S. must be prepared to defend ourselves — and our most critical infrastructure — from attacks by our increasingly sophisticated, technologically advanced, adversaries.

— Republican Jim Risch is the junior U.S. senator from Idaho, serving since 2009. His committees include Intelligence; Foreign Relations; Small Business; and Energy and Natural Resources. Independent Angus King is the junior U.S. senator from Maine, serving since 2013. He sits on the Intelligence; Armed Services; Budget; and Energy and Natural Resources committees.



# Commentary

## Financial management Nice, paid-for vacations beat timeshare shackles

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I recently sat through a timeshare pitch at my mom and dad’s community as a favor to them. We’re trying to get out of debt and take control of our money, so when the salesman said we could put the whole thing on a credit card, I told him about you and your plan. He then said that he used to be your personal financial advisor and had sold you three timeshares in the past. Is this true, or are timeshares a bad idea?  
— Jeremy

**Dear Jeremy,**  
A timeshare salesman said he had been my personal financial advisor? Wow! It takes real guts, and a bunch of dishonest nerve, to spread that kind of crap around.  
No, I’ve never in my life owned a timeshare. I’ve made just about

every financial mistake known to man, except that one. I’ve also never made the mistake of having a timeshare salesman as my financial advisor. This sounds like the kind of guy who you know is lying if his lips are moving!  
I’m really sorry if your mom and dad already hooked up with this bunch. Timeshares, even with honest salespeople, are just straight-up stupid. Never buy a timeshare! The customer dissatisfaction rate with those things is sky-high, and you’re pretty much stuck once you buy one. They’re almost impossible to sell, because you don’t really own anything.  
For the money you spend to buy a timeshare, you could take several nice vacations and stay in some pretty decent places. People get suckered in to these things all



the time, Jeremy, but it’s a really bad idea. Don’t do it!  
— Dave  
**Dear Dave,**  
Why do you recommend that

newlyweds not buy a house during the first year of marriage?  
— Laura  
**Dear Laura,**  
Believe it or not, the first year of marriage is pretty tough. You’ll both have to make lots of adjustments and get used to the new schedules and habits, likes and dislikes, that go along with marriage. You need to spend that first year getting to know each other even better, and exploring and developing your relationship as husband and wife. Running out and buying stuff like curtains and furniture — or making major life decisions like buying a house — can wait.  
Devote the first year to deeper, more important things. In the process, make sure you’re on the same page emotionally and

financially. Develop a plan to make your hopes and dreams come true, and start piling up a bunch of cash for the future. Then, a year or two down the road, you can start the house-hunting process. There will still be great homes at good prices, plus you’ll both have a better idea of what you want for the future!  
— Dave  
— Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

## Americans for Limited Government Scandals, impropriety have followed Clinton for years

by Natalia Castro  
The Clintons have made a lifestyle out of scandal, and it has been quite profitable. However, with Hillary Clinton gearing up for the presidential stage, it may be more important than ever that she appear innocent. While she seems to have enlisted the Department of Justice’s help already, there may be a more efficient solution — President Barack Obama could just issue her a preemptive presidential pardon.  
Admittedly that’s a tongue-in-cheek idea, but there are some upsides. The Department of Justice won’t need to constantly put out brushfires on behalf of the Clinton Administration — and Congress won’t be focused on constantly impeaching her — because Obama just gave her a get out of jail free card.  
And the clemency starts with the Clinton email dilemma. While having the FBI dismiss charges yet simultaneously admitting that actions were careless might seem like an injustice, in the Clintons’ world it is another example of the benefits of power.  
Unfortunately, as FBI reports continue to be released, Clinton is still experiencing a fire of unhappy adversaries attempting to put her away. These documents release information ranging from Clinton’s knowledge of classification levels to the hacking of email accounts, potentially by Russian intelligence agents, of Clinton’s

closest correspondents. With such information, a conviction seems necessary, possibly for both Clinton and FBI Director James Comey for his handling of the case. In the meantime, the Justice Department’s inaction fuels the perception of Clinton as untrustworthy.  
In fact, “Hillary for prison” has become a common chant and bumper sticker across the country — not only for this scandal, but also for recent revelations regarding the Clinton Foundation. An Associated Press report from August unveiled that during her time as Secretary of State, “At least 85 of 154 people from private interests who met or had phone conversations scheduled with Clinton while she led the State Department donated to her family charity or pledged commitments to its international programs.”  
Yet once again no charges are being brought against Clinton. The Department of Justice is still unable to prove exactly what Clinton provided for these actors in exchange for their donations. As Clinton scrambles to justify her actions, the Department of Justice will likely provide her with the same cover federal courts and prosecutors have now provided for former Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell.  
In a similar case, charges against McDonnell were dropped on Sept. 8. The difference? McDonnell had one meeting with an individual in his constituency to assist in the development of a new dietary supplement; Clinton met

with nearly 90 individuals as Secretary of State while they donated to her charity.  
With all this getting in the way of Clinton’s presidential run, perhaps she will just do everyone a favor and turn to her great friend President Obama for the answer — a presidential pardon. Rather than fighting the justice system, corrupting the justice system or awaiting impeachment, Clinton can solve all her problems with a stroke of President Obama’s pen.  
But if he truly wants to do her justice, or rather injustice, than he needs to stretch even further back.  
The Clintons have been ridden with controversy since the 1990s. A true pardon would excuse the behavior of Clinton and her husband all the way back to Whitewater. While individuals who worked with the Clintons served prison time for pressured real estate deals, the FBI cleared the couple of any wrong doing.  
As this was likely the first incident in the long and mutually beneficial relationship between the Clintons and national investigators, President Obama might as well clear the air on the issue now. Rather than having Clinton become president and serve under the cloud of possibly impeachment, a parting shot pardon from the current president could be just the political favor Clinton needs.  
— Natalia Castro is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.

## ✓ Incentives: Tax curtailment shifts burden to residents, small business

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them from fleeing. In reality, companies lured here or anywhere on the promise of a waived fee or temporary tax abatement aren’t planning to stay for the long term. And companies that threaten to leave otherwise are merely resorting to extortion, which should neither be encouraged nor tolerated. It’s also important to realize government officials like to offer incentives so that they can take credit for economic development, even if jobs and capital investments would have occurred without them.  
Most important, these special deals mean higher costs for everyone else. When a business is excused from paying for water and sewer hookups, those costs don’t disappear. They’re absorbed by all the other ratepayers in the system. When the state forgives a company’s income,

sales and employment tax liabilities, other taxpayers are compelled to make up the difference in tax revenue to pay for additional government services. And when property taxes are abated for the select few, as was just announced for ammo maker Vista Outdoor’s expansion in Nez Perce County, the rest of the taxpayers are compelled to pay higher taxes to compensate for the company’s forgiven property tax liability.  
Last month, Nez Perce County commissioners voted to collect as much property tax as they could under the law. The commissioners blamed their decision on rising criminal-defense costs. But they’re overlooking their own decisions to give breaks to Vista Outdoor and Clearwater Paper, another big, local employer.  
A few days ago, Bonner County struck a deal to excuse

Litehouse Inc., which makes salad dressing, from having to pay property taxes on its expansion. Meanwhile, local officials have decided that taxes are going up for most everyone else in the company’s hometown of Sandpoint.  
If low taxes are good for Vista Outdoor, Clearwater Paper and Litehouse Inc., you can bet they’re good for small businesses with smaller margins and fewer employees. It’s time state and local officials start recognizing this and consider how to make expenses lower for all Idaho businesses, and not for just a select, chosen few.  
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.



# Public notices

## SUMMARY OF OWYHEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

An Ordinance of Owyhee County adopting a new chapter 16 in the Owyhee County Zoning Code pertaining to interment of human remains on private property.

Summary of principal provisions of Ordinance:

Section 1. Purpose: To provide for reasonable guidelines for interment of human remains on private property while providing health, safety, and general welfare protections of Owyhee County residents.

Section 2. Composition Outlining what constitutes an interment site, and requiring that no interments shall be allowed on parcels smaller than three acres.

Section 3. Recording and Notice Required: This section outlines that an interment site shall be described specifically by metes and bounds on the deed of record to give appropriate notice for any parcel containing an interment site. Such deed shall be recorded within sixty days of the interment of human remains thereon.

Section 4. Responsibility: This section outlines the responsibility to maintain the property in a respectful manner, and requiring that the responsibility to maintain the interment site runs with the land and extends to successors in title so long as human remains are interred thereon.

Section 5. Setback, Consent, and Code Requirements: Prescribing the required setback distances for interment sites, and requiring that any construction on site comply with applicable building codes and state laws.

Section 6. Standards for Interment: Outlining that non-cremated human remains buried beneath the surface comply with specified depth-of-grave requirements as well as requiring a permanent visible marker.

Section 7. Disestablishment of an Interment Site: This section outlines the requirements to disestablish an interment site including arrangements for reinterment, removal of markers, and recording a new deed indicating the removal of the interment site.

Section 8. Procedure: This section outlines that a permit is required and that the first two interments will be accomplished administratively. Platted cemeteries shall only be approved by conditional use permit.

Sections 9. Violation: Outlines penalties for violation of the ordinance.

Section 10. Severability: If any section shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a

separate and shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 11. Effective Date:** The effective date of this Ordinance is the date of publication in the Owyhee Avalanche.

The full text of the Ordinance No. 2016-02 is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners, located in Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The above summary is approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

**BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman;  
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**OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK**  
ATTEST: Angela Barkell  
9/28/16

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 3 Reynolds Irrigation District will be held on November 8, 2016 to elect a Director for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2017, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Brad Huff, Secretary of the District, P.O. Box 12, Melba, ID 83641, and Ph. 495-2950.

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within the Division, notice of time and place of election will be posted as required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: September 21, 2016  
Reynolds Irrigation District,  
Brad Huff – Secretary  
9/21,28/16

## 3NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. 039021-ID Parcel No.: RPB04400060110A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On 1/17/2017 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County

of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 11 IN BLOCK 6 OF VOLKMER-MOTZKO FIRST ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 230 WYE STREET, MARSING, IDAHO 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT C. JESS JR., AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF ADA COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 8/3/2005, recorded 8/8/2005, as Instrument No. 252888, 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 8/1/2015 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 9/8/2016 is \$79,134.28 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 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: 9/8/2016 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP  
9/21,28;10/5,12/16

## HELP WANTED      HELP WANTED

### Direct Care Staff Female.

Hope House provides a home for children from failing or failed US and International adoptions. All of our youth have experienced early childhood trauma and struggle with attachment. Many are dually diagnosed with other emotional problems. This opening is for a ministry-minded person for the position of Direct Care Staff to minister to youth ranging in ages from 5-21. This position requires applicants to have at least two years of verifiable experience working/volunteering with youth. This includes youth ministries, mission work, summer camp, Sunday school, VBS. Direct care involves caring for, mentoring, training, and supervising youth during all aspect of their daily life. The right person for this position loves the Lord and has a servant’s heart. This person must be a compassionate authoritarian towards hurting and non-trusting children, as well as possessing the ability to be nonreactive to hostility. The right person will be a team player who can follow administrative direction but can also act proactively and take initiative, who enjoys being active and willing to hike, fish and camp. A sports minded individual is desired but not required. We provide extensive training that includes behavior management that mainly involves verbal de-escalation. All direct care staff are trained in CPR and First Aid, as well as medication assistance. Private on-campus housing, separate from the dorms, is provided, in addition to basic utilities (home phone, electricity, water, & trash), a monthly stipend and a health care alternative. A spouse and/or children are welcome. We have an accredited school on sight, where all staff children are invited to attend, tuition free. Spouses will be considered for other positions within our campus. Most pets are welcome, including horses. Certain breeds of dogs are not allowed on campus. All applicants must be and be in reasonable good physical health, able to pass a criminal background check, have a clean driving record and, if hired, obtain an Idaho driver’s license within 30 days of hire. Please contact: Donnalee Velvick-Lowry onefaimthmom@frontier.com 1-208-890-5000 cell 1-208-896-4673 office, P.O. Box 550 Marsing, Idaho 83639

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### Service Worker/Social Worker Job.

Hope House provides a home for children from failing or failed US and Internationally adoptions. All of our youth have experienced early childhood trauma and struggle with attachment. Many are dually diagnosed with other emotional problems. This opening is for a ministry minded male in the dual position of Direct Care Staff and Service Worker with boys ranging in ages from 5-21. This position requires either a Idaho social work license or a Bachelor’s degree in a behavioral science, including social work, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, counseling, or a related field. In addition applicants must have at least 1 year experience working/volunteering with youth. This including youth ministries, mission work, summer camp, Sunday school, VBS, etc. Service work includes assessment, service planning, goal setting and 90 days reviews. Direct care involves caring for, mentoring, training, and supervising boys during all aspect of their daily life. The right person for this position loves the Lord and has a servant’s heart. He must show that he can be a compassionate authoritarian towards hurting and non-trusting children but is also nonreactive to hostility. He will be a team player who can follow administrative direction but can also act proactively and take initiative. He must enjoy being active and willing to hike, fish and camp. A sports minded individual is desired but not required. We provide extensive training that includes behavior management that mainly involves verbal de-escalation. All direct care staff are trained in CPR /First Aid as well as medication assistance. Private on campus housing, separate from the boy’s dorm, is provided along with basic utilities (home phone, electricity, water, & trash), a monthly stipend and a health care alternative. A spouse and/or children are welcome. We have an accredited school on sight where all staff children are invited to attend, tuition free. Spouses will be considered for other positions within our campus. Pets are welcome, including horses. All applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check, have a clean driving record and, if needed, obtain an Idaho driver’s license within 30 days of hire, and be in reasonable good physical health. Ages 21 and above may apply. Over 50 are encouraged to apply! Please contact: Donnalee Velvick-Lowry onefaimthmom@frontier.com 1-208-890-5000 cell 1-208-896-4673 office, P.O. Box 550 Marsing, Idaho 83639

**Hope House Home for Children** has a position open for a female Night Duty Staff person, providing overnight safety and supervision for girls ages 8 to 18. Hope House serves a vulnerable population so applicant must be able to pass a criminal history background check, be in good physical health, and be at least 21 years of age. Hope House is a non-smoking facility. Full job description and compensation information available upon request. Please contact Donnalee Velvick-Lowry at 208-896-4673 or 208-890-5000 or by email at onefaimthmom@frontier.com for more information.

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Sports

Mustangs capitalize, crush Huskies to open 2A WIC

Norm Stewart pulled a few more levers Friday night trying to find a formula to steer his football team out of a long skid.

Marsing High School's coach shifted two offensive lineman into the backfield while boiling down the Huskies' offense further.

But Melba defenders returned two fumbles for scores, and the Mustangs cruised to a 48-0 victory in a 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener Friday.

Mason Hall and Nick Lankow found themselves with new uniform numbers and assignments.

Stewart said he wanted to take advantage of their aggression to spark the offense.

"The fact that they were able to come out and improve our running game some, that was definitely a bright spot, but we still have a long ways to go," Stewart said.

Even with new faces and new determination in the backfield, the Huskies (0-4 overall, 0-1 in conference) managed less than 100 yards total offense as the losing streak stretched to 20 games.

The lineup change is the latest step in rebuilding the football culture in Marsing.

"People begin to question in regards to the foundation of the program, so we're really trying to evaluate and trying to go above and beyond the wins and losses," Stewart said. "We're trying to work on learning to be together as a team and function as a team and do team-building aspects that will carry over to the players trusting each other on the field."



Nick Lankow tries to break free from a Melba defender in his first game as a running back for Marsing High School. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Stewart continually searches for rays of hope, though.

Although it shares its top athletes with the parent club, the junior varsity team has seen some success this season.

And the second-year coach, who is also the district's superintendent, feels positive vibes from the fans, too.

"The community itself is very supportive of the kids, and they're still coming out and really being a very positive support system for the kids," Stewart said.

"It's tough for everyone, not

only the players and the coaches, but the parents and the fans."

At this point, little victories mean a lot even if there are dark clouds mingled in those bits of sunshine.

Hall led Marsing's ground game Friday, but Melba senior linebacker Mathew Coates scooped up Hall's fumble 20 seconds into the second half and returned the ball 30 yards for a touchdown to give the Mustangs a 41-0 lead.

Hall responded to the lineup change by becoming the Huskies' biggest threat. He had 59 yards total offense, including 40 yards rushing on nine carries. He also caught three passes for 19 yards.

The junior still made an impact on defense with 4.5 tackles and one of the Huskies' three

sacks of Melba quarterback Eli Bangerter.

Lankow had 15 yards on eight carries in his offensive debut.

One of the Huskies' main running backs from 2015, Joseph Ineck, returned to the field Friday after battling an ankle injury. He picked off a Bangerter pass before suffering another injury, but Stewart expects him to be back in action quickly.

Even as Ineck came back, the Huskies coped with running back Clay King's absence because of injury. Freshman Adonis Stelzried, a top offensive threat for the JV squad, picked up some of the slack as he continued to emerge.

He was also one of Marsing's biggest defensive players Friday. He made seven tackles — including a team-best four solo stops — and 1.5 sacks.

The freshman's talent provides a time management dilemma for Stewart, though.

"You can only play him and some of the other kids two quarters because you have to save them for the varsity level, so it's the balance of getting them good time with their teammates at the JV level and having them for four quarters at the varsity level," the coach said.

Stelzried fumbled in the first quarter, and Melba sophomore Timothy Reinertson returned the ball 40 yards for a 14-0 Mustangs lead a little more than five minutes into the game.

The Mustangs were opportunistic with the Huskies' miscues.

The Mustangs stopped two Marsing drives by intercepting quarterback Tyler Simonson.

The senior completed five of 11 passes for 43 yards.

Melba freshman Scott Martinez's shortest runs of the night were TDs (one yard and six yards) as he averaged 9.4 yards a rush in piling up 103 yards on 11 totes.

Reinertson scored on a 7-yard run with 35 seconds left in the first half and went on to log 56 yards on seven carries (8.0 yards-per-carry average).

Adrian wins HDL opener

Anna Hutchings served 10 aces Friday in Adrian High School's exciting victory in a 1A High Desert League volleyball opener.

Carlee Morton added five kills and six assists in the Antelopes' 25-17, 26-28, 25-16, 10-25, 15-11 home victory over Crane.

"It was nice to get a win on our first league game against a tough

opponent," Adrian coach Aimee Esplin said. "We had some ups and downs, but I'm pleased with their efforts and especially in the final set to dig in and come out with a win. We know we have work to do to, but this team is fun to watch."

Adrian (7-4 overall, 1-0 in league) also received four kills and four aces from Lauren Barraza.

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race, and Rimrock's D-O Draper finished in 19:54.3 in the same competition.

Melba freshman Marissa Cole, finished 59<sup>th</sup> with a season-low 22:16.5. Another freshman, Kate-lyn Workman, ran a 22:57.9.

On the boys' side, Melba's Tristen Stimpson was 42<sup>nd</sup> in the Div. II race at a season-best 17:59.

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