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Richards stepping down as county treasurer



Brenda Richards

Reynolds Creek rancher plans to focus on land issues, family

With the 12th anniversary of her appointment approaching, Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richards tendered her resignation Monday.

"This isn't a decision I made lightly," the Reynolds Creek rancher and public lands grazing champion said.

Richards plans to step down on Oct. 20. She

has recommended her chief deputy, Annette Dygert, as her successor. On Oct. 3, the county's Republican Central Committee will choose a nominee to forward to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment.

"This was not an easy decision to make, but I am confident that as I reach my 12-year anniversary ... that the office is in a great place, and the capable staff is in place to assure it continues," Richards wrote in her resignation letter, a copy of which The Owyhee Avalanche obtained.

Richards said she wants to spend more time with her two grandchildren and her mother

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Clearing the way



Homedale removes rock from road

Homedale city maintenance worker Oswaldo Gonzalez kicked up a lot of dust last Wednesday when he swept excess rock off East Wyoming Avenue days after the city had completed this year's chip seal project.

Hurricane teaches Marsing graduate in Texas life lesson

Tara Bush's co-worker inspires school district relief fundraiser

A fundraiser happening this week in the Marsing School District to help victims of Hurricane Harvey has roots and reason nearly 1,900 miles away.

Tara Bush, a Marsing High School Class of 2000 graduate, lives and works in Houston.

After graduation, Bush attended Boise State University before moving to Texas to begin working in the furniture design industry.

Unlike a lot of structures in the hurricane-ravaged area

of Texas, H a r v e y didn't damage Bush's home.

"But after the storm there was almost a guilt that came over people,



Tara Bush

including us, my boyfriend and I," Bush said. "We felt guilty because we were spared. There

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Pastor envisions youth center

Show and shine proceeds to help renovate building

by Todd Kleppinger For The Owyhee Avalanche

The need for a youth center in town is a big part of the reason Ivar Moore and his family came to Homedale three years ago.

Saturday's third annual car show, put on by the Assembly of God Church where Moore is pastor, is a fundraiser for that youth center.

Moore and his family were alarmed by the suicide rate in the area when they arrived. He saw a need for kids to have a place to come and feel secure and loved, regardless of their spirituality.

"The importance of the Refuge has nothing to do with denomination or if you believe or don't believe," said Pastor Moore. "I just want somewhere you can go to feel safe."

The car show is free to the public and proceeds from car show entry fees and the sale of food will be used to renovate and expand services for the Refuge, the youth center supported by the church.

Goals for the proceeds are to improve the facilities and to make it look more youthful, Moore said.

The plan is to make the upstairs available for services, concerts, and movie nights.

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Pastor Ivar Moore and 3-year-old daughter Roxy stand outside the old Main Street church he hopes to turn into the Homedale Assembly of God Refuge. Photo by Todd Kleppinger



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Murphy's resurrected P.O. may stand on county land

Official: Window service could return by spring

Murphy could have a U.S. Post Office in the spring, and the building could wind up on government-owned property in the Owyhee County seat.

U.S. Postal Service officials huddled with elected officials — including the Board of County Commissioners — to scope out possible sites last week.

BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi, of District 2, told USPS real estate specialist Dean Cameron that the county would prefer to keep the post office where it was located before the Postal Service closed the branch in late February because of structural safety concerns.

The county would have to buy the privately owned building, which would be razed



An audience member (left) studies a photo of what the new Murphy post office could look like as U.S. Postal Service representative Dean Cameron speaks inside McKeeth Hall.

to make way for a 460-squarefoot modular post office.

Aberasturi said the county could pay no more than market value for the lot, which is the

final piece of property across Hailey Street from the sheriff's office that the county doesn't own

The Postal Service is looking for 8,000 square feet in total area to accommodate the modular post office and a concrete pad that would include two to three parking spaces, including a disabled persons parking stall. But Cameron said that was only a guideline.

After a Sept. 12 public meeting at McKeeth Hall in Murphy, Cameron and his USPS cohorts, the county commissioners and County Clerk Angie Barkell stood in the middle of Basey Street

and discussed the possibility of using part of the county property directly across from the Owyhee County Historical Museum for the new post office site.

"There's still plenty of parking for the museum and other activities there," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

County officials and the 20 Murphy residents who showed up for the public meeting would like to see the post office relocated to an area central to town, and Cameron said the USPS would strive to find a location within a one-mile radius of the old post office at the corner of Hailey Street and Idaho highway 78.

Currently, there are only a cluster of post office boxes and a general mailbox located outside the Wagon Wheel building in town. The closest window service is at the Melba branch.

The Postal Service has a contract with Tuff Shed to build the modular post offices, which have been used in other rural areas. The utility footprint includes only electricity, Cameron said, because the restrooms are on an incinerator waste disposal system and post office staff drinks bottled water.

"You just need a power source," Cameron said during the public meeting.

The Murphy building is being built now, Cameron added.

"As soon as we get the piece of land, I think we can be open," he said.

When someone asked if the post office could be back by December for Christmas mailings, USPS finance manager Brent Littlewood said the realistic return would be in the spring.

Besides the former location ha and the lot across from to the museum, there are two privately owned lots in town that potentially could be offered as sites. The Postal Service

would lease the property for 10 years.

"If there is a private individual and it fits (the need), we won't go against that," Aberasturi said.

Cameron likes the idea of having several options.

"We'll try to pick the best piece and get the Murphy Post Office open as soon as possible," he said.

Last week's public meeting kicked off a 30-day period during which the Postal Service will take suggestions on what to do.

The comment period ends Oct. 12. Send correspondence to Dean Cameron, Real Estate Specialist-Leasing Team, 1300 Evans Ave., Ste. 200, San Francisco, CA 94188-8200.

A final decision on relocation will be made after the comments are considered.

South Mountain ZIP plight brought to light

After the public meeting ended, District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick and Hoagland spoke with Brandon Roundy, the acting post office operations manager for rural areas in a wide part of the West, about issues South Mountain residents have with online transactions because they don't have a ZIP code that coincides with their location.

Because the closest post office is in Jordan Valley, websites' fraud detectors go off incorrectly when a person with an Idaho address punches in an Oregon ZIP code, residents such as Nancy Fretwell have explained in the past.

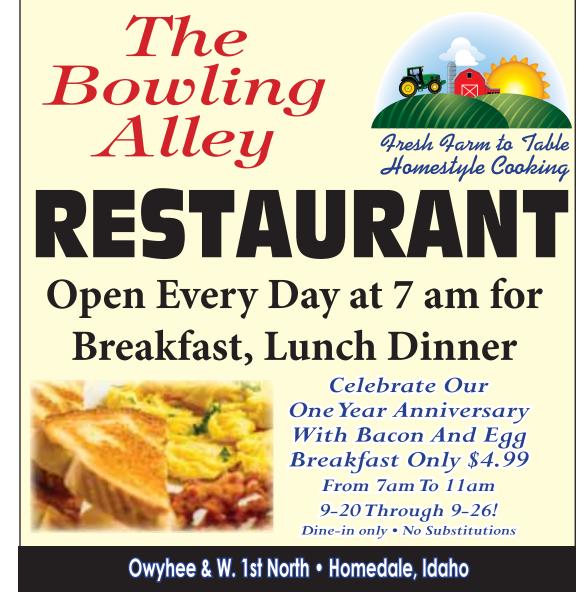
The county officials reiterated the problem to Roundy, whose jurisdiction stretches from Wyoming to Oregon and from McCall to Utah.

Roundy seemed unaware of the problem, which officials have tried to rectify with letters to the Postal Service in the past.

He said he would look into it.

— JPB









HHS hurricane penny drive continues

The Homedale High School penny drive fundraiser to help hurricane victims continues through Thursday. The classes are battling for supremacy (and to prevent sabotage) and points in their Homecoming spirit contest. Organizer Kathy Deal reports that students raised nearly \$650 by the end of the first week, including \$139.81 raised by juniors, \$99.64 from sophomores, \$65.40 from seniors and \$55.12 from freshmen. From left: Freshman Brooke Pfost; sophomores Juliette Larzelier and Gracie Dines; junior Drew Deal and senior Dillon Pfost. Submitted photo

Homedale community yard sale planned

Folks will have a chance Avenue in Homedale. to get rid of unwanted stuff around the house and pocket a few dollars at the same time later this month.

A community yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho

Manager

The pre-registration fee for booth space is \$10, or \$15 if you register after Sept. 28.

FeeswillbenefittheHomedale Farmers Market grant program to support Homedale School District arts programs.

tion booth during the markets from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in Bette Uda City Park through Sept. 28, and at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

People can also register online at www.homedalefarmer

Marsing DMV doors now closing earlier

Out-of-county flocking to the Marsing Division of Motor Vehicles branch have triggered a change in operating procedures and business hours.

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott said Marsing DMV employees started closing the doors at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11.

"We're getting such and influence from Canyon and Ada County (that) people that are in line when we close at 4 o'clock, we're not able to get them all through and still be out of the office by 5 o'clock," Endicott said.

He reminds people that no written exams can be taken after 3:30 p.m. The Marsing DMV is open Monday through Friday.

"To take the drivers license test you have to be there earlier than 3 o'clock, and the CDL (Commercial Drivers License) basically takes an

drivers hour, so you have to be there at 2:30 or so," Endicott said.

> While the Marsing branch technically closes at 4 p.m., that's not when employees

> "They still work until 5 o'clock," Endicott said. "Our office is open from 8:30 to 5:00, but they have to balance the books and get their deposit to the bank. So the door shuts at 3:30 so that we can process those people that are still in there."

> The Murphy branch also closes at 3:30 p.m. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

> Hours for the Grand View DMV have not changed.

The Grand View branch is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. The branch is located inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

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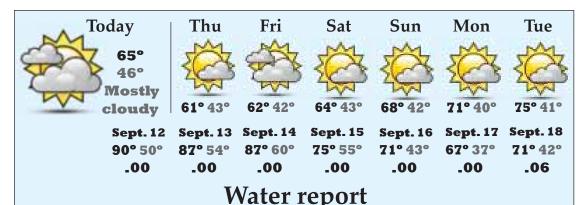
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Corrections

The weekly after-school program, Christian Life Club, offered to Homedale kindergarteners through sixth-graders will be held each Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church at 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale. The location was incorrect in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Amaya Carter scored 15 kills in Homedale High School's volleyball loss to Baker, Ore., on Sept. 7. The wrong player was credited with the statistics in a photo caption in last week's Avalanche.





The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 63 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 142 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 255 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 452,753 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

Homedale Chamber luncheons resume after summer break

Parker: Halloween planning a priority

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will hold its first luncheon of the fall Tuesday.

The Chamber took the summer months off, but will resume meeting at noon, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said he wants to start working on two annual

"We're mostly going to look at the two main issues that promote our events for the fall." he said. "One is about the details for the Halloween Safe 'n' Sane trick-or-treating."

Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year.

The city's annual trickor-treating takes place at participating businesses throughout downtown.

"We'll probably do it from 3:30 (p.m.) to 5 (p.m.)," Parker said.

Parker said he also wants

Chamber members to start thinking about the holiday Night Light Parade, which is slated for Saturday, Nov. 25.

"This gives us two months, so we'll probably even pick a theme and get rolling on that," Parker said.

Parker welcomes comments from community members at the Chamber meetings. Anyone with questions about the Homedale Chamber of Commerce can email him at gsparker72@yahoo.com.

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Today

Coffee club

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

Preschool Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Movie time

Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Preschool story time

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Christian Life Club after-school program

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464

Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

TOPS meeting

8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 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

Homedale Farmers Market

3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.com

Crafts for Kids

4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

AA meetings

7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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

Assembly of God Church car show

9 a.m. to noon, registration; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., show and shine, \$10 to enter, Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. (208) 412-2946, (208) 936-0921, or (208) 859-6999

Our Lady Queen of Heaven mass

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Senior center dominoes and card games

2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Parent-teacher conferences

4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., grades 9-12, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Homedale High School parent night

6 p.m., college preparation, Homedale High School library, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Marsing Fire Department meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Tuesday

Book club for adults

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After-school program

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day Sept. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

- Sept. 21: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit roll up
- Sept. 25: Corn dog, sidewinder potatoes
- Sept. 26: Fish nuggets, steamed broccoli
- Sept. 27: Spaghetti, green beans
- Sept. 28: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, brownie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day

Sept. 20: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll

Sept. 21: Pepp. pizza ripper or PB & J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie

Sept. 25: Hot dog or chicken patty potato wedges

Sept. 26: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

Sept. 27: Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans

Sept. 28: Calzone or PB & J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day

Sept. 20: Orange chicken w/steamed rice or BBQ pulled pork sandwich w/baked beans

Sept. 21: Nachos or Chef salad, cookie

Sept. 25: Sliced ham or chicken nuggets, butter & brown sugar diced sweet potatoes

Sept. 26: Chicken tender w/mashed potatoes/gravy, roll or corn dog, tater tots

Sept. 27: Crispitos, refried beans or grab n'go, chef salad

Sept. 28: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges

Marsing Elementary

Sept. 20: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers

Sept. 21: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, WW roll, buttered corn or PB & J, cheese stick, graham crackers

Sept. 25: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers

Sept. 26: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick or PB & J, Cheese stick, graham crackers

Sept. 27: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers

Sept. 28: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB & J, cheese stick, graham crackers

Marsing Middle and High School

Sept. 20: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or fish sandwich, green beans

 $Sept.\ 21: Chicken\ fried\ steak, mashed\ potatoes/gravy, buttered\ corn,\ whole\ wheat\ roll$

Sept. 25: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or meatloaf sandwich, baby baker potatoes

Sept. 26: Chicken Parmesan, Italian breadstick, green beans or spaghetti/meatballs, Italian breadstick, green beans

Sept. 27: Enchiladas, rice, baked sweet potatoes

Sept. 28: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB & J, sun chips, pudding

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk available each day

Sept. 20: Soft flour taco, black beans/salsa, Spanish rice, corn, fruit

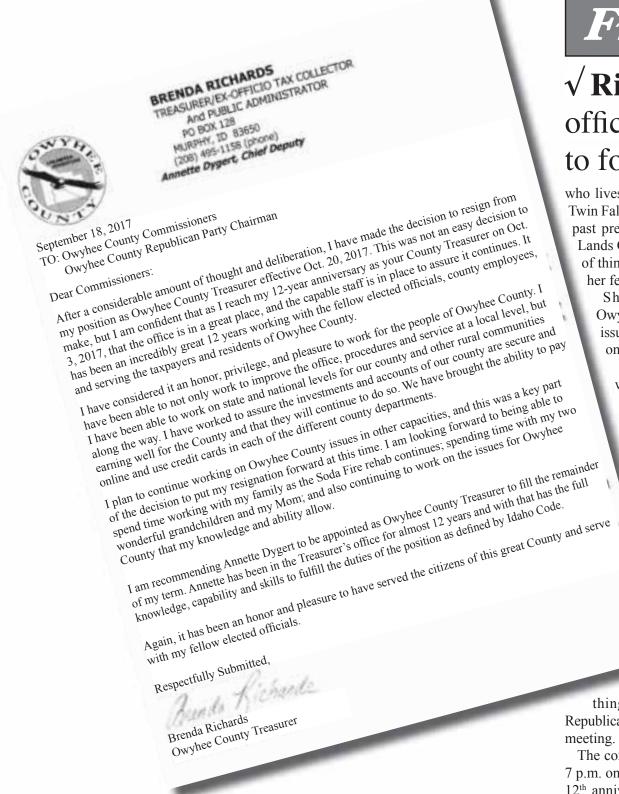
Sept. 21: Hamburger on a bun, celery sticks, and fresh grapes Sept. 25: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, whole-wheat roll, fruit

Sept. 26: Teriyaki chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry veggie,

Sept. 27: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Sept. 28: BBQ pulled pork on a bun, potato wedges, baby carrots, fruit, chocolate chip cookie

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CLC starts in Homedale today

The Christian Life Club Wednesday that school is in (CLC) will start another year of programs today at First Presbyterian Church of Homedale.

Information about the program's locale reported in The Owyhee Avalanche last week was incorrect.

The after-school program is open to kindergarteners through sixth-graders.

The program will meet welcome. from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each

session. At a recent meeting, organizers decided to shorten the session each week by 15 minutes after it was originally announced the program would end at 5:30 p.m.

Participants will hear Bible stories, learn Bible verses, play games and enjoy refreshments during the non-denominational program. All faiths are

Middle schoolers will ride the

bus to the elementary school, while elementary schoolage participants will meet in front of the school at 420 W. Washington Ave. All students will walk as a group to the First Presbyterian Church, which is located at 320 N. 6th St. W., near the southwest corner of the elementary school campus.

Parents are responsible for transportation home from the church.

For more information, call Mary Sonke at (208) 337-4757, Marcy Hibbs at (208) 353-6024 or the Friends church at (208) 337-3464.

From page 1

√ **Richards:** Stability of office makes the time right to focus on other issues

who lives in Richards' native Twin Falls, but the immediate past president of the Public Lands Council still has a lot of things to accomplish for her fellow ranchers.

> She also has some Owyhee Initiative-related issues she wants to focus on, Richards said.

> > "I plan to continue working on Owyhee County issues in

other capacities, and this was a key part of the decision to put my resignation forward at this time," Richards said.

Another focal point is helping her family with the ongoing recovery from the Soda Fire.

Richards would have been up for re-election in the May primary. Her successor will have to run to retain the seat.

GOP committee will suggest Richards' successor to BOCC

Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richard's impending resignation has a d d e d

a little something extra to the next Republican Central Committee

The committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, the 12th anniversary of Richards' appointment to the county position.

The meeting takes place inside Courtroom 1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Any interested candidate can email a letter of intent to apply for the position and a resume to Eric Beus at remoteeb@ yahoo.com.

The committee will select some from the pool of nominees and make an appointment recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Richards has recommended the appointment of her deputy, Annette Dygert.

With his wife's position as an applicant, Central Committee chair Shawn Dygert said he will hand over the chairmanship of that portion of next month's meeting to Beus or another precinct committee representative.

Brush fire breaks out near Sommercamp again

the area near the Port of Entry south of Marsing.

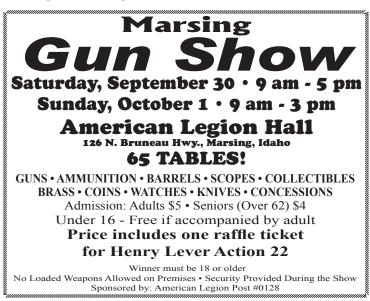
Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said less than three acres burned when a fire ignited before 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Marsing Fire Department was initially dispatched

Another brush fire has visited because the fire was on private ground, Bowman said.

> The deeded pasture is owned by ranchers deeply affected by the Soda Fire in 2015.

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District fire crew also arrived because the fire crept onto public land before it was extinguished.





The Ranch, Part II

During my childhood visits to the Ranch, I remember the adults seemed to enjoy themselves quite a bit also.

There was always a horseshoe game with real horseshoes pulled out of a pile of old worn-out shoes. I remember lots of betting and cursing as the games went on late into the afternoon. A few cases of Oly might have contributed to the atmosphere.

One of the wildest sights I saw was one afternoon after horseshoes and beer one of the men paid the teenagers to throw another adult into the creek. There were a lot of big kids, teenagers, around at that time, and they took it as a challenge to get that man in the creek. He was not very happy with the situation and fought like crazy. I did learn that a dozen or so teenage boys and girls can pretty much take down the toughest cowboy. It really got exciting when the fellow who got thrown in the creek paid the teenagers to throw the man who employed them into the creek. I watched at least six full-grown men get drug down to the creek for a bath that afternoon. The most amazing part was there were no hard feelings after this melee finally played



Young Terry Simon shows off the first fish he ever caught. Of course, the adventure unfolded at the Ranch.

itself out.

If an overnight stay was in the cards for the Ranch, the grownups would stay up most of the night playing five-card Townsend pinochle. I once slept on an old couch in the living room next to the big table with all the grownups trying to get rich with their nickel-and-dime bets. No one got much sleep that night. When I was old enough to learn the game, I joined in and quickly realized how you could get hooked on it.

After I graduated from Homedale High School, I spent the summer in Nebraska haying for a friend's family who had just moved there. After haying, he and I returned to Homedale for a few adventures before adulthood got us. One Friday night before we were to go to the Ranch, we enjoyed a little too many Olys of our own. The next morning, my folks woke us up and made us go to the Ranch whether we felt good or not. After that trip, the Ranch just didn't have the appeal it used to.

Years later, after a fouryear stint in the Navy and working for the Idaho Air National Guard, I decided to start deer hunting again at the Ranch. My great uncle Dib had passed away, and my uncle Vernon Kershner had bought the place. He allowed a couple Guard friends and I to sleep in the old house; he and his wife Bonnie had a



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new home on the Ranch, so the old house was not in use.

The first night there about 2 o'clock in the morning, I was woken up by the sounds of the kitchen door opening and someone walking around. There was no light except for a very faint glow on the floor. I never heard anyone leave and the glow was there until daylight. I asked my friends if they had been in the kitchen and they both said no, but they had heard the door and footsteps. They, as I, never heard the door open and close for someone to leave though.

At breakfast, I asked Vernon if he came to the house last night and he said, "No. Why would I go over there in the middle of the night?" My thoughts were if someone did come in they would have used a flashlight because it was very dark except for the

eerie glow on the floor.

Simon

We later figured out the mystery of the light but not the footsteps and door. The house had an old propane refrigerator and its pilot light was still on. The only explanation I could figure out for the presence in the house was Uncle Dib coming in to get a cool drink or late-night snack out of the fridge.

I have many more memories of the ranch, but I will stop and challenge other family members to share some of theirs.

— Terry Simon was raised in Homedale, and his family has deep roots in Owyhee County. For more information on submitting your memories of Owyhee country for the Reminiscing feature, call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

Helping youth manage stress in their busy lives

When one family member experiences stress, all

members are affected. Although youth may experience stress, the development of positive coping strat-



egies among Janelle Thompson

youth can reduce their personal stress while also decreasing the strain felt by other family members.

Recognizing stress in youth

Some stress is inevitable. However, when stressors are chronic or pile up, youth may become overwhelmed. Stress can lead to several physical and mental outcomes including:

An increase in physical illness such as stomachaches or headaches

Noticeable change in weight; either a significant increase or

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decrease in weight over a short period

In young children, look for changes in behavior such as an increase in aggression, crying, or fear.

In teens, be aware of increased hostility, an extreme desire for isolation from friends and family, or loss of interest in activities they used to enjoy.

Becomes forgetful or has more difficulty concentrating Sleeping problems; nightmares

Mood changes (e.g., irritability, sadness, anxiety)

High-risk behaviors (e.g., drugs, alcohol, shoplifting, truancy)

Risk factors for youth stress

Youth with certain characteristics or living in certain environments can be at a greater risk for developing stress. Involvement in school activities or community activities such

as 4-H can be a great way to build relationships and find social support. Youth with a history of depression, anxiety, or suicidal ideation can be at an increased risk if they lack positive stress-management skills.

Stress management techniques for youth

Stress can have lasting impacts on a youth's physical and mental health, but there are many techniques that help manage the anxiety related to stress.

Make relaxation a priority. Youth today have multiple demands on their time. While limited social interaction can be a risk factor for stress, too many social obligations can also be stressful. With a demanding schedule, youth may lack opportunities for self-care. Help them find some time for relaxing activities.

Develop a schedule. Stress often develops or intensifies because of a feeling of being out of control. To combat feelings of powerlessness, creating a daily to-do list can help youth regain some control. Creating a family routine is also a good idea and can include activities such as family game night, eating dinner together each night, or scheduling a time for weekly check-ins to assess how everyone is feeling.

Eat healthy and maintain physical activity. A healthy diet and consistent exercise not only improve physical wellness, but also improve mental health. Scheduling a consistent time for exercise (e.g., every morning) increases the likelihood that exercise will become a habit. Reducing the amount of caffeine in youths' diet can also help limit feelings of anxiety as caffeine can increase agitation and inhibit sleep.

Develop healthy sleeping habits. Lack of sleep can be a symptom of stress, but it can also intensify feelings of stress. Some simple techniques can help youth get the rest they need. For example, going to bed and getting up at the same time each day, turning off electronic devices before trying to sleep, limiting physical activity four hours before bed, or using the bed only for sleeping (i.e., not doing homework or using the computer while sitting in bed).

There may be times when professional assistance is necessary. If stress appears long-term, or youth indicate they might be thinking of hurting themselves, contact a mental health professional in your area such as a counselor, therapist, or psychologist.

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Spate of excessive DUI arrests | BLM reschedules

Within a span of three days, three men were arrested on suspicion of excessive drunk driving.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies made all the misdemeanor arrests in the Bruneau area, and each man had a blood-alcohol content at least twice the legal limit of .08.

In two instances involving 21-year-olds — Cody Steele of Owyhee, Nev., and Jesten Dick of Grand View — the recorded BAC was more than three times higher than the limit. · Dick has bonded out after

in Murphy after his arrest after 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. According to witnesses, Dick drove his car off Black

Sands Road near Strike Dam

being booked into county jail

Cutoff Road then ran toward misdemeanor excessive DUI. the Black Sands Resort.

Bowman said Dick was unhurt when he drove a 2001 Chevrolet Prizm into some cattails on the side of the road.

Grand View Fire volunteers found the man at the resort, Bowman said.

Dick's BAC was .318, nearly four times the legal limit.

He was charged with second-offense DUI as well as possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and failing to make notification of an accident.

• Steele was arrested after deputies responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle stuck on a fire break road off Hot Springs Road in Bruneau.

He remained in custody Monday morning on a charge of

Bowman said Steele's BAC registered at .253.

Steele was driving a 2008 Ford Mustang.

· Another man accused of misdemeanor excessive DUI, 26-year-old Stephen Tichacek-Clark of Boise, remained in custody in Murphy on Monday.

The man was arrested after he drove a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup off Crane Falls Road near C Tindall Road in Bruneau.

Bowman said the responding deputy found beer in Tichacek-Clark's possession and smelled alcohol.

A BAC reading of .224 was taken at the Elmore County Jail where he was transported.

– JPB

juniper burn near JV

during a wet spring will be carried out later this month southeast of Jordan Valley.

The Bureau of Land Management plans to focus the Pole Creek Broadcast Prescribed Burn to reduce juniper in an area of about 6.600 acres in Owyhee County. The location is about 35 miles southeast of Jordan Valley, Ore.

The operation will take place in the last week of the month.

The prescribed burn of previously fallen and live juniper trees is dependent on weather, fuel and ground conditions.

Conditions were too wet in the spring to carry out the operation, which is aimed at improving rangeland health by reducing juniper encroachment onto sagebrush steppe.

The burn units will be ig-

A prescribed burn postponed nited by helicopter and ground resources over a two- to threeday period with subsequent mop-up and patrol occurring for several days.

The public can expect to see helicopter activity in the Juniper Mountain area for up to four days during ignition operations. Smoke may be visible on the western flanks of Juniper Mountain and for several weeks afterwards. The BLM encourages visitors to call with questions about the specific locations where crews will be working.

For more information, contact the BLM Boise District Fire Information Line at (208) 384-3378.

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County puts focus on child car safety

Keeping children secure in motor vehicles is being highlighted this week across Idaho

After a moment of silence to commemorate the events in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania 16 years earlier, during a meeting on Sept. 11, the Board of Commissioners County (BOCC) named the week of Sept. 17-23 as "National Child Passenger Safety Week" in Owyhee County.

The commissioners said the goal of the proclamation is to support the correct use of

car seats for children for their ages and sizes, and eliminate young children injuries and fatalities in car crashes.

proclamation emphasizes that there are more than 260 certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians statewide in Idaho who are committed to educating parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep children safe while traveling in cars.

The proclamation also states that the commissioners support Sheriff Perry Grant enforcing the importance of preventing child deaths and injuries by keeping boys and girls buckled up in an appropriate car seat or seat belt.

Free car seat checks will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center, 9850 W. St. Luke's Drive. Call (208) 870-3493 to make an appointment.

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Grooms exits library board

A longtime Homedale Public Library board member is saying goodbye.

The term of Carolyn Grooms expires at the end of October, and she won't extend her ten-

"My age and my health are the reasons why I'm getting out," Grooms said. "I hate to go, but I'm getting to a point that I can't see."

She has served on the library board for the past $6\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Grooms said being part of the board was a natural fit for her.

"I'm an avid reader. I'm all for libraries, and I'm really for library expansion," she said. "If we could just get this thing started."

She said securing a potential \$100,000 donation for the expansion effort was her biggest accomplishment while serving the board. The gift from the family of former board member Gypsy Jackson is contingent on landing a Community Development Block Grant for the new building, which would also be named for Gypsy.

After next month, Grooms knows how she'll be using her time that would have been spent on board business.

"More reading. I have to have a book all the time," she said. "I love to read. I started reading when I was 10 years old."

She still remembers the title



Carolyn Grooms

of the first book she read, "I Married Adventure" by Osa Johnson.

The book also marked the beginning of her relationship with the Homedale Public Library. Grooms borrowed "I Married Adventure" when the town's library was housed in its original location — the white wood frame building that now sits behind the existing facility on West Owyhee Avenue.

Grooms has an idea about what the future of the library should look like and sound like — roomy and quiet.

"A huge place where there can be meetings, and people can sit and read, and special rooms for the kids because now there's noise," Grooms

Her fellow board members said they would start thinking about who might be a good replacement for Grooms.

Potential candidates will be discussed at the board's Oct. 10 meeting. The name of the potential successor will be recommended to the city council for approval.

Anyone interested in serving can call the library at (208) 337-4228 for more informa-

Grooms had some advice for whoever follows in her footsteps:

"Just pay attention to what they're talking about at the meetings," Grooms said. "Try to be as involved as you're smart enough to be."

She also had a message for board chair Dawn Whitney.

"I love her to death." Grooms said. "She's been a good chairman of the board, a good board member, and she was a good bowling partner, too."

Grooms and Whitney met while bowling years before either started serving on the library board.

Neither of the old friends could recollect whom Grooms replaced on the board in March

"Dawn and I went through that and tried to remember," Grooms said. "But Dawn came out to my house and asked me if I was interested in being on the board. I said, 'I've wondered for years how to get on the board."

Homedale library lands grant for computers, facility improvements

New carpeting and bookshelves and additional computers are in the future for the Homedale Public Library in Fiscal Year 2018.

During last week's library board meeting, administrator Sharla Jensen told board members that she has secured an \$11,700 grant from Together Treasure Valley.

Jensen will receive the grant check today during the philanthropic organization's monthly board meeting in Boise.

The organization involving 20 area companies was founded last year, and has funded several communitybased projects.

Jensen said she received an email from a Together Treasure Valley representative asking about any potential library improvement projects.

"The only thing I thought of was that I wish we could fix up this old library a little bit get new carpet and some different things," Jensen said.

She had asked for \$12,000 to purchase the following items:

- Two children's bookshelves; \$1,500
- Four computer carrels; \$3,000
- Two computers; \$2,000
- New carpeting; \$3,000 without labor, \$3,800 includ-

• Exterior door handicap button opener; \$900

The requested items total approximately \$11,200, but with the grant amount she has some wiggle room.

"I just got online and did quick searches for the dollar amounts, so hopefully my amounts are good," Jensen

After sending the email, Jensen didn't immediately hear back from Together Treasure Valley.

"I thought, 'OK, it's not something they're interested in doing," Jensen said. "Then a month later I pulled up my email at home and I saw the letter saying, 'Congratulations, you've been selected.'

Jensen will deposit the check on Oct. 1, and the library will have all of FY 18 to spend the money.

Her first priority is the two bookshelves for children's books to match existing bookshelves in that section of the library.

Besides the planned improvements to the 37-year-old building, proponents are supposed to file another Idaho Community Development Block Grant application in hopes of building a 3,600square-foot, standalone addition to the existing library.

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Children attending Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Friday will hear a reading of "The Scarecrow's Hat" by Ken Brown.

"The Secret Life of Figgy Mustardo" by Marsha Chall will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said after the stories, children will make a scarecrow for the

Friday's Teens and Tweens activity will be to decorate earbuds with embroidery thread.

The 4 p.m. program is open to all boys and girls ages 10-

"Kids can bring their own earbuds, and the embroidery thread is provided by the library," McMichael said.

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

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



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Church car show organizers expect up to 200 vehicles

The Homedale Assembly of center fundraiser. God Church's third annual car show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday at Bette Uda City Park.

Vehicle owners can register their rides for the show from 9 a.m. to noon. The entry fee is \$10. Awards will be handed out at 2:30 p.m.

The car show is free to the public. Food also will be available as part of the youth

Pastor Ivar Moore said he's expecting up to 200 cars, motorcycles, trucks, and tractors at the fundraiser, as compared to just 54 last year.

Chili, hot dogs, and onion rings will be available for purchase at the event.

Contact Moore at (208) 412-2946 for more information on the Refuge youth center or the car show.

$\sqrt{\text{Refuge:}}$ Family pulls off much of old church's retrofit

Downstairs would provide appliances. Additionally, it had an area for kids to safely congregate, play games and socialize.

A large part of the proceeds from Saturday's fundraiser are to go to much-needed replacement windows and to have air conditioning installed in the Refuge.

During the dog days of summer, it has been necessary for the kids to gather in the church proper.

The youth center has already seen some improvements, including replaced toilets and new tile in the bathrooms. Changes have been made to the kitchen area, including new cabinets and donated become necessary to replace the furnace.

The Moores have done most of the renovations themselves, with the help of volunteers. They estimate it could be up to three years before all appropriate changes to the center have been made, the pastor's wife, Suzanne Moore,

The hope is to have real community involvement in the Refuge.

"We're hoping to open up doors for some people," said Pastor Moore. "That's what this is. It's for the community. It's not for the Homedale Assembly of God."

MHS Homecoming Week starts Monday

Marsing High School students will meet as their respective classes this week to plan for Homecoming.

Homecoming week starts Monday.

Homecoming royalty will be crowned Friday night before the varsity football game against New Plymouth. Kickoff is 7 p.m. at the MHS football field.

Homecoming events will also include dress-up days, a powderpuff game, all-class tug-of-war, bonfire, a parade on Thursday and fireworks following Friday's football game.

All events and other details will be finalized this week. Read next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for more details.

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√ **Hurricane:** Hat fundraiser underway

are still people that have eight to 12 feet of water in their homes. We are just thankful to be alive and thankful to help our neighbors."

Bush explained that she lives on a higher elevation in the city than many other residents, but the homes of some of her neighbors did see storm damage.

Bush works for Workplace Solutions, an office furniture company.

Her office was also spared by the hurricane.

"But we do have some phone issues going on because of the hurricane," Bush said. "They're still trying to get lines mended "

Bush said she knows about 10 people who either lost everything in the storm, or had severe damage done to their home. She doesn't know anyone who was injured or killed by Harvey.

This wasn't the first hurricane Bush has dealt with. She also made it through Rita in 2005 and Ike three years later.

But Bush said surviving Hurricane Harvey was a "life lesson."

"This has taught a lot of people, including myself, that things are just things," she said. "As long as you have your life, your health, your friends and your family. It all comes into perspective when you go through something like this."

Bush added that she was amazed by how people came together after the storm.

"People let everything slide: color, religion or politics," Bush said. "They get rid of that, and it's just, 'Hey. There's another human that needs help."

A "Hat Week" fundraiser running through Thursday in the Marsing School District is gathering money for families in need after Hurricane Har-

Students can pay \$1 per day to wear a hat at school. District policy prohibits hats to be worn inside school buildings, but they are allowed during the fundraiser — if the individual student makes a donation.

Bush's co-worker, Kristen Lyons, gave her the idea, which was passed along to Marsing Elementary School librarian Megan Astorquia.

"I'm still tied very much to my hometown of Marsing," Bush said. "I've heard from a lot of people asking how they can help. I just said. 'Here's an idea I heard from a friend. Maybe we could try to get it rolling in Marsing.'

Bush said she returns to her hometown several times a year to visit her mother, Stella, and brother, Shaun.

Money gathered during the fundraiser will be sent directly to Workplace Solutions. In association with other Houston design firms, Bush's company has adopted approximately 100 families affected by the storm.

Bush said people are requesting a wide variety of items.

"We're just collecting things

that we know are needed by these families," she said. "Some of the needs are very minimal, and some people need a whole new house and everything in it."

A gofundme.com page has also been set up for people to help with the MSD fundraiser.

In addition to sending money, Marsing Elementary students are making cards to send to hurricane victims.

Bush wasn't surprised that Marsing folks want to lend a hand to people they've never

"It made me proud to know that it doesn't matter how far away it is," Bush said. "The community of Marsing always helps out where they can help

For more information on the fundraiser, call the elementary school at (208) 896-4111, ext. 4 or contact Astorquia at mastorquia@marsingschools.org.

"The smallest amount of care means the world to people down here," Bush said. "Just kids taking five minutes to draw something, you don't know how much that lifts people's spirits down here. It's the little things that matter the most."

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Homedale High's Homecoming Dist. 23A Rep. Zito hype heightens at midweek

Grand marshal Sheila Matteson to lead parade this afternoon

Today is a busy day for Homedale High School students engaged in Homecoming activities.

They've already endured a couple of days of wacky dressup, but the spirit competition kicks into high gear before the parade, powder puff, Snake Dance and bon fire tonight.

The parade pushes off at 2:50 p.m., and the procession will make its way west down Owyhee Avenue before returning east to the high school down Idaho Avenue.

Grand marshal Sheila Matteson will lead the parade. Other attractions include the HHS marching band, the fire department, high school cheerleaders, royalty candidates, class floats, the football team, an Idaho Department of Fish and Game vehicle and Homedale Ambulance.

Homecoming royalty candidates include:

• Queen — Allison Shenk, Gabby Martell and Ashley

- **King** Tony Baltierrez, Ian Beckman and Jeremy
- Junior princess and **prince** — Monique Hernandez and Thane Granden
- Sophomore princess and prince — Juliette Larzelier and Spencer Fisher
- Freshman princess and **prince** — Kaitlyn Missamore and Milo Mertz

The king and queen will be crowned Friday night in conjunction with the football team's 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener against Weiser.

The volleyball team's conference match against Parma, originally scheduled for Thursday on the road, has been switched to the HHS gymnasium.

The powder puff game will be played at 6:30 p.m. at Deward Bell Stadium with the Snake Dance and bon fire afterward.

Between 12:50 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. today, the classes will be in the gym for the bulk of their spirit competitions. Each class also will earn points for the creativity of their Homecoming floats.

More points can be earned for dress-up day participation. Monday was Senior Citizen Day, and Tuesday was Mathletes vs. Athletes Day.

Today is Duo/Squad Day, and Thursday is Red and White Spirit Day.

The dance theme is "Dance of the Decades," which dovetails with the hall decoration competition.

Each class was assigned hallways to decorate in themes of the decades:

- Class of 2021 (freshmen) — 1920s and '30s in the Science wing
- Class of 2020 (sophomores) — '40s and '50s in the Math
- Class of 2019 (juniors) - '60s and '70s in the Staff Lounge hall
- · Class of 2018 (seniors) - '80s and '90s in the Cafeteria hall



Second Amendment rights were one of the topics during a state legislator's open house at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center last week.

Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) is in the middle of a two-year term serving Dist. 23, Seat A in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Although she has held Mountain Home town halls each month since the legislative session ended, Sept. 12 marked her first visit to Owyhee County. Zito said she has had difficulty finding suitable locations to hold an open house in Homedale or Marsing.

Speaking to about 24 people, Zito said she is in the process of setting up an open house next month at The Sandbar Café with a Cause in Marsing.

Last week, Zito didn't bring any particular topic to speak

"We usually just make a circle, have cookies and talk about what we're thinking and what the issues are." Zito said.

Barbara Parshley of the Sunny Slope area in Canyon County northeast of Marsing asked about Agenda 21, a non-binding, voluntarily implemented action plan of the United Nations regarding sustainable development.

Zito said the issue illustrates the dangers of adopting policies that don't originate in the U.S.

"We just need to be really, really careful," she said. "I don't think I would support an international child support law either. Because we need to make sure we stay sovereign. If we start to allow these little international aspects into our laws, I think that's a dangerous step."

Marsing-area resident Toni Schaefer addressed the Castle Doctrine, which Zito has backed to help protect the rights of folks who are protecting themselves against home invaders.

Zito said Idaho does have some "stand your ground"

statutes, but she doesn't think they are strong enough.

"Last year, I had a bill, I'm going to try to run it again this year, that has stand your ground," she said. "It also has civil liability protection for homeowners, so if someone comes into your home, you have the right to defend yourself and your property."

Her proposed legislation never got a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee, which needed to sign off on the bill to send it to the full

Parshley also asked if there is anything that can be done for Ammon Bundy, the Emmett rancher who is still behind bars for allegedly leading armed men in the 2016 occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

"I would chain myself to the jail door if I could," Zito said. "We just have to let the process do its thing. Right now there's just not a whole lot we can do."

Another question from the audience was about how to avoid having bills die without getting a hearing.

Zito said there has been talk of legislation that would mandate a hearing for any bill that has five Republican cosponsors and five Democratic co-sponsors.

"You just have to get a hearing on the bill," she said.

Don Bowman of Homedale talked to Zito about what role faith plays for a state representative.

"Don't think for one minute that there's not a lot of time spent praying," Zito said. "I couldn't do this if I didn't. At every one of my committees, I always pray."

Zito also told attendees how important it is for her to hear from Owyhee County voters on proposed legislation.

"Opinions are always welcome," Zito said. "I will try to get through every bill that I can. I get through most of them, but you can't sometimes read them in depth enough (and) there's something you might miss."



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City of Wilder to house Marsing's stray dogs

The City of Marsing is following in the footsteps of Homedale to deal with stray dogs, and could save money in the process.

During last week's meeting, the Marsing City Council signed off on a new contract with the City of Wilder.

City maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson explained how the deal will work each time a dog is housed in Wilder's kennels.

Stray dogs would be transported either by Gibson or city code enforcement officer Harvey Gist, who formerly worked for the City of Homedale in the same capac-

"We would deliver it to Wilder. They charge us \$40 per dog," Gibson said. "They house the dog for five days. Within those five days, if the owner comes forward wanting the dog, we would collect our fees from the owner. If after five days, and nobody comes for it, (the dog) becomes the property of the City of Wild-

Dogs that are not claimed will be taken to the West Valley Humane Society in Caldwell.

The City of Marsing previ-

ously took strays to the Idaho Humane Society in Boise.

"That's the only place that will take strays from Owyhee County," Gibson said. "They charge us \$30."

Information on how much money Marsing has spent on taking dogs to the Idaho Humane Society over the years was not provided by City Hall by press time.

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand said the new deal should help the city save some money that would have been spent on gasoline.

"So instead of going 80 miles roundtrip, we can go 25 miles roundtrip and spend \$10 more," Ferdinand said. "I think it's a good deal."

Homedale has been taking stray dogs to Wilder for

The contract with Wilder was approved after being reviewed by city attorney Paul J. Fitzer.

Gibson also gave a report on what his crews have been working on during the past few weeks. The projects included spraying for mosquitoes and weeds, repairs to irrigation infrastructure, and other regular maintenance work.

Man allegedly brings pot to jail

A Homedale man faces a felony after jailers allegedly found marijuana as they brought him into custody.

Rocky Nix, 50, was being brought to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after his arrest during a traffic stop on a string of misdemeanors.

The charges included marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession, driving without privileges and failure to maintain liability insurance.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a county deputy was bringing Nix to jail on behalf of Homedale Police, which was the original arresting agency.

Upon searching Nix as he entered the jail after 1 a.m. on Sept. 12, personnel found in the man's pocket a plastic bag and marijuana with a total weight of about 2 grams.

Nix has been charged with a felony because he was brining contraband into a county jail.

The man is due in court on Tuesday for a preliminary hearing.

• Two Caldwell residents have been charged with felonies after methamphetamine and prescription drugs were found during a traffic stop in Marsing early Friday morning.

Bowman said 50-year-old Fidencio Ruiz was stopped in a gray 2007 Ford Taurus after

the responding deputy spotted an erratic driving pattern on Franklin Street.

Ruiz and his passenger, Holly Sager, 43, of Caldwell were arrested for felony drug possession after the OCSO drug dog alerted to the vehicle.

Ruiz was been charged with felony possession of prescription drugs and misdemeanors for failure to purchase a driver's license and carrying an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. He remained behind bars

Sager, who bonded out, faces a felony methamphetamine possession charge.

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Car, chili champs crowned

Boise resident Ben Kennedy stirs his Straight Six chili during Saturday's Two Rivers Park Celebration cook-off in Adrian. Chili Chili Bang Bang won the cook-off and People's Choice, and Area 51 won for best theme. Nearly 40 cars were on display as part of the Classics on the Grass show and shine. Daryl DeGranez of Boise won top prize in the car with a 1958 Chevrolet Impala.

ATV ride to help county search and rescue team

Owyhee County Search and Rescue will benefit from an ATV fun ride this weekend at Hemingway Butte.

ATV, UTV and motorcycle riders 18 and older are invited to participate in the Canyon County ATV Club event sponsored by Birds of Prey Motorsports.

The entry fee is \$10, and there will be prizes and music. A silent auction will be held Saturday, and donations will be accepted for the county Search and Rescue.

Friday is reserved for set up and camping.

The fun run takes place Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the course is 30 miles and suitable for beginners.

Breakfast on Sunday is followed by an easy ride.

For more information, visit ccatvclub. wixsite.com/canyoncountyatvclub.

Homedale H.S. to host college fair Monday

A college and career fair will coincide with Homedale High School's parent-teacher conferences Monday.

The conferences go from 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

At 5 p.m., representatives from Idaho's colleges and Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., will be on hand for the fair.

There also will be details on TriO, Gear-Up, AVID, Academy (IDLA), Advanced org or (208) 337-4613.

Opportunities, Fast Forward and more.

The event will last two hours inside the school library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

A pizza dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and a presentation for college-bound students in ninth through 12th grade will be held. A presentation in Spanish also will be available.

For more information, contact Debbie Flaming at Idaho Digital Learning dflaming@homedaleschools.

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Trojans' football road trip ends in loss

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Jordan Valley upsets Adrian volleyball

Ropers hope road to World Series goes through Homedale

Badiola Arena will be buzzing with roping action next weekend

Priefert Manufacturingsponsored World Series of Team Roping (WSTR) qualifiers will be held from Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday,

Oct. 1 at the indoor facility on U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale. Badiola Arena has played host to qualifiers in previous years, too.

Top ropers will make the field for the WSTR Finale XII, which takes

place from Dec. 10 to Dec. 16.

Sign-up starts at 1 p.m., on Sept. 29, with roping beginning an hour later.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, with roping starting at 9 a.m. both days.

The entry fee for each qualifier is \$150 per roper. Cash prizes and saddles will be up for grabs in the events.

For more information, contact Ben Tibbitts at (208) 681-2268, or bentibbitts@hotmail.com.



Rupert cowboy captures Bruneau Round-Up Calcutta

Tegan Nevarez of Rupert holds on during a stock saddle bronc go-round during the weekend's 34th annual Bruneau Round-Up. Nevarez had a 78-point ride to win the overall and then backed it up by winning the Calcutta in a ride-off. For full results, see **Page 21**. Photo by Sandy Black

Trojans plunder Pirates to open SRV volleyball

A dominant game at the net carried Homedale High School to a victory in its conference volleyball opener.

Amaya Carter was active in the first two lines all night in a 25-11, 25-10, 25-14 win over Payette.

The Trojans (4-2 overall, 1-0 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference) ended the week on a four-match winning streak.

A junior hitter, Carter led the Trojans with 11 kills and 12 digs during the 3A Snake River Valley conference match on the Trojans' floor.

Senior hitter Ashley Burks racked up eight kills.

Juniors Sophie Nash (three blocks) and Paige Carter (two blocks) led the net defense.

Nash engineered the offense with 35 assists and two aces. Allison Shenk also had a pair of perfect serves to go with six digs.

Lauryn Fisher chimed in with nine digs, while Paige Carter had six digs and four kills.

— See **Volleyball,** page **15**

Antelopes just miss 400 yards rushing, blast Badgers

Powder Valley falls as Davis, Muñoz each top 100 yards on the ground

Junior Zeke Quintero scored touchdowns about 4½ minutes apart to spark Adrian/Jordan Valley's high school football victory Friday.

The Antelopes (3-0 overall) trounced Powder Valley, 44-12, in a non-league game played in North Powder, Ore.

Adrian/Jordan Valley owned a 16-6 halftime lead before Quintero and sophomore Wade Bond scored two touchdowns apiece to close out the Antelopes' scoring.

Quintero caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Chase Fillmore about midway through the third quarter.

He then picked off Badgers quarterback Dominique Grendé and raced into the end zone for a defensive touchdown and a 30-6 lead with 2 minutes, 22 seconds left in the quarter.

Bond churned out a pair of rushing TDs in the fourth quarter, running 19 yards for the first and racing 51 yards for the Antelopes' final score of the game.

Noah Price (two yards) and TJ Davis (57 yards) had firstquarter rushing touchdowns to put Adrian in front, 16-0.

Davis had 170 yards on 11 carries (15.5 yards per carry), and Eduardo Muñoz added 113 yards. Bond carried the ball three times and missed the century mark by three yards.

The Antelopes rolled up 398 rushing yards, and they averaged 8.9 yards per play.

Powder Valley ran 61 plays (a dozen more than its guest) but was outgained in total yardage, 436-314.

The Badgers were nailed for 125 yards on 16 penalties, and committed three turnovers.

Dawson Smith led Powder Valley with 129 yards rushing, and nearly half of that came on a 62-yard scoring run with $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes left in the game. He also caught five balls for 94 yards receiving.

Kirk Eiguren led the Adrian/ Jordan Valley defense with 11 solo tackles and seven assists, including 5.5 tackles for loss.

Muñoz had seven solo tackles and seven assists, while Andy Walker counted 2.5 TFL among his eight stops (five solo, six assists). Price added five solo tackles and four assists.

The Antelopes have a week off before their 1A High Desert League opener on the road in Crane on Friday, Sept. 29.

Sports

Trojans can't recover from West Jefferson's fast start

Homedale opens 3A SRV on Friday with Homecoming vs. Weiser

The home team piled up road trip. The Panthers needed touchdowns early, but still just four plays to run out the had to hold on when two high-

scoring offenses collided in Terreton.

Although early mistakes created a three-touchdown deficit, Homedale High School still had life late in Saturday's 35-27 non-conference loss to West Jefferson.

The Trojans (3-1 Daniel Uranga overall) marched on four long touchdown drives, the last of which covered 73 yards in seven plays and ended when senior tight end Scott Matlock caught his third scoring pass of the afternoon.

Sophomore Daniel Uranga's second TD pass of the game, however, would be the final scoring play of Homedale's clock and end the Trojans'

three-game winning streak.

West Jefferson (3-1) scored on each of its first four possessions, cashing in on junior Drew Deal's interception for a 14-0 lead then gaining a 21-6 edge after holding Homedale to a four-play posses-

sion late in the first quarter.

"It was a long day for sure," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "West Jefferson is a solid team, and they ran their offense very well on Saturday.

"We struggled stopping the run and missed on opportunities offensively."

Homedale starts the 3A Snake River Valley conference

season Friday with a Homecoming showdown against Weiser (1-3), which battled in a 14-7 loss to Baker, Ore., on Friday.

West Jefferson scored five touchdowns against a

Homedale defense that had surrendered only 40 points in its first three games.

West Jefferson rolled into its date with Homedale after winning a 63-47 shootout with Teton.

Trojans quarterbacks threw three in- Drew Deal terceptions, and West Jefferson's defense forced one punt and stopped Homedale after just four plays on two other series.

"When you are in games against good teams, it comes down to consistency and taking advantage of every opportunity that you have," Holtry said.

play as consistently as we did the past weekend (a 55-12 drubbing of Vale, Ore.), and against a good team our effort just wasn't enough."

Homedale's defense prevented the Panthers from capital-

> izing on one turnover when — after just three plays — Max Mertz fell on a fumble.

Twelve plays and 82 yards later, Mason Kincheloe scored on a 5-yard run that cut West Jefferson's lead to 28-14.

The Trojans were unable to capitalize on Jesse Packer's interception late in the first half when the secondquarter clock ran out.

Homedale needed only seven plays to go 80 yards to score first in the second half. Matlock's second TD reception — an 11-yard hookup with Deal — got the Trojans to "This weekend, we didn't within a touchdown, 28-21,

with 3½ minutes left in the third quarter.

Matlock had his first dominant game at a new position, catching all six balls thrown his way for 123 yards and three touchdowns. He had 93 yards after the catch, and his longest play was a 41-yard scoring strike from Uranga for Homedale's first TD.

The teams combined for more than 650 yards total offense with West Jefferson piling up 286 yards on the ground. Homedale managed just 37 yards rushing.

Packer had nine assists on defense to go with his interception.

Matlock and Kaden Henry anchored the defensive effort.

Henry had a team-high seven solo tackles and added seven assists, including helping out on a tackle for loss.

Matlock had six solo stops, including at TFL, and five as-

Volleyball: Homedale rallies from brink of defeat to knock off Melba

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Friday: Homedale def. Nyssa, Ore., 3-0 — Shenk and Josey Hall combined for nine aces in 26 serves, and HHS rolled past the Bulldogs in a non-conference road game.

Shenk drilled five aces and picked up four digs, while Hall put on an offensive display with four aces and eight kills.

The Carter sisters — Paige with 11 and Amaya with 10 — led Homedale's strikers. Amaya also had six digs.

Ashley Burks had four kills and four digs, and Jayci Swallow notched four digs.

Nash notched 33 assists, an ace and three digs.

Sept. 11: Homedale def. Melba, 3-2 — Three players had 12 kills apiece as the host Trojans rallied from a 2-0 deficit in non-conference play.

Melba was on the brink in the third set when Homedale swung momentum for a 12-25, 19-25, 26-24, 25-20, 15-7 win.

Amaya Carter, Ashley Burks and Paige Carter ruled up front, but Homedale needed a runaway fifth set to close out Melba. The three girls drilled 12 kills apiece. Burks added two digs and three assists.

Amaya Carter had 10 digs. Paige Carter had four blocks.

Shenk had 25 digs, and Nash set up 42 points (a season high) and dug 17 balls.

Hall led the service game with five aces to go along with four kills, while Fisher had nine digs.

Athlete Spotlight





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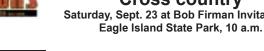




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Scott Matlock, sr., TE/DL

Broke out with 123 yards and 3 TDs on 6 catches; also had 11 tackles

Cross country Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bob Firman Invitational,





Volleyball Paige Carter, jr., hitter Senna Benschop, sr. Averaged 11.5 kills, and had 5 blocks and 6 digs in two wins in first race of career



Cross country Dutch exchange student was 19th









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Volleyball Varsity

Thursday, Sept. 21, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, home vs. Weiser, 6:30 p.m. Junior varsity

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Marsing runners building momentum

Melba's Owyheeans finish strong in Nyssa

With the conference meet looming, Marsing High School's cross country athletes got a good, long look at their competition last Wednesday.

The Huskies shared the Nyssa Invitational course with 2A Western Idaho Conference rivals Melba, Cole Valley Christian and New Plymouth.

Cheylah Volkers, a Melba senior with strong Owyhee County ties, outpaced the field in the girls' race over the 5,000-meter course. She finished in 22 minutes, 24.61 seconds, beating Nyssa, Ore., sophomore Olivia Page by nearly 32 seconds and finishing 41 seconds ahead of third-place Olivia Klein, a Cole Valley Christian 10thgrader.

Cole Valley Christian put three runners in the boys' top 10, and Melba senior Tristen Stimpson — an Owyhee County resident — captured eighth in 18:52.77.

Senior Matthew Lee was the 33rd boy to cross the finish line for Marsing's best finish. He was clocked at 20:51.82.

Fellow Marsing senior Elijah Brown was 36th in 21:18.34, and the team finished ninth.

Sophomore Reynaldo Aguirre was the Huskies' only other top-50 runner, finishing 48th in 21:47.55

Other Huskies competing in the boys' race were:

Seniors

- Dalton Withers, 22:00.53
- Juan Sierra, 22:44.15
- Brody Archer, 27:22.29

Sophomores

- David Aguilar, 25:14.63
- Cade Brackett, 25:22.19 (personal record)
- Isaiah Burgos, 25:22.91

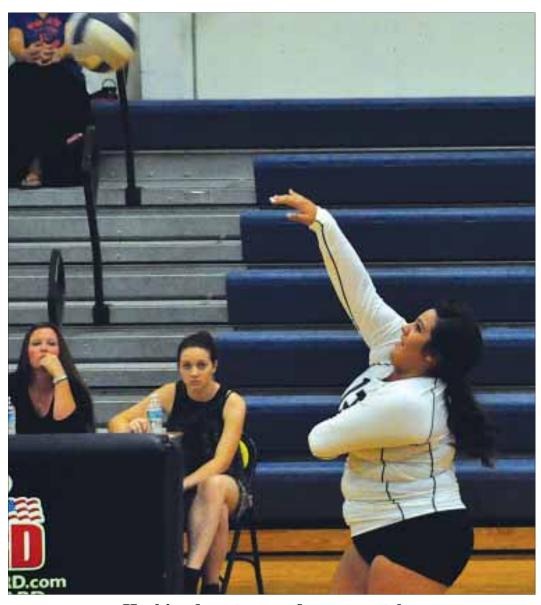
Freshmen

- Isai Arriaga, 23:54.81
- Troy Miller, 25:16.9
- Isaac Prado, 28:27.22
- Fernando Aguilar, 30:33.73

In the girls' race, all five of Melba's scoring runners finished in the top 12, including former Homedale resident Marissa Cole, who finished 10th in 23:53.81.

Marsing's only female, junior Sefora Arriaga, finished 45th with a time of 29:40.8.

The 2A WIC meet will be held next Wednesday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. New Plymouth is the host school.



Huskies drop two conference matches

Junior Fallon Lopez sends the ball back over the net Thursday in Marsing High School's 2A Western Idaho Conference home loss to Cole Valley Christian. The Huskies (2-4 overall, 0-3 in conference) lost four consecutive matches after starting the season 2-0 under new coach Kelsey Kramer. The Chargers prevailed, 25-17, 25-10, 25-21. Two days earlier, host McCall-Donnelly rallied from a first-set loss in a 12-25, 25-13, 25-16, 25-13 conference victory. "Over the past two weeks, we have definitely hit a rough patch, but we are fighting through it," Kramer said. "The girls are working hard at practice, and I can see big change coming for the second half of conference play." Photo by Dan Pease

MARSING HUSKIES **Athlete Spotlight**



Football Jaden Kinney, sr., RB/LB 85 yards on 14 offensive touches; 10 tackles this season



Volleyball Fallon Lopez, jr. Transfer student in first year with team



Cross country Elijah Brown, sr. Second-best boys' finish for Huskies in Nyssa

Volleyball Varsity

Thursday, Sept. 21 at Nampa Christian, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, home vs. New Plymouth, 7 p.m. Junior varsity A

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Football

Varsity

Friday, Sept. 22, home vs. Melba, 7 p.m. (Pink Night) Junior varsity Thursday, Sept. 21 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Cross country

Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bob Firman Invitational, Eagle Island State Park, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 23, 1992

Beef award winners named

Nicole Stimpson of Melba was the 1992 Beef Carcass Production Award winner. She received \$300 for the first-place performance of her steer. Cattleman Jerry Hoagland of Melba was the producer and sponsor of her steer through the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association sponsorship program. Her 4-H steer project qualified with a choice quality grade, 750-pound carcass weight, 61 percent dressed weight, 3.31 average daily gain, live score of 28 points and 2.8 yield grade.

Brooke Tindall of Bruneau and Tony Uranga of Homedale also received gold seals of performance and \$150 cash awards. Tindall's steer was sponsored by Tindall and Sons, while Uranga purchased and raised his own calf.

Blue seal winners with steers which qualified in five of the six categories include Casey and Tyler Ridley of Grand View and Nathan Volk of Homedale.

Donors for 1992 were: Joe and Betty Churruca, Marsing; Keith Whittig of Energy Feeds, Meridian; Bill Precht of Zamzows, Nampa; Key Bank, Caldwell; Dorwin and Vickie Drum, Homedale Feed Store, Homedale; Owen Ranches, Bruneau; and Mike and Jeanne Stanford, Jordan Valley.

What's news: Jordan Valley

The City Council meeting was held last week. Jim Larsen reported on the JV Volunteer Fire Dept. and Dick Kershner stated that he attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting in Vale.

The Pleasant Valley teacherage is coming along nicely. Shingles are going up now and rumor has it that the sidewalk and driveway are going in this week. The carpet and linoleum have been selected and are beautiful. It's so exciting watching the progress.

Sports wrap-up

The Mustang girls played their first volleyball game for the year in Huntington on Friday. The varsity team scored 15-10 the first game and 15-7 the second. The junior varsity team also had good games with scores of 15-10 and 15-9. "Trisha Burgess had really good serves during the Huntington game," stated coach Sherry Jaca. She also scored 6 points during this game. Jaci Stanford scored 10 points during the Huntington game for the junior varsity team.

Trojans dump Parma 33-14

Parma put on a spectacular show at their football game against Homedale Friday night, but then halftime ended, and they had to go back to playing football.

The Homecoming festivities included the crowning of a queen, floats, fireworks and a 33-14 loss to the Homedale Trojans.

Homedale first hit pay dirt with 6:04 left in the first quarter, when Luke Hays kicked a 23-yard field goal. Early in the second quarter, Homedale got a safety when Parma's snap to their punter went over his head and into the end zone. The visiting Trojans scored twice more in that quarter, once on a two-yard run by Ryan Landa, and once on a three-yard run by Marvin Peterson. Luke Hays kicked in both PATs.

Parma was successful in their attempt to contain Tony Uranga. The Homedale quarterback only threw for one touchdown, a 39-yard pass to Andy Ankeny in the third, but that didn't stop the Trojans. Homedale had 234 total yards on the night while Parma had only 181.

50 years ago

September 21, 1967

Kiwanians hear report on millwork plant

Groundbreaking for the new Arvin Millwork Co. plant in Homedale is expected about Oct. 15, with the structure completed and in operation between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, Tom Arvin declared Wednesday noon in a talk before the Homedale Kiwanis club at its regular weekly luncheon.

Arvin, who was introduced by Ray Tolsma, program chairman, said he hopes all initial phases of the planning and financing or the plant will be completed about Oct. 1, and the Van Auker Construction Co. of Caldwell can begin work on the steel and concrete structure, which is expected to cost about \$192,412, with an additional \$170,668 worth of equipment.

SCS to elect two supervisors

Two supervisors will be selected in an Owyhee Soil Conservation election Oct. 4, according to John Noyes of the OSC.

Adam H. (Ted) Blackstock, Opaline, and Henry Sweep, Homedale, are up for reelection.

Any group which desires to make a nomination may do so by obtaining the signatures of six property owners and submitting the nomination to the Owyhee Soil Conservation office at Marsing, Mr. Noyes said. Names of the nominees will be placed on the

Ballots will be mailed. They must be returned to the Marsing OSC office by Oct. 4. Both husbands and wives are eligible to vote.

The soil conservation office at Marsing will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. election day (Oct. 4) when anyone who didn't get a ballot can vote at the office. Votes will be tabulated after 5 p.m. that evening.

Trojans continue win streak; top Adrian 40-0

The powerful Homedale High School Trojans blanked the Adrian Antelopes 40-0 in a football game played Friday night under the lights at Homedale. Adrian was considered the top team in the A-4 league.

Lewis and Dan Uranga accounted for four touchdowns with Dan getting three. Homedale is 2-0 on the season and Adrian is now 1-1.

Other games Friday saw Marsing overwhelm the New Plymouth Pilgrims by a count of 25-7 in the only SRV-A3 contest. The victory gave Marsing an overall 2-1 record while New Plymouth is 0-2.

Birthday party for Steve Zatica

Mrs. Paul Zatica gave a party Wednesday afternoon honoring her son Steven's fourth birthday anniversary.

The small guests played games on the decorated patio and were served refreshments, which included a red and white train cake and party favors.

Included on the guest list were Steven's grandmother, Mrs. Bill Taylor, mothers of several of the children, and Blair Yost, Shelly and Tim Sayers, Burl and Jack Ferguson, Randy Akichika, Julie and Kathy Fritzley, Randy Lineberger, Karen Jereb, Mike Matteson and Ric and Dennis Uria.

Homedale Locals

Mike, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stansell, underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday at a Caldwell hospital.

The Jim Duncans, Clint Smiths and Frank Mattesons went to Ontario Saturday night to have dinner together.

140 years ago

September 22, 1877

WHAT CAUSED THE NEZ PERCE OUTBREAK— Many theories have been advanced and many adventures have been told in answer to this question, but here we have an Indian version, which has not yet been in print. The Nez Perce and their friends collected, as they semi-annually do, upon Camas Prairie to gamble and run horses. Sometimes, too, a marriage takes place, and it is then they usually have a "way-up" time. At their last meeting everything went on as before, but says the Indian, they had liquor there, and that caused hard words among themselves. One Indian, who was engaged to a young maiden from the Umatilla Reservation, was considerably enraged by sundry taunts from his half-drunken comrades. They told him the girl would never be his squaw because he was a coward, as he had never yet killed a white man. Then they bantered him and even bet him, that he dare not do it, because his heart was "skukum," and that he was afraid. He stood it for a long time, but presently went away, and no one cared. Toward evening he returned to the camp and yelled: "Now I have killed a Boston man." And he proved it. They went back to the house and found the dead man, but all was quiet and deserted. He kept a store and the Indians began helping themselves from the shelves. They also found some liquor and all drank freely, because a strange feeling pervaded them, and they said, "liquor will drive it out." That night they killed three more white men, and with one accord shouted the war-whoop. And this is the way, says the Indian, the war began.

LOCALINTELLIGENCE—The Owyhee Delegates to the Grand Lodge of Masons, held at Boise City last week, returned on Sunday evening, and report having had a splendid time. In addition to the officers reported last week, the following appointments were made by the M. W. Grand Master: Joseph Pinkham, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; John Andrewartha, R. W. Grand Chaplain; John Hallenbeck, R. W. Grand Orator; G. W. Stafford, Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer; J. C. Gross, Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon; Thomas Dickson, Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon; Stephen Dempsey, Worshipful Grand Steward; John Merrill, Worshipful Grand Steward; A. Heed, Grand Pursivant; N. H. Millard, Grand Tyler.

TELEGRAPHIC BREAKS—During a considerable portion of the past ten days telegraphic communication has been interrupted between Winnemucca and Portland, resulting in the accumulation of messages at different out points along the line, and serious annoyance to many parties interested. Delays and shortcomings of this sort have, within the past year or two, become so frequent on this line that the people have become to regard them as almost everyday occurrences. As a consequence, businessmen who have messages to forward prefer the mails to any other mode of communication so long as there is so much unreliability in the telegraph wires. The hope was generally expressed a few months ago that there was to be a change for the better, that the line was to be placed under thorough and efficient management, and that messages would be forwarded with promptness and regularity. We are sorry to say that the business of the line seems to be as bunglingly managed as ever; and if the Superintendent, who resides in San Francisco, requires to be convinced to this fact, he would find abundance of proof on this point by taking a trip along the line himself.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of



common sense

Dog Days in the Feedlot

Well, it's dog days in the feedlot now that summer's nearly done I been loafin' through the cattle but the steers don't suffer none

> They don't need much waterin', really, they just eat and drink and snooze Like a bunch of fat ol' bankers On an all-expense-paid cruise

We're not gettin' many feeders, not since summer took the bait Guess the order buyer's coastin', I been told they hibernate!

Half the crew's been on vacation,
I took mine way back in June
Whoa! Better ride a little slower,
I might finish way too soon!

All the sick pens'r dang near empty, 'cept a few ol' chronic pets So I pull the odd puffed-up one, helps to justify the vets

> But mostly I just check the pens if there ain't no fats to ship. And I do some contemplatin', ain't nobody cracks the whip

But my cowboy intuition
says enjoy it while you can
'Cause a thunderhead is buildin'
that will change the battle plan

When the dog days in the feedlot will have finally run their course And the fall'll bear down on us like she's ridin' Hell's own horse!

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Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 7 general election until noon on Friday, Oct. 27.

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

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
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Letters to the editor

Frankie Dougal, staunch friend and neighbor, is missed

In 1961, our family leased the Eureka Bar Ranch on Juniper Mountain from Ernest and Helen Fenwick. Our first visitors to welcome us to this community were Frankie Dougal and family, the beginning of a friendship that we cherish.

Frankie, in spite of over 30 miles of bad roads in wintertime, came and supported Pleasant Valley and Jordan Valley school events. She took an active interest in county affairs, Cattlemen's meetings, Bureau of Land Management meetings, etc. She never missed an election to vote. She cared for several small old gravesites in our corner of Owyhee County for some years, etc.

One hard winter, her cheerful daughter, Helen, brightened our days by staying with us during the school week.

Frankie loved their ranch, livestock and garden, and when she lost her husband, Chuck, she carried on as usual.

You always knew where you stood with her on issues. One day, an Idaho Fish and Game official

stopped at our corral to visit with Bill. They discussed a water issue between Dougal and the Fish and Game (Bill was on the advisory board and helping with the problem). The official felt a jolt on his boot, looked down. A young rattlesnake had struck, his warning rattle too weak to warn him.

Bill asked, "Did it penetrate?"

"No," was the reply, "And I'm more afraid of Frankie than a rattlesnake."

(They did resolve the problem to both parties' satisfaction).

The picture of Frankie and Mike Hanley leading the parade during the fair in The Owyhee Avalanche (Aug. 16, 2017, Section B) inspired me to call her.

"You looked so good sitting so straight and smiling," I remarked.

"Oh, I had the best time, and we enjoyed a barbecue at the fairgrounds later that day," she said.

A few days later, she was gone. We miss you, Frankie. Nita Lowry

Jordan Valley

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From Washington

Never forget Japanese American sacrifice, service during WWII

The 75th anniversary this year of the opening of the historic Minidoka War Relocation Center is not only a reminder of the injustices that can never be repeated, but also of the extraordinary service of Japanese Americans. Despite their own country, America, questioning their patriotism and uprooting their families, many put their lives on the line to uphold the freedoms of those who distrusted and condemned them. The strength and patriotism of Japanese Americans is to be celebrated and honored.

The National Park Service (NPS) that maintains the Minidoka National Historic Site, home to the Minidoka Relocation Center during World War II, notes that the relocation center's ruins "continue to tell the painful, yet resilient story of America's Japanese American community during World War II." NPS reports that during the center's more than three years of operation following its opening Aug. 10, 1942, 10,000 people from Oregon, Washington and Alaska lived at Minidoka.

Included among the recognitions at the site is Minidoka's Honor Roll of the nearly 1,000 Americans from Minidoka who served in World War II, and they served with great distinction. In a report on the U.S. Army Center Of Military History's website, Historian Kathryn Shenkle notes that the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up of second-generation Americans of Japanese ancestry, was "the most decorated unit in U.S. military history." She noted the irony of this unit liberating the Dachau Concentration Camp, when "Japanese Americans from the U.S. west coast were detained in American camps before being drafted into service, and still had family in those U.S. camps. Nisei were denied their property, freedom to move, live in their own homes, work, and learn in the western United States."

A plaque at Minidoka lists some of the remarkable military honors the 442nd Regimental Combat Team earned that include 21 Medals of Honor; 560 Silver Stars; 4,000 Bronze Stars; and 9,486 Purple Hearts. PFC William K. Nakamura was one of the Japanese Americans who lived at Minidoka and served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was killed while

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serving in 1944 in Italy and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2000. The citation for his medal describes his "heroic stand" and actions enabling his fellow soldiers to survive and advance.

The Congressional Gold Medal was presented collectively to the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service, for the distinct service of the Japanese American soldiers who comprised these units. I co-sponsored the Senate legislation that authorized the medal providing this long-overdue recognition and had the great honor of helping present veterans from Idaho with their medals. I also recently joined Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) in sending a letter to Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan urging the issuance of a stamp commemorating Japanese American service members who served during World War II and their families for their extraordinary service to our nation.

The Minidoka National Historic Site remains a place for visitors to learn from the past and pay tribute to Japanese Americans who despite enduring significant hardships and distrust from their fellow Americans helped galvanize our freedoms and liberate our allies abroad. We can never forget the tremendous service those soldiers provided while facing enemies abroad and discrimination at home.

Commentary

Financial management

Shed debt to mitigate late start on retirement savings

Dear Dave,

I'm 58 years old and have nothing set aside for retirement. My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan and paying off debt. We have \$37,000 in debt not counting our home, and five kids still at home. We have a household income of \$73,000 a year, and were wondering if we should go ahead and start Baby Step 4, investing for retirement, instead of paying off the debt.

— Dan

Dear Dan,

Your most powerful wealth-building tool, both mathematically and factually, is your income. The most powerful way to build wealth whether it's playing catchup at 58 or starting at 28 and becoming wealthy over the long haul — is to have your income available. That means

it's not flying out the door every month to make debt payments.

Fifty-eight is not old, but you do have to get busy if you want to retire with dignity. I'd really lean into this debt and make it disappear in the next 18 months. I'm talking about sticking to a tight budget, living on rice and beans, and selling so much stuff around the house those kids think they're next!

After that, you'll have to throw every dime you can into building an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. And after that, you'll have to spend 10 years going crazy saving for retirement by pouring about \$12,000 a year into good mutual funds.

Can you do that and win, and by "win" I mean retire with some dignity? Yes, you can.





But it's not doable if you've got \$37,000 in debt hanging around your neck!

— Dave

Dear Dave.

My husband and I have been saving, and we're ready to buy our first home. We found a place we both love and can mortgage. Should we wait and save more for a down payment so we can afford a 15-year mortgage, or go ahead and do the 30-year deal?

— Faith

Dear Faith,

Good financial decisions can be defined as things that help you win with money over the long-term. Thirty-year mortgages are a trap. They don't help you build wealth, and they keep you in debt. On the other hand, 15-year mortgages get you out of debt a lot faster, and being out of debt frees up your largest wealth-building tool — your income.

I would never take out a home loan where the payments are more than a fourth of your monthly take-home pay on a afford if we do a 30-year 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage.

mortgage instead of a 15-year My advice is to either wait and save more money, or maybe look for a less expensive home in a different area.

> I know you want a home, Faith. There's nothing wrong with wanting your own house. But I don't want your home to have you. When you get house fever, it's easy to lock yourself into a bad deal that will follow you around and drain your wallet for decades!

> > — Dave

— Dave Ramsey is 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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsev.

Expressing gratitude

Amazing Homedale community comes through again

by Petrea Lee

On July 10, life for my little family changed. As many may know, my husband, Doran Lee, was involved in an accident at CTI Foods. He suffered burns over 24 percent of his body. As a result, we spent five weeks in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah burn unit.

From the moment I found out, I was in "Let's do this" mode. I left Homedale with nothing but my purse. My family, mainly Misty Zenor, took over the care of our children. Thank you! We knew that we didn't need to worry. My mom, Janell Rodriguez, and niece, Vanessa Zenor, met me in Salt Lake that same evening with more clothes. Thank you!

CTI Foods made sure that I had a place to stay in Salt Lake that was close to the hospital. Thank you! They made sure that I had everything I needed so I could be there with Doran. To everyone at CTI, thank you!. Thank you for checking in, thank you for all the donations, support, prayers, etc. You all have made a huge impact on both of us.

To my own co-workers, Kayla Rochester, Wendy Vaughan, and Carole Schlegal, thank you! Wendy and

Kayla, I can't thank you guys enough. You both had your own family emergencies that same week, but managed to keep the salon going. Carole, I know you were a huge part of this as well. Thank you! To my clients, thank you for being so understanding. Thank you for letting me take care of my family.

Wilder Fire Department, Loren and Trey, you guys and your quick response made a huge difference. You all are rock starts in my eyes. The staff at St. Al's, helped to get Doran stabilized, thank you. Thank you to the LifeFlight crew who let me fly down with Doran. You guys are amazing!

Once we got to SLC, and to the burn unit, the care that both Doran and I received was absolutely stellar! The nurses, doctors and aides on that floor, I can't even begin to tell you all how much I appreciate everything you did. It's easy to see that you all truly want to help people. You guys made it easy for me to come home for a few days at a time to take care of things here. I never once doubted the level of care he was getting while I wasn't there. I have so much respect and gratitude towards that whole unit, and everyone who works there.

To our amazing community, thank you, thank you thank you! We made a decision many years ago to stay and raise our kids in this community. From everyone who prayed, brought food, offered to help with whatever was needed, thank you. We are both blessed to live in the most caring and giving community. Everyone who texted, called, messaged me — thank you. You all gave me so many words of encouragements and strength. I could not have done it one my own.

As Doran continues to recover, we often talk about the massive impact this has had on us. We often comment on how this small town circles its wagons and takes care of each other, no matter what! To the close friends to the people who only needed to see that it was one of their own, we are truly thankful and the best-kept secret in Idaho.

We will get through this, not because we are determined but because this amazing community is cheering us on.

Thank you!

— Petrea Lee is a Homedale resident.

Letters

From Page 18

Legislation helps rural hospice patients

My name is Kandice Dickinson and I wish to express my sincere support of a new bill in Congress that is specifically important to our community. The Rural Access to Hospice Act helps address the needs of under-served rural and urban communities, specifically with regard to access to critically important end-of-life care.

Rural health centers (RHCs) provide primary care in more than 4,000 communities across the country. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) promote primary care service delivery in under-served urban and rural communities. Over 21 million Americans were served at 9,000 FOHC sites in 2013. For some patients, RHCs and FQHCs are their only source for primary care.

Unfortunately, a glitch in current law prevents RHCs and FQHCs from serving as attending physicians for hospice patients. So if a patient at an RHC chooses hospice, they have to give up their family doctor. This is a barrier to care, and puts an unnecessary burden on mostly rural hospice patients at an already difficult time.

The Rural Access to Hospice Act would correct this problem and allow RHCs and FQHCs to act as attending physicians for their patients in hospice care. This bipartisan bill was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and in the House by Representatives by Lynn Jenkins (R-Kan.) and Ron Kind (D-Wis.)

I hope our community will rally around this important legislation, and stand up for quality endof-life care for all Americans. You can help! Go to www.goHOSPICE.com/blog and click on the links to call and email your Congress.

Kandice Dickinson Heart 'n' Home Hospice & Palliative Care Fruitland

Sports

Marsing plays host to Punt, Pass, Kick competition

Local youth football skills champions will get a moment in the spotlight during Friday's Marsing High School varsity game.

The Marsing Huskies Punt, Pass and Kick competition, which is being sponsored by AmeriGas, takes place at 6 p.m. Friday on the MHS

practice field at the south end of the stadium on 8th Avenue

Area boys and girls ages 6 to 14 are eligible to compete. Pre-registration is available by contacting the local AmeriGas office at (208) 454-1417 or Jake Astorquia at Jake. Astorquia @ amerigas.com.

The entry fee is \$1, and proceeds benefit the MES Parent Teacher Organization.

Entry forms also are available at the Marsing Elementary School office, and completed registrations can be returned there.

Registration also will be available at the event.

All pre-registered athletes will receive a drink, snack and a prize.

The divisions include ages 6-8, ages 9-10, ages 11-12 and ages 13-14.

All division winners will receive a trophy, and they'll be recognized at halftime of Friday's 2A Western Idaho

Conference season opener against Melba. It's also Pink Night at the football game as the team tries to raise awareness of the fight against cancer.

Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Friday's Punt, Pass and Kick competition is not affiliated with the USA Football nationwide contest.

Mustangs defeat Antelopes in tourney

Teams open 1A HDL volleyball season Friday

The league volleyball season begins Friday, but Jordan Valley High School already has a big feather in its cap.

The Mustangs knocked off Adrian in an epic three-set match during championship bracket play Friday at the 1A High Desert League/Old Oregon League Tournament.

"The girls played a very hard-fought, all-around game," Mustangs coach Tracy Skinner said. "They have been working hard in practice, and it is really paying off."

In the opening round after pool play, Jordan Valley outlasted its rival, 25-22, 24-26, 15-9, in North Powder, Ore.

The two teams kick off the 1A HDL season in Jordan Valley at 5 p.m. Friday.

Jordan Valley (4-3 overall) had won seven consecutive

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sets before losing the second stanza to Adrian.

The Antelopes (3-6) take a five-match losing streak into the league opener.

After beating the Antelopes to lead off bracket play, the Mustangs fell, 25-21, 25-18, to tourney host Powder Valley.

"The girls played an aggressive net game," Skinner said. "We just didn't come out on top."

The loss snapped the Mustangs' three-match win streak.

Thursday: Jordan Valley def. Ontario, Ore., JV, 3-0 — The host Mustangs knocked off the Class 3A Tigers, 25-7, 25-17, 25-18, in a non-league

Junior varsity

Tina Gammett's two aces and four assists led the Mustangs in a non-league match Thursday against Ontario

"After working this week on our offense, it really showed," Jordan Valley JV coach Sarah Carson said. "Each player on the team had one kill, and Baylee Davis walked away with three."

Shaianne Keller served two aces.

HMS football sweeps Fruitland

Hann, Turner return to coach volleyball teams

There have been big changes in Homedale Middle School athletics for the 2017-18 school

Karen Liebschwager is the new athletic director, and she provided an update on the football and volleyball programs during last week's school trustees meeting.

The seventh- and eighthgrade volleyball teams opened the season Sept. 5 at home against Fruitland.

The football teams were unable to kick off their season on time because of air quality concerns that forced cancellation of the Sept. 5 home opener against Weiser.

The Weiser games have been rescheduled for Oct. 10 at Deward Bell Stadium.

Both Trojans squads entered the first home game of the season — played Tuesday after deadline against Parma — with unbeaten records after blanking Fruitland in a 3A Snake River Valley conference doubleheader played Sept. 12 in Payette County.

Football

Eighth-grade: Homedale 27, Fruitland 0 — Stephen Kincheloe's team scored on three straight third-quarter possessions.

The stage was set with 10 seconds left in the first half when Eli Heck fired a 31yard touchdown pass to Beeg Hockenhull for the game's first score.

Heck finished with three touchdown passes — another to Hockenhull and one to Matt McBride.

Hockenhull had 53 yards on three catches, and McBride ran the ball five times for 35 yards.

Hayden Kincheloe led the ground game with 147 yards and a touchdown on 20

Defensively, McBride had

three tackles for loss and Tyler Woodward came away with half of the Trojans' four quarterback sacks.

Kincheloe led the way with eight tackles.

Seventh-grade: Homedale 34, Fruitland 0 — The Brad Dines-coached squad scored on every possession against Fruitland.

Jaxon Dines played a part in three TDs, and Mason Strong scored two touchdowns.

Leading 6-0, the Trojans scored three touchdowns in the second quarter.

Dines and Strong hooked up on a 37-yard TD pass, and Dines threw a 20-yard scoring strike to Sigmond Goode. In between, Strong rumbled 22 yards for a TD.

Dines scored on a 39-yard run in the third quarter, and Trenton Fisher's 1-yard plunge got the scoring started in the opening stanza.

The Trojans committed no turnovers, and the defense allowed only one first down as Fruitland picked up a new set of downs on the first play of the game.

Devin Fisher is an assistant coach for the seventh-graders, while Riley Qualls serves as assistant coach on both squads.

Home dates start with the seventh-grade game at 4:15 p.m., and the eighth-graders play about 15 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for school-aged children.

Homedale's remaining games include:

- Tuesday at Ontario, Ore.
- Oct. 3, home vs. McCain of Payette
- Oct. 10, home vs. Weiser
- Oct. 17, if necessary, 3A SRV playoffs at a site yet to be determined

During her report to the school board, Liebschwager said the seventh-grade squad is comprised of 15 players, most of whom have been playing together throughout their Optimist youth football

Kincheloe's squad won the conference championship last season as seventh-graders. Liebschwager said he has 21 players.

Both Homedale teams reached the conference title game in 2016.

Volleyball

Homedale's volleyball teams have played three matches, including Monday after deadline at home against Weiser.

The first two matches for the seventh- and eighth-grade teams were played at home on Sept. 5 against Fruitland and Sept. 7 against Parma. The Trojans hit the road last week playing Ontario on Sept. 11 and McCain on Sept. 14.

Debby Turner has returned to coach the seventh-graders, and Liebschwager reports she has 13 players on her roster.

The A team finished last week with a 2-2 record.

"The girls are working hard and have great team spirit," Turner said.

The B team won three of its first four matches.

"The B team continues to play strong," Turner said.

Former Homedale High School volleyball coach David Hann is coaching the eighthgraders again. He has 19 players in uniform.

Volleyball matches begin at 4:15 p.m., and admission is the same structure as football games.

The remaining schedule is:

- Thursday at Fruitland
- Monday at Parma
- Sept. 28, home vs. Ontario
- Oct. 2, home vs. McCain
- Oct. 5 at Weiser
- Oct. 7 at 3A SRV tournaments. Seventh-graders play in Fruitland, and eighthgraders play in Ontario



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Sports

Trojans bond over road, running | Fresh air powers HHS

Several PRs in Pocatello

There was improvement in relations and running on Homedale High School's trip to the Century Challenge cross country meet.

"Pocatello was a great trip. Part of the benefit of taking a road trip for a meet is the team bonding," Trojans coach Heidi Ankeny said.

"When you spend an entire day together in a bus as well as competing and eating together, unity happens. We had lots of laughter, storytelling, games and inside jokes happen that I think will help to continue molding this team."

Only Homedale's varsity boys were able to post a team finish (13th out of 13 qualifying squads), but Friday's road trip was about more than one meet far from home.

"(The Trojans) are young — especially the boys — so this will impact them as a team not only this year but in the coming seasons," Ankeny said.

There still were individual triumphs over the 5-kilometer course at Ross Park during a cool, overcast day in Pocatello.

"It was a treat for the kids

to run in nicer temperatures," Ankeny said. "The heat gets exhausting."

The more humane conditions produced several personal records and a few season-best times as the Trojans squared off with unfamiliar competition from larger schools in the southeast corner of the state, eastern Idaho, Nevada and Utah. Twin Falls was the only other southwest Idaho school in attendance.

"It was good for us to go out and run with people that we don't see during the normal season," Ankeny said.

Sophomore Matthew Randall finished the course in 19 minutes, 7.3 seconds for Homedale's best finish, and the fastest 5K by a Trojan this year. He was 41st in the varsity boys' race.

The rest of the Trojans boys finished close together — junior Ricky Soto in 21:35, sophomores Gage Purdom in 22:44.7 and Caleb Smith in 23:46.7, freshman Joey Egusquiza in 23:52, and sophomore Jake Beebe in 24:03.9.

Smith and Beebe logged personal records.

"The boys race was impressive, with the majority of the runners keeping a tight pack for a good part of the race," Ankeny said. "On paper, our boys may not have finished 'well,' but they did what we asked them to.

Ankeny said she and assistant coach Sean McCrackin have been pushing the mob mentality with the boys.

"This will push everyone ahead in the pack and in end get us more points and a higher place," she said. "Being young and new to cross country, they did well on their first attempt at pack running."

On the girls' side, Lainey Johnson led four seniors on the varsity course, finishing 53rd at 25:15.6.

Senna Benschop, an exchange student from the Netherlands in her first year of cross country, clocked in a PR of 27:20.9, while Ember Christensen finished in 28:04.1, and Hannah Egusquiza posted a 30:07.2.

Three other athletes competed at the junior varsity level. Sophomore JD Waltman ran a 35:54.5 in the boys' race, and senior Tess van Zonneveld, another Dutch exchange student, and sophomore Ashlyn Miller were in relatively close contact in the girls' race at 34:01.3 and 35:04.6, respectively.

All three JV runners posted personal-record runs.

The stalwarts ran as expected as Homedale High School emerged from the smoke and got a glimpse at the 3A District III cross country competition.

"I think the week inside may have hindered our conditioning a tiny bit, but they all powered through it and ran hard," Trojans coach Heidi Ankeny said. "We'll get that little bit of conditioning back and continue to build on it."

Senior Lainey Johnson finished eighth in the girls' race, and sophomore Matthew Randall was ninth in the boys' meet at the 3A Snake River Valley conference championships.

Sept. 12 meet in Parma gave the Trojans a look at all the athletes vying for district berths.

With Kelsey Taylor sidelined by a leg injury, and two other athletes awaiting clearance to compete, Homedale put only four girls on the Mann Farms 5-kilometer course.

"The four that ran did well," Ankeny said.

Johnson finished in 25 minutes, 22.82 seconds, while fellow 12th-grader Ember Christensen shattered her previous personal record by nearly 90 seconds to finish 16th in 27:37.4.

Most fans couldn't see the mostly flat course that crossed over a variety of surfaces.

"The course was not a spectator-friendly course," Ankeny

said. "We could only see the start and finish, so the kids were on their own for the majority of the race.

"It was a scenic and enjoyable course, though."

Two more seniors — Dutch exchange student Senna Benschop and Hannah Egusquiza — finished in the top twothirds of the 33-person field.

Running in her first cross country race, Benschop finished 19th in 28:38.41.

Egusquiza crossed the line in 29:52.58, good for 22nd.

Randall completed the boys' 5K in 19:26.07 as Homedale finished fourth behind Weiser.

"I think as the season progresses, we can close that gap between our boys' team and (Weiser), and give them a run for a team spot at State," Ankeny said.

Junior Ricky Soto and freshman Joseph Egusquiza made their prep cross country debuts.

Soto was the second-fastest Trojan, finishing 21st in 20:51.3, while Egusquiza was clocked at 22:48.46.

Gage Purdom, a sophomore, finished 31st with a season-best time of 22:25.42.

The remaining runners all sophomores — had PRs, including JD Waltman, who sheared six seconds off his 5K time at 32:01.62, Caleb Smith (23:59.67) and Jake Beebe (24:29.53).

Bruneau Round-up results

Held Saturday and Sunday

All around champion — Jared Parke

Horse roping — 1. Tom Love and Darron Hegerhorst, 11.9 seconds; 2. Katie Dennis and John Dennis, 15.1; 3. Blais Soto and Luis Soto, 22.4; 4. Jake Partner and Dan Webb. 29.6: 5. Kurtis Koeppen and Broedie Evans, 33.8; 6. Jessie Oldham and Bob Howard, 38.0

Stock saddle bronc Calcutta champion — Tegan Nevarez (won ride-off)

Stock saddle bronc overall — 1. Tegan Nevarez, 78 points; 2. Cody Wheeler, 75; 3. Jennaya Frye, 74; 4. (tie) Colby Arrzabalaga, 72; and Rowdy Hutchison, 72; 6. (tie) 6. Gabe Mckay, 70; and Zalin Arritola, 70

Saddle bronc — 1. Mitch Pollock, 82 points; 2. Monte Johnson, 81; 3. (tie) Luke Mckay, 66; and Gabe Mckay, 66

Dally calf roping—1. Jared Parke, 20.3 seconds; 2. Dusty



Bruneau resident John Schutte heads for his son Jack Schutte in the Bruneau Round-Up local team roping. Photo by Sandy Black

Easterday, 23.9; 3. Blais Soto, 4.7; 3. Sarah Maestrejuan, 4.9

Breakaway roping — 1. Kayla Tiegs, 2.8 seconds; 2. Kalena Webb, 3.6; 3. Rylee Potter, 3.7; 4. Sierra Palmer, 3.9; 5. Shelby Allen, 4.1

Steer stopping — 1. Kayla Tiegs, 4.5; 2. Jazz Brunson,

Jr. steer riding — 1. Jeb Ireland, 71 points; 2. Jaylen Herrera, 64

Open team roping — 1. Brayden Roe and Blake Craig, 6.2; 2. Jeff Flenniken and Marlow Eldridge, 6.8; 3. (tie) Jerad McFarlane and Matt

Azevedo, 7.0; and Marlow Eldridge and Jaylen Eldridge,

Local team roping — 1. Will Aguiso and Wylee Aguiso, 7.5 seconds; 2. Penny Black and Scott Black, 7.6; 3. Steve Damele and Jake Miller, 8.3; 4. Pete Ranft and Justin Jarvis,

Saddle cow riding — 1. Dan Webb and Jared Parke, 35.81 seconds; 2. Adolpho Valle and Will Aguiso, 49.15; 3. Joe Aquiso and Cooper Prow, 59.41

Wild cow milking — 1. Rusty Gill and Jared Parke, 1 minute, 7 seconds; 2. Dusty Easterday and Hadley Folkman. 1:10; 3. Joe Aquiso and Cooper Prow, 1:37; 4. Wess Aquiso and Colton Whisonant, 1:49; 5. Louie Gillett and Frank Tobias, 1:50

Bull riding — 1. Anthony Herrera, 80 points

Barrel racing — 1. Jamie Gee, 16.76; 2. Kali Jo Parker, 17.01; 3. Katie Jo McFarlane, 17.07; 4. Cora Wakler, 17.21; 5. Italy Jo Sheehan, 17.51; 6. Marian Maestas, 17.62

Old hide race — 1. Rita Hall and Cassandra Folkman, 16.41; 2. Kya Vines and Emily Bideganeta, 16.79; 3. Jennifer Black and Megan Ansley, 17.44; 4. Shayne Nuti and Brady Larson, 19.87

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS **CORPORATE** DISSOLUTION

Homedale Development Company is an Idaho corporation in good standing and authorized to do business in the State of Idaho. The Company was organized on the 16th day of June, 1960 and has been in existence for approximately 57 years. According to the records of the Company, the Company issued shares to more than 70 persons/entities, each of whom owns shares ranging in number from 25 up to 150 shares. It is believed that the substantial majority of the Company's shares are not held by the original shareholders, but have passed to one or more generations removed from the original shareholders. The company desires to formally wind down and dissolve and to give shareholders an opportunity to present claims against the Company. Stock shares are valued at approximately \$6.00 per share. Following the claim period, the Company desires to allocate the remaining assets of the Company to a nonprofit organization which has an interest in Homedale development, the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Inc. Claims (original stock certificates) should be presented prior to November 1st, 2017 to the offices of Bowen Parker Day CPAs located at 19 East Wyoming Homedale, Idaho. Office hours are 8 to 5 Monday through Thursday and 8 to noon on Fridays. Contact Mikeal D. Parker C.P.A. @ (208-337-3271).

9/6,13,20,27/2017

NOTICE OF ELECTION **GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION** DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 of the Grand View Irrigation District, will be held on November 07, 2017 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2018 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Dixie McDaniel, Secretary of the District, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho. (Petition due date September 28, 2017 by 3:30 p.m.).

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

Dated August 25, 2017 Grand View Irrigation Dixie McDaniel, Secretary 9/13,20/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2017-01506 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of: JUDY ANN McABEE, Deceased.

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

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: this 14th of August,

Michael E. Duggan, Attorney for Personal Representative, P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, ID 83606-0026, Telephone: (208) 459-3659, Facsimile: (208) 459-9067 9/6,13,20/2017

NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 26th day of October, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows,

> LOTS 9 AND 10 OF BLOCK 4 ACCORDING TO THE RESURVEY OF BLOCK 4 OF BOSMA'S SUBDIVISION NO. 2 TO THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, O W Y H E E COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 140 Kerry St., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MIREN LOWRY, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded April 17, 2015, as Instrument No. 286486, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 22, 2016, as Instrument No. 291316, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), <u>IDAHO CODE</u>. NO REPRÉSENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLÉ FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 14, 2015, in the amount of \$447.00 each, for the months of July through November, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated

with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.25% per annum from June 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$59,554.80, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from June 1, 2016.

DATED This 12th day of September, 2017.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 9/20,27;10/4/2017

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV-2017-1488 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTÝ OF **OWYHEE**

ELIAS D. JACA and INEZ L. JACA, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO W.A. GODFREY RANCHES, INC., a dissolved Idaho corporation; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS AND ENTITIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. Defendants.

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO W.A. GODFREY RANCHES, INC., a dissolved Idaho corporation; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS AND ENTITIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Notice

You have been sued. The court may enter judgment against you without further notice unless you respond. Read the information below.

The nature of the claim against you is an action to quiet title on the real property more particularly described as follows:

In Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho:

Section 20: Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter excepting therefrom the reservoir adjudicated to William S. Walker in Book 5 of Judgments, on page 475, records of Owyhee County,

Section 21: North Half of the Southeast Quarter lying South and West of Highway 45, Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, East Half of the Southwest Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter.

Section 29: Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter excepting therefrom the reservoir adjudicated to William S. Walker in Book 5 of Judgments, on page 475, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

If you want to defend this lawsuit, you must file a written response (Answer or appropriate Rule 12 I.R.C.P. Motion) to the Complaint at the Court Clerk's office for the above-listed District Court at PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650; telephone: (208) 495-2421, within 21 days from the service of this Summons.

If you do not file a written response the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice. A letter to the Judge is not an appropriate written response.

The written response must comply with Rule 2 and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and include: your name, mailing address and telephone number; or your attorney's name, mailing

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018 OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2017 TO OCTOBER 31,2018

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 3,2017 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing Prursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba,

The proposed Budget may be examined at the home office of Secretary Dan H. Birmingham, 8563 Quail Run Dr. Melba, call for appointment 896-5273

The following is a copy of the proposed budget including the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget.

EXPENSES: 2016-2017 BUDGET 2017-2018 PROPOSED **ITEM** \$3,300.00 \$3,600.00 Insurance L &P Fees \$3,065.00 \$3,400.00 \$35,800.00 \$38,314.00 Maintenance \$700.00 \$2,225.00 \$700.00 Office Phone \$2,225.00 \$178,050.00 \$178,050.00 Power \$7,100.00 \$7,100.00 Soc.Sec Wages \$34,543.07 \$33,908.07 \$50.00 Mileage \$50.00 \$65,296.79 Reserve Fund \$49,166.61 TOTAL \$313,999.68 \$332,643.86

INCOME:	1	
ITEM	2016-2017 PROJECTED	2017-2018 ANTICIPATED
2015 O & 1	M \$1,603.65	\$0.00
2016 O & 1	M \$3,849.42	\$675.04
2017 O & 1	M \$251,400.00	\$3,149.76
2018 O & 1	M	\$253,914.00
Office Fee	\$2,580.00	\$2,580.00
Late Fees	\$100.00	\$228.27
Interest	\$300.00	\$300.00
Refunds	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Rental	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
LGIP Fund	\$49,166.61	\$65,296.79
TOTAL:	\$313,999.68	\$332,643.86

Dan H. Birmingham, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639

address and telephone number; and the title and number of this

If your written response is an Answer, it must state the things you agree with and those you disagree with that are in the Complaint. You must also state any defenses you have.

You must mail or deliver a copy of your response to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney (at the address listed above), and prove

that you did. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the District Court.

If you are considering talking to an attorney, you should do so quickly to protect your legal rights.

Date: August 29, 2017 s:/Rachelle R. Fahey Rachelle R. Fahey, Deputy Clerk

9/6,13,20,27/2017

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

57-11904 SCOTT WALKER APRIL WALKER 6532 HOWARD RD

MARSING, ID 83639 Point of Diversion SWSW S10 T02N R04W OWYHEE County

Source GROUND WATER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.11 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.11 CFS

Date Filed: 7/19/2017

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

T02N R04W S10 SWSW SESW

Total Acres: 5.2

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GARY SPACKMAN, Director 9/20,27/2017

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Homedale school enrollment up this year

Middle school sees largest population increase to start 2017-18

Homedale school administrators were greeted with an increase in enrollment when the new year began last month.

According to numbers provided during last week's school board meeting, there are 6.2 percent more students in the town's three schools than this time last year.

The total population increased 72 students to 1,241.

The three school principals – Matt Holtry at the high school, Moss Strong at the middle school, and Terri Vasquez at the elementary – provided enrollment numbers during their reports to the board Sept. 11.

Strong, the new middle school administrator, was welcomed by the largest increase among the three schools.

Thanks to a large sixth-grade class, the middle school has seen a 9.5 percent increase in enrollment at the start of the year compared to the same time last year.

There are 379 students enrolled at the middle school this year.

Thirty-three more students

are walking the halls, and more than half of that increase (17) has been seen at the sixthgrade level.

There are 97 sixth-graders at HMS this year, which is an increase of seven in that age group from this time last year. There were 90 fifth-graders enrolled at HMS in September 2016

The fifth-grade class this year also numbers 97.

In her report to the board, Strong also commended music director John Zieske on his work to bolster band participation.

There are 68 students either in beginning band or concert band, which accounts for nearly 18 percent of the total student body.

"John is doing a great job recruiting students," Strong wrote in her board report.

Holtry reports an increase of 31 high school students from the spring and 21 from last September.

There are 22 more students in the senior class than a year ago, and the 88 boys and girls make up 23.3 percent of the 377-person student body.

There were just 66 seniors at the start of the last school year.

The freshman class is the largest with 101 students. It's also the only class with more boys (52) than girls (49).

The sophomore class is smaller than the freshman class that seeded it from a year ago. There are 80 sophomores this year after 100 freshmen began the 2016-17 school year (a 20 percent drop in the Class of 2020 population).

The junior class remains steady compared to the number of sophomores who began school in 2016-17.

The majority of the elementary school's population gain can be found in the kindergarten classes.

There are 485 students at the elementary school this year, an increase of 6.1 percent over last year.

The bulk of the increase is in the first-year classrooms where there are 26 more students than September 2016.

The afternoon kindergarten class population has increased 39.5 percent (15 students) over the start of school a year ago.

There are 28 more thirdgraders than second-graders this year, but Vasquez said that Year-to-year comparison

Homedale School District's student population by school and grade:

High school	2017-18	2016-17	Change
12th grade	88	66	+22 (33.3%)
11th grade	99	91	+9 (9.8%)
10 th grade	89	99	-10 (10.1%)
9th grade	101	100	+1 (1.0%)
Total	377	356	+21 (5.9%)
Middle school	2017-18	2016-17	Change
8h grade	93	89	+4 (4.5%)
7 th grade	92	87	+5 (5.7%)
6th grade	97	80	+17 (21.3%)
5th grade	97	90	+7 (7.7%)
Total	379	346	+33 (8.7%)
Elem. School	2017-18	2016-17	Change
AM K	49	38	+11 (28.9%)
PM K	53	38	+15 (39.5%)
Pre-First	12	15	+3 (33.3%)
1st grade	83	71	+12 (16.9%)
2 nd grade	70	94	-24 (25.5%)
3 rd grade	98	96	+2 (2.1%)
4th grade	91	84	+7 (8.3%)
Special Day			
Special Day	14	14	No change
ELL ELL	14 15	14 13	No change +2 (15.4%)
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ELL	15	13	+2 (15.4%)

trend is a continuation.

"(This year's secondgraders) was a small group since Kindergarten," the principal said.

"Since it is so small, we only have three teachers for that grade level." Other grade levels have four teachers, but Vasquez said the second grade has 23 students per classroom— the maximum allowed by school board policy.

"It is just a strange year with such a small group, and it seems if one moves out, another moves in," she said. "Enrollment for that grade has stayed pretty much the same."

There are seven more fourthgraders this year than last, and the largest class is the third grade, which has 98 pupils.

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