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## Paying Veterans Day respects



### Vets, schoolchildren join in salute to service

**Counterclockwise from top:**

Eighth-graders stand in respectful silence after placing elements of the MIA/POW Remembrance Table during Homedale Middle School's Veterans Day assembly Thursday. **From left:** Matt Domme, 13, son of John and Vonni Domme; Bryce Cornwall, 14, son of Mark and Heather Bowen; Tommy Muir, 13, son of Shane and Stacy Muir; Milo Mertz, 14, son of Jamie and Zel Mertz; Brayden Christoffersen, 13, son of Jeff and Jodie Christoffersen; and Bella Smith, 14, son of Corey and Faydra Smith.

Darrell Brown, American Legion Post 128 service officer, salutes after placing a flag at the gravesite of World War II veteran Billy Joe Martin in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery last Wednesday afternoon.

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Glimpses of other Veterans Day observances at county schools.



## Trump election gives BOCC chair hope

### Aberasturi: Positive changes for Owyhees possible

Kelly Aberasturi has renewed optimism after the general election.

Like his fellow county elected officials on the ballot, the District 2 county commissioner ran unopposed Nov. 8, but the success at the top of the Republican ticket gave the Homedale resident reason to believe circumstances could change for Americans in general and Owyhee County ranchers and private property owners in particular.

Aberasturi, who has been an outspoken critic of the Obama administration's natural resource policies, sees Donald Trump's election to be the 45<sup>th</sup> president as a

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## Ex-mayor's wife appointed to Marsing council

Jolyn Green has been selected to succeed Aron Streibel on Marsing's City Council.

The remaining council members approved Mayor James Ferdinand's recommendation to appoint Green, the wife of former mayor Keith Green, during a Nov. 8 meeting. Streibel resigned on Oct. 3.

Jolyn Green said she was eager for the opportunity to fill the council seat.

"I'm just interested in making sure that the community I grew up in, and that I live in, is growing and vital and continues to be," she said.

Green added that her husband Keith, who served two mayoral terms before losing a re-election to Ferdinand,

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New Marsing City Council member Jolyn Green, left, repeats the oath of office with city clerk Janice Bicandi.

## County protests Gateway West route

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has issued a formal protest for a route that would take the Gateway West transmission line through county private property.

The Bureau of Land Management announced Alternative 5 for Segments 8-9 when it released the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

(SEIS) last month.

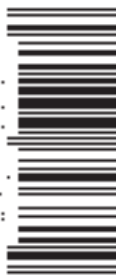
The commissioners' letter to the BLM protest coordinator in Washington D.C., states that Owyhee County is an entity that will be adversely affected if the decision stands in its current form.

The letter also says placement as proposed in the preferred alternative

will have permanent detrimental impacts on the agricultural lands, which the commissioners called the main element of the county economy.

In announcing its decision to move forward with Alternative 5, the federal agency said the route avoids private land, sage-grouse habitat and the

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# Tweaked yet again, library grant try heads to state

After another round of last-minute adjustments, the Homedale Public Library expansion grant application appears ready for submittal.

In a roll call vote rife with dramatic pauses, the city council signed off on the Idaho Community Development Block Grant application after receiving assurances from grant writer Tina Wilson that the preliminary budget figures were “firm.”

“Thank you. Thank God,” one audience member said in a relieved voice after Mayor Gheen Christoffersen proclaimed the unanimous decision to submit the application to the state Department of Commerce.

Newly certified as a ICDBG writer, Wilson told the council she would correct grammatical errors and shore up handwritten dollar amounts by Monday or Tuesday. The application, which seeks \$486,850 of a maximum \$500,000, is due Friday.

“I think that we have a viable chance. We have a good application,” Wilson said. “I guess it would be just what is your comfort level with me as a grant writer.”

Last week’s public hearing was required as part of the grant process. It was the first opportunity citizens had to ask extensive questions about the project. Few citizens spoke up, but library administrator Sharla Jensen did tell Jim Salisbury that about 640 people visit the library each month.

Carolyn Grooms worried the late reworking of the application would jeopardize the city’s chances of meeting Friday’s submission deadline.

“Yeah, we’re kind of down to the 12<sup>th</sup> hour,” Christoffersen said.

Wilson said she would have the grant finalized three or four days before the deadline.

While this is Wilson’s first attempt at writing a CDBG grant, she told the council she did provide “technical assistance” on a \$150,000 CDBG that helped the Marsing Senior Center purchase the Sandbar Riverhouse Restaurant. She also said she has acquired \$1.6 million in grants since 2008, including more than \$900,000 for Western Alliance for Economic Development. She’s the WAED executive director.

Total library construction cost is \$455,000, meaning WAED stands to gain \$31,850 for Wilson’s grant writing services. The council overlooked approval of the grant administration services contract during its Oct. 27 meeting and nearly skipped the formality again last Wednesday. The contract was approved contingent on Wilson adding a termination clause at city attorney Paul J. Fitzer’s behest.

With in-kind matching funds, the project’s total value is \$630,544.43. That includes \$13,650, which represents the balance of a 10 percent grant administration fee. The extra three

percent gave some city officials pause because WAED is receiving only seven percent, but Wilson confirmed with a state official that the balance could be used as an in-kind match.

Earlier last Wednesday, library board of directors agreed to spend \$18,210.60 in state investment funds for civil engineering, soil testing and architectural fees as well as Fitzer’s review of the construction bids and plan if the grant is awarded. Jensen told the council some of the in-kind match information was received during the meeting.

Those figures were scribbled into the application during the special board meeting because, Wilson said, she had only received documentation of the costs from architect Rocky Towle that day. Wilson didn’t attend the library meeting because she was in an all-day seminar in Boise.

“I had a difficult time in communications with the architect, but I believe that after today and conversations that we’ll be able to avoid those miscommunications in the future,” Wilson said.

The council authorized Christoffersen to proclaim last April as Fair Housing Month in Homedale. The retroactive proclamation was necessary to score points in the CDBG grant process.

The scramble to get firm figures just hours before the hearing prompted Councilman Aaron Tines to press Wilson for reaffirmation that there would be no changes in the preliminary budget once the council approved the application.

“I believe that the budget there is now firm because I have documentation in writing to back up the numbers from the architect,” Wilson said.

Tines also worried about the bumpy nature of the application process.

“Did we rush into this?” he asked. “One of the concerns is, since our last meeting and even up to today, it’s almost like we’re kind of trying to scurry to get numbers to get stuff put in and have this completed by (Friday).”

Towle gave Wilson written confirmation that fees would be \$2,000 less than the figure library directors approved on Nov. 1.

The preliminary budget Wilson submitted to the council on Oct. 27 and to the library board on Nov. 1 changed before last Wednesday’s meetings. Wilson told The Owyhee Avalanche on Nov. 8 — and too late for inclusion in last week’s newspaper — that she received permission to include the balance of the 10 percent administration fee as in-kind match. That allowed her to change what had been just a six percent fee (\$30,000) in the Oct. 27 version of the application to the full seven percent.

Wilson said earlier that she plugged in the lower fee to keep the grant request below the state’s \$500,000 limit.

Dropped from the final grant application is more than \$13,500 to bring City Hall’s restrooms up to Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. That proposal was added in an effort to obtain a \$20,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities grant.

Although the restroom project has been scuttled, Wilson kept the USDA RD grant in the list of in-kind matching funds. USDA RD official Carol Garrison had suggested the restroom program as a “good faith” gesture in the city’s attempt to receive the federal grant, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said in an earlier council meeting.

The \$20,000 would be end-of-project funding that can be used for non-construction expenses such as landscaping, parking lot paving, or library shelving, Wilson had said.

After the ICDBG application is submitted, the Department of Commerce may have some follow-up questions, Wilson told the council. The state Economic Advisory Council will review the application in January and make a recommendation to Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter.

If Otter awards the grant, Wilson said funding would be available in May. The library expansion could be completed by February 2018, she said during last Wednesday’s public hearing.

— JPB and SC



## Homedale for the Holidays

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The meal will be served starting at noon on Thanksgiving Day at the senior center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

This is the third consecutive year of the free dinner.

About 72 people attended last year and more than 80 folks enjoyed the event in 2014.

Center coordinator Sarah Carothers stated that the dinner is open to everyone.

“People are welcome to bring salads, desserts, or whatever they want to bring to go with the meal that is served here,” Carothers said.

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## Albertsons slates grand re-opening for today

After an extensive remodeling project, the Albertsons Homedale location will hold a grand re-opening at 9 a.m. today.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen will attend the ribbon-cutting at the store, 20 E. Wyoming Ave.

The remodeling, which took place during the summer, represents the final phase of rebranding after Albertsons purchased the Homedale-based Paul's Market chain in April.

Grand re-openings have been held at other former Paul's stores.



**Harvest Auction raises thousands**  
*Homedale FFA member Cobey Christoffersen examines silent auction bids during Thursday's Harvest Auction inside the high school cafeteria. More than \$15,000 was raised to fund student travel scholarships and chapter activities.*

## Woman accused of truck theft, assault with vacuum

Deputies working separate cases found a common suspect 90 minutes apart Thursday.

Linda Garrett, 46, of Marsing was arrested on two felonies and could be facing more charges, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Garrett was taken into custody after a deputy responded to a domestic battery report shortly before 4 p.m. on Frontage Road in Grand View.

When the deputy arrived, she found a blue 1987 Dodge Dakota pickup that had been reported stolen from Antelope Lane in Murphy after 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Garrett allegedly stole the vehicle in Murphy and drove to a Grand View residence.

Once in Grand View, Garrett apparently brandished knives but didn't use them against a 56-year-old man. Bowman said Garrett did hit the man in the left forearm with a vacuum cleaner.

Garrett faces felony counts of grand theft and domestic battery. Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery also has been asked to consider a no-contact order violation.

Garrett remained in custody in Murphy at press time Monday.

— JPB

## Homedale man faces lewd charges

A 62-year-old Homedale man was arraigned last Wednesday on allegations that he sexually abused two minor girls over several years.

Luis Gonzalez Martinez was booked into Owyhee County Jail on Nov. 7 and charged with seven felony counts of lewd conduct with a minor child younger than 16.

Homedale Police took Gonzalez Martinez into custody shortly after Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery

filed a criminal complaint and swore out an arrest warrant.

According to the HPD investigation, Gonzalez Martinez allegedly committed lewd acts against one girl, who is now 8 years old, beginning when she was 4 in 2011 and continuing until



*Gonzalez Martinez*

earlier this year.


Gonzalez Martinez is also accused of lewd activity against a girl, who is now 16, beginning in 2011 when she was 11 and continuing until last year.

According to law enforcement reports, Homedale Police began its investigation after receiving information from the Canyon County Sheriff's Office in June.

Gonzalez Martinez has been released on bail.


— JPB

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## ✓ Council: Ferdinand tabs election opponent’s spouse

was supportive of her desire to apply for the council spot.

She pointed out that working with Ferdinand won’t be an issue. “This community is too small for that kind of attitude,” Green said. “I don’t think that way.”

Her community involvement includes serving as Marsing Lions Club president, leading the Giving Tree campaign for needy families and volunteering for Marsing schools. She also was formerly involved with the Chamber of Commerce.

Green thinks she brings several assets to the council.

“I’m passionate about my town. I’m clear-thinking, logical and reasonable,” she said. “People say that I’m pretty easy to come and talk to, so I guess if the community has issues, they have

one more person to come and talk to.”

During her interview for the job, Green said she told Ferdinand that she wouldn’t join the council with any sort of agenda.

“I don’t believe in that because I think that just sets things up for failure,” she said.

Streibel stepped down with one year remaining on his second, four-year term. Ferdinand said he was impressed that Green plans to run to retain the council seat next November.

She calls her predecessor on the council “an excellent individual.”

“I don’t know him real well, but I know Keith thought highly of him,” Green said. “I know I probably have some pretty big shoes to fill.” — SC

## Marsing helps senior center with unexpected Sandbar costs

### Council also boosts center’s water stipend

The Marsing City Council has agreed to donate \$10,000 to the town’s senior center to pay for upgrades at The Sandbar River-house restaurant.

Pete Smit, chair of the senior center’s board of directors, asked the council for \$10,000 to \$12,000 during a meeting on Nov. 8.

“We thought we were going to have an excess of close to \$12,000 of contingency funds not used by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) modifications,” Smit said. “That turned out not to be the case.”

He explained that in order to get a health inspection, some things inside the Sandbar had to be replaced such as kitchen equipment, deteriorating wood tables, Formica countertops, and an old stove.

Smit pointed out that the center’s directors didn’t expect to incur the extra expenses.

“We could use a little help with some cash, if it’s possible, to help us with these upgrades we have to do to get compliant for our health inspection,” Smit

said. “We have to do it one way or the other.”

Senior center officials paid \$275,000 for the restaurant and its fixtures. The City of Marsing already contributed \$15,000 in general fund money for the purchase, and the Marsing Disaster Auction board put forward \$25,000 to cover the balance of the sale price. Former Sandbar owner John Salove is carrying another \$40,000 to finance existing kitchen equipment.

The bulk of the money to buy The Sandbar came from state and federal grants. A public hearing was held last Wednesday on how the grant money was used, but no members of the public attended.

Smit said the move into The Sandbar, originally planned for later this month, probably won’t happen until December.

Once the move is complete, the existing senior center on Main Street will be sold.

During the Nov. 8 meeting, Smit also asked the council to increase a monthly stipend to help pay the water bill, which will increase when operations are moved into the larger space.

City Clerk Janice Bicandi said the city started giving the center \$150 per month about seven years ago. Her research showed that previous owners of

The Sandbar were paying \$375 a month for water.

Bicandi added that general fund dollars could be used for both the upgrades and the increased monthly stipend for water.

Smit said the extra money for water shouldn’t be needed after the old center sells, which he expects to happen early next year.

The council quickly agreed to increase the stipend to \$375 on the condition that the funding be re-evaluated in six months.

The \$10,000 appropriation required a longer discussion.

Mayor James Ferdinand stated that he wants the renovated restaurant to be a success.

“I certainly think the senior center is a very important part of this community,” he said. “I think it’s a good use of funds for the community.”

Smit suggested the lower end of his request to the council to encourage the donation.

“If we hold it to \$10,000 does that help instead of \$12,000?” Smit asked.

Councilman Cory Percifield’s motion to donate \$10,000 received unanimous approval.

“Thank you all. We’ll keep working hard on it,” Smit said. “Thank you very, very much.” — SC

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## ✓ Election: Absentee requests, walk-up registration bolster turnout

potentially promising development. One element of the optimism is former Sen. Mike Crapo natural resource director Layne Bangerter’s leadership role in Trump’s Idaho campaign.

The Board of County Commissioners chair envisions possible positive changes in the Owyhee 68 grazing permit cases and a renewed look at Baja Road through the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area as a route by which Idaho Power could avoid private property when building the Gateway West electrical transmission line.

Poll results indicate that county residents sensed the importance of this election season with the same urgency as many Americans.

Trump received 3,052 votes in Owyhee County, appearing on 77.9 percent of ballots cast. Hillary Clinton received 591 votes followed by Gary Johnson (108) and Evan McMullin (104).

Hammett Republicans Christy Zito (Seat A) and Megan Blanksma (Seat B) prevailed in the District 23 Idaho House of Representatives elections and will begin two-year terms at the Statehouse (along with incumbent state Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson) in January.

Zito defeated Homedale Democrat Mary Ann Richards with 91.1 percent of the vote in Owyhee County, Elmore County and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County. Richards received 774 votes (or 83.4 percent of her total) in Owyhee.

Blanksma dominated a three-way race against Homedale Libertarian Christopher Jenkins and Buhl independent Bill Chisholm.

Blanksma received 79 percent of the vote, and Jenkins picked up 217 of his 807 votes in his home county. Chisholm, who has run for legislative office in each



election cycle for some time, garnered 1,744 votes.

A substantial absentee ballot vote contributed to a 66.6 percent turnout in Owyhee County. Election officials reported 753 voters registered on Election Day, which accounted for more than 20 percent of the 3,627 ballots cast.

More than 360 absentee ballots were received.

Although some polling places ran out of “I Voted” stickers, the 2016 turnout was lower than that of the 2012 presidential election, which attracted more than 70 percent of the county’s electorate. There were 453 absentee ballots cast four years ago, and 529 voters registered on Election Day.

There were about 150 fewer ballots cast this year than four years ago.

The county’s designated mail-in precincts saw diverse turnout percentages during the

**Left:** Bill Reichard casts his vote at the ballot box in the Homedale Senior Center. **Above:** A line formed after 5 p.m. on Election Day outside the magistrate courtroom polling place in Homedale. Folks also encountered a wait when the doors opened at 8 a.m.

Nov. 8 election.

Sixty-seven of 72 registered voters (93.1 percent) returned ballots from Pleasant Valley, while Riddle (45.1 percent) and Three Creek (48 percent) saw only 65 of a possible 114 ballots returned.

Long lines materialized at the polling places. Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reported that 340 voters had visited the South Homedale precinct inside the magistrate courtroom by noon.

The Oreana precinct had the highest turnout at 70.4 percent (88 of 125 of those registered voted).

Among the larger precincts, the South Marsing polling place at the University of Idaho Extension Office saw a 69.5 percent turnout (555 of 798 possible after 133 walk-up registrations).

North Marsing at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center attracted a 68.4 percent turnout.

The highest number of day-of registrations

was 153 at South Homedale where 64.9 percent of the 1,118 registered voters (726) cast ballots. North Homedale at the senior center had a 65.5 percent turnout with 137 registrations on Election Day.

As to be expected, the heaviest voter concentration was found in the Homedale and Marsing precincts, but voting numbers swelled in Wilson, Murphy, Grand View and Bruneau.

Sixty-one people registered at the Wilson precinct on Nov. 8, accounting for 17.5 percent of the total number of 347 ballots casts.

The Murphy precinct saw a larger impact from its day-of registrants as they accounted for 18.6 percent of 166 votes.

Forty-nine day-of registrations boosted Grand View’s turnout to 66.5 percent as 337 of 507 eligible voters showed up.

Bruneau’s turnout was 69.3 percent with 239 voters out of a possible 345 casting ballots and 37 Election Day registrations.

## ✓ Gateway West: BOCC says deciding director ignored plans, findings

Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area “to the greatest extent possible.”

The selected route takes Segment 9 south of Grand View and Murphy, but through private ground in Oreana and Sinker Creek, which is home to the Joyce Ranch.

County commissioners, the citizens’ task force and Idaho Power all supported Alternative 1, which would have put the 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line along Baja Road in the NCA where a smaller-capacity powerline already stands. That route was chosen after a lengthy BLM Resource Advisory Council subcommittee process that started when the final routing decision for Segments 8-9 was deferred, but the BLM discounted the option by not including it in the preferred route when soliciting comments on the draft SEIS.

Instead, Alternative 5 means the powerline will cross just 17.6 miles of the NCA near its eastern boundary in Owyhee County. The line continues on from there to Idaho Power’s Hemingway Substation near Wilson, the terminus of the 1,100-

mile powerline.

The commissioners’ protest also asserts the BLM decision:

- Is inconsistent with county plans
- Ignores or overrides the findings of BLM biologists on the potential beneficial effects of transmission lines on raptors
- Failed to consider all of the effects on sage-grouse and failed to take advantage of an opportunity to enhance degraded habitat within the NCA through the use of mitigation funds that would have been made available
- Is based upon flawed information in regard to miles of road construction required for the preferred alternative versus the already existing road/disturbed areas in the NCA

The letter concludes:

“The route preferred by the county, state and RAC subcommittees is the route that is supported by the science and the law. It should have been selected as the alternative for implementation.”

The BOCC sent the letter prior to the Nov. 8 election.

When the commissioners ratified the letter, board chair

Kelly Aberasturi stated that he doubted the protest letter would make any difference in where the powerline would be constructed. “We’re just going through the process,” he said. “They won’t listen to a word we say. They haven’t so far,” Aberasturi said.

— SC

### Thank you citizens of Owyhee County for being a part of the largest voter turnout in our County history!



Working with all of our elected officials and employees at the county has been a privilege. We are truly blessed that all have the best interest of our taxpayers in mind. I am humbled and honored to have been able to serve you, and look forward to serving the next four years.

- Kelly Aberasturi

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# Anniversary

## Cossels to mark 50 years of marriage

Marsing residents John and Sandee Cossel will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary later this month.

The couple was wed on Nov. 26, 1966 at the Fairview Church of the Nazarene in Nampa.

Their golden anniversary celebration will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016 at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene.

The couple’s children and their church family are hosting the event.

John was born and raised in Owyhee County, and Sandee Bynum arrived in town for her senior of high school in 1966. Except for time spent in Missouri,



Sandee and John Cossel, 1966

Wyoming and Nampa, the couple has spent their entire married life (45-plus years) in Owyhee County.

The Cossels’ children are John



John and Sandee Cossel, today

and Ronda Cossel, Travis Cossel and Carmen Mowraski, Shane and Jennifer Cossel. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Nov. 16: Pizza, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar

Nov. 17: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie

Nov. 21-24: No school

Nov. 28: Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, veggie & fruit bar

Nov. 29: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & fruit bar

Nov. 30: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar

## Homedale Middle

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Nov. 16: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar

Nov. 17: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit & salad bar, jello, roll, pumpkin pie

Nov. 21-24: No school

Nov. 28: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar

Nov. 29: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, fruit & salad bar

Nov. 30: Spaghetti, corn dog, mixed vegetables, fruit & salad bar

## Homedale High

*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Nov. 16: BBQ pulled pork sandwich or orange chicken w/rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 17: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, roll, pumpkin pie, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 21-24: No school

Nov. 28: Pepperoni pizza ripper or deli sandwich w/chips, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 29: Hog dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes, gravy & roll, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 30: Nachos or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice

## Marsing Elementary

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*

Nov. 16: Beef tacos, rice & beans, buttered corn or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers

Nov. 17: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, yogurt, rice crispy treat

Nov. 21: Fish sticks, animal crackers coleslaw or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers

Nov. 22: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat roll, pumpkin pie

Nov. 23-24: No school

Nov. 28: Corn dog or PB&J, cheese stick, steamed carrots, cookie

Nov. 29: Chicken parmesan, green beans or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers

Nov. 30: Enchiladas w/rice, baked sweet potato or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers

## Marsing Middle-High

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*

Nov. 16: Beef tacos, rice & beans or assorted sandwiches, sun chips, buttered corn

Nov. 17: Pepperoni ripper or chili cheese fries, wheat roll, tossed salad, rice crispy treat

Nov. 21: Fish sticks & biscuit or rib-b-que, sidewinders, coleslaw

Nov. 22: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat roll, pumpkin pie

Nov. 23-24: No school

Nov. 28: Corn dog or orange chicken w/rice, steamed carrots, cookie

Nov. 29: Chicken parmesan or oven roasted chicken, breadstick, green beans

Nov. 30: Enchilada w/rice or pulled pork sandwich, baked sweet potato

## COSSA

Nov. 16: Spaghetti, salad, carrots, fruit

Nov. 17: Turkey sandwich Caesar salad, fruit

Nov. 18: No school

Nov. 21: Chicken quesadilla, beans/rice, fruit

Nov. 22: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit crisp, fruit

Nov. 23-25: No school

Nov. 28: Pasta bar, roll, salad, fruit

Nov. 29: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, fruit

Nov. 30: Soft taco, refried beans, salad, fruit

# Obituaries



## Leroy Dean Coffin

Leroy Dean Coffin, 76, of Homedale, ID went to be with our Lord on November 9th, 2016 after a battle with cancer.

The family invites you to join us in honoring Leroy, Saturday, November 19th, 2016 at 2pm. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W Idaho Ave.

Please visit <http://www.cremationsociety-idaho.com/> for a full obituary and to share your memories with the family!

# Death notice

**MARILYN F. DIESTLER**, 77, of Homedale, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale.

## Betty Lou Turner

Betty Lou Turner, age 94, of Emmett formerly Bruneau, passed away on Friday, November 11, 2016, at Meadow View Care Center in Emmett. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at the Bruneau Cemetery, in Bruneau. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Betty was born in Bruneau on November 27, 1921 to George R. and Blanche Jones. She was the youngest of two girls. Betty attended and graduated from Bruneau High School. Shortly after graduation she married her love, Clayton Turner, who was also from Bruneau. They lived on the Turner Ranch where they raised their four children.

Our mother had many interests besides taking wonderful care of her family. Her interest included the Bruneau Bridge Club. She loved to play every week with the ladies in the valley. Cooking for the family and friends and trying new recipes was something she enjoyed. She also had a desire to

see new places. So mother gathered up our father and traveled the world. In the quiet times of her life she loved to read, whether it was information about our amazing world or a great novel.

Betty was preceded in death by her father and mother, sister and her husband. She is survived by her daughters Nancy (Bob) Russell, Jeanne Ingersoll, and sons George (Sheila) Turner and Russell (Vicki) Turner. She is also survived by grandchildren Joe Ingersoll, Leah Gerichs, Ariel Turner and Kay Kershner. Betty was also blessed with great-grandchildren Clay and Ross Ingersoll and Hannah and Gavin Gerichs.

The family would like to thank the people at Meadow View Care Center and Heart and Home Hospice for their compassionate and professional care.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Legion Post 83, P.O. Box 582, Bruneau, ID 83604 or the Bruneau Quick Response, P.O. Box 294, Bruneau, ID 83604.

## Highway board meets tonight

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners meet tonight in a change from its regular schedule.

The three board members will meet at 6 p.m. at the district

office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

The board typically meets on the second Wednesday each month, but announced the shifting of the November meeting on Nov. 2.

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# Getting ready for a big turkey day

Holiday gatherings are quickly approaching, and you may be wondering what resources are available to you when it is time to prepare all the meals during this busy time.

One thing to note is that you are always welcome (and encouraged) to contact the Owyhee County Extension Office with any food safety or health and nutrition questions that you may have. Our office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The biggest recommendation that can be given is to set time aside in advance to really plan through the meals that you will need to prepare. Lots of times when we are getting together with a big group, we focus on the big items -- the big meal -- but



Surine Greenway

## University of Idaho Extension

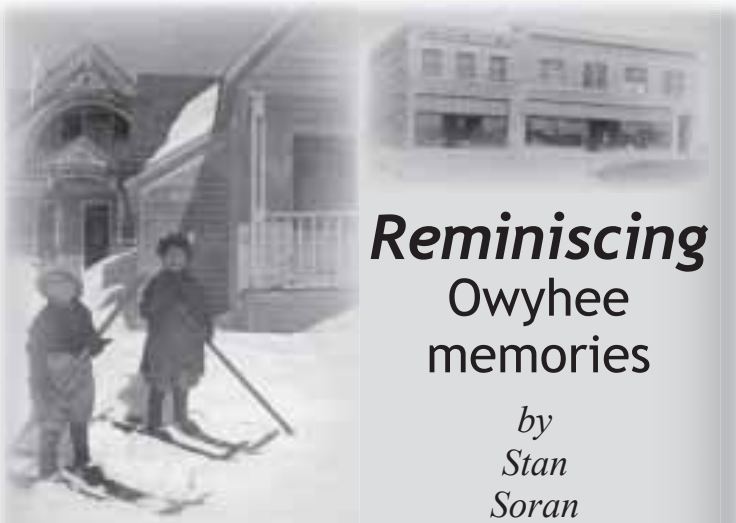
we neglect to consider the other smaller meals that we will need to consume and have food on hand for as well. Reduce some of the holiday stress by thinking of those other meals and snacks ahead of time, and who might or might not be present at them, to ensure you will have plenty of food on hand.

Another great resource that has been available to clientele is Butterball. Traditionally assistance from the company has been available to consumers via phone. With societal needs changing, so has this company's contact method. Starting this year, between Thursday and Nov. 24 (which happens to be Thanksgiving Day), Butterball will respond to text messages sent to the number (844) 877-3456. Trained individuals will handle questions 24 hours a day. The telephone hotline is currently active and will remain

in operation through Christmas Eve at (800) BUTTERBALL. (The hours vary, but the hotline has operators who can handle questions in both English and Spanish.)

While the phone and text messaging option are two routes available to you, Butterball is also hosting some messaging and chatting options through the social media website Twitter. There is also a chat option available on Butterball's website at [www.butterball.com](http://www.butterball.com). Also available on their website are tips to help you make the holiday feast, preparation tips from cooking to even carving your turkey.

— 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](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



## Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by Stan Soran

### Hot Pants

Uncle Bill had shut off his 1949 Ford pickup to close the last gate going to the cabin and couldn't get it to start again. His truck was similar to my Dad's only a ¾-ton with a 6-cylinder engine. There was a good 6-volt battery at the mine, so he sent his son Billy on foot to fetch it. It wasn't a long walk, probably about a mile. My Dad and I were at the cabin as was the trusty, storied Honda Trail 90. Rather than Dad driving his truck down there with the battery, it was decided that Billy and I would deliver it.

Billy was about 13 years old, and I was probably about 9 or 10. At that time, I knew very little about car batteries, but my education was about to begin. The Honda didn't have a rear seat pad, just a rack, which made the ride very rough. I held the battery between my knees and the back of the seat pad in front. With the two of us and the battery, the little machine was very much overloaded.

We arrived at the pickup and handed off the battery. Uncle Bill said we had to take the other battery back to the cabin with us. Why we couldn't just put it into the back of the pickup to arrive a littler later was a question that went unasked. In those days, adult decisions weren't explained to kids other than, "Because I said so." What nobody mentioned was that the tar repair on the top of the battery had failed and it was leaking battery acid. Here is where my education began in earnest.

Again, I played "human bungee cord" as we loaded the battery on for the return trip with leather gloves and rags over the top. Just a little battery acid, "It won't hurt anything," so off we went bouncing down the road. We hadn't gone very far before my pants were damp around the knees. A little farther along, I shifted around a little and my pant legs just disintegrated. What's in that stuff? We still had about an eighth of a mile to go, and my skin was starting to burn as I shifted around again.

When we got to the cabin, I hopped off the bike and let Billy deal with the battery. My pant legs dropped to my ankles as I ran as best I could to the creek and sat down in the deepest part I could find. Fortunately the acid only reached about mid-thigh or I would have been singin' a Jerry Lee Lewis song.

— Stan Soran's family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. 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.

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## COSSA students to offer free pro-tech services

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

COSSA short term training coordinator Kristie Dorsey stated that the community day of service runs from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the COSSA building, 109 Penny Lane, in Wilder.

Free services will include:

- Garden tool sharpening and repair from the welding students
- Headlight cleaning and repositioning (if needed) from the diesel mechanics students

- Vehicle inspection from the auto repair students
- Small appliance or electrical repair from the pre-engineering students
- Small furniture repair from the building trades students
- Vital sign screenings from the emergency medical technician and certified nursing assistant students

For more information on the day and the services available, call Dorsey at (208) 482-6074 ext. 249 or school receptionist Janie Willden at (208) 482-6074 ext. 222.

## Calendar

### Today

- Coffee club**  
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschooler story time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Bruneau Valley Library speaker series**  
Noon, Bruneau Valley Library, RSVP by Nov. 14, 32073 Ruth St. (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131
- 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
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.
- Homedale Highway District meeting**  
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

### Thursday

- Thanksgiving dinner**  
11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Vision Church food distribution**  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting**  
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at [www.sd365.us](http://www.sd365.us)). (208) 834-2260
- 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

- Friends of the Homedale library meeting**  
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Homedale Farmers Market**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, Homedale. [www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com)
- Free lunches**  
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

### Sunday

- Thanksgiving potluck**  
Noon, Sunday service at 10 a.m., free, Homedale Calvary Fellowship, 4220 E. Pioneer Road, Homedale. (208) 880-4033

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



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# Marsing High Cause Week continues today, Thursday

Marsing High School students and faculty want to send a message that November is a month for giving thanks and for giving back to the community.

The second annual "Cause Week," organized by the student council, continues today with a turkey drive for the Marsing Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. Students are encouraged to bring frozen turkeys or non-perishable food items to donate.

On Thursday, a fundraiser will be held for pancreatic cancer awareness and research. The goal is to raise \$250 for the

cause.

The week started Monday when candy was gathered to send to military troops for the holidays. Tuesday's focus was a fundraiser to help Marsing Ambulance purchase a heart monitor.

"We're trying to focus on different non-profit causes and focus locally," MHS principal Tim Little said. "This put them in one week so we're not doing a week-long cancer awareness or a week-long food drive."

— SC

## Deputies arrest man for domestic battery

A Bruneau man is behind bars facing a felony domestic battery charge.

Jarrod McKee, 26, was arrested early Sunday morning after he allegedly assaulted a 21-year-old female at a party, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The victim, who lives in Grand View, sustained injuries above her eyebrow and on the inside of her

lip, Bowman said.

The woman alleges McKee grabbed her by the arm and was hitting his face with her hand. He also apparently threw the woman to the ground and struck her in the face with his elbow.

Deputies responded after the victim went to the Grand View Fire Station for medical evaluation and made the report, Bowman said.

## Magistrate judge hands down DUI dispositions

A Parma man has been placed on two years' probation for misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Abraham Vega Bernabe was also had his driver's license suspended for six months during sentencing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on Nov. 2 inside a Homedale courtroom.

Vega Bernabe received credit for 11 days already spent in Owyhee County Jail after Homedale Police arrested him on Aug. 19. Grober suspended the remainder of a six-month jail term.

Vega Bernabe also must pay \$650 in fines and costs.

Homedale city prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped misdemeanor charges of fail to purchase a driver's license and open alcoholic container possession.

**Marsing man gets probation for DUI**

A Marsing resident served 56 days in jail before receiving sentence on a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge.

Angel R. Leon-Gomez was placed on 18 months' probation and surrendered his driving privileges for six months after

an Oct. 31 sentencing before Grober.

Leon-Gomez was also charged with a misdemeanor for failing to purchase a driver's license when he was arrested on July 3 by an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy.

Grober ordered Leon-Gomez to pay \$797.50 in court costs and fines and he suspended the remainder of a six-month jail term.

**Restitution ordered after DUI crash**

A woman who drove her pickup truck into a Grand View storage unit while drunk has been ordered to pay nearly \$2,700 in restitution and serve four days in jail.

Brandy J. McEwen was sentenced on Oct. 31. Grober's sentence included \$857.50 in fines and fees, and he suspended the woman's driver's license for a year.

McEwene must serve two years' probation, but Grober suspended all but six days of her 180-day jail sentence. She already had spent four days behind bars after her June 10 arrest.

— JPB

## Holiday potluck set at Homedale Calvary

Folks are invited to a free Thanksgiving potluck dinner at Homedale Calvary Fellowship on Sunday.

The Sunday service will begin at 10 a.m. with the potluck meal to follow at noon.

Pastor Rich Wright says people are invited to bring a side dish or dessert, but aren't required to bring anything to the meal.

The church is located at 4220 E. Pioneer Road. For more information, call Wright at (208) 880-4033.

## Soup, music after church service in Homedale

The public is invited to a Harvest Soup Luncheon at the Homedale Christian Church.

The church service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the church, 110 W. Montana Ave.

The soup luncheon will be held after the service, and the Deer Flat Quartet will provide music.

Contact Jan Aman at (208) 989-0885 for more information.

## Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**  
*Milk served every day*  
*Salad Bar available with each meal*  
*(lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)*  
Nov. 16: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots  
Nov. 17: Turkey, potato w/gravy, peas, yams, stuffing, roll  
Nov. 22: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll  
Nov. 23-24: Closed. Thanksgiving  
Nov. 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll  
Nov. 30: Ham & beans, carrots, roll

**Rimrock Senior Center**  
*Milk served every day*  
Nov. 17: Taco salad, corn chips, fruit cup  
Nov. 22: Pork roast, potato casserole, cooked spinach, applesauce, wheat roll  
Nov. 24: Community Thanksgiving dinner

### Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck

Noon, Sunday, November 20

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Service at 10



### Homedale Calvary Fellowship

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### Holiday Market



### Homedale Farmers Market

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# Wish Trees will dot Homedale by Friday

## Annual community Christmas food drive starts later this month

Another Wish Tree/Hands Around Homedale campaign has begun in an effort to help the town’s needy families.

Several trees and wreaths chock full of children’s Christmas wishes will be on display in participating businesses by Friday.

Homedale Elementary counselor Randee Garrett, who coordinates the Hands Around Homedale portion of the service project, accepted applications seeking assistance until Nov. 10.

“We will start the food drive at all three schools on Nov. 29 when we return from Thanksgiving break,” Garrett said.

Homedale students and student organizations will gather food until Dec. 15 at which time the commodities collected will be sorted, packed and distributed to candidate families from the Homedale Elementary School central location.

Garrett said each family will be asked to provide a thank you card to express their gratitude.

The Wish Tree gift project will feature trees at A&S Lumber, Homedale Drug, Idaho Pizza Co., The Bowling Alley and Moxie Java.

Community members will be able to select a tag from any of

the trees or wreaths and return the unwrapped gift to the location where they picked up the tag.

“We will be delivering presents Dec. 17, so please have all presents turned in by Dec. 14,” Wish Tree committee member Diana Uranga-Maxwell said. “This allows us time to inventory, purchase remaining presents, wrap and re-inventory to be sure that all children get their gifts.”

Each year, Wish Tree organizers hold a Texas Hold ’Em poker tournament to raise money to purchase items for unfilled tags.


This year’s event takes place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. The buy-in is \$30, and there is a re-buy/add-on option. Tournament play begins at 7 p.m.

Food and drink will be available, and there will be raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Each final table participant is guaranteed a prize.

For more information, call Uranga-Maxwell at (208) 573-2285, Lori Badiola at (208) 573-8456, Sumr Badiola at (208) 577-7848 or Jolene Herman at (208) 860-8593.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 26 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 159 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 32 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 185,559 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale



From left: Eli Heck, Antonio Zavala, Bailey Purdom and Yesenia Cornejo

# HMS names students of month

Homedale Middle School PRIDEful Students of the Month for October included:

**Eighth grade**  
**Antonio Zavala**  
Age: 13  
Parents: Imelda Aceves and Jesus Zavala  
Favorite food: Pizza  
Loves to: Play soccer  
Something not everyone knows: “I like dogs.”  
Nomination comment: “He is always the one who helps others without every being asked.”

**Seventh grade**  
**Eli Heck**  
Age: 13  
Parents: Jason and Camille

Heck  
Favorite food: Elk  
Loves to: Hunt  
Something not everyone knows: “I am a state gymnastics champion.”  
Nomination comment: “He is always willing to help others in class and is a true leader.”

**Sixth grade**  
**Bailey Purdom**  
Age: 11  
Parents: Greg and Carina Purdom  
Favorite food: Chicken  
Loves to: Cook  
Something not everyone knows: One horse (Repeater), two dogs (Leah and Ranger), one bunny (Cookie Dough), four cats

(Suzy, Tonny Montana, Rose and Anna Lieh)  
Nomination comment: “She is very helpful with our students, and is very patient and willing to help whenever needed.”

**Fifth grade**  
**Yesenia Cornejo**  
Age: 10  
Parents: Gerardo Cornejo and Guadalupe Lopez  
Favorite food: Macaroni  
Loves to: Read  
Something not everyone knows: “I love kittens.”  
Nomination comment: “She is always kind, patient and willing to help others.” “She is a true example of PRIDE and making it #toinfinityandbeyond.”

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# GV bazaar vendors sought

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

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 3 in the Grand View Elementary School gym at 205 First St. The gym will open at 8 a.m. for vendors to set up.

Table space for vendors is \$20, and a wall space is \$30.

To obtain a reservation form for for more information, call Chamber vice-president Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

The annual Christmas in the Country dinner and raffle will follow the bazaar at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Post 134 hall at 410 Roosevelt St.

The raffle’s grand prize is a Traeger Pro Series 22 grill. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six chances. Tickets are available at Gus’s Gas, Square Deal, or from any Chamber member.

The Chamber meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the fire station, 721 Roosevelt St.

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## Homedale night light parade takes shape

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will shore up details of the town’s night light holiday parade during Tuesday’s monthly meeting at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale.

The meeting starts at noon.

The Homedale for the Holidays parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 26. Lineup will start at 5 p.m. in front of Tolmie’s Ace Hardware on East Owyhee Avenue, and the parade will begin at 6 p.m.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said the route will be the same as last year’s procession with the floats, classic cars, and walkers traveling west down Owyhee Avenue, south on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West, and then east on Idaho Avenue.

The theme for this year’s parade is “It’s a Wonderful Life,” the 1946 Frank Capra-directed movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

“No registration is required, but if you have questions let me know,” Parker said. “Then hopefully we have a good turnout for both participation in the parade and the attendance.”

He also gave a reminder to parade entrants to not throw candy, because it can pose a safety hazard in the dark.

Parker can be contacted at [gsparker72@yahoo.com](mailto:gsparker72@yahoo.com) or (208) 337-3271.

The city Christmas tree lighting at Bette Uda City Park will immediately follow the parade.

Details on choirs and caroling for the tree lighting are still being worked out, but most other elements of the event have been finalized.

“We’re going to do a toy and canned food drive again for some of the local charities and initiatives that are going on this time of year,” Parker said. “Encourage people to bring a new, unwrapped toy and any canned food to the tree lighting. We’ll collect that there and then distribute it.”

— SC



Children rush to find a seat after finding Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez reading “The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein last Wednesday inside the school’s gymnasium. The students, who are all from Melanie Harper’s pre-first grade class, included, clockwise from back, Dustin Folger, the 6-year-old son of Chris and Mary Folger; Julian Hernandez, 6, son of Herlind Garcia; Ryelee Burns, 6, son of Jonnie Burns; Malachi Staley, 6, son of Randi Baker; and TJ and Annabella Estrada, 6, son and daughter of Tomas Neri and Trudy Estrada

### Boys and girls go head-to-head in HES PTO fall carnival contests

Fourth-grader Wyatt Stewart, the 10-year-old son of Phillip and Danika Stewart, tosses a beanbag as he competes with Parma resident Martina Stanford, 9, who was helping out at the tic-tac-toe booth during the Homedale Elementary PTO Carnival on Saturday.



## Homedale Sr. Center meals for all ages

### Holidays bring special dinners, bazaar quilt raffle

With big holiday meals approaching, the Homedale Senior Center reminds folks that their daily luncheons aren’t just for the over-60 crowd.

All ages are welcome when lunch is served beginning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The salad bar opens at 11:30 a.m., with the entrée served at noon at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Thanksgiving dinner is planned for Thursday, Nov. 17, and Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday, Dec. 15.

The center will be closed Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The building is closed for Christmas on Dec. 21-22.

Officials are accepting donations of turkeys for both dinners.

The holiday season also means the annual Christmas bazaar, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. It’s free to attend the bazaar.

Vendor spots are available and cost \$6 for a small table and \$12 for a large table.

The bazaar is one of the senior center’s big fundraisers. There will be cookies and other holiday goodies for sale, and a luncheon also will be available for a fee.

Near the end of the bazaar, the winning quilt drawing ticket will be drawn. The quilt up for grabs is the 20<sup>th</sup> creation that Romona Andrus has made for senior center fundraisers.

Raffle tickets are available at the senior center and cost \$1 each or \$5 for six.

The senior center’s thrift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information on the center and its activities, call (208) 337-3020 during business hours.

## HES principal hides, brings reading to light

She wasn’t reading the famous children’s book, but Terri Vasquez did her own “Where’s Waldo” routine last Wednesday.

The Homedale Elementary principal found various places around the school to read and challenged pupils to find her.

During her “Find Mrs. V Reading” campaign, she read in supply closets and the school gymnasium, among other places, throughout the school day to be an example for literacy as part of the Pizza Hut Book It! program’s celebration of National Young Readers Week.

“The whole purpose is to get our kids interest in reading,” Vasquez said. “They get to see me reading for fun.”

Vasquez dove into a paperback copy of Garth Stein’s New York Times Best Seller “The Art of Racing in the Rain.”

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Years served: 19

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Years served: 22

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Years served: 25

**Gino Silva**  
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Years served: 1964-70

**Randall Samples**  
Branch: Air Force  
Years served: Four

**Mark Allton**  
Branch: Navy  
Years served: Four



Above: Marsing Elementary principal Mary Lou Lopez, left, listens as 27-year Army National Guard veteran Tony Glorfield talks to students about what Veterans Day means to him. The Marsing schools head groundskeeper was guest speaker for Thursday's Veterans Day program. Left: Air Force veteran Chad Mann, Homedale High School boys' basketball coach, was guest speaker at the high school's Veterans Day assembly Thursday afternoon.



Ronald Hutter, left, stands with his fellow Army veterans during the portion of the "Armed Forces Medley" recognizing their branch of service at a Veterans Day program Thursday afternoon in the Marsing schools cafeteria. Hutter was principal of Marsing Elementary in the mid-1980s.



Homedale Elementary kindergarten students line up to shake the hands of veterans at the conclusion of a Veterans Day program at the school Thursday morning. From left: Veterans Reinhard Schuster, Calvin Walker, Jack Fouts, Sarah Goettling, Mark Thatcher, Rodney Roberts, and Dan Marston.



Army vet visits Bruneau schoolchildren  
U.S. Army SFC Jake Kunsky, who served from 2002 to 2008, spoke to students Friday as part of Bruneau Elementary School's Veterans Day observance. Submitted photo

"Being a veteran shows that they are normal, American people with extraordinary qualities."  
Chad Mann  
Homedale High School boys' basketball coach and Air Force veteran



# Owyheeans tabbed for Treasure Valley Honor Meet

This is a busy week for a select group of Owyhee County high school musicians.

Eleven instrumentalists and vocalists from Homedale and Marsing will perform as part of the Treasure Valley Honor Meet concert today at Middleton High School.

The select band and choir members will wrap up their second full day of rehearsals at 3:30 p.m. today, and the annual honors concert will be held at 6 p.m.

Six musicians and one vocalist hail from Dawn Sandmeyer’s Marsing program, while three musicians and a vocalist from John Zieske’s Homedale band and choir have been invited.

By the time the conductor’s baton raises tonight, the musicians will have put in more than 15 hours rehearsal time since Monday night.

Three of Homedale’s nominees — saxophonists Ben Holloway and Emma McMichael and So-



Members of the Treasure Valley Honors Meet band and choir from Homedale High School. **From left:** Jessica Tayler, Soprano II; Emma McMichael, tenor saxophone; Ben Holloway, alto saxophone; and Connor Slater, trumpet.

prano II Jessica Tayler — have performed in multiple Treasure Valley Honor Meets. Trumpeter Connor Slater, a sophomore, is making his first appearance.

Three Marsing honorees are making their first trip to the show, including Les Romaine (trumpet), Kyle Olson (French

horn) and Soprano I Ashley Eytchison.

One Marsing musician, trumpeter Justin Yetter, is making his fourth appearance, while this is the third year for Benjamin Gerthung (tuba) and Dalton Withers (clarinet).

Although she is a freshman,



Members of the Treasure Valley Honors Meet band and choir from Marsing High School. **Back row from left:** Kyle Olson, French horn; Les Romaine, trumpet; and Ashley Eytchison, soprano 1. **Front row from left:** Dalton Withers, clarinet; and Ben Gerthung, tuba.

Lauren Jensen is making her band, having performed twice as third appearance with the honor a middle-schooler.

## The artists

### Homedale

#### Ben Holloway

Senior

**Age:** 17  
**Instrument:** Alto saxophone  
**Years with TVHM band:** Four  
**Parents:** Jerry and Cheri Holloway  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “It’s a great way for me to better myself with more difficult music and a great way to make new friends.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I plan on serving a mission for the LDS Church for two years. I also plan on becoming a music teacher by going to college at either BSU or BYU.”  
**Time with Homedale music program:** “I’ve been involved for eight years now in the Homedale music department.”

#### Emma McMichael

Senior

**Age:** 17  
**Instrument:** Tenor saxophone  
**Years with TVHM band:** Three  
**Parents:** Brett and Carol McMichael  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “My first year auditioning I was extremely nervous.”  
“I took one look at the audition music sophomore year and thought, ‘Nope. No way am I doing that. That’s too intense.’ But a couple of my friends convinced me to try out, and I ended up making it.”  
“Every year has been so much fun, and I love being able to be a part of a big band. The people there are great, and the directors are phenomenal. It’s definitely worth trying out.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I don’t really have any specific plans for

music after high school, but I would like to join one of the music groups at the college I plan on attending.”  
**Time with Homedale music program:** “I’ve been in concert band since fifth grade and marching band since seventh, so this is my eighth year in concert band and sixth year in marching band.”

#### Connor Slater

Sophomore

**Age:** 15  
**Instrument:** Trumpet  
**Years with TVHM band:** First  
**Parents:** Roger and Echo Williams  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “I felt surprised that I got in as a sophomore, but I’m really happy to be selected.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I plan to play in the Boise State marching band and maybe become a trumpeter in the Navy.”

#### Jessica Tayler

Senior

**Age:** 17  
**Voice:** Soprano II  
**Years with TVHM choir:** Three  
**Parents:** Michael and Christy Tayler  
**Reaction to honor choir selection:** “I love being a part of the TVHM Choir. I like the fast pace that invites me to challenge myself and improve. It’s so much fun to sing with other students who get just as excited about music as I do.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I would love to continue studying music in college.”  
**Time with Homedale music program:** “I have been involved in school music programs for as long as I can remember.”

### Marsing

#### Ashley Eytchison

Junior

**Age:** 17  
**Voice:** Soprano I  
**Years with TVHM Choir:** First year  
**Parents:** Jimmy and Arleta Eytchison  
**Reaction to honor choir selection:** “I was so happy. I felt like a child going to Disneyland. I was so glad Ms. Sandmeyer talked me into going.”

**Plans for music after high school:** “I want to keep in choir and join a pro choir or be a singer, but after college I want to be a choir teacher like Ron Curtis and Dawn Sandmeyer, the teachers who inspire me to sing.”  
**Time with the school music program:** One year at MHS; three years at MES; six years at three other schools

**Years with TVHM Band:** Two years, also one year in honor choir  
**Parents:** David and Linda Gerthung  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “I was super-excited to be accepted this year.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “College music would be cool. I will enjoy going into college marching band.”  
**Time with the school music program:** “Since the fourth grade.”

#### Lauren Jensen

Freshman

**Age:** 14  
**Instrument:** Clarinet  
**Years with TVHM Band:** Three  
**Parents:** Scott and Sharla Jensen  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “I was happy and excited to make it in.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I plan to go to BYU in Provo and try out for their marching band.”  
**Time with the school music program:** “I have been in band since the sixth grade.”

#### Kyle Olson

Junior

**Age:** 16  
**Instrument:** French horn  
**Years with TVHM Band:** First year  
**Parents:** Dale and Maura Olson  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “Great.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “Boise State marching band.”  
**Time with the school music program:** Six years

#### Les Romaine

Junior

**Age:** 16  
**Instrument:** Trumpet  
**Years with TVHM Band:** First year  
**Parents:** Tim and Charlene Romaine  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “Excited.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “I want to play trumpet in college. When I graduate, I will just play for fun.”  
**Time with the school music program:** Six years

#### Dalton Withers

Junior

**Age:** 16  
**Instrument:** Clarinet  
**Years with TVHM Band:** Three  
**Parents:** Darren and Julia Withers  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “Excited.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “Marching band in college. Personal enjoyment after that.”  
**Time with the school music program:** Six years

#### Justin Yetter

Senior

**Age:** 18  
**Instrument:** Trumpet  
**Years with TVHM Band:** Four  
**Parents:** Phillip and Donna Hiatt  
**Reaction to honor band selection:** “Very excited.”  
**Plans for music after high school:** “Auditioning for the Marine Band.”  
**Time with the school music program:** Seven years

#### Benjamin Gerthung

Senior

**Age:** 17  
**Instrument:** Tuba

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# Avalanche Sports

## Arock hunter fills once-in-a-lifetime bighorn tag

Trophy taken on season’s opening night

Tony Lequerica cashed in on the big-game hunting lottery. The 58-year-old Arock rancher drew one of only nine bighorn sheep tags for Malheur County this year. He hasn’t always applied for one of the rare hunting tags. “Only four or five years. Just every now and then,” he said. “If I felt lucky, I applied. I never thought I would actually draw.” Lequerica wasted little time to fill the dream tag. On opening day, Sept. 6, he shot a ram at 150 yards in the 6,300-foot Sheepshead Mountain range in farwestern Malheur County. “We spent two days over at the Sheepsheads around the first of

August and scouted,” Lequerica said. “Then we went on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and scouted the next two days. “We spotted a couple bunches and found the one I wanted to shoot.” Lequerica bagged his ram on the evening of Sept. 6. “I had to put a sneak on him,” he said. Clint Fillmore, Teo Maestrejuan, Ralph Fillmore, Robert Fretwell, and Robert McConnell accompanied Lequerica on his hunt. “They helped me scout, pack it out and spot the ram,” Lequerica said. “I was glad I had them other guys to pack it out.” The 14-year-old ram scored 167

7/8 on the Boone and Crockett scale, and the animal shocked neighbors when Lequerica returned home. “Everyone couldn’t believe how bit it was and heavy the head and horns are,” he said. Lequerica plans to a head-mount trophy to remember the adventure. Getting the once-in-a-lifetime hunting privilege turned out to be the easy part. “It is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It’s totally different than hunting deer and elk,” Lequerica said. Lequerica said bighorn sheep live in steep, rocky, shale terrain, but he and his friends were up to the challenge.



*“It is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It’s totally different than hunting deer and elk.”*

— Tony Lequerica  
Arock hunter on adventure that brought his bighorn sheep

**Right:** Tony Lequerica displays his bighorn ram in the rocky terrain where he shot it. Submitted photo



Sophomore Hailee Bennett, right, runs downcourt as Marsing High School girls’ basketball coach Jake Dugger, left, puts his team through a change-of-direction drill Thursday.

## Huskies will run while they rebuild

Girls’ hoops coach adapts style to athletes’ strengths

Numbers may be low, but optimism is high for the Marsing High School girls’ basketball team. “I think they’re a lot more confident than last year,” returning coach Jake Dugger said. “Last year, they were so young, but they grew up a lot in the district tournament.” The maturation process drove the Huskies to the 2A state

tournament play-in game — an achievement that probably didn’t seem possible to many fans after a tumultuous campaign that saw a midseason coaching change, a four-game losing streak and a rough start to the 2A Western Idaho Conference schedule. But Dugger led the Huskies to victory in six of their final nine games and a third-place finish in the District III tournament.

“Getting to the play-in game after the start we had does nothing but skyrocket their confidence,” Dugger said. “They are looking forward to this season.” And the momentum continued through a strong summer season, even without the services of one of the Huskies’ most promising young players — Alex Grant, who is still recuperating from a

shoulder injury suffered during the softball season. “We’re going to have a point guard by committee until someone steps up or Alex comes back,” Dugger said. It’s unclear when Grant will be back in uniform for Marsing, which went 11-16 during her freshman season. Outside of the sidelined Grant, the Huskies have a full

## Reset: Just one returning HHS starter

Inexperienced team will rely on aggressive defense

Success is a fantastic recruitment tool. Just ask Joe Betancourt. Forty athletes greeted the Homedale High School girls’ basketball coach when he began his fifth year of preseason practices. “We had our biggest turnout of girls since I’ve been here,” Betancourt said. Qualifying for the 3A state tournament four years in a row has bolstered the program, which welcomes two new coaches this season to the subvarsity ranks — Evan Curry and HHS graduate Kortney Ford. There has been much more change for a varsity squad that went 18-7 last year and finished second in the 3A District III Tournament. Six seniors graduated in the spring, including one of the program’s all-time best scorers in Tory Lane as well as post

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# Go Trojans!



Sports

Patience required after Snake River sturgeon stock

Young fish will grow to size prized by anglers

by Roger Phillips  
IDFG public information specialist

Idaho Fish and Game crews releasing hundreds of 20-plus-inch fish into a river typically gets anglers excited about landing a big one, but things are different when it's stocking sturgeon in the Snake River. Despite being as long as your forearm, the stocked fish were practically fingerlings in the sturgeon world, and it could take up to 30 years for them to reach the 6-foot mark prized by sturgeon anglers.

After being released into the Snake River below Swan Falls Dam and near Grand View, these young sturgeon will hopefully grow and provide a fishing opportunity in a stretch of the river where sturgeon are not naturally reproducing. Conditions haven't been favorable for natural spawning, especially in stretches of the Snake River that are lacking to critical components, such as high spring flows, rapids and ample gravel beds.

"We need those high flows, and they're infrequent," Idaho Power fish biologist Ken Lepla said.

Fish and Game and Idaho Power are taking the long view with sturgeon in several stretches of the Snake River in southern Idaho.

Biologists believe there's plenty of room for population growth in the Snake River for sturgeon, and below C.J. Strike and below Swan Falls where they're counted in the hundreds, they believe there's habitat to support thousands. That's one reason they've been supplementing the existing sturgeon populations with hatchery fish since 2012.

"You have to have a long-term perspective," said, who has worked with sturgeon for most of his 24-year career. "These fish are probably going to outlast all our careers."

Taking the long view helps when you

also consider a sturgeon stocked in the Snake River in 2016 could be caught by an angler in 2066, and that's not far-fetched because they live for decades. It's also fun to consider that after you catch and release a sturgeon (which Idaho rules require), future anglers could have the same experience with the exact same fish 50 years later.

Sturgeon are slow growing (relatively speaking), slow to mature, but provide one of the most exciting fishing experiences in freshwater. The Snake's largest sturgeon exceed 11-feet and weigh several hundred pounds, and anglers can catch sturgeon throughout the Snake River, even in upper stretches above Shoshone Falls where Fish and Game has introduced them.

But managing a fish species that can live up to a century (possibly longer because they're notoriously hard to age) is no simple task.

From hare to tortoise

Considering it takes 15 to 20 years for a sturgeon to reach sexual maturity, their young lives get off to a surprisingly quick start. The 2-footers stocked in the Snake River last month were eggs a little more than a year ago.

During spring, adult sturgeon spawn in swift water with each female "broadcast" spawning about 100,000 eggs, or more, depending on their size. Males fertilize the eggs, which drift downstream and lodge in rocks and gravel. They lie there for only about a week before hatching into larvae.

Sturgeon larvae disperse in the river. Biologists are unsure exactly where, but the newborn fish live off the yolk sac for about two weeks before foraging on their own. In about 45 to 50 days, they're a few inches long and mini versions of adult sturgeon.

Within a few years, they're about two feet long and have outgrown nearly all their natural predators, but Fish and Game can

cut that to about a year by raising them in a hatchery.

Then their youthful growth spurt slows, and sturgeon grow about 3 to 5 inches per year, depending on water conditions and food availability, and their growth rates slow as they get older.

But even in good sturgeon habitat, less than 1 percent of sturgeon make it from egg to juvenile.

Irrigation and hydroelectric dams have changed a lot of the habitat in the Snake River and much of the river is poor spawning and rearing habitat for the newly hatched fish. As a result, sturgeon only reproduce successfully in a short stretch of river, and even then only every few years.

The recently released sturgeon were spawned in a hatchery from six wild adults caught in the Snake River and later returned to the river. The project is a cooperative effort between Fish and Game, Idaho Power, and the College of Southern Idaho with help from Idaho's Aquaculture Association.

Biologists are learning more about the fish, their full life cycle, and how to improve their Snake River populations.

Fish and Game and Idaho Power biologists implanted all the released sturgeon with electronic "PIT" tags, and they also removed a scute, which is the sharp, armor-like bony plate on the side of a sturgeon. If they catch one of these fish during future monitoring surveys, they can easily tell it's a hatchery fish, and the PIT tag tells them when, where, and how big the fish was when it was released.

Using that data and previously collected data, biologists can estimate growth rates, survival and population sizes in different stretches of the Snake River.

Lost spawning habitat

Sparse spawning habitat appears to be the limiting factor in most of the Snake

River in southern Idaho, Lepla said, but there's plenty of food for the river to support more sturgeon, so he's optimistic about the hatchery-born fish.

"If you bypass that early life stage in the river, they can grow just fine," he said.

Over the last century, dams have divided the Snake River into sections with little or no way for sturgeon to pass through dams. Dams also regulate flows, often diminishing peak spring flushes that send a torrent of water downstream. Restricted water flows also meant some spawning beds became silted over, and no new gravel is washed downstream by spring floods.

However, there are still sections of the Snake that naturally produce sturgeon. Hells Canyon is probably the most well-known, but the section between Bliss Dam and C.J. Strike Dam also has a healthy, self-sustaining sturgeon population that has grown in recent years, Lepla said.

Biologists are compiling data and patiently learning more about the Snake River's sturgeon in hopes they can sustain and eventually boost the natural population.

Despite the challenges sturgeon face, they still provide an exciting opportunity to catch a fish you can measure in feet, not inches.

Anglers ply the Snake's deep holes and wait for one of the torpedo-sized fish to take their bait and give them an arm-cramping round of tug o' war. Fish and Game encourages anglers to take advantage of that opportunity, and with a little luck, the young sturgeon will eventually join the ranks of giants.

"They're out there to provide a unique fishing opportunity and to maintain populations in these individual river sections; that's the purpose of the program," Fish and Game's Regional Fisheries Biologist Mike Peterson said. "If you catch one, keep it in the water, take a picture, then release it so it can continue to grow and provide opportunity for the next person."

MARSING HUSKIES  
Girls' Basketball Returning Seniors



Sheyenne Glorfield, sr., guard



LeAnn Garcia, sr., wing

Girls' basketball  
Varsity  
Friday, Nov. 18 at Wilder, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
  
Junior varsity  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Wrestling  
Opening Match:  
Saturday, Dec. 3 at East-West Duals, Wendell, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball  
Varsity  
Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
  
Junior varsity A  
Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.  
  
Junior varsity B  
Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

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# County fiddlers to perform Saturday



*Above: Local Junior Jammers, from left, Rylee Loucks, Kate Hipwell, Jessica Hipwell and Elliot Little. Below: Local Little Hoedowners, from left, Emeline Hipwell, Colt Hipwell and Maizy Little.*



## Annual Hoedown moves to Caldwell from Nampa

Seven Owyhee County youth fiddlers will take the stage Saturday as part of the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Country Harvest Hoedown.

The event has moved to Caldwell High School, 3401 S. Indiana Ave., in Caldwell after years of two-show days at the Nampa Civic Center.

Roberta Pearce’s Junior Jammers and the Little Hoedowners will perform one show at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Caldwell because the facility is larger and there is more adequate parking.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for children ages 12 and younger. Military veterans get in free. Tickets will be available at the door two hours before showtime. They can also be reserved by calling Pearce at (208) 407-2967.

Free tickets are available for nursing home and care center residents. Activity directors can leave a message on Pearce’s phone or email [juniormjammers@aol.com](mailto:juniormjammers@aol.com) to reserve seats.

Two sisters from Murphy and two youths from Marsing are part of the Junior Jammers this year, and three Owyhee County youngsters perform with the Little Hoedowners, which is open to boys and girls ages 2-10.

The local Junior Jammers include Katie Hipwell, 11, and Jessica Hipwell, 9. The daughters of Doug and Tiffany Hipwell of Murphy are in their first year with the Junior Jammers after performing previously

with the Little Hoedowners.

The Marsing Junior Jammers are Elliot Little, the 10-year-old son of Tim and Deidra Little, and 15-year-old Rylee Loucks, daughter of Les and Amy Loucks.

Local Little Hoedowners include brother and sister Colt, 3, and Emeline Hipwell, 7, of Murphy, and 8-year-old Maizy Little of Marsing.

The Junior Jammers will perform three sets of music, including old-time music, movie themes and music written by Grammy award winner Jay Ungar.

The usually up-tempo Orange Blossom Special will be performed at a unique waltz tempo.

The Little Hoedowners will play “You are My Sunshine” and “Put Your Little Foot.”

Champion fiddlers who will represent Idaho during the National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony in Washington D.C. next month also will be showcased Saturday.

National grand champion Katrina Nicolayeff will perform, and copies of her recent CD release, “13 Stages,” will be available.

Idaho Open Junior champion Macy Keller and Idaho and Northwest Junior champion Makaela Shippy also will perform.

A recent Christmas CD from Nicolayeff and Shippy will be available for a donation with proceeds helping fund their Dec. 6-7 to Washington.

## Owyhee’s Little Hoedowners

<b>Colt Hipwell</b> , First year <b>Age:</b> 3 <b>Parents:</b> Doug and Tiffany Hipwell, Murphy	<b>Emeline Hipwell</b> , Third year <b>Age:</b> 7 <b>Parents:</b> Doug and Tiffany Hipwell, Murphy	<b>Maizy Little</b> , First year <b>Age:</b> 8 <b>Parents:</b> Tim and Deidra Little, Marsing
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## Owyhee’s Junior Jammers

<b>Katie Hipwell</b> , Fifth year <b>Age:</b> 11 <b>Parents:</b> Doug and Tiffany Hipwell, Murphy	<b>Parents:</b> Doug and Tiffany Hipwell, Murphy <b>Note:</b> Hipwell sisters’ first year with Junior Jammers	<b>Parents:</b> Tim and Deidra Little, Marsing
<b>Jessica Hipwell</b> , Fourth year <b>Age:</b> 9	<b>Elliot Little</b> , Third year <b>Age:</b> 10	<b>Rylee Loucks</b> , 12 <sup>th</sup> year <b>Age:</b> 15 <b>Parents:</b> Les and Amy Loucks, Marsing

# Deputies arrest two on out-of-state warrants

A woman who had just completed a jail term for a probation violation was arrested on an out-of-state warrant Thursday afternoon.

Jordin Asberry, 24, of Nampa was being released from Owyhee County Jail when authorities discovered she was wanted in Nevada.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Asberry was put back in a cell and is awaiting extradition to Nevada.

Asberry was poised for release after serving time for violating the conditions of a probation stemming from her 2015 felony conviction for drug possession.

No other information on the Nevada warrant was available.

**Domestic disturbance leads to warrant arrest**

A 20-year-old man was arrested

on a felony warrant out of Pierce County, Wash., after a domestic disturbance on Butte Lane in Marsing on Friday night.

Bowman had no details on the warrant served on Marsing resident Richard Broshears.

Both parties in the domestic disturbance refused to press charges, Bowman said.

**No injuries when Jeep hits rock on Idaho 78**

An 18-year-old Portland, Ore., man and a 16-year-old Marsing girl emerged unhurt after a Nov. 6 automobile accident in Marsing.

Bowman said Frederick Gast reported that the 2015 Jeep Wrangler he was driving flipped when he hit a rock on Idaho highway 78 near Howard Road and overcorrected.

No citations were issued.

— JPB

# Woman allegedly drunk when she crashed VW

A Melba woman was uninjured when she reportedly fell asleep behind the wheel faces a drunk driving charge.

Elizabeth Gramps, 22, remained in custody at Owyhee County Jail in Murphy at press time Monday after her arrest early Sunday morning on Sommercamp Road outside Marsing.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Gramps told authorities that she fell asleep while driving a white 2000 Volkswagen Bug and crashed on Sommercamp near Idaho highway 78.

She has been charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence based on a blood-alcohol concentration of .202.

Bowman said the woman admitted she had been drinking. Because of the possibility of

injuries, field sobriety tests weren’t administered. Emergency medical personnel checked out Gramps at the scene.

**Melban arrested for DUI**

Scott McDonald, 46, of Melba was charged with misdemeanor DUI after a county deputy stopped him after 1 a.m. last Wednesday.

Bowman said McDonald’s 1979 Lincoln was stopped on Main Street near Edwards Street after the deputy had earlier observed the driver allegedly failing to maintain his lane of travel near the Marsing Rural Fire District station.

McDonald failed field sobriety tests, and Bowman said the Homedale Police Department-provided Lifelock device measured the man’s BAC at .157.

McDonald is out on bond.

# Mountain Home man sentenced after plea to lesser charge

A Mountain Home man has been sentenced after having a felony sex abuse charge reduced to misdemeanor battery.

Josiah Lahtinen’s case was prosecuted by the Elmore County Prosecuting Attorney’s office because of his relationship to an Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office employee.

Lahtinen was sentenced Oct. 24 in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on misdemeanor charges of battery and encouraging a juvenile to come within purview.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery

originally charged Lahtinen with felonies of lewd conduct with a child under 16 and witness intimidation in the 2015 case.

Lahtinen entered a guilty plea to the lesser charges on Oct. 13.

Lahtinen must serve a year on probation and pay fines and court costs of \$665.

Grober gave him credit for two days served in Owyhee County Jail and suspended the balance of a six-month sentence.

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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Coffee shop experts in small towns



Visit any café or machine shop in any small town in rural America. The first topic of conversation is the weather. It has to be discussed, cussed, praised and pounded thoroughly before any other subject is taken up. It is followed by the market: the price of soybeans, grain, cattle, hogs or the price of tea in China. Then, usually politics, sports and local gossip.

I’ve been in a million of these conversations. Everyone has an opinion, and we’re quite willing to share it. It takes a little time to hear everybody out, but it’s worth it as long as we can get in our two cents worth. But I’ve noticed that farmers and ranchers are a little like vets and lawyers when we get down to talkin’ about our own business. Or talkin’ about parting with some of our own money. It’s harder to get a straight answer. Suddenly our opinions are built on shifting sand.

“Doc, will this medicine work as well as you said at the meeting?”

“Uh, it should help.”

Or:

“Henry, you always said you believed in worming your stock.”

“Yeah, but I didn’t know it cost that much.”

Strangely enough, when we’re discussing the neighbor’s problems in the comfort of the coffee shop, there’s no lack of helpful opinions forthcoming. Or when outlining some new wonder drug at the county cattlemen’s meeting, we speak with evangelistic conviction. But when we get down to makin’ the decisions involving our own operation, our confidence gets weak in the knees.

It’s easy to be an expert if you don’t have to stay and clean up the mess. Anyone can make recommendations if you don’t have to be responsible for the results. College professors, columnists and show ring judges start a lot of things other people have to finish.

But nobody is better at givin’ advice than a bunch of fellers sittin’ around a table drinkin’ coffee. We have opinions on how the neighbor should work his cows, how the president should run the country, how the widow should raise her kids and how the coach should handle the team. Yep, we have all the answers.

Too bad no one ever asks us.

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### Letters to the editor

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

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

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## Students speak out

### Harmful Owyhee monument makes no sense

Have you ever heard about the proposed Owyhee Canyonlands monument? If so, do you know it will affect thousands of citizens in Oregon? Did you know that it will force many innocent people out of their homes?

I will start caring when the next president that gets elected this year realizes that there is no real reason to make the Owyhee Canyonlands a national monument. I’ll start caring when somebody in charge has half a mind to come to Jordan Valley and tell us why this is necessary.

I’ll care when (Oregon Gov.) Kate Brown comes and publicly confronts the inhabitants of Jordan Valley and surrounding areas. I’ll care when some politician decides this entire thing is ridiculous and drops the whole conversation. I’ll care when the government decides that they don’t need to claim any more land for themselves.

This entire proposition makes no real sense at all.

In the meantime, when officials claim that no roads will be closed in the vicinity of the Owyhee Canyonlands, I don’t care. When government claims that it is their duty to “preserve and protect this unique landscape,” I don’t care. When officials say fishing, kayaking, hiking, camping

and other recreational activities will still be allowed, I don’t care. When Keen Footwear says this land must be preserved so that people who don’t live here in years to come can enjoy it, too, I don’t care.

And, by the way, I’ve noticed that when officials claim that the monument will not affect the local economy, I really, honestly don’t care.

If you agree, you must be just as worried about this as I am. If you disagree, come on down to Jordan Valley, and we will show you how nice it is without any monuments.

One last thought: I assumed we came to America to be free of tyrannical rule and not be forced to do anything against our rights. We haven’t done anything wrong. We should not be forced out of our homes and jobs.

Quinton Collins, 13  
Eighth grade  
Jordan Valley Middle School  
Parents: Chris and Jamie Collins

### Anthem represents sacrifice for our freedoms

Does the National Anthem not mean anything anymore?  
— See *Students*, Page 19

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Gem of a tree selected to celebrate Christmas in D.C.



*Idaho is blessed with beautiful mountains and immense forests.  
In the winter the mountains and forests are covered with snow,  
making the landscape look like never-ending clouds with skyscrapers covered in snow.  
Big tall trees.  
Beautiful to look at.  
Amazing to see.  
Pristine mountains.  
As I sit in the forest I find peace.  
As the wind blows through the tall ponderosa pines I feel a sense of solitude and peacefulness.  
To someone that has never been in an Idaho forest, it is hard to understand the size and beauty.  
If only you could be here looking at these beautiful Idaho scenes.*

Idaho fifth-grader Isabella Gerard submitted this poem, titled “Pristine Idaho Mountains,” which was selected at random from more than 200 entries from students across Idaho. As the contest winner, Isabella will be flown to Washington, D.C. to join House Speaker Paul Ryan and me to push the button to light the national tree.

Isabella’s poem captures the wonder of Idaho’s natural beauty and serenity and is a fitting accompaniment to this year’s U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from Idaho’s Payette National Forest. The theme for this year’s Christmas tree is, “An Idaho Mountain Gem,” which was also the theme of the entries submitted by Idaho students. The tree is traveling to Washington, D.C. and being placed on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

The tree has stopped in various Idaho communities last week — including McCall, Cascade, Horseshoe Bend, Boise, Weiser, Council, New Meadows, Grangeville, Lapwai, Moscow, Coeur d’Alene, Salmon, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls — to begin its trek to our nation’s capital. The route continues today in Colorado as the tree heads east. It’ll also stop in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee

and Virginia. The nationwide stops can be found on the website for the 2016 Capitol Christmas Tree at: [www.capitolchristmastree.com](http://www.capitolchristmastree.com)

The Capitol Christmas Tree’s website also includes a history of the tradition of the tree that explains that a Christmas tree has been displayed on the Capitol lawn since “1964 when then-Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John W. McCormack (D-MA) placed a live Christmas tree on the Capitol lawn. This tree lived three years before succumbing to wind and root damage. In 1970, the Capitol Architect asked the U.S. Forest Service to provide a Christmas tree. Since then, a different national forest has been chosen each year to provide ‘The People’s Tree.’ ”

This year’s tree is the second from Idaho. An Engelmann Spruce was sent from the Boise National Forest in 2003. The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree is organized by Choose Outdoors, a national nonprofit that assists the U.S. Forest Service by developing partnerships and coordinating events throughout the year culminating with the tree’s illuminating in December. This year’s sponsors of the Capitol Christmas Tree include several Idaho companies. No taxpayer funds are used to fly the winner to Washington.

The tree will be lit the week of Dec. 5. Tradition holds that one youth from the state providing the tree serve as a Tree Lighting Helper during the ceremony to illuminate it formally. Idahoans hand-made the tree’s decorations.

It has been an honor for me and the rest of the Idaho congressional delegation — Sen. Jim Risch and Congressmen Mike Simpson and Raúl Labrador — to work on this showcase opportunity for Idaho’s natural resources. Thank you to the many Idahoans, including all the students who submitted contest entries, for making it possible for these symbols of Idaho’s graciousness, sensibility and strength to enrich our nation’s capital during the Christmas season.

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



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Living in investment property with tenants a bad idea

**Dear Dave,**  
I've been out of college for a few years, and I have no debt. I'd like to start investing, so I'm thinking about buying a triplex, living in one of the apartments, and renting the other two. Should I get an interest-only loan for this?  
— Chad

**Dear Chad,**  
Never, ever get an interest-only loan! If you can't make this idea happen on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage that takes no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay, then you can't afford this project. Think about this, too. If you buy a complex and live on the property, you'll have to set down and enforce some strict renter's guidelines. Living with renters can be tricky, because they'll have access to you

24 hours a day, and some of them will abuse the privilege. Then again, you'll have that kind of access to them as well. Not exactly a bad thing when you have people living in a complex you own.  
Here's an option. What if you just bought a nice, inexpensive single family home for yourself? You wouldn't have the cash flow, but you will have the appreciation and a better chance of reselling down the road. Plus, if you want to invest further, there are always mutual funds.  
Real estate plans work out just like you want them to only about half the time. Don't discount the risk and expense either!  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I have to make a four-day



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business trip to Hawaii soon, and my wife would like to go along. It's OK with my boss, as long as we pay her way, and I would love to have her along. It will cost

about \$1,500 for her to join me, and I make a little over \$100,000 a year. We're also debt-free, except for our home, and we're working hard to pay that off as soon as possible. What do you think?  
— Michael

**Dear Michael,**  
If I were in your situation, and I told my wife I didn't think it was a good idea or we couldn't afford it, there's a good chance I'd be sleeping on the couch for a month. Take your lady with you!  
You guys have a six-figure income, and you've got no debt but your home. So, a four-day trip to Hawaii for \$1,500? Yeah, I'm definitely doing that. It sounds to me like you two have done a great job with your money. That being the case, you deserve a little fun

— like a trip for two to Hawaii for \$1,500. Even if you have to work, you'll still have lots of time together, and she'll be able to relax on the beach, swim and sightsee while you're taking care of business.  
Have a great time, you two!  
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. 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 the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

## Letters to the editor

### Participants, proponents make Cowgirl Tea a success

The 2016 Cowgirl Tea was another success. Our attendance doubled, and the silent auction and photo booth added to the beautiful fall decorations.  
Having the young and talented Miss Rodeo Idaho, Heather Skovgard, grace us with her presence and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, set the tone for the entire event to one of gratitude not only for our western heritage, but for our country.  
Our professional entertainers, Sam DeLeeuw and David Anderson, made us laugh and brought tears to our eyes with their hilarious Cowgal poetry and outstanding western music.  
Our keynote speaker, Milly Hunt Porter, brought warmth and a historical view to the equine industry. She was well received and respected.  
We have the Idaho Commission on the Arts to thank

for the grant they awarded us so that we could bring this important event that celebrates women's contributions to our western "her-story" in Murphy.  
We can't wait until next year! Interested people can follow us on Facebook. Search 2016 Cowgirl Tea and join the discussion.  
Carol Huffman  
Nampa

*The 2016 Cowgirl Tea was held Oct. 8 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.*  
— Ed.

### Post-fire support keeps homeowner in town

After living for nine years at 219 W. Washington Ave., in Homedale, my home was burned down.

I can't say enough about our volunteer fire department for staying most of the day to make sure there wouldn't be a restart, and before leaving they presented me with a check to help stay somewhere. Much appreciated.  
While the firemen finished up, friends helped pack recovered valuables to storage, after which our suppers were paid for by the Bowling Alley Restaurant. Thank you.  
Mr. Levanger and his daughter stopped by and offered a queen-sized bed to replace my burned one. Found out he and my Uncle Pat Ross went to school together and were lifelong friends.  
The Internet company waived the monthly bill. Thank you, CableOne.  
Cathy's Deli, Marsing, treated me to a great Italian soda and warm just-baked chocolate chip fudge-filled cookies. Thank you.  
People are wonderful here, so I'm planning on rebuilding.  
Paula McCarthy  
Homedale

### ✓ Students' opinions

*From Page 18*  
Do the thousands that died for the meaning of that song not mean anything?  
How would you feel if no one stood, with pride and in silence, for what you did for or for what you lost someone for?  
I'll start caring when these people who believe that they have "rights" enough to not stand for the National Anthem give their reasons. We came here and they came here on their own accord. I'll start caring when everyone believes that the National Anthem still stands for freedom and that it always will.  
I'll care when everyone that died is honored and not shamed upon. I'll care when everyone stands for the National Anthem and is proud to be standing not forced. I'll start caring when everyone cares and respects the National Anthem.  
The National Anthem has stood for freedom ever since it was made, and it still does. It was written while at war, fighting for this country and the freedom with it.  
In the meantime, if you don't stand for the National Anthem, I don't care — about you.  
When everyone who actually served our country dies and no one knows what it was like to actually lay their life on the line for our freedoms then I won't care. When no one stands for what our nation was built for, then Americans will lose all freedoms and I won't care.

When other countries see how far we have fallen from the standards we have set for ourselves from the day we were founded, well, it will be too late, so why should I care?  
And, by the way, I've noticed that no one cares or even knows what is and what is not respectful anymore.  
If you agree, you probably are an American citizen or want to be one and most likely you were raised to respect our nation.  
If you don't agree, you are probably illegal or don't want to be an American citizen and should get the heck off U.S. soil.  
One last thought: I do understand that it's a "free country," but you're taking those two words too far. I believe that if you want to be an American citizen then you will stand for the National Anthem.  
Cassity Gluch, 12  
Seventh grade  
Jordan Valley Middle School  
Parents: Todd and Shelley Gluch

*These essays originally appeared in October's end-of-quarter Jordan Valley School District newsletter. Their teacher, Tara Echave, submitted the writing for the newsletter, and Nita Lowry suggested them for publication in The Owyhee Avalanche.*  
— Ed.



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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

November 20, 1991

**\$2.7 million school bond fails in Bruneau-G’View**  
Bruneau-Grand View School District voters failed to pass a \$2.7 million bond Tuesday.  
According to a spokesperson for the district office, 377 votes were cast.  
Fifty-five percent of the votes were in favor of the bond, but the district was 43 votes short of the required two-thirds majority.  
The spokesperson said at this point the school board will re-evaluate the bond and see what needs to be changed to get the support of more of the voters.  
The bond money was to be used to remodel renovate and add new construction to the existing elementary schools at Bruneau and Grand View and to Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School.

**Fisher leaving Marsing city hall**  
Beverly Fisher, who has been deputy clerk for Owyhee County since 1985, has decided to leave her job at Marsing City Hall to move to Boise.  
“I feel I need a change,” she said.  
Fisher sold her farm and will live with her daughter and look for an office job in the Boise area.  
She said she will miss her job and the people she works with.  
“I’m really going to miss them,” she said.  
Fisher worked for the South Board of Control for 14 years before working for the county.  
Her last day will be December 1.

**O’Malley to perform with nat’l FFA band**  
When the lights are dimmed and a hush descends upon the audience of 24,000 at the world’s largest annual youth convention this month, a local FFA member will share the spotlight in a musical performance that will inspire the crowd and provide memories which will last a lifetime.  
May O’Malley of Murphy has been selected as one of FFA’s official music makers in the National FFA Band.  
The more than 100-member marching and concert band will play throughout the organization’s 64<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention November 14 to 16 in Kansas City, Missouri. O’Malley plays the French horn.  
O’Malley is a member of the Melba Chapter of the FFA. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary O’Malley and is a junior in high school.

**Council considers SCUBA training pool**  
The Marsing City Council is investigating the possibility of constructing a SCUBA diving training pool on the North side of the Marsing Bridge after hearing a presentation by a local diver.  
Scott Jacobs, a Nampa SCUBA diver who regularly dives with Boise Water Sports, approached the council with the idea.  
Jacobs’ basic idea was to dredge a pond on the north side of the bridge, part of which would be 18 to 20 feet deep.  
The pond would be spring-fed, and concrete access to the water’s edge would prevent bank erosion and preserve water clarity.  
The availability of spring water in the Marsing area is unique, Jacobs said.  
He estimated there would be about 500 to 800 users each year plus onlookers.

**Locals qualify for nationals**  
Six Randy Shanley Track Club athletes from Homedale qualified Saturday for the National Junior Olympic Cross-Country competition in Sandy, OR, near Portland, on Dec. 12-14, according to RSTC Coach Amy Christoffersen.  
Jessica Zatica, Marcus Christoffersen, Tony Hoshaw, Janelle Bates, Jeff Christoffersen and Kory Bean won the right to advance through their performances at a regional meet in Missoula last weekend.

## 50 years ago

November 17, 1966

**Jordan Valley honor roll list**  
Jordan Valley High School students on the “A” honor roll this past nine weeks include: freshmen, Kenny Jess and Nancy Skinner; sophomores, Ann Grenke and Benita Jaca and seniors, Deana Jackson, Shirley Maupin, Deanna McKay and Rosemary Obita. On the “B” honor roll are sophomores, Mitzi Elordi, Mary McKay, Marilyn White; juniors are Bob Skinner and seniors, John Jaca, Jonelle Lequerica and Joyce Maupin.  
To qualify for the “A” honor roll student must have at least 3 A’s and no grade lower than a B. “B” honor roll student must have all B’s.

**Cub Scout den No. 4 organized**  
Den No. 4, Troop 71, Cub Scouts of America was organized Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell Sayers, assistant den mother.  
Mrs. Clark Levanger is the other den mother of the new den.  
Cub Scouts in this group are: Danny Davis, Jimmy Davis, Carson Blackman, Darrel Bevens, Marcus Kubosumi, Kim Kubosumi, Timmy Sayers and John Levanger.

**Harvest Supper set by State Line Grange**  
Overseer Jim Cossel presided at the meeting of the State Line Grange on November 8, in the absence of the master.  
The Harvest Supper will be held at the Grange hall Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a hot and cold dish. The meat, rolls, coffee and punch will be furnished by the grange.  
Home Ec. chairman, Mrs. Arlene Nafsinger, reported that the hall had been thoroughly cleaned by some members and the youth of the grange. Orville Needs exterminated the wasps in the building.  
Special guests were Canyon County Pomona Grange Master Glen Deweese and Mrs. Deweese. Mr. Deweese installed the following State Line officers: steward, Earl Scott; chaplin, Mable Stevenson; and floral, Mrs. John Eason.  
Mac McConnell, agriculture committee, reported that there is a company in Calif., making artificial milk.  
Mrs. McConnell, community service chairman, reported that the executive committee had met at her home to discuss and try to decide on the playground equipment that is going to be purchased for the Homedale city park.  
A masquerade Halloween party was held Oct. 25 with about 50 persons attending.

**Lions hold meet at Grand View**  
The Grand View Lions Club met on November 8 at the Bank Club in Grand View.  
There was considerable discussion of the actions of our students during Halloween this year. A motion was made, seconded, passed to the effect that a letter be sent to the students of Grand View schools commending them of the exemplary behavior during Halloween this year. This is the first time in many years that the streets have not been a mess following Halloween.  
The Charter Party of the Grand View Lions was discussed and final arrangements made for the event, which was held November 12 at the Legion Hall in Grand View. Ray Duffin provided entertainment at the dinner. Also Philip Rice, District Governor 39W, talked with the group after the dinner.

**Two injured as rockslide blocks Highway 95**  
Two persons were injured last Wednesday night when the pickup truck in which they were riding apparently crashed into large rocks which were swept onto U.S. Highway 95, about 14 miles south of here, by a landslide, according to Owyhee County Sheriff Al Barberis.  
The two were identified as David Elordi, 18, Adrian, and Harry Staples, 21, Jordan Valley.

## 140 years ago

November 18, 1876

“LET US HAVE PEACE” – For the peace of the nation and the welfare of the country let us hope that this Centennial year of grace will be the last in our history that will witness the introduction of the bayonet as an instrument wielded in conjunction with the exercise of the rights of a free people. “Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war” but from the spectacle presented to the American public in the denial of the right to a portion of the citizens to give expression to one of their most sacred privileges, that of the elective franchise; without having the polls environed by bayonets, no one can contemplate the picture with other than feelings of alarm. If the councils of the Administration had been guided by a liberal and statesman-like policy, in controlling issues necessarily forced upon the country by war, peace and its beneficent influences would have prevailed everywhere, and liberty loving people would not have been compelled to view the dangerous and unwarrantable innovation that this invasion upon the right of suffrage means. The hopes of the country have been thwarted by the plundering demagogues who by various corrupt means have foisted themselves into power in a few of the Southern States, and by the grace of Executive favor have managed to keep a portion of the country in a condition of turmoil and strife up to the present time. The truth is fully illustrated in the case of Louisiana to-day. With every industry paralyzed in that down-trodden commonwealth and her people at the mercy of a set of political sharks by whom they have been robbed and plundered; the spectacle is presented of a determination to continue this subjugation, subvert the will of the populace and make the State subservient to the powers that be in a forced contribution to the continuance of that rule that has so disastrously affected their social and commercial relations. Every patriot will have reason to rejoice if the country shall escape the peril with which it is at present menaced. The greed for power and patronage, marked by dangerous tendency to centralism, underlies this effort to subvert the rights and liberties of the people. Grant, Chandler, Morton & Co., read their impending doom in the verdict of the people as rendered at the October elections, and the movement which culminated in the presence of troops in South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, may be set down as part of the programme fixed upon for the retention of supremacy for another four years. It is no wonder that the entire country views the situation with breathless excitement. From what has transpired already and the well known dictatorial instincts of the man who at present occupies the leading post of power and his disappointed feelings in inability to have his ambition gratified by a continued lease of power, the gravest apprehensions are entertained as the threatening aspect of a dead-lock at the present crisis. Let us hope, however, that the impending danger may be averted. Let wise councils prevail with dispassionate coolness tempered with a spirit of reason and justice and the white winged messenger of peace will assert supremacy, the country will breathe freely and our prosperity as a nation will be assured.

LEADING REPUBLICANS of this Territory doubtless see by this time the mistake they made in nominating Judge Clark for Delegate to Congress. The Delegates from Owyhee in the Convention might have brought about a different result. If they have any doubt as to what the final verdict might have been, they may get an inkling of the success that was in store for them by scrutinizing the returns from Boise County and noting the heavy vote given for J. V. R. Witt for the Territorial Council. Such an opportunity as this will probably never be presented to them again.

THE ADMISSION of Colorado into the Union as a State has had much to do with the feverish excitement and political uncertainties prevalent for the past few days. Without Colorado the number of votes in the Electoral College would have stood at 366, and the number of votes already conceded to Tilden without either South Carolina, Florida or Louisiana, viz: 181 would have elected him by a bare majority.



# Public notices

SUMMARY OF  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
FOR PUBLICATION  
Owyhee County Board of  
County Commissioners  
Ordinance Number 2016-3

**Title:** An ordinance amendment that provides for an infraction if any individual is present at the Jump Creek Recreational Site during certain hours.

**Summary:** The amendments specify the permissible hours for public access and use of the Jump Creek Recreation Site, Owyhee County. The principal provisions of the ordinance amendment are as follows, with the amendments appearing in bold:

5-3-1: JUMP CREEK RECREATION SITE:

A. Hours Restricted: It shall be unlawful for any person to be within the area known as the Jump Creek recreation site, otherwise described as T2N, R5W section 27, SE1/4SW1/4NW1/4, S 1 / 2 S E 1 / 4 N W 1 / 4 , E 1 / 2 N W 1 / 4 S W 1 / 4 , W 1 / 2 N E 1 / 4 S W 1 / 4 , NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 in Owyhee County, Idaho, ~~between sunset and sunrise on any day of the year:~~ **before and/or after the specified hours on the months referenced herein below, to-wit:**

**Spring, Summer and Fall hours: April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, 6:00am through 9:00pm.**

**Winter hours: October 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year; 8:00am through 6:00pm.**

C. Violation: 1. Penalty: Violation for being within the Jump Creek site between the hours of sunset and sunrise shall be an infraction and subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code.

The effective date for this ordinance as amended shall be January 1, 2017. The full text is available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/m\\_index.php?bookid=871](http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/m_index.php?bookid=871), as well as at the Owyhee County Clerk's office, which is located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, between the hours of 8am to 5pm on working days from Monday to Friday.

**Statement:** This summary is true and complete, and provides

adequate notice to the public.  
**OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK,** Angela Barkell  
11/16/2016

CITY OF HOMEDALE  
FAIR HOUSING  
RESOLUTION 6150

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF the City of Homedale, that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of the City of Homedale to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City of Homedale does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City of Homedale will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homedale shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posting applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) providing fair housing information to the public; 4) preparing a fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

EFFECTIVE DATE This Resolution shall take effect 11-09-2016

Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor  
Attest: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk  
11/16/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO: CV 2016-1065-H  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE STATE  
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR  
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE  
MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the matter of the Estate of **Christopher C. Frazier**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against said decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Stephannie Frazier, Personal Representative, Estate of Christopher C. Frazier  
c/o Ryan Henson – ISB #6617, JONES & SWARTZ PLLC, 623 West Hays Street, Boise, ID 83702  
11/2,9,16/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV2016-01072  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN  
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE  
Magistrate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of **Margaret P. Salisbury**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert D. Salisbury has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report For 3 Month Period-Quarter Ending 9/30/2016 As required by Idaho Code 50-1011					
4th Quarter FY 2016	2016 Budget	Actual Expense	% of Budget Expense	Actual Revenue	% of Budget Revenue
GENERAL-CITY	\$72,676	\$15,100	21%	\$15,204	21%
STREET & ROAD	\$44,092	\$8,245	19%	\$11,141	25%
PARK	\$7,050	\$200	3%	\$0	0%
SEWER	\$186,513	\$31,346	17%	\$30,855	17%
WATER	\$304,485	\$85,391	28%	\$56,278	18.5%
TOTAL	\$614,816	\$140,282	23%	\$113,478	18.5%
The general public is invited to inspect all support documents for the above financial statement at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho during regular business hours. Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk 11/16/2016					

Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate, at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Robert D. Salisbury, *Personal Representative*, 4678 Thompson Road, Marsing, Idaho 83639  
WHITE PETERSON By:  
Wm. F. Gigray, III, *Attorneys for Personal Representative*  
11/2,9,16/2016

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE IDAHO

Code 45-1506 Today's date: October 31, 2016 File No.: 7345.29401 Sale date and time (local time): March 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 Property address: 750 West Main Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Michael G. Rice and Jenell A. Rice, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title and Escrow Corporation Original beneficiary: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Recording date: 03/19/2013 Recorder's instrument number: 280366 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 31, 2016: \$59,596.53 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount

shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: In Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 34: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence East 25 feet along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence leaving the South Boundary North 0 degrees 49'20" West 33 feet to the initial point of this description; thence continuing North 0 degrees 49'20" West 153 feet to a point; thence North 90 degrees East 100.00 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 49'20" East, 153 feet to a point; thence South 90 degrees West 100 feet to the initial point of this description. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Rice, Michael and Jennell (TS# 7345.29401) 1002.289206-File No.

11/16,23,30;12/7/16

## Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



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Owyhee County Church Directory		
<b>Calvary Fellowship Homedale</b> Pastor Rich Wright 4220 E Pioneer Road Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Sunday 6:00pm (208) 880-4033	<b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b> Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 19 • July 17 • August 14 • Sept. 11 <i>All invited to potluck after each mass in home of Dave Wilper</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458  Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464  Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays  www.homedalefriends.org	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
<b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</b> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b> 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>St. David's Episcopal Church</b> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605  208-459-9261  stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopaldaho.org
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	<b>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm	<b>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, middle, and his wife Jess were frequent visitors to Marsing Elementary School for walks with students during WALKtober.



# Mayors take winning walks

## Local schools receive cash in Walking Challenge

All Owyhee County participants in the 2016 Mayor's Walking Challenge walked away with prizes

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand won \$2,000 in his first year for the High Five Children's Health Collaborative's contest.

Homedale Elementary schoolchildren won their division for the second year in a row, bringing home another \$2,000 award.

Marsing Elementary, which like Ferdinand was competing for the first year, earned \$250 for having student averages of five miles or more in the month.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen collected \$1,000 for the town's parks system after averaging 10,000 steps per day for the second October in a row. Christoffersen said he finished fourth overall after walking an average of 25,000 steps each day.

"I wore out another pair of shoes," Christoffersen said. "It is a good experience for me to do it. I just need to stay in tune with it throughout the year."

Christoffersen is now the target of a pie in the face in the coming weeks when the elementary school celebrates its victory. The mayor has to pay up after challenging the schoolchildren to do their best. HES physical education teacher Cam Long also is scheduled for the pie-in-the-face treatment.

Emmett Mayor Gordon Petrie won the top prize of \$3,000 for the second consecutive year. He averaged 43,000 steps per day walking before and after work as well as at the city park and with the town's elementary schoolchildren.

Ferdinand stated that he averaged 17,500 steps per day in the contest that took place during the month of October. The mayor added that he walked a total of 260 miles last month.

Ferdinand would like to use the \$2,000 to start work on some sort of greenbelt for the city, but he hasn't nailed down any details about the project.

"There's restrictions in grant

funds, and that's why we haven't put any effort into making plans yet," Ferdinand said.

Ferdinand got his steps in each night with elementary students during Optimist football practice.

"It was harder than I thought it would be," he said. "It was very competitive, and the school did very well."

The 24 participating mayors from around the state were divided into three groups for this year's contest. Each wore Fitbits to count their steps throughout the month.

Ferdinand was in Group 3 of the divisions that were set up according to city population.

Christoffersen competed in Group 2, going foot-to-foot against Petrie.

Marsing Elementary physical education instructor Monique Smart was the leader of the school's walking challenge participation.

As Homedale Elementary did last year, Smart has stated that Marsing would use any money gained through WALKtober for PE and nutrition improvements.

— SC and JPB

# Murphy Flat Road work under budget

## Engineer: Second phase set for 2017

Paving Murphy Flat Road cost taxpayers less money than expected, project manager Michael Kaes told the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC).

C&A Paving Co., Inc., of Boise (which was purchased by Sunroc after the county contract was let) bid \$242,699 to put down two miles of a 24-foot-wide asphalt roadway with a pavement thickness of three inches. The project began at the intersection of Murphy Flat Road and Doughty Road going north to the curve, and then east for two miles.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland previously said the project didn't start from Idaho highway 78 because some realignment is still needed for grading and safety.

Kaes told commissioners that the bill was lower than what he thought it would be.

"They came in 75 tons below what our bid was, so it came in \$5,000 less than what the contractor amounted," Kaes said.

He also stated that the project was completed in about 4½ days. The paver broke down during the first day of work, and broke

down again a few days later at which time a new paver was brought in.

The overall plan for Murphy Flat Road is to pave 4.2 miles. However, only two miles of roadway had been prepared for paving at this time. The rest of the work will happen sometime next summer or early fall. The future work is not part of the current contract and will have to be bid when the time comes.

Kaes said that once completed, the paved road could have a lifespan of 40 years if it is chip-sealed every seven years.

Kaes added that Road District 1 supervisor Phil Rittenhouse told him that some people have been driving 90 mph on the newly paved section of roadway. The speed limit on the resurfaced road is 35 mph.

According to Sheriff Perry Grant, the highest speed that any of his deputies have clocked drivers at on the pavement was 55 mph.

Kaes told commissioners that the project was a good use of taxpayer dollars.

"It came out really good, no major issues constructability-wise," Kaes said. "It came out just fine. It looks really nice."

— SC

# Property tax bills heading for mailboxes

Owyhee County property owners can expect their tax bills in the coming days.

Treasurer Brenda Richards said she and her staff have been busy printing property tax bills and preparing envelopes.

She said the bills will be mailed by Friday.

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