

Alleged murder may have been first step in spree

Two more arrested; Emery: Case will strain stretched resources

Three people stand accused of plotting to kill an Oregon hitchhiker, and Owyhee County's prosecuting attorney says the capital crime could put more strain on his office's already stretched resources.

Idaho State Police arrested Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed on Halloween, alleging both conspired with Grand View native Nicholas B. Vandenberg, 27, to kill 17-year-old Hunter Allyn Smith and dispose of his body in the Bruneau desert.

According to court documents, Smith's murder apparently could have been only the beginning of killings planned by the three defendants.

Reed, 20, of Twin Falls, and Rabey, 34, of Mountain Home, were transferred to county jail in Murphy days after their arrests for their initial court appearances.





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Reed

Bringing in a fall flourish



Owyhee Gardeners spruce up Homedale's entrance

Members of the Owyhee Gardeners club did some autumn cleanup work on Halloween at the Welcome to Homedale sign near the east entrance into town. From left: Wanda Ferguson, club secretary Charlene Johnston, and Bob Winder.

Boise man killed in plane crash

Passenger still hospitalized

The part-owner of an airstrip in remote southwest Owyhee County died when the plane takeoff.

Combination area of Flint Creek southeast of Pleasant Valley.

According to witnesses, he was piloting crashed on the single-engine Piper PA18 Super Cub crashed shortly after takeoff when strong winds pushed the aircraft into the hillside.

apparent fractures to his pelvis and femur.

Hospital staff said Bublitz was still being treated at St.

Al's as of Monday afternoon. Grant said the private airstrip was on land in which Hilde

County's low-key assessor ready to leave quietly

Endicott recommends successor in resignation letter

Brett Endicott wants to exit the Owyhee County Assessor's office just as he entered it.

Quietly and hardly noticed. Endicott submitted his resignation letter during Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, signaling his intention to retire after nearly 15 years as an elected official.

"I'm not really retiring," the

Marsing-area resident said. "It's just another step into a new adventure."



sor's office Brett Endicott

for 21 years. Ernie Bahem hired the Vietnam veteran in 1996, and six years later Endicott threw his hat in the ring for the top job when his boss decided to retire.

Endicott's letter to the commissioners puts his final

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Dean M. Hilde, 56, was killed, and his passenger, 42year-old fellow Boisean Gerald R. Bublitz, was injured when the small aircraft crashed into a tree-covered hillside shortly after 9 a.m., on Friday.

Sheriff Perry Grant said

the crash took place in the

Bublitz was LifeFlighted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise for treatment of serious injuries, Grant said. The OCSO dispatch log indicates Bublitz suffered

owned a stake.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has started a crash investigation. A former Alaska bush pilot, Hilde last year sought permission to land his plane on his property in the Boise foothills.

— JPB

One man died and another was seriously injured when this plane crashed in remote southwest Owyhee County. Photo courtesy OCSO



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Citizens can comment on Homedale's library plan tonight

Council sets grant hearing during regular meeting

Financial grants have been on the minds of Homedale city officials lately, and tonight the public will get a chance to chime in on one.

The city council's November meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., starts off with a public hearing for the city's second try at an Idaho Community Development Block Grant to expand the public library.

This is the second consecutive year that the city has proposed applying for a grant through the state Department of Commerce to help fund building a 3,600square-foot free-standing addition to the 37-year-old library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Last year's grant application, written by Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson, was rejected. Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's Economic Advisory Council eliminated the application from consideration because of a lack of local funding and the fact that several infrastructure projects scored higher than Homedale's bid for a new library.

Great West Engineering has taken the lead on the Fiscal Year 2018 grant application with the city no longer involved with WAED.

Tonight's hearing will discuss several aspects of the proposed project, including the grant application, scope of work, budget, timeline and how the project will benefit the community.

According to a legal notice published last month in The Owyhee Avalanche, a copy of the draft application will be available for review at the hearing.

The deadline to file the application with the Department of Commerce under the ICDBG public facilities construction and improvement category is Nov. 17.

The city already has acquired the parcel east of the library as a location for expansion.

The family of late library board member Gypsy Jackson has pledged \$100,000 to the project if the grant is received and if the city agrees to name the new library for Jackson.

The construction firm handling Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation center's expansion across West Owyhee Avenue from the library also has agreed to level the site of the old Mormon church in exchange for permission to use the parcel as a staging area for the OHR project.

The library grant public hearing is just the beginning of tonight's busy schedule.

Homedale Farmers Market manager Denise Dixon is slated to give an update with the holiday market season is under way.

Pastor Ivar Moore has asked for time to talk about the success of the third annual Homedale Assembly of God car show.

Building inspector Steve Pierson will make an appearance to discuss setbacks for the town's alleys.

Department heads also plan to give their montly reports.

City leaders also are considering going after Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) grants to pay for street chip-sealing and schoolchildren pedestrian safety.

No public hearings have been set for those grants.

City engineer Andrew Kimmel, who now works for Great West, told the council that there is \$10 million in surplus funding that LHTAC plans to disperse in FY 2018. The city could get a piece of the 100 percent construction grant pool to chip seal streets and not have to come up with matching funds. Maximum grants are \$1 million.

The city also could look into Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Children's Pedestrian Safety grants to help finance the proposed pedestrian path to move students off Idaho highway 19 on their way to and from the middle school on Johnstone Road.

The Children's Pedestrian Safety grant is another LHTAC vehicle that requires no match. The maximum grant that will be awarded is \$250,000.

The city must file an application in December to receive consideration for FY 2018 LHTAC grants. The next grant cycle deadline is December 2019.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has been working with the city on the HMS pedestrian route as well as improving pedestrian safety at the elementary school.

— JPB

Homedale night light parade on horizon

BOCC chair reminds Chamber about WAED help

Crystallizing plans for this month's holiday parade was the main topic at last week's Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Homedale for the Holidays parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 25.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said lineup will start at 5:30 p.m. in front of Tolmie's Ace Hardware on East Owyhee Avenue, and the parade will begin around 6 p.m.

The parade route will be the same as processions in past years with the floats, classic cars and people traveling west down Owyhee Avenue, south on North 3rd Street West, and then east on Idaho Avenue.

The theme for this year's parade is "Elf," the 2003 Jon Favreau-directed movie starring Will Ferrell.

"No pre-registration is required, but any questions or concerns can be sent my way, just let me know and I'll clue you in," Parker said.

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

The Christmas tree lighting in Bette Uda City Park will be held after the parade.

At the most recent city council meeting, public works supervisor Bret Smith said his crew would begin putting up lights and other decorations soon so the scene is set for the big night.

Parker said he's working on contacting Homedale resident Bob Hulse to once again play

Santa Claus at the tree lighting. Details on choirs and caroling for the event are still being finalized.

Folks attending the tree lighting are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy and canned food, which will be distributed to local families.

Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi and Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson were among those in attendance at last week's Chamber meeting.

Aberasturi reminded Chamber members that Wilson is still available to help Homedale businesses, because the county supports the WAED with \$7,000 annually. The City of Homedale is no longer a WAED member.

"When the cities declined to pay anymore, that was fine because we're already paying for it," Aberasturi said.

The cities of Homedale and Marsing cancelled their financial support to the WAED during the budget process for Fiscal Year 2018.

Aberasturi added that he is always ready to hear about the needs and concerns of Homedale residents.

"We want to hear what the city would like to see, and we'll do what we can to make that come into play," the District 2 commissioner said. "And I represent this area anyway."

The Chamber's next meeting is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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Fall festival set Saturday at HES | Vets Day is Saturday,

Raffle prizes to be given away at PTO fundraiser

Food and fun are on the agenda for Saturday's annual Homedale Elementary Fall Festival Carnival.

The HES Parent Teacher Organization fundraiser runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. inside the school's gymnasium, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Students completed their raffle ticket sales on Monday, but tickets will still be available at the carnival for \$1 each or \$20 for 25.

Raffle prizes include:

• Four one-day park hopper passes to Disneyland

• A Trojans sports fan pack, including season passes for two to all high school and middle school sporting events as well as stadium chairs, Yeti bottles, a wagon and Trojan gear

• A Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor from Al's Pawn and Sports

• A rustic wooden flag

• A remote control car

• A king-sized quilt

• A \$200 grocery package, including a \$100 WinCo gift card and 30 pounds of hamburger from Owyhee Meat Pack



Fourth-graders taught by Jan Silva put up a sign for Saturday's school carnival Monday outside Homedale Elementary School. From left: Ava Wilson, Ty Rogers, Bertha Flores, and Stella Heck. Submitted photo

Campbell Tractor in Nampa.

• An American Girl doll • A Traeger smoker/grill sponsored by Wilson Tire and W3 Livestock

You needn't be present Saturday to win any of the big raffle items, but there will be more prize drawings during the event.

Prizes available during the festival include movie tickets and passes to Roaring Springs, Wahooz and Nampa's Circus Trix, among others.

Food will be available during the festival, too, including • A metal pedal tractor from pizza, salad and a drink. Albert-

sons and Papa Murphy's have helped with food donations, according to the Homedale PTO Facebook page.

Veterans will receive discounts at the carnival, and students have created patriotic artwork to salute those who have served in the armed forces.

Festival proceeds will help provide classroom supplies, fencing improvements at the school, lunch payments for families struggling to pay their children's lunches, and accessible playground equipment for all HES students, including those in the special-day class.

but there are still holiday closures

Government offices in Murphy, Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian will be closed Friday, including all Owyhee County Division of Motor Vehicles offices, as the legal holiday for Veterans Day, which falls on a Saturday this year.

enforcement, Law fire and medical services will be available Friday and Saturday as well as county emergency dispatch and 911.

Other Friday closures:

• The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing

· Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View

• Bruneau Valley Library is typically closed on Friday

· Schools in the Bruneau-Grand View, Jordan Valley and Pleasant Valley districts. Schools in Homedale and Marsing are always closed on Friday.

Remaining open Friday:

Adrian schools for a remediation and staff development day but buses

will not be running.

• The Owyhee Avalanche office — all deadlines for advertising (classified and display), legal notices, letters to the editor and news submissions will remain the same.

Saturday closures:

• Post offices will be closed and no mail service will be available.

• US Bank branches in Homedale and Marsing

Remaining open Friday:

• Homedale Public Library and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing

• Albertsons in Homedale will be open normal hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pharmacy in Albertsons will also have normal hours, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

• The pharmacy and liquor store in Homedale Drug will be open normal hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Logan's Market in Marsing will also be open with regular hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.





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$\sqrt{\text{Spree:}}$ Defendants' preliminary hearings set for Dec. 18 in Murphy

Thursday, and Reed appeared before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on Friday.

All three defendants will appear before Grober for preliminary hearings at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 in Murphy.

As he stated after Vandenberg was taken into custody, Sheriff Perry Grant said the quickly developing case is ongoing.

"ISP is still actively searching for evidence on the crime," Grant said. "There could be more arrests."

Emery said the three new

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as well as a larger public defense outlay for the county. Because the defendants have been accused of capital crimes, they each have been appointed two defense attorneys.

"My prosecutorial workload was heavy before the present cases arose," Emery said. "These new cases have added greatly to the workload, stress and weight of my duties with the scores of cases already on the docket."

County Clerk Angie Barkell said the county could seek as-

Rabey was arraigned on cases mean more on his plate sistance from Idaho's capital crimes fund to pay for the six public defenders.

> Emery said he has sought permission from the county commissioners to hire "an experienced trial deputy (or) deputies to assist me."

> "I presently do not have the necessary allocation to hire the needed full-time trial assistance," the third-term elected official said.

> "The Owyhee County Commissioners and I will discuss the subject in the near future."

> Emery's Fiscal Year 2018 budget does have an allocation to hire a part-time deputy criminal prosecutor. The commissioners also signed off on an 11.1 percent salary increase for deputy civil prosecutor Dan Blocksom.

> Barkell said Emery has yet to hire a part-time deputy criminal prosecutor, and she confirmed that Emery began

Correction

Incomplete information was reported in a feature article on new Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert. She and her husband Shawn have four sons — Russell, Josh, Kyle and Zack. All four are married, and the Dygerts have five grandchildren.

discussions about hiring more help at last week's commissioners meeting.

Reed and Rabey have been charged with felony counts of conspiracy to commit firstdegree murder and destruction of evidence.

ISP said Reed was arrested in Twin Falls, and Rabey was taken into custody in Mountain Home.

Two weeks ago, Rabey was picked up on an Owyhee County warrant for violating the terms of his probation after a misdemeanor driving under the influence conviction.

In his criminal complaints against the new defendants, Emery accuses Rabey, Reed and Vandenberg of plotting to kill Smith, the Medford, Ore., teenager with whom they had apparently made contact in June as he was hitchhiking in Idaho.

The three suspects allegedly invited Smith to go shooting in the Bruneau area —where Vandenberg was living - with the ulterior motive to murder the young man, according to court documents.

The complaints allege that - around June 22 - Reed and Rabey watched as Vandenberg used a .45 caliber pistol to shoot Smith at close range in the head and upper body.

After Vandenberg removed clothing from Smith's body, Reed and Rabey helped burn the garments and dispose of Smith's body in a ditch in the Bruneau desert, the complaint alleges.

Hunters found Smith's badly decomposed remains on Oct. 21.

The final allegation in the conspiracy counts against Reed and Rabey claims that the trio apparently planned to perform similar criminal acts in the future.

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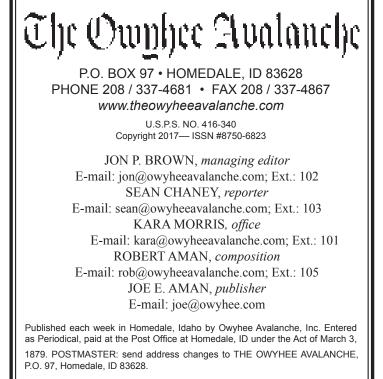
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Library youth to visit Owyhee Health and Rehab

The Homedale Public Library will be after the stories. open Friday for Story Time and Teens & Tweens programming.

At 10:15 a.m., youngsters will hear a reading of "Bad Kitty Does Not Like Dogs" and "Little Spotted Cat."

There will be cat and dog activities

At 4 p.m., boys and girls ages 10 to 17 are invited to drop in for the Teens & Tweens activity.

The youth will make thank you cards and deliver them across the street to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation.

Attendees also will make parachute library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., cord ("paracord") bracelets for Operation Gratitude.

Operation Gratitude is a nonprofit organization that sends care packages to U.S. military service members.

Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more Located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., the information on library programs.

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

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

Homedale Highway District meeting

7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Thursday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Veterans Day program

9 a.m., veterans welcome, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center pinochle

Calendar

Free Thanksgiving meal

5:30 p.m., Pair-A-Dice restaurant, 2 E. Main St., Marsing. (208) 830-5983

Homedale FFA Harvest Auction

6:30 p.m., free dinner, 7 p.m., auctions and raffle, Homedale High School cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

AA meetings

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

Friday

Blood drive

10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Adrian High School, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian.

Story Time

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

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

Teens and Tweens program

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

Game night

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690

Saturday

Rimrock Community Food Pantry distribution 9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

Marsing holiday market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing (208) 649-5348

Bruneau Cowboy Christmas

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham, Ave., and Bruneau Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 995-5206 **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

Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Marsing Fire Department meeting

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

Tuesday

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 Senior Center board meeting

1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school program

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

After-school Story Time

4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Library board meeting

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

Melba school board meeting

5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

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1 p.m., attendees invited to bring plant seeds to exchange, Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Veterans Day program

1:30 p.m., veterans welcome, Marsing school district cafeteria, 209 8th Ave. W. (208) 896-4111

Veterans Day assembly

1:30 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. H.S. college and career fair

2 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

Crafts for Kids

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

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

Txoko Ona Fall Dinner

5 p.m., doors, 6:30 p.m., dinner, \$20 adults, \$5 children 6-12, make reservations by Nov. 8, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-3041 or (208) 337-3840.

Sunday

Turkey Shoot

10 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 941-1922 **Bruneau Cowboy Christmas**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham, Ave., and Bruneau Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 995-5206

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series

Noon, history of Idaho Power, free luncheon provided (RSVP by Nov. 13), Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131

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Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

Death notices

MARY MONTE CHAMBERLAIN, 90, who was born in Silver City, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 in Whitefish, Mont. A viewing, recitation of the Rosary, and Mass of Christian Burial were held on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa. Burial followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Nampa. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. (208) 442-8171

BEGONIA S. CORTA, 97, of Caldwell, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 at a Homedale care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

JOSEPH (JOE) CHARLES FALEN, 65, who grew up in the Sunny Slope area and was a resident of Mill City, Ore., died on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 in Portland. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 at Boone Presbyterian Church in Caldwell.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal: lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing *Milk available every day*

Nov. 8: Stir fry orange chicken, rice, Calif. blend veggies, roll

Nov. 9: Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

Nov. 14: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas, roll

Nov. 15: Lasagna w/meat & cheese, string beans, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice Nov. 9: Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, cooked carrots, cinnamon apples, whole wheat roll

Nov. 14: Finger steaks, French fries, cole slaw, canned fruit, garlic bread

Nov. 16: Chicken chow mein, chow mein noodles, Mandarin oranges, cottage cheese, fortune cookie

Bruneau and Beyond wraps fall with Idaho **Power history talk**

A second installment on the 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131 history of the Idaho Power Co., is the topic for the final Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon of the fall.

The company's community relations representative, Blake Watson, will focus on the 1950to-1980 era when he speaks at the free event, which starts at noon next Wednesday at the Bruneau Valley Library. A luncheon also will be served as part of the program. The library is located at 32073 Ruth St. Organizers say that anyone planning to come listen to Watson should RSVP by Monday to ensure enough space is available and enough food is prepared. Call (208)

to confirm a spot.

Watson is a 34-year Idaho Power employee. He graduated from the Mountain Home Air Force Base Honorary Commander Program and is a current member of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. A Bruneau and Beyond sponsor, Idaho Power is in the midst of a centennial celebration. Other company reps visited the library in an earlier phase of the speaker series to discuss the early history of the public utility. Library board member Judy Erwin said that the speaker series will return in January

Marsing **Gun Club's** annual Turkey **Shoot set**

Folks can take a shot at getting their holiday hams and turkeys taken care of during Sunday's annual Marsing Gun Club Turkey Shoot.

The Turkey Shoot starts at 10 a.m., at the gun club, which is located south of town on Trap Shoot Road off of Idaho highway 78.

Each shoot will cost \$5. People will have the chance

to win hams and turkeys. The final shoots of 2017 are Nov. 26, Dec. 10 and the Christmas shoot on Dec. 24.

Shoots are always held on Sundays.

Next year, shoots are scheduled on the first and third Sundays from January to March as well as on April 1, April 15 and April 29.

If you have any questions, email marsinggunclub@yahoo. com or call club president Greg Mayer at (208) 941-1922.

Food bank encouraged at Marsing community Thanksgiving

A Marsing church will benefit from donations given at a free community Thanksgiving dinner.

The meal will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Pair-A-Dice restaurant, 2 E. Main St., Marsing.

Organizer Jeff Miller said donations of non-perishable food items, cash, or both, will be handed over to help the Vision Community Church food bank. The dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, a vegetable, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie. For more information on the dinner, call Miller at (208) 830-5983.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day Nov. 8: Crispito, corn

Nov. 9: Popcorn chicken, fresh broccoli, cookie

Nov. 13: Hamburger, French fries

Nov. 14: Chicken drumstick, mixed vegetables, hot roll

Nov. 15: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Nov. 16: THANKSGIVING DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing & hot roll, fruit salad, pumpkin pie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day Nov. 8: Hot dog or fish nuggets, string cheese

Nov. 9: Hamburger or chicken patty, French fries, fruit roll

Nov. 13: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans

Nov. 14: Sloppy Joe or Rib-B-Que, green beans

Nov. 15: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB & J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie

Nov. 16: THANKSGIVING DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, jello, hot roll, pumpkin pie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day

Nov. 8: Crispitos or Rib-B-Que, green beans

Nov. 9: Chicken patty or hot dog w/chili

Nov. 13: Pepperoni pizza ripper or BBQ chicken ranch wrap w/ potato chips

Nov. 14: Beef taco or burrito, corn

Nov. 15: Orange chicken w/steamed rice & egg roll or BBQ pulled pork sandwich, pork & beans, fortune cookie

Nov. 16: THANKSGIVING DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, hot roll, pumkin pie filling

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily

Nov. 8: Hamburger, seasoned fries or PB & J, animal crackers, cheese stick, celery sticks

Nov. 9: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or PB & J yogurt rice crispy treat

Nov. 13: Chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, steamed carrots or PB & J, cheese stick, chocolate chuck cookie

Nov. 14: Super nachos, mixed vegetables or PB & J, yogurt, graham crackers

Nov. 15: Lasagna, garlic French bread, green beans or PB & J, cheese stick, animal crackers, jello w/topping

Nov. 16: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers

Marsing Middle and High

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily

Nov. 8: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries

Nov. 9: Pepperoni pizza round, tossed salad or chili cheese fries, whole wheat roll, tossed salad

Nov. 13: Chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, steamed carrots or teriyaki chicken bowl, steamed carrots

Nov. 14: Super nachos, mixed vegetables

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after a December hiatus.

Nov. 15: Lasagna, garlic French bread, green beans, jello w/ topping

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily

Nov. 8: Breakfast: Biscuit & jelly, fruit, milk Lunch: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Nov. 9: Breakfast: Breakfast bar, fruit, milk Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, baby carrots

Nov. 13: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, milk Lunch: Chicken wrap, tossed Romaine salad, broccoli

Nov. 14: Breakfast: Waffle, egg, fruit, milk Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Romaine tossed salad, peas, (Breadstick-**Rimrock**)

Nov. 15: Breakfast: PB & J, fruit, milk Lunch: THANKSGIVING DINNER: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/ gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly

Nov. 16: Breakfast: Bagel & cream cheese, fruit, milk Lunch: Pig in a blanket, fries, baked beans, fresh fruit, pumpkin bar

The old crackerbox

I don't recall anything ever being written about my dad's school buses. He drove his own "self-owned" bus for a short time that was Homedale's first school bus to deliver school kids to and from school. It didn't quite look like a bus as it was a truck with a tarp stretched across the back. This was in the early 1930s, and he picked up a lot of the farm kids from south Homedale who were walking to school.

By the time I came along in 1934, he had a wooden, orange box-type structure that set on the back of his truck. I have no idea where it was purchased, but it was somehow bolted on to the truck bed and separate from the cab. I remember riding along with Dad on his bus routes before I started school and enjoying every minute. Most of the time, I rode with Dad in the cab, but I would sometimes get to sit in back with the kids who were mostly my older sister's friends.

The truck still had the old chain turn signal that you worked by pulling on a chain inside the truck. The interior of the bus had wooden slat benches along the sides and up the middle where kids sat. There was not enough height to it for standing up fully unless you were pretty short. Getting inside must have been a real scramble because I don't remember there being any steps. No wonder the kids called it "The old cracker box."

After a short while in use, Dad started working for the Homedale School District as a driver, and they sent him to Chicago for a new bus. He and my mom made the trip. As near as I can remember, it must have been around 1940, and I was ready to enter the first grade. They made a regular vacation out of the trip and talked about sleeping in the park in Chicago before they headed home to Idaho. They made stops along the way to see various sights.



There were other trips they took after their first to bring back a bus for the school. Their travels took them to New Mexico and Syracuse, N.Y., that I can remember.

Mom and Dad each drove a bus from New York, and this was pretty much before freeways. My girlfriends and I were working in Denver, and they stopped to see us on the way back. They parked the buses on the outskirts, and Mom's bus was full of antiques. Not too many people were interested in antiques at the time, and my mom was always a jump ahead (so to speak).

My dad drove three generations of kids to school. He was always punctual, and farmers would say they always knew what time it was when he drove by the fields where they were working to pick up the kids.

In later years, after heart problems, he was put in charge of maintaining buses for the school district and to see that they were up and running. One time with an illness, he needed blood transfusions. The bus drivers at that time were preachers from various churches in town who all gladly donated blood for the cause. Afterwards, Dad was pleased to say he was now made up of all kinds of religions.



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

> by Marilyn (Adams) Burke

during his reign. However, Hank Kershner and Harry Townsend drove the other two buses at this particular time.

The old, retired crackerbox was out back of our house all the years I grew up there. It did have room for a bed (at one end), and my uncle Jim would sleep out there when he came out of the hills after working on a job for some rancher. I remember it even serving as a refuge for a woman and her kids a few times when the old man came home after drinking and was abusive to them.

I slept there myself and used it as a playhouse. Others used it, too, through the years. I regret there is no picture of the old crackerbox. It is now only another memory I have tucked away in my heart.

-Melba resident Marilyn (Adams) Burke is a Homedale native. The 1952 Homedale High School graduate is the daughter of Walt and Mildretta Adams, both of whom came from Owyhee County pioneer families. Her mother wrote three histories on Owyhee County and was a frequent contributor to The Owyhee Chronicle and The Owyhee Avalanche. Burke's parents owned and operated the Old Schoolhouse Museum in Silver City for three years. Burke has two sisters — Alene Downing of Homedale and Pat Davis of Bruneau — who still live in Owyhee County.

University of Idaho Extension

How parents can battle bullies

often part of growing up. Teasing becomes bullying when it is repetitive or when there is a conscious intent to hurt another child.

Researchers estimate that 20 to 30 percent of school-age children are involved in bullying incidents. Bullying can begin as early as preschool. It can be verbal bullying (making

psychological bullying (excluding children, spreading rumors), or physical bullying (hitting, pushing, taking their possessions).

If your child is the victim of bullying, they may suffer physically and emotionally. Their schoolwork will likely show it. Grades drop because, instead of listening to the teacher, boys and girls are wondering what they did wrong and whether anyone will sit with them at lunch. Problems with low self-esteem and depression can last into adulthood and interfere with personal and professional lives.

If you're concerned that your child is a victim of teasing or bullying, look for these signs of stress:

- Increased withdrawal
- Frequent crying

• Recurrent complaints of physical symptoms such as stomach aches or headaches with no apparent cause

• Unexplained bruises

• Sudden change in the way your child talks — calling themselves a loser, or other unkind names.

Once you've opened the door, help your child begin

Unfortunately, teasing is she said" argument. If you do find yourself talking directly to the other parent, try to do it in person rather than over the phone. Don't begin with



an angry recounting of the other child's offenses. Set the stage for a collaborative approach by suggesting observing interactions and jointly express disapproval for any unacceptable

threats, name-calling), Janelle Thompson behavior.

Many schools have programs especially designed to raise awareness of bullying behavior and to help parents and teachers deal effectively with it. Check with your school district to see if it has such a program.

Schools and parents can work effectively behind the scenes to help a child. Share with the teacher what your child has told you; describe any teasing or bullying you may have witnessed. Ask the teacher if they see similar behavior at school. If your child's teacher hasn't seen any instances of teasing, ask that they keep an eye out for the behavior you described. If the teacher says your child is being teased, find out whether there are any things that may be attracting the teasing. Ask how he responds to the teasing, and discuss helping him develop a more effective response. After the initial conversation, be sure to make a follow-up appointment to discuss how things are going.

If the problem persists ask to meet with the school counselor or psychologist, or request a referral to the appropriate school professional.

There are a few people around who still remember riding his bus. You might say my dad was "school bus driver, king of the road"

to problem-solve. You might also need to help your child find a way to move on by encouraging them to reach out and make new friends or join different teams and clubs to widen their circle.

Sometimes adults need to intervene to help children resolve bullying issues, but calling another parent directly can be tricky. It is easy to find yourself in a "he said/

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of IOwyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Source: Parent Magazine

Got News? Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.

HHS sr. project blood drive needs donors

for a blood drive scheduled next week at Homedale High School.

Donors are being sought the American Red Cross blood drive as part of her senior project.

Lauryn Fisher has organized from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will take place

on Tuesday inside the old gymnasium.

To schedule an appointment or to get more information, call Fisher at (208) 949-7189.

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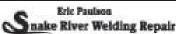
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Local VFW's namesake died in Vietnam 50 years ago

The man for whom the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post is named died in Vietnam 50 years ago.

Sgt. Samuel Charles Phillips III was 24 years old when he was killed in action on Oct. 2, 1967 in the Lam Dong Province in South Vietnam.

According to www.hon orstates.org, the Homedale resident, who went by Chuck, was a counterintelligence agent in the Army's 525th Military Intelligence Group.

Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 is headquartered in Wilder, but serves VFW members in Homedale, Marsing and Parma, too.

Phillips was born on July 7, 1943 in Leadville, Colo., and his tour of duty in Vietnam began on May 16, 1966. He had extended his tour another six months in May 1967.

A Nyssa High School graduate, he represented the Bull-

dogs as a fullback in the 1961 East-West Shrine Game. He attended what was then Eastern Oregon College in La Grande, Ore., for one year before joining the Army.

Phillips was laid to rest in the veterans section of the Hilltop Memorial Cemetery in Nyssa, Ore., in a ceremony officiated by Homedale Presbyterian Church pastor The Rev. Ed Alora. Rites included military honors provided by

the Mountain Home Air Force Base honor guard.

Phillips' name is on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 27e, Line 41.

The awards he earned include a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal.

His sisters, Candace and A. Gavl. and his mother. Clara. lived in Homedale at the time of his death.



Sgt. Samuel C. Phillips III

Educators to teach different subject at HHS Vets Day

Navy veterans among Thursday guest speakers

The guest speakers for Thursday's Veterans Day assembly at Homedale High School have a diverse background but a common bond.

Mia Sickinger, 18, has enlisted the help of three educators to teach her peers the value of service and the sacrifice of our military veterans.

The highlight of Sickinger's senior project takes place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday inside the main gymnasium.

Sickinger hopes to attract at least 15 veterans, and she asks any veterans planning to attend to wear their uniforms and be on hand 15 minutes before the start of the program.

Sickinger is still looking for veterans interested in attending Thursday's event. Contact her at (208) 941-6050 or miasickinger@gmail.com for more information.

The high school band, under the direction of John Zieske, will play the Star Spangled Banner, Sickinger said, and the local Boy Scouts troop will conduct a flag ceremony.

Zieske said four members of the Caldwell Centennial Band, who are also veterans, will sit in with the freshman through senior musicians. Zieske said Bruce Greenhalgh (baritone saxophone), John Lawson (trumpet), Leora Summers (clarinet), and Jeffery Johann (euphonium) will accompany the young musicians in a rendition of "America the Beautiful."

Two of the three speakers she has lined up are Navy veterans, while the third is the son of a combat veteran.

• Dr. Harold A. Nevill is in his seventh year as chief executive officer at Wilder's Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency.

The Treasure Valley native served 21 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of lieutenant commander. He served on four submarines, three sub tenders and was officer-in-charge at a base that tracked satellites.

He served as Idaho FFA state vice-president during his days at Fruitland High School, and also lettered in wrestling and football all four years.

He began his career in education 20 years ago, teaching science, math, electronics and business. He was career and technical education (CTE) coordinator for the West Ada School District before moving to COSSA for the same position in 2010.

He owns an 80-acre cattle ranch south of Nampa.

• Byron Holtry, retired Nampa High School principal,

served five years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He is the father of HHS principal and football coach Matt Holtry.

• Ed Lee is a U.S. History and English teacher at HHS. He never served in the military, but he was born and raised on naval bases as his dad served a career that included two tours in Vietnam.

"I will be talking about honoring veterans for their sacrifices at home," Lee said.

Lee's father lost his battle with cancer in 1996 while receiving treatment at McChord Air Force Base in Washington state.

— JPB

Marsing students invite veterans to lunch Thursday

Bronze Star recipient to speak at assembly

Marsing Elementary School will hold its annual Veterans Day program at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday.

Kindergarten through fifthgraders will give presentations and sing songs in honor of veterans inside the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

Marsing Elementary music

is U.S. Marine Corps warrant officer Sean L. Miner.

"His job title is Human Source Intelligence Operations Officer," Lacer wrote in an email. "Officer Miner has been in four major deployments during wartime, and is a recipient of the Bronze Star."

After Miner's speech, attending veterans will be asked to stand, and give their name and branch of service.

Lacer said the district's band and choir teacher, Dawn Sandmeyer, will then play Taps beteacher Liz Lacer said the key- fore everyone joins together to

Before the assembly, vets can eat a free lunch with thirdthrough fifth-graders. Lunch begins at 11:30.

If veterans would like to attend the lunch, they should RSVP to the elementary school office at (208) 896-4111, ext. 4.

After lunch, veterans will meet kindergarteners through second-graders in the elementary school gymnasium prior to the assembly.

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Other schools in Homedale, Wilder plan Veterans Day salutes.



note speaker for the assembly sing "God Bless the USA."

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Airman's talents kept him out of harm's way

Norman Kinney deemed too valuable for combat in Korean War

The 67th anniversary of the for the first draft." Korean War is making Veterans Day bittersweet for one county resident.

Norman Kinney, 85, is in the Air Force and was sent happy to see people

appreciate veterans like himself, but he regrets that he was never sent overseas to Korea during his service in the Air Force.

"I volunteered to go two or three times; I was hot to trot," the

Sunrise Skypark resi- Norman Kinney dent said. "But they said, 'No, you're too valuable here, we can't replace you.'"

He worked as an aircraft mechanic during his two years of active duty in the Air Force.

Now a Givens resident. Kinney was born and raised in Nampa.

"I graduated in 1950 from Nampa High School, then the war broke out in Korea, and I joined the National Guard because I didn't want to get drafted," Kinney said.

"When we were getting ready to graduate, there was about 10 of us that were 18 years old, and that was 'draw bait.' A friend of mine's aunt was on the draft board in Caldwell, and she said all of us were on the top of the list

Kinney was only with the National Guard in Boise for a short time before he enlisted

to Moody Air Force

Base in Georgia.

"I was mechanically inclined and I also had a pilot's license; I got it when I was 17 years old," Kinney said. "So I went up the ladder pretty fast because I knew airplanes."

He became what airmen commonly call a "dock chief" in a maintenance hangar.

"The individual squadrons don't have the maintenance staff to do major work," Kinney said. "So they'd bring their planes in to us. I really loved the job. I was having fun. I had seven guys working for me on the dock."

While he was working as a dock chief, it was decided that his staff should be trained how to defend themselves if they were sent out with a Marine into a combat situation.

"The Marine Corps trained us in the swamps," Kinney said. "If we got overrun by the enemy, and we were with American forces, at least we wouldn't be a drag on them. We'd be able to shoot or do

Norman Kinney, who now lives in Sunrise Skypark in Givens, stands in uniform next to his 1950 Buick. Kinney's commanding officer deemed his mechanical skills too valuable to stateside equipment maintenance to allow him to be shipped off to Korea.

whatever was necessary."

Kinney would go on to spend time at several other Air Force bases during his two years of active duty. Four years of inactive duty followed in the reserves, but he was never reactivated.

The airman was not just a valuable aircraft mechanic.

Kinney recalled the time a colonel came to him with an automotive problem.

"He said, 'I've got a Cadillac that I've taken to a shop downtown a hundred times. The thing doesn't run. It's just terrible,' " Kinney said. "I took the hint. I got the car, tuned that sucker all up, and took it back."

The colonel returned to Kinney's shop on the base a few days later.

"He said, 'You know what? I got a speeding ticket!" "Kinnev said.

Kinney wasn't awarded any medals during his service.

"There were a couple of little commendations, but no, I don't remember getting anything that was metal," he said.

After leaving the Air Force with the rank of staff sergeant, Kinney did "all kinds of stuff."

"My dad owned American Bakery in Nampa. He had about 30 people working for him," Kinney said. "I worked for him, and we did real well."

When the bakery closed, Kinney's parents moved to California.

"Then I sold insurance, sold pots and pans, and did odd jobs that people wanted done," Kinney said.

He eventually moved to California where he met "a beautiful blonde named Irene." The couple was married for 52 years before Irene passed away 10 years ago.

Kinney's father was manager of an airport in Colton, Calif., where he went to work as a private pilot and mechanic while leasing out an airplane they owned.

ney said.

"I was out in the field selling, and I had three or four guys working for me covering all of Southern California. I was account manager, so I called on all of the major supermarket chains, and I was pretty successful at it."

After retirement, Kinney returned to Idaho. He occasionally flies the plane he keeps near his home in the skypark.

In reflecting on the significance of Veterans Day, Kinney said he has a lot of respect for those who went overseas or saw combat.

"I honor the guys that served," he said. "I volunteered I don't know how many times to go and my boss said, 'No, you're the boss of the shop, and we can't replace you.' "

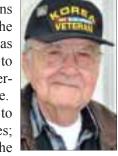
He has been coming to the military veterans coffee gathering on the first Wednesday of each month at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Hall and Community Center for about two years.

Kinney said he appreciates the camaraderie.

"You hear a lot of war stories," he said. "Of course, some of these guys actually served overseas. I volunteered to go probably half a dozen times." The next military veterans coffee will take place at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Legion Hall, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.







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Kinney's final job before retirement would lead him away from the aircraft business.

"I finally ended up working for the Gerber baby food company for 32 years," Kin-

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 59 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owvhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 183 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 39 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 424,530 acrefeet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale. Last week's local weather recap was not available Monday.

HMS Veterans Day tribute features guest musicians, vocalist

Starla Bender is known for her powerful singing voice.

The social studies and language arts teacher will put it on display Thursday for Homedale Middle School's Veterans Day salute.

Veterans from all branches of the military are invited to attend the assembly, which begins at 10:33 a.m. inside the school's gymnasium, 3437 Johnstone Road.

Bender will start the event with her rendition of the national anthem. She walked through the halls and sang the Star Spangled Banner on Sept. 11 as part of HMS' nationwide participation in a moment of remembrance.

After Bender's performance, four military veterans from the Caldwell Centennial Band will sit in with the school's sixth- through eighth-grade musicians under the direction of John Zieske.

The ensemble — to include Centennial bandmates Bruce Greenhalgh (baritone saxophone), John Lawson (trumpet), Leora Summers (clarinet) and Jeffery Johann (euphonium) — will play "America the Beautiful."

"Then we have a slideshow paying tribute to our veterans," first-year HMS principal Moss Strong said.

The 55-person middle school band includes:

Eighth-graders — Rhyalee Nix, Tucker Favinger, Daniela Serrano, and Logan Romans

Seventh-graders — Mason Cooper, Corilynn Huskey, Amanda Taylor, Catherine Decker, Bailey Purdom, Jordan Sotka, Michael Evans, Athena Agnew, Kalea Furlott, Kayden Morris, Austin Ernest, and Rylan Love

Sixth-graders — Ashanti Alvor, Raquel Rich, Mylisa Barrett, Trinity Nesser, Madeline Redburn, Heather Reynolds, Jocelynn Roseborough, Melani Whitehead, Hannah Chase, Cali Smith, Jose Escuita-Vasquez, Andrew Marston, Grant Waltman, Sadie Rayne, Savannah Erickson, Jamie Greene, Brock Johnson, Jeremiah Montes, Liam Koon, Eli Belnap, Alejandro Waters, Alex Zamudio, David Peirsol, Kayden Porter, and Kaden Ashliman

Veterans eat free at COSSA breakfast

Veterans and their immediate families can enjoy a free pancake breakfast Friday.

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency is offering the meal as part of its Veterans Day celebration.

The COSSA Regional is located at 109 Penny Lane in Wilder.

A presentation is planned at 8 a.m. on Friday followed by the pancake feed.

The event is open to Technical Education Center everyone. Non-veterans can eat for \$3 per person.

> RSVPs are requested. Call Brandy Bennett at (208) 482-6074 by 4 p.m. Thursday to confirm.

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Homedale Elementary students will sing patriotic songs to honor military service during Thursday's Veterans Day assembly at the school.

Local veterans from all branches of the armed services are welcome to attend the event. which takes place at 9 a.m., inside the school's gymnasium 420 W. Washington Ave.

The school's new music

of military service to the assembled students.

Third- and fourth-graders will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," and first- and secondgraders will perform "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Fourth-graders have written patriotic poems, and some will be read.

The Boy Scouts color guard will bring the flag into the room.

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Bruneau Cowboy Christmas features hometown author

A love of horses is a common thread in books written by one of the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas boutique's new vendors.

Bruneau resident Lyn Miller self-published her first book, "Granada," in 2016. Her second book, "Addie," debuted earlier this year.

Miller will be selling signed copies of both books for \$20 each at this weekend's event.

The 18th annual gift boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, at Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., and the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

Miller said the subject matter in "Granada" is about a young singer in the 1950s.

"She comes from L.A., and

goes to New York and becomes a success," she said. "But because of her family connections in L.A., she

is brought back home and put to work to

pay a family debt." Miller added that the horse on the book's cover is symbolic of one of the story's characters, referred to as "The Dark Horse."

"Granada" has no connection to "Addie," which is set in the Bruneau area around 1890. In "Addie," the lead character moves to the area from

Texas with her husband.



Miller said things take a turn for the worse when the husband is killed in an accident.

"So now she is on her own, and all she wants to do is go home to Texas," she said. "She ends up taking a job as a housekeeper for a widowed man, and she takes care of his four kids."

Miller says the book is about the spiritual journey of a young woman as she deals with catastrophic loss.

Miller's next book, scheduled to be published next year, will focus on a group of women who gather young horses to be trained for the military's remount program in World War I. A part of the Quartermaster Corps, the U.S. Army Remount Service provided horses as remounts to U.S. Army units.

A mother of three schoolaged children, Miller has lived in Bruneau since 2005, when she and her husband Jake moved from the Twin Falls area

"My husband is from Bruneau. He moved home, and I came with him," Miller said.

Jake works as a brand inspector, and the couple married in 2003.

Miller said folks around Bruneau seem to enjoy her writing.

"I haven't had anybody, men or women, have anything negative to say about either book," she said. "And these are people that don't know me or owe me heartwarming feelings. They are genuinely impressed with the books."

Miller describes herself as

a "ranch wife," who funds her barrel racing hobby by writing, giving barrel racing lessons, and training a few horses a year.

She surmises that a divine factor motivates her to write.

"I guess all I can really say is that God has blessed me with the talent, so I try to use it," Miller said. "That's my best answer."

Miller never had much formal training to hone her writing skills, but said she has always loved telling stories.

"In high school, I took a semester of a creative writing class and loved every minute of it," Miller said. "Then it wasn't until after I had my youngest that I really wanted to write. That was in about 2012."

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Bruneau event has food drive, too

Head to Bruneau this weekend for a chance to get some of your holiday shopping done early.

This year's Bruneau Cowboy Christmas gift boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., and American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

Items available for purchase will include home décor, antiques, rustic furniture, collectibles, crafts, cowboy gear, western apparel and accessories, art, copper and beaded jewelry, metal work, tovs, baked goods and books.

Organizer Becky Tester said she's excited about the variety of vendors this year.

"We have some really neat new artists coming, and some new authors so I'm really excited about that, and I'm really excited about some of the older vendors who are bringing new things," Tester said.

Admission is free, but shoppers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or a small gift of cash to donate to the community food drive, which benefits local families.

The names of people who participate in the food drive are entered into a drawing to win prizes provided by the vendors.

The Legion Hall doors will open at 8:30 a.m., on Sunday for cowboy church with worship led by Riata Brown.

Santa Claus will be stopping by both days at the boutique to greet young cowboys and cowgirls.

Warm cinnamon rolls, stews and chili, cornbread and desserts will be available all weekend in the cowboy café at both locations.

"People come from a long ways to have the chili in the cowboy café, and this year we're also going to have Filipino food truck, so we're excited about that too," Tester said.

She explained that "Lot's Filipino Food Truck" is based in Mountain Home.

For more information about Cowboy Christmas, contact Tester at (208) 995-5206 or etchedoutwest@hotmail.com.

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Marsing market helps global Christmas drive

Thirty vendors and food and drink await holiday shoppers in Marsing on Saturday.

Folks can make Christmas brighter for the world's children during the Main Street Holiday Market, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Vision Community Church, 221 Main St.

Organizer Kelly Rickey said all vendor spots are claimed.

"We have jewelry, cellphone cases, makeup bags, crocheted items, sewing items, and Christmas decorations," Rickey said. "And some vendors will have things like pies, pickles, fudge, jams and jellies."

Rickey added that one of the vendors she sought signed up after church on Oct. 29.

"It was one of the things that I was hoping for: Wooden Christmas signs and Christmas trees in a primitive wood look," Rickey said.

Breakfast and lunch sales will help "Operation Christmas Child." Rickey explained shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts are sent to boys and girls in countries around the world.

Food items available will include an espresso bar with coffee and Italian sodas, muffins, and a soup and chili bar.

Vendor set-up is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and starts at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

For information, contact Rickey at (425) 327-4009 or kellyrvcc@gmail.com. — SC

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Several employers, schools line up for Rimrock career fair

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students will participate in a college, career, and resources fair from 2 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., on Thursday at the high school, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

Rimrock counselor Jamie Metcalf said high-schoolers will present résumés and network with employers. Younger students will focus on communication and soft skills such as work ethic, problem-solving, being a team player and time management. Metcalf anticipates 160 students will interact with representatives from:

- U.S. Air Force
- Army National Guard
- US Ecology, Inc., of Grand View
- Bureau of Land Management
- J.R. Simplot Co.
- Owyhee County Sheriff's Office
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• Higher-learning institutions: College of Southern Idaho; Boise State University; College of Western Idaho; and College Assistance Migrant Programs from Lewis-Clark State College and University of Idaho.

The booster club will have a Letterman Challenge in which the vendors will vote on students who stand out the most through networking, conversation, questions asked and their résumé. The prize is a Rimrock letterman's jacket.

A bake sale will help finance a senior project regarding suicide prevention.

For more information, contact Metcalf at (208) 834-2260 or JMetcalf@ SD365.us.

Semi crash dumps sugar beets across Idaho 78

A semi-trailer hauling sugar beets from the east side of the county tipped over late Friday night, blocking an Owyhee County highway for hours.

Sugar beets were strewn across both lanes of Idaho highway 78 north of Murphy just before midnight when a 2018 Freightliner tractor rolled onto its side, according to Idaho State Police.

The truck driver, 72-year-old Glen T. Welch of Caldwell, was wearing his seatbelt and emerged uninjured.

The ISP reports that the tractor and trailer veered onto to the shoulder on westbound Idaho 78 at which point Welch overcorrected. The vehicle rolled onto its side and came to rest across both lanes of the highway near milepost 23.

Marsing may finalize holiday parade plans

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi said more details on the town's annual holiday night light parade could come tonight's city council meeting, which starts at 7 inside City Hall, 425 Main St. The parade will start around 5:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 1. The parade of lighted floats and vehicles will go down Main Street to Island Park where the community Christmas tree lighting will take place shortly after 6 p.m. Santa Claus will also be at the Dec. 1 events. City Clerk Janice Bicandi also said the usual departmental reports will be presented.





Indiana Jones: Blaine Bahem, 9, son of Lori Bahem and Adam Bahem, won Homedale City Hall's boys' best costume award for his Indiana Jones depiction. **Lucy Wilde and the Minions:** Jennafer Mitchell and her Minions were family winners as characters from the "Despicable Me" animated movies. **Clockwise from bottom:** Lahlia Mitchell, 8; Solstice Johnson, 13; Robert Johnson, 11;

Buy it, sell it, trade it, rent it... in the Classifieds! James Mitchell, 11; Lorelei Johnson, 10; and Jennafer Mitchell, who is dressed as Gru's wife Lucy Wilde. **Deer:** Lavena Fogg, the 1-year-old daughter of Brittany Hergesheimer and Aiden Fogg, won Safe and Sane Halloween best costume contest for girls.



Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram hands Rocky Mercado an apple. City Hall staff distributed nearly 475 apples, which were donated by Symms Fruit Ranch. Rocky, 9 months, is the son of Danny and Jessica Mercado.



Andy Hummel and "Bobbi" the pony become friends at the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic booth near Homedale City Hall. Andy, 3, is the son of Drew and Mikianna Hummel.



OHR add-on taking shape Workers spread gravel next to new sidewalk Thursday as the expansion at Owyhee Health

and Rehabilitation in Homedale continues.

County analyzes future zoning needs

Homedale open house marks start of long-awaited P&Z project

After years of delays, city through the process." Owyhee County Planning and Zoning has begun to examine the future of land use in unincorporated areas.

A project that was derailed first by the economic downturn then the county's focus on the RS2477 validation process, according to P&Z administrator Mary Huff.

But the public is invited to attend a meeting next Wednesday to give input on how land around the Homedale city limits is used.

The open house will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. People can drop in at any time to view zoning maps and give their take on the issue.

"This first meeting is just to listen to what the community has to say," Huff said. "Any and all feedback concerning development and zoning in the subject area is welcome."

Huff said existing uses will not be impacted by the process.

Local property owners received notification of the meeting last week.

Huff said it's too early to know if area of impact negotiations may be necessary.

"This process will be guided by the citizens," she said.

"The City of Homedale was provided notice, and I did call the city clerk (Alice Pegram) and asked her to invite the city officials to attend. We certainly around Marsing, Grand View want to work closely with the and other parts of the county,

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Next week's meeting has been scheduled to essentially take the pulse from community members on what they think land usage may look like in the future.

On Monday, Huff said she had already received a half dozen responses from the community survey her office sent out ahead of the meeting.

Huff stressed that the county has no changes proposed, and comments are welcome either at the meeting or at any time at her office in Murphy.

"Input can be taken through the whole process. Right now we are simply gathering information," Huff said. "The next steps will be shaped by the input we get at this meeting as well and subsequent meetings."

She anticipates the Homedale process to take about three to four months.

Call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2 or drop by the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

More material regarding the rezoning survey is available at www.owyheecounty. net/departments/communitydevelopment/

Huff did say that zoning changes could be proposed if public input indicates they're desired.

The same process will be undertaken for the rural areas

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Huff said. Open houses in those areas won't be scheduled until the Homedale area is dealt with.

"I proposed to the (Board of County Commissioners) that we break the county into sections because of the vast differences in the communities," Huff said. "For example, the Grand View area citizens may want and need something totally different than what the Homedale area citizens want. They agreed that approaching this by geographical area would be best."

Although conditional use permits have been issued over the years, no wholesale zoning changes have been carried out since the county adopted zones in 2003.

The entire county was zoned agricultural in 1991.

Huff said the update of the 2003 zoning laws was initiated in 2010 after the county commissioners approved a new comprehensive plan.

But the zoning review was put on the "back burner" because of department staff cuts triggered by the economic downturn, and then the county's focus on RS2477 validation took precedence.

ITD's Marsing bridge comment period closes Nov. 16

Time is running out on the latest round of public input for the plan to replace the Marsing Snake River bridge.

The Idaho Transportation Department hopes to begin replacement work on the 62year-old structure as early as next year.

Folks have until Thursday, Nov. 16 to submit comments on the project, but ITD public involvement coordinator Adam Rush said that questions on the proposed work are always welcome.

Rush will take comments and questions at (208) 334-8119, or you can mail comments to the Idaho Transportation Department, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707.

"Formal comment periods are held to create a public involvement record," Rush wrote in an email. "These comment periods are usually 30 days, but again, stakeholders and the public are welcome to contact us outside of those formal comment periods with any questions or input they want to share with the department."

More information on the project is available by visiting www.itd.idaho.gov/D3 and clicking on the Design Projects link

Recent outreach including distributing a newsletter in both English and Spanish to Vision Community Church, the Sandbar Café with a Cause, and the school district's migrant program educator.

In addition to replacing the bridge, the state agency plans to rehabilitation Idaho highway 55 from the bridge west to the U.S. Highway 95 junction.

Elected officials from Marsing and the District 23 legislative delegation have been working with ITD on a plan to try to find a compromise about the municipal water line that travels along the bridge from the city's well in Canyon County.

The state agency has said Marsing will be responsible for the cost of relocating the pipe. An ITD spokesperson earlier this year estimated the cost could be approximately \$225,000.





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Avalanche Sports

Comeback propels Antelopes into state quarterfinals

Adrian/JV travels to face unbeaten Dufur

A come-from-behind victory pushed Adrian/Jordan Valley into the next round of the 1A Oregon high school football state playoffs.

Senior Chase Fillmore led the Antelopes to three second-half touchdowns Friday afternoon in a 30-14 comeback victory over visiting

Sherman at Ward Field.

Adrian/Jordan Valley (8-1 overall) won its fifth consecutive game and will hit the road for Dufur for the state quarterfinals.

The No. 2 Rangers play host to the No. 7 Antelopes in a 2 p.m. MST game set for Saturday.

Dufur (9-0) crushed Lowell, 72-0, in its opening-round 1A Oregon playoff game.

Adrian and Sherman were tied,

6-6, at halftime, but the Huskies from Moro, Ore., grabbed a 14-6 lead when quarterback Jacob Justesen rambled 64 yards for a score 14 seconds into the third quarter.

The Antelopes wasted little time mounting a comeback, though.

Just 21 seconds after Sherman had scored, Fillmore fired a 37-yard touchdown pass to Zeke Quintero. Another two-point pass to Andy Walker tied the score again, 14-14.

Fillmore scored on a 2-yard run and then punched in the two-point conversion to give Adrian/Jordan Valley the lead for good, 22-14, with 8 minutes, 9 seconds left in the game.

Quintero's 17-yard scoring reception with 2¹/₂ minutes remaining helped establish the final score. Quintero also hauled in the two-point PAT pass from Fillmore.

— See Antelopes, page 17

Experienced **HHS volleyball** ready for future

Nucleus of underclassmen earns All-SRV honors

The first trip to a state tournament in 15 seasons may only be the beginning for the Homedale High School volleyball team.

"Our future is bright for Homedale Volleyball, and I am excited for next season and those players coming up that will add to our program," second-year coach Jessica Willson said.

"These girls have heart and love the game and are going to continue to do great things."

The Trojans reached the first 3A state tournament in program history, and — although Homedale lost both matches in Coeur d'Alene — a strong core of athletes will return for next season.

Included in that group are three juniors who were among a large contingent for Trojans to earn All-3A Snake River Valley conference honors.

Homedale's lone first-teamer is Amaya Carter. The junior led the team in three categories, racking up 258 kills, 226 digs and carrying a 2.13 passing average.

Her twin sister, Paige, and setter Sophie Nash landed on the all-conference second team as juniors, too.

Paige was second on the team with 187 ills and led the Trojans with 51 blocks.

Nash's 754 assists accounted for 94.7 percent of the team's offensive set-ups. She was second on the team with 34 aces.

Homedale sophomore quarterback Daniel Uranga led a second-half

comeback Friday in Shelley, but the Trojans ran out of time. **Rallying Trojans can't**

extend season in Shelley

Marsing, Homedale ready for girls' basketball opener

Former rivals will start the high school girls' basketball season on the same court Saturday.

Coming off a 2A state tournament appearance, Marsing will play host to Homedale in both teams' nonconference season opener on Veterans Day.

The action starts with a junior varsity game at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

Marsing has only one junior varsity team this year.

Under the guidance of coach Jake Dugger, the Huskies capped a 13-13 season with two losses in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout at Bishop Kelly High School.

Marsing started practice earlier this month without the services of Sheyanne Glorfield, who graduated in the spring. Homedale is coming off its first season without a state tournament appearance since Joe Betancourt arrived as coach for the 2011-12 season. The Trojans, whose top contributors were primarily juniors and sophomores, went 7-10 last year. Homedale opens the season with a roster loaded with athletes who just experienced the 3A volleyball state tournament as well as the potential addition of veterans from last year's two subvarsity conference championship teams.



Junior Josey Hall, who didn't make the allconference team, led the squad with 46 aces and was fourth on the team with 110 kills.

The balance of Homedale's all-conference picks is composed of seniors.

The Burks sisters — Ashley and Lindsey - were second-team and honorable mention selections, respectively.

Ashley stuffed 48 blocks (second on the team) and was third in line with 134 kills.

Lindsey had 55 kills and 10 blocks.

Lauryn Fisher had the third-highest digs total (191) and was placed on the second team

Allison Shenk was second on the team in digs (222), and she also served 22 aces.

The Burks sisters, Fisher and Shenk closed out their prep careers Monday night after deadline

— See Volleyball, page 17

HHS loses one QB then playoff game

Homedale High School's football season ended Friday night when a late charge couldn't trump a quick surge.

Host Shelley took advantage of a key injury and an onside kick to score second-quarter touchdowns in rapid succession to cement a 35-21 victory.

The Trojans (7-3), who traveled four hours for the game, trailed by three touchdowns when sophomore quarterback Daniel Uranga engineered some secondhalf electricity that proved to be not enough in the 3A state quarterfinal in eastern Idaho.

"I think that the long road trip played into it some. I wouldn't necessarily blame the slow start on that, though," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "Shelley is a solid team, and when you fail to execute early in a game versus a strong opponent, or any opponent, you are going to be making things that much more difficult on vourself.

"The fact is that we just weren't efficient and Shelley took advantage of their early opportunities."

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Sports

HHS coach forming youth hoops teams

With the high school boys' basketball season just weeks away, Homedale coach Chad Mann is organizing leagues for younger boys in town.

The Homedale Trojan Boys' Youth Basketball League will have two divisions.

The fifth- through eighthgrade group will practice and play between Nov. 28 and Dec. 16, while the first- through fourth-grade division will take to the court between Jan. 8 and Jan. 27.

The Homedale teams will battle squads from Ridgevue of Nampa, Caldwell, Vallivue, New Plymouth, Weiser and Greenleaf.

The cost of each league is tions.

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barrage lifts home squad

With the high school boys' \$45 per player, and a team jersketball season just weeks sey is included in the fee.

There will be at least two practices each week.

Two games per day will be played at Vallivue in Caldwell.

Game days for the older boys will be Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.

The younger group will play games on Jan. 13, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27.

Visit www.HomedaleBas ketball.com to register your child.

Contact Homedale varsity boys' basketball coach Chad Mann at cmann@homedaleschool.org with any questions.



Homedale junior quarterback Drew Deal accepts a toss from Arnulfo Llamas during warm-ups for the Trojans' final regular season home game last month against Parma. Deal's season ended early Friday night because of an ankle injury.

√ Trojans: Mertz, Brown score final touchdowns of the season for Homedale

From Page 16

Adrian/Jordan Valley led, 8-0, 68 seconds into the game on TJ Davis' 40-yard run and Eduardo Munoz's two-point run.

Justesen ran 44 yards to pay dirt then pulled off his 64-yard jaunt to give Sherman the lead at the intermission.

Justesen rushed for 141 yards and completed three passes for another 48 yards to account for the bulk of the Huskies' 203 yards total offense.

Adrian/Jordan Valley dominated the offensive stat sheet, though.

The Antelopes had 423 yards total offense. Davis and Munoz each topped 100 yards rushing as Adrian/Jordan Valley rolled up 317 yards on the ground.

Davis had 155 yards on 16 carries, and Munoz chewed

up 131 yards on 23 carries as the Antelopes controlled the time of possession. Noah Price only had three carries, but he averaged 11.3 yards per tote.

Quintero had 61 yards on four catches.

Adrian/Jordan Valley forced three Sherman turnovers and sacked Justesen three times.

Walker had 1.5 sacks, and Kirk Eiguren had a solo sack. Wes Bayes helped Walker on a sack, too.

Eiguren led the defense with three solo tackles and seven assists. Daniel Price counted a pair of tackles for loss among his three solo stops and four assists.

Walker also had three solo tackles and five assists.

Fillmore finished with two solo tackles and four assists.

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Uranga was thrust into a
full-time gig when fellow QB
Drew Deal suffered an ankle
injury in the second quarter
while scrambling back to the
original line of scrimmage on

a 3rd-and-4 play at the Russets' 14-yard line.

"The frustrating part was the fact that a player was rolling his ankle at the bottom of the pile after he was already down," Holtry said. "That kind of unsportsmanlike conduct is uncalled for and doesn't need to be a part of the game.

"The team rallied and played hard in his absence."

Deal fumbled, but Shelley (8-1) was unable to build on its 14-0 lead because HHS senior Kaden Henry pounced when quarterback Jake Wray coughed up the ball three plays later.

Uranga completed two passes before Max Mertz plunged over the goal line from one yard out to pull Homedale within a touchdown. Mertz piled up 115 yards on 21 carries. Uranga completed 14 of 29 passes for 114 yards. Deal, a junior, had just one completion for nine yards, and he ran for 13 yards on four carries before his injury. "Daniel has been rotating all season, so it wasn't anything new for him," Holtry said. "He did a good job of getting things going in the second half and got us back into a competitive game."

again after the defense stopped the Russets on three downs. But Brandon McBride picked off Uranga and returned the ball 50 yards for a touchdown.

"The wind played a factor in that interception. We had a deeper post route called and the ball got away from Daniel," Holtry said. "(McBride) made a good play on the ball and made a good return."

After McBride's TD, Shelley pulled a page from the Trojans' playbook to set up some insurance.

The ensuing kickoff had shades of Homedale's firstround victory over Priest River Lamanna as the Russets recovered an onside kick.

Four plays later, Wray fired a 7-yard TD pass to Wyatt Remington, and Shelley was in control, 28-7.

ter. "That was the difference Set up at the Shelley 15, in the game," Holtry said of

Lomeli's only missed extra point of the game, Homedale trailed, 28-13. Lomeli was successful on his first PAT.

The touchdown drive began at Shelley's 38 when senior Scott Matlock sacked Wray on a fourth-down play.

After Mertz gained nine yards, Uranga and Carson Brown got together for a fourth-down conversion to the Shelley 6.

Brown got 18 yards after the catch to complete a 23-yard play, and Uranga zipped his scoring pass to Mertz on the next snap.

True to form, though, Shelley fired right back after Homedale's unsuccessful onside kick.

Within four plays, the Russets had a 35-13 advantage on Garrett Murdoch's 35-yard run. Murdoch gained 121 yards on the ground.

$\sqrt{\text{Volleyball:}}$ 6 key players will return for 2018 season

From Page 16 in the 2A/3A District III senior all-star match in Parma.

Lisette Garza, who had three aces and 13 digs on the season, also was a senior on the squad this season.

"We are sad to be losing our five seniors, but we are looking forward to a great season next year and will have six returning key players," Willson said.

Willson said although the team lost the district championship to Fruitland, the season was inspiring because of the Trojans' grit. Homedale lost to South Fremont and Timberlake in the state tournament.

"They competed with some of the best teams in the state, and although they lost, they still gave both teams a good game and definitely left an impression on those watching the match," Willson said.

"They never gave up and battled until the end. Now that they have had the state experience they will be that much more ready for next year."

— JPB

3 Homedale began marching

the Russets' flurry. "We dug ourselves a hole early, and against a top team like Shelley we were not able to climb out of it."

Homedale's defense tightened, and Uranga pulled out some clutch passes midway through the second half.

"Just to play one play at a time and to win each down," Holtry said of the team's mindset during the rally. "We won more plays than we lost in the second half. We just didn't have enough time to complete the comeback."

Uranga hit Mertz with a 6-yard scoring strike early in the fourth quarter. After Nelson

Homedale scored its final touchdown on the next drive. Brown caught a 10-yard pass from Uranga, and Wyatt Wolfe ran in the two-point conversion.

The Trojans' final drive of the season ended late in the fourth quarter on a 4th-and-16 play from the 50. Brown caught Uranga's pass and pitched the ball to Jake Collett, who couldn't make it to the sticks.

Shelley takes an eightgame winning streak into a 3A semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday on the road against reigning state champion Fruitland.

— JPB

County GOP committee seeks assessor applicants

For the second time in less than two months, the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee is searching for applicants to fill a county office.

With county Assessor Brett Endicott's planned Nov. 24 retirement, the precinct men and women will gather again to build a list of successors to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners.

Applications are being accepted now.

The committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, inside Courtroom 1 at the Murphy county complex to choose a group of up to three names to forward onto the commissioners.

Committee chair Shawn Dygert said the central committee lists the names in order of preference for appointment, and the commissioners can either choose from the list or select a person they have in mind.

Anyone who wants more information or would like to apply to succeed Endicott can contact Dygert at Shawn. dygert@gmail.com or call him at (208) 250-9882.

Applicants should submit information about themselves and their qualifications.

In addition to choosing recommendations on Endicott's successor, the central committee will discuss some non-election-related GOP business during the Nov. 20 meeting, Dygert said.

The central committee forwarded two

names to the county commissioners in September after Treasurer Brenda Richards announced she would step away. Annette Dygert and Tiffany Nettleton Tuttle were the only two applicants.

The BOCC appointed Dygert, who was Richards' chief deputy, to the post last month.

Both Annette Dygert and whoever is selected to succeed Endicott must run in May's Republican primary election if they want a full four-year term in the position.

From page 1

$\sqrt{\text{Assessor:}}$ Endicott wants more people to make use of Circuit Breaker

day on the job as Friday, Nov. 24, the day before he and his wife Maggie celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary.

"I want to leave the same way I came in: Just walk out the door (without anyone noticing)," he said.

Endicott showed up so early for his first day of work on Sept. 13, 1996 that a custodian had to let him into the building. Endicott was there before 8 a.m., not realizing the courthouse didn't open for business until 8:30 a.m.

When folks started streaming in for work, few knew the new guy sitting at his desk getting his work started.

Over the years, though, Endicott has made sure that people know him and that he and his office personnel can help them.

"I think I was a hands-on person. My style was handson," he said. "We always had an open-door policy, and I think all elected officials can boast that.

"At least I hope people thought that their concerns were heard and tried to be addressed. I think the percentage of accomplishing that was pretty high."

Endicott said the dynamic

not a handout but a way for the state to thank them for years of paying their property taxes by giving them a break in their later years.

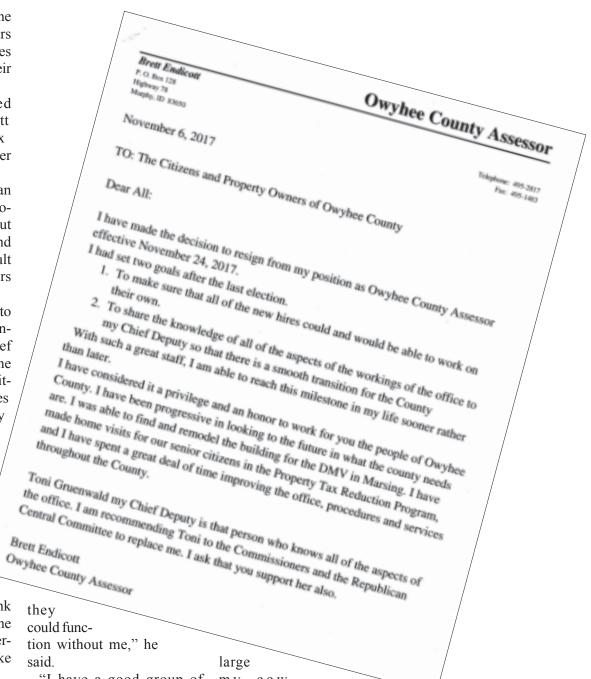
The program is funded through sales tax, Endicott said, pointing out that the tax burden isn't shifted to other property owners.

He hopes that his office can get the word out about the program perhaps by reaching out through church meetings and other gatherings to the adult children of the homeowners the program would help.

But that outreach may fall to the next person in the job. Endicott is recommending chief deputy Toni Gruenwald to the Republican Central Committee, which will submit names for appointment to the county commissioners.

Endicott said Gruenwald has worked in several positions in the assessor's office since arriving from the county's emergency dispatch center. She is now a certified appraiser.

"The more that I thought about it, I really think that it's important for someone that's in the office, who understands all the things, to take over," Endicott said.



of his job was far different than those of his counterparts in larger neighboring counties such as Ada and Canyon.

But he's proud of his BOCC-mandated work to locate a building for the Owyhee County annex in Marsing, which houses the coroner's office, the Division of Motor Vehicles and a sheriff's office substation.

He also pointed out his work to try to make eligible property owners aware of the Circuit Breaker tax reduction program. Endicott said it has been difficult to make proud, elderly property owners understand that the program is The competency of staff like Gruenwald is what got Endicott thinking about stepping away. The current office staff began forming about three years ago.

"I felt it was necessary to stick around with the new people to basically have them in place to be able to work on their own, and to share my knowledge with them," he said.

Endicott's retirement epiphany came when he returned from vacation earlier this year and didn't have as many things to catch up on.

"That's when I knew that

"I have a good group of r people in the office. They truly h

work well together and work well with the other offices." The outgoing assessor already has a plan for the next

phase.

"I'd like to be horseback more," he said. "I might try to en-

f my cow

herd some, which is not

very big, so I can provide roping cattle for my grandkids." He wants to spend more time traveling to Washington state to watch his 8- and 12year-old grandsons' games.

"I have two granddaughters

here who are still pretty young (ages 2 and 5 and living in Nampa). I want to be more involved to babysit them," Endicott said.

— JPB

Woman owes \$11K after bar fight

A Homedale woman must pay more than \$11,000 in fines and court costs after her conviction for aggravated battery.

Melissa Lee Transue was sentenced on Oct. 27 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan in Murphy, more than a year after she had been charged with a felony for a bar fight that left a woman injured.

Court documents indicate Transue will not have to serve any jail time, but she has been ordered to pay \$11,061.18 in costs and a fine of \$245.50.

According to court documents, Transue hit the female victim with such force to cause fractures to the woman's eye socket and nose.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Nov 11, 1992

Public invited to open house this Friday

The dedication and open house of the justcompleted Owyhee County Law Enforcement Facility in Murphy will be held this Friday, November 13, according to an invitation from the board of county commissioners.

The facility was begun less than six months ago, and will be ready for occupancy following the open house. The 30-bed facility, which includes sheriff's department offices, cost \$1.7 million.

Sheriff Tim Nettleton is eager to move into the facility. "We'll be in full operation by Saturday night, at which time the prisoners will be transferred."

Sewer grant plans scrapped

The Homedale City Council decided not to apply for a grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce after bid estimates came in higher than the city was prepared to pay.

At a hearing Nov. 4, the city council planned to finish the application process for a Community Development Block Grant, which would help fund Homedale's sewer replacement project.

If the city were to receive the grant, the Idaho Department of Commerce would pay approximately half of the proposed sewer replacement costs.

At the hearing, however, it was discovered that the cost which the city's engineering firm, Holiday Engineering, bid on the project was nearly double the city's original estimate of the cost.

An estimate was submitted in June by B & A Engineers in Boise, who said the cost would be approximately \$400,000. The latest bid estimated the cost at \$700,000 plus engineering fees.

King and Field to represent Dist. 20

Robbi King and Frances Field will form a new Republican tandem in the Idaho House of Representatives from District 20, which takes in Owyhee and Elmore Counties.

King defeated Democratic incumbent Leana Lasuen, 5,090 to 3,953 votes in the district, while veteran lawmaker Frances Field outlasted her challenger, Democrat Jim Alexander, 5,098 to 3,966 votes. Owyhee County's picks to go to Washington won their respective positions. Another Republican, Dirk Kempthorne, a big winner in the county, defeated Richard Stallings in statewide voting 270,122 votes to 207,726, or 57 to 43 percent. The Boise mayor will take over the senatorial seat vacated by Steve Symms.

50 years ago

November 9, 1967

Millwork plant construction gets underway

The Homedale Development Company, which is sponsoring Homedale's new millwork plant, makes the following favorable report:

It has been approximately three weeks since the groundbreaking ceremony took place, which officially started construction work on the \$375,000 project, located about one mile southeast of town. Progress since that time has been terrific. The site has been surveyed leveled and graded. Concrete foundation footings have been poured for the main 75x300-foot building plus two permanent lumber storage buildings, among other completed work.

Named to council

George Murray and Andy Warfield won election to the Homedale City Council for four-year terms Tuesday. They were unopposed. Murray received 74 votes and Warfield 72.

Trojans clip Marsing; perfect record tops league

The Homedale High School Trojans turned Danny Uranga loose for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns and beat back a stern Marsing challenge Friday night, 25-12 to cinch SRV-A-III honors and wrap up an undefeated football season.

Uranga destroyed Marsing's second-half momentum early in the final quarter when he took a punt on his own 40, skirted left and broke a tackle at the Huskies 35, and raced for the score. Minutes later, he wrapped up Homedale's second undefeated season in league play when he scored on a reverse from 32 yards out.

The hosting Homedale team opened the game like it intended to dispel any doubts about who should wear the crown with Uranga following a bevy of blockers around left end for a 53-yard scoring jaunt on the fourth play of the game. Marsing broke out of an offensive drought in the third quarter as quarterback Jim Brunel mixed flare passes with solid running by Joe Shea and Jim Engle to pull into a tie. Time and time again in their two scoring drives, the Huskies resorted to flare patterns, where Brunel hit one of his halfbacks in the flat, on important third and fourth down situations.

The loss left Marsing with a 6-3 overall record, including an upset loss to Middleton and an seasonopening trouncing by Adrian.

Homedale finished 9-0 with the closest victory coming a 6-0 win over Middleton.

Attendance good at Smorgasbord

Approximately 275 persons attended the smorgasbord Thursday evening at the Homedale Friends Community Church.

140 years ago

November 10, 1877

IN "GOOD OLD JACKSON TIMES," say forty to forty-five years ago, the States of Maine and New Hampshire were overwhelmingly Democratic. The little town of Crawford, in Maine, near the New Brunswick line, generally cast between fifty and sixty votes, "all for Jackson." At an election in 1835, on counting the votes, to the horror of the "select men" and the "town meeting" generally, a Whig vote was found in the ballot box. One of the selectmen indignantly held it up and sternly demanded, "Who cast that vote?" remarking that such votes were not allowed there. No one having the courage to claim it, the vote was thrown out. The man who cast that vote was a Mr. Ford, who, being in Calais a few days before the election, was bantered by Abner Sawyer, a Whig merchant there, to break up the Democratic unanimity in Crawford by casting a Whig vote, promising a barrel of flour to anyone who would do it. Mr. Ford accepted the banter and "cast" the vote, but did not deem it expedient to claim it in open town meeting. However, Mr. Sawyer promptly delivered the flour.

THE GOVERNORS OF THE several States and Territories who have not yet issued their Thanksgiving Proclamations might do themselves and the community a service by patterning after the following model Proclamation, recently issued by the Governor of Rhode Island, in these words: "I appoint Thursday, the 29th, as Thanksgiving Day, and request the people of this State to assemble in their houses for public worship and return thanks to God for His tender mercies and loving kindness; and may those who are blessed with abundances give liberally to the poor." Sensible, and right square to the point.

HINTS TO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS-During our recent sojourn at Idaho City, the wide- awake Post Master of that burg made an interesting suggestion to us on the subject of folding papers. The matter is of equal interest to all newspaper publishers, some of whom are liable to lose patronage from the imperfect folding of their respective journals. Mr. Silsby informs us that, in consequence of this incomplete folding at the newspaper offices, the labor devolves upon Post Masters of finishing up the work, and doing the additional folding requisite in order to adapt the papers to the shape of the Post Office boxes — which are about the same size all over the country. When the papers are folded up to limited dimensions, the work of distributing them through the Post Office boxes is comparatively easy. When the folding process only embodies one or two doubling up movements, the work is only partially performed and Post Masters naturally complain if the balance of the work devolves upon them. These gentlemen exercise much influence in connection with the circulation with newspapers, and we understand that it is their custom to give preference, in expressing opinions, to those journals, which are so folded as to give them the least labor in distribution, and we don't blame them much for it.

Homedale girl to attend space academy

Homedale freshman Penny Lanning has wanted to be an astronaut ever since she was a little girl. "I remember seeing astronauts on TV, weightless and everything, and I said, "Mom, that's what I want to do, and I've been interested ever since." Lanning said.

Lanning, the daughter of Sue Lanning of Homedale, first heard about the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, from a scout leader who knew she would be interested. She wrote the Academy for scholarship information, and they sent her information, including three essay questions. She chose one of the questions, wrote an essay and was soon notified that she was a scholarship winner.

During the simulated missions, students were in charge of a spaceship and its operation. If a problem arose, it was their responsibility, as the crew, to solve it. On the first mission, Lanning was the mission specialist.

Mrs. Lucille Danforth, treasurer of the Friendship Circle, said gross receipts were about \$400.

Tables and walls of the basement were decorated in an autumn theme with cornucopias, gourds and fruits centering all the tables. Decoration committee was Kenneth Beavers, Edwin Stansell and Quincy Fodge. Mrs. Fodge played background music on the organ during supper. Girls on the church served as waitresses and the boys checked coats. Mrs. L.N. Parker is president of the Friendship Circle, which sponsors the smorgasbord.

Marsing elects

Jerry Bowman with 33 votes and Jack Bish with 28, both unopposed, were elected to four-year terms on the Marsing City Council in Tuesday's municipal election. YANKEE FORK MINES — Mr. Jas. A. McFadden, an old prospector and miner, returned recently from a trip to the Yankee Fork Mines, where he spent several months. He is very favorably impressed with the richness of the ledges in and around the camp, and thinks it may yet prove to be one of the best quartz regions on the coast.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Moose alert

Many of the animals rights groups give awards to citizens who perform good deeds on behalf of animals. These deeds are usually along the line of rescuing mistreated horses, homeless cats or HBC (hit by car) dogs. Rarely do any cowboys receive an award. I would like to nominate Andy for his daring moose rescue last fall.

Andy was still trainin' on Gracie as they rode across the high mountain pasture in the Uintas. He had named her Gracie with the same inversely convoluted reasoning with which U.S. senators refer to each other as "My distinguished colleague ..."

They made their way along a big ditch that diverted water off the Black Fork River. Beaver dams and dead fall had made the ditch wide in spots, and the black mud would suck the socks off a frog!

Andy's herd of dogs scouted into a stand of willers and quakies where the ditch neared the river. They spooked a cow moose and her 4-day-old calf! The pair ran down the ditch bank. Andy called off his dogs and followed Mama Moose and baby at an easy walk, just watchin'. Gracie snorted and pranced, unsure about the moose.

Mrs. Moose crossed the ditch above a beaver dam, but when baby followed he tangled himself in a fallen tree and got stuck. Seeing Baby Moose's dangerous predicament, Andy coaxed the nervous Gracie into the stirrup-high water. Since Andy was also checkin' the irrigation, he was wearin' his genuine Cowboy Issue Cabela's Thigh-High Waders.

Andy eased up to the calf, reached down and pulled the stranded moosling out by the ears. Gracie lurched, caught our daring hero off-balance and dumped him over his head!

Unbeknownst to the rescue team, Mother Moose had crossed the ditch, circled back and snuck up on the scene of the accident. Gracie turned to free herself from the mud, looked Mrs. Moose in the eye and fell over backwards! Square on top of Andy! He went down under the thrashing mare, fighting for his breath and pushing against Gracie.

In the next few tumultuous seconds, Andy

Letter to the editor

Marsing bridge issue needs local remedy, not coordination

adversely affects a tenant's business for a capital project, it is incumbent on the landlord to make the tenant whole for their losses or inconvenience.

The Marsing water line that is attached to the Idaho highway 55 Snake River Bridge essentially puts Marsing in a tenant status with the State of Idaho. Because that water line has significant useful life remaining, certainly the state should pay for the replacement of the line. At a minimum, the state should cover the depreciated value of the water line.

I read that one of our representatives has suggested using coordination ("Coordination may address Marsing, ITD Snake River bridge debate," Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito op-ed, Oct. 25). I believe the worst possible scenario would be to ask the federal government to intervene in a discussion between the state and a municipality. The process of coordination is intended to help state and local entities have a voice primarily in federal rules and regulations, not

When a landlord destroys a tenant's crops or the other way around. I think our recent history, especially in Owyhee County, would make anyone reticent to invite federal bureaucrats into our local processes and decisions.

What is currently a linear dispute over the burden of cost and responsibility could quickly become a complex web of environmental studies, regulatory hassle and disaffected Washington, D.C. bureaucrats making decisions for the state and local populace. Marsing leaders and some of our state delegation are working with ITD to find a local solution.

The public comment period at ITD is open until Nov 16, 2017. We can let our voices be heard by emailing Adam Rush at adam.rush@itd.idaho.gov or by contacting our local legislators and officials to relay our concerns.

Let's not let the federal government enter into yet another aspect of our lives and affect governance at the lowest level.

Oscar Evans

Homedale

Idaho Legislature Take steps to encourage youth's involvement in government

Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed the privilege of visiting with several groups of students from across the legislative district in Elmore and Twin Falls counties, and I look forward to meeting more later this week in Owyhee County. As a mother of two teenagers, I really enjoy interacting with kids the same age as my own. It gives me a chance to share both the importance and opportunities of state government.

One of the highlights of the job as a state legislator is meeting with students as they tour the Capitol building. My latest tour with the Castleford High School political science class was outside of session, and this enabled me to walk the entire tour with them. As a result, I could answer any questions they had without breaking away for legislative meetings. Our Capitol is a beautiful building with fantastic history, but it is also great to engage students with legislative anecdotes along the way. I've been talking with other schools as well to encourage participation in the program and hope to see more students touring later this year and next. I was also able to visit with juniors and seniors at Mountain Home High School to encourage their involvement in the House Page Program. This is a program near and dear to me as a former participant in the Senate Page Program. It gives high school seniors the opportunity to serve for six weeks during the legislative session as paid employees of the Idaho State Legislature. The final date for application is Nov. 17, so I am trying to get around to the rest of legislative district to promote the program. It's a fantastic job opportunity for students interested in government service. The link for more information and an application is found at https:// legislature.idaho.gov/house/. I would encourage any current high school senior that may be interested to check it out and contact me with any questions at

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mblanksma@house.idaho.gov. We already have a few applications from Elmore County, and it would be great to get participants from Owyhee and Twin Falls counties as well.

Many times we forget the importance of engaging our youth in government and I will continue to work to change that. It is my hope through involvement in programs like the House Page program and the group tours of our Capitol building that we can encourage government participation, not only on a base level of voter registration, but also by way of personal engagement through education. It's important that our young people not only understand the core values of our great state but that they continue to carry them forward for generations to come.

swallowed 10 gallons of water, Gracie backstroked to the bank like a sand crab, and Mama Moose gathered baby and lit out for the high ground.

Andy rose periscopically from the sea spewing like a breaching porpoise! He caught sight of Gracie in full gallop, stirrups flapping, headed up the valley.

Andy slogged to the bank in his high waders full of water and collapsed.

So, whatya think? Is this story of heroism worthy of a Humane Society valor award? Or is it just another day in the life of one of us who spend our lives watchin' after God's creatures? I can't say, but I'd like to have been a magpie in the cottonwoods watchin'.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack. com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book, just in time of Christmas, is "Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn't ... Is It."

-Megan C. Blanksma (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat B in the Idaho House of Representatives. She begins the second year of her first term in January. District 23 encompasses Owyhee County, Elmore County and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County.

Noon Friday is the deadline for letters to the editor Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for information

Commentary

Financial management Make teaching moment about giving a family experience

Dear Dave,

What are some ways to teach pre-teens the value of giving versus getting during the holiday season?

— Phil

Dear Phil,

As a parent, one of the best things you can do is be a living, breathing example of the importance of giving and caring about others. There's nothing wrong with having some stuff, but many of today's marketing messages can lead kids to believe it's all about *them*. And the sad truth is advertising firms are often more aggressive with *their* teaching than parents are in theirs. I would encourage you to find giving experiences in which you can participate as a family. Volunteering for a day at a homeless shelter is a wonderful example of giving that requires absolutely no money. Or maybe you could pull out your wallet, and spend the day shopping for groceries and Christmas gifts for families who are financially

less fortunate. Make sure your kids are involved physically, mentally, and emotionally in the entire giving process. Let them experience the grateful, and sometimes ungrateful, responses that go along with giving. With a little thought and planning, you can create



some incredible teaching and family bonding experiences that will change everyone's lives forever!

- Dave don?

Dear Dave,

I have a medical condition, and I finally got an appointment with a specialist I'd like to see. The office requires credit card, debit card, or bank account information be kept on file. Having this kind of information out there with them makes me uncomfortable, but I really want to see this doctor. What should I do?

- Chelsey

Dear Chelsey,

If you're uncomfortable with this practice having your financial information, then you should also be uncomfortable with any medical opinions they would render. If you don't feel they're trustworthy enough to professionally handle something like a debit card or bank account number, then they're not trustworthy enough to treat you — period.

I hope that wasn't unclear. — Dave

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From Washington

Empowering states will better protect sage-grouse, resources

I watched with growing frustration during the Obama Administration as environmentalists used sage-grouse as a tool to shut down livestock grazing, energy development and other multiple uses of our federal lands. But I have some good news from the Trump Administration, which is using its administrative authority to help Idaho by restoring common-sense management to protect the bird, the landscape and support local economies.

On Oct. 25, I participated in a House Natural Resources Committee hearing exploring how Western states are better suited to lead the way on sage-grouse recovery. Among those testifying was Idaho House Speaker Scott Bedke (R-Oakley), who explained the devastating effects of overreaching federal management.

It's important to remember that environmental extremists have seen sage-grouse as a means to achieve their goal of ending 150 years of grazing and energy development on public lands. They've been trying to get sage-grouse listed as an endangered species for 20 years.

In 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said there was no scientific evidence that the bird was

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changed the rules at the end of the game. Though an endangered species listing was unwarranted, the government issued 98 amendments in 2015 undermining the states' plans.

New restrictions included 5-mile buffer zones around every breeding site. Ranchers were required to let grass grow high enough to hide sage-grouse from crows and ravens. Never mind that the government hasn't bothered to manage and remove those predators for decades. I've supported legislation to fight this land grab, including H.R. 527, the Greater Sage Grouse Protection and Recovery Act, this Congress. Thankfully, the American people chose Donald Trump as president, and his Department of Interior ordered a review of the amendments. A public hearing process is under way, and I hope the result will be restoring the state-based plans. (*A public meeting regarding the review was held in Marsing on Tuesday*

after deadline, Ed.)

At last month's congressional hearing, Speaker Bedke joined witnesses from other western states to discuss their balanced recovery plans reflecting local conditions. Bedke cited an example from his own experience that was of particular interest to the committee.

Last year, a 500-acre fire on Bedke's ranch near the Idaho-Nevada border had been contained. But the next day, it flared up again. Firefighters arrived with heavy equipment, including a Caterpillar tractor. But because there was no "Cat-tender" on hand — a person trained to walk in front of the tractor to spot possible archeological artifacts — the equipment was idled. The result? The fire grew to 20,000 acres.

The terrible irony of all this is that wildfire is the No. 1 threat to sage-grouse. This appalling absence of common sense is emblematic of a pattern of failed federal land management that has left our forests to burn, unnecessarily hampered agriculture and stifled economic innovation.

I'm optimistic state authority will be restored as another step to reduce needless red tape. I will continue to work with President Trump to champion the principle that the best decisions are made by those closest to the ground. The result will be a healthier landscape, stronger communities and a growing economy.



endangered. That decision was grounded on effective state-based management plans, which then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asked states to develop in 2011. In Idaho, a broad base of stakeholders — including Owyhee County rancher and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Reynolds Creek) and state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) — teamed up to write a scientifically sound plan fitting the facts on the ground. Other states did the same.

Unfortunately, Salazar's successor, Sally Jewell,

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Public notices

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY ATTENTION OWYHEE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS:

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning needs your help and input as we start the process of reviewing and possibly updating the land use zones and uses in the unincorporated area around Homedale. We are seeking your input through a short survey which is available on the County website http://owyheecounty. net/departments/communitydevelopment/

If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy of the survey be mailed to you. This survey will also be available at the public meeting scheduled from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on November 15, 2017 in the courtroom of the Homedale City

Hall located at 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho.

It is very important for us to receive your survey response and opinions. The survey will be available on the web site for the next several weeks. If you have questions about the survey, or the upcoming public meetings, please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

11/08/2017

Bruneau-GV School District finds footing with new leadership

Commitment can be felt across the district

by Mandi Boren For The Owyhee Avalanche With new leadership across the district, Bruneau-Grand View schools are poised for change. In eight short months, the district has gained three new board members, a superintendent and a principal.

With a change in administration comes new perspectives and ideas.

Board of trustees chair Scott McNeley (Zone 4) and district superintendent Ryan Cantrell agree that the top four priorities are to improve school culture and climate at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, to improve student achievement, to improve K-12 curriculum and to increase teacher retention.

Administrators are taking these priorities seriously, and board meetings the past few months show it. Community members are speaking up, and agendas have been crammed with action and discussion items. Meetings regularly run late into the night.

The next meeting is a

the district. Zone 3 Trustee RaeLynn Schkade feels it is important to listen to the community's opinions and concerns.

Cantrell, who notes his leadership style relies heavily on Stephen R. Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," said, "Our district lacks comprehensive longterm plans and strategies for success."

Cantrell plans to change that with more K-12 curriculum planning, policy revisions, strategic planning, evaluation revisions and multi-year grounds and maintenance plans.

"The board is focused on providing the district with the tools and resources necessary to maximize student achievement," McNeley said. "Our new administrators are committed to creating a culture and climate in the district where staff enjoy working and students are challenged and motivated."

With the support of the board, one of the recent tools Cantrell has implemented is the addition of a gifted and talented program. Although the state Department of Education requires it, the district has never had a program like this to address individual academic needs for kindergarteners through sixth-graders. The board also recently approved the purchase of a tractor and an irrigation pump.

Cantrell said purchases like these are important to achieve a long-term district goal of having facilities and grounds the community can take pride in.

New Zone 5 Trustee Steve Boren agreed.

"Well-maintained facilities can encourage a sense of pride among students and community members," he said.

Historically, there have been differences between the communities of Bruneau and Grand View, and the school district has felt this strain the most. The board hopes the chasm between the two areas will decrease and bridges can be built as the communities take more pride in their schools and focus on a common goal of putting students first.

"This is our community, these are our kids and our future. If we are not willing to get involved and effect change then who will?" parent and volunteer Melissa Raymond asked.

"If we want the status quo to change, we must be willing to get involved and work hard to accomplish our goals."

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Man arrested on suspicion of domestic battery

A 43-year-old Parma man charged with misdemeanor domestic battery has been arrested.

Warren E. Laverty was the ar picked up in Canyon County after a

on Halloween, according to the Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch log. Sheriff Perry Grant said

the arrest warrant was issued after an investigation into an

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