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Young children show Veterans Day gratitude

Area military veterans, including (from left) Calvin Walker (Army), Jack Fouts and Dan Marston (Marines) and Ray Mansisidor (Army Air Corps) accept thanks from Homedale Elementary School students after Thursday's salute. Homedale and Marsing schoolchildren spent time with a handful of Veterans Day tributes. Photo by Todd Kleppinger. For more photos, see **Page 15**

County deals with growing court docket

Grand jury summoned, deputy prosecutor hired; costs may exceed FY 18 forecast

Faced with a capital murder case and several other felony cases, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery will convene a grand jury.

On Monday, the Board of County Commissioners also made moves to combat the workload, approving Emery's pick for a part-time deputy criminal prosecutor: Boise lawyer Ken Kreis.

Emery said the grand jury process is an alternative to preliminary hearings. Like a magistrate judge, a grand jury examines probable cause to determine if a case can proceed.

An indictment from a panel of chosen citizens has the same weight as a judge's order to "bind over" a defendant for district court, Emery said.

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Murdered Oregon teen was en route to Nebraska
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Marsing engineers developing ideas for new bridge water pipe

\$1.5M plan to bore under Snake River won't be considered

by Todd Kleppinger
For The Owyhee Avalanche

The City of Marsing is lining out the possible cost of replacing its water line across the Snake River.

Civil Dynamics was retained as the engineering firm to work on the project during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

The Idaho Transportation Department has said the city will be responsible for re-

hanging a water line when the 60-year-old bridge across the Snake River is replaced. The city and District 23 legislators have been working for a solution as next year's construction project looms.

The plan Civil Dynamics will hash out involves installing an 8-inch pipe across the new bridge to connect users to a city well on a hill above Marsing Road in the Sunny Slope area of Canyon County east of town.

Councilpersons discussed boring the pipe under the riverbed, but decided that option is not cost-effective because of the width of the river.

Middleton is undergoing a similar project and estimates are running \$100 to \$150 per foot to bore under the Boise River, city engineer Amy Woodruff said.

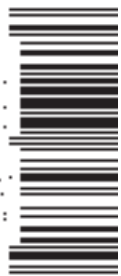
"It's about 1,500 feet across the Snake River," she said. "It would be \$1.5 million or so (to complete the line)."

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County jail turns 25

The dedication plaque affixed to the wall near the entrance to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office celebrates the construction of the building 25 years ago. The jail was put into use on Nov. 14, 1992. Read next week's edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche* for a look back and a look ahead for the criminal justice center in Murphy.



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Homedale’s new councilmen want to work together

Lack of public involvement lamented

Although they seem far apart on the question of expanding the town’s public library, the winners in the Homedale city council election think they can work together.

Mike Aebischer is the newcomer, and Tim Downing is returning to the council after a four-year absence.

The men were the top two vote-getters in the Nov. 7 election, and they’ll each serve four-year terms

Downing received 79 votes (or 29.7 percent), and Aebischer was just two votes behind (28.9 percent).

“I think Michael is going to be a good guy to work with,” Downing said. “I look forward to working with Michael, and I think we can work together and move the city forward.”

The two men defeated council appointees Jerry Anderson and Shane Muir in a four-way race that attracted only 8.4 percent of the town’s registered voters.

“My major reaction to this is that more people didn’t vote.

This is a local election with voting for the mayor and city councilmen that affects you personally,” Aebischer said. “The policies and decisions that are made will affect the people of Homedale, and 127 people made that choice for everybody else.

“It’s not that I’m worried the outcome would have been different. I don’t think everybody took the opportunity to express their desire.”

Downing thinks those who did vote sent a message of the type of councilman they wanted.

“A more conservative voice and maybe some more prudent spending of the taxpayers’ money,” the former two-term councilmen said. “I think people probably appreciate the fact that I’m going to do my homework.”

Aebischer moved to Homedale three years ago. He will have to give up his position on the public library governing board before he takes the council members’ oath of office on



Mike Aebischer



Tim Downing

Jan 10.

“I will stay through December,” he said. “The library is near and dear to me. I have pretty strong feelings about it.”

Aebischer urged people to apply to succeed him on the library board.

Aebischer understands Downing has “a strong personality” and previous experience, but he’s not writing off a productive relationship just yet.

“Tim called and congratulated me the next day, which is nice,” Aebischer said.

“I think he and I have some different points of view. I hope on the important issues we can come to an agreement. I hope it doesn’t come to tie votes where the mayor has to cast the deciding vote.”

Downing urges citizens to get more involved.

“You do your best to inform people of what’s going on and what the issues are and that their input would be appreciated. I think people feel sometimes that they’re going to be put on the stand when they come in to speak at a city council meeting,” he said. “I guess I would like to try to get the message to people that the council would very much appreciate the people coming in and voicing their

Municipal election results					
Homedale					
Mayor (four-year term)					
Candidate	Abs.	NH	SH	Tot.	Pct.
x-Gheen Christoffersen	2	80	45	127	100
City council (four-year terms)					
Candidate	Abs.	NH	SH	Tot.	Pct.
x-Tim Downing	0	40	39	79	29.7
x-Michael Aebischer	2	55	20	77	28.9
Jerry Anderson	2	41	21	64	24.1
Shane Muir	0	30	16	46	17.3

Marsing					
City council (two-year term)					
Candidate	Abs.	NM	SM	Tot.	Pct.
x-Jolyn E. Green	1	9	8	18	100

Grand View					
Mayor (four-year term)					
Candidate	Abs.	GV	Tot.	Pct.	
x-Edwin Collett	1	25	26	100	
City council (two-year terms)					
Candidate	Abs.	GV	Tot.	Pct.	
x-John S. Morrison	1	25	26	54.2	
x-Daniel Martinez	1	21	22	45.8	

opinions. And I can’t believe that on the library issues or the police issue that people don’t have opinions on those things.

“It’s important for the council to arrive at the right decision, and when you don’t have that input, that leaves you in the position to make some assumptions and maybe have to make decisions based on what you feel is the best answer.”

Although he is a staunch supporter of the library and its expansion, Aebischer is looking beyond the topic *du jour*, too.

Expanding the tax base could help the city’s bottom line, including funding library operation.

“I would like to attract some sort of business, like an onion shed, in our tax base area. Something where we could have a larger tax base and fund police and public works,” he said. “I like the idea of a hotel for taxes and revenue.

“We need to attract some businesses in here because homeowners can’t foot the bill for everything.” — JPB



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Voters show little interest in municipal elections

Officials still working out bugs on precinct boundaries

The Owyhee County elections office is still dealing with growing pains. A handful of people were allowed to vote in the Homedale municipal election despite not appearing in the polling books at the precinct they visited on Nov. 7.

County Clerk Angie Barkell didn't know how many people were affected, but blamed the snafu on the continuing transition brought on by consolidated elections and difficulty in determining what residences lie in what precincts.

During Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Barkell asked Assessor Brett Endicott if his office could help shore up addressing problems in the polling books. Endicott's appraisers are currently in the Homedale area for their five-year reappraisal program.

Barkell said the lack of accurate addressing is a factor in putting voters in the correct precincts in Homedale.

"We are still having ongoing issues with updating the street addresses in our voter registration system," deputy clerk Brook Russell, who handles the elections, said.

"Each voter is listed, by precinct and various taxing districts that they reside

Nov. 7 VOTER TURNOUT					
Precinct	Total Number of Registered Voters at Cutoff	Number Election Day Registrants	Total Number of Registered Voters	Number of Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters That Voted
001 - N.Homedale	725	2	727	90	12.38%
002 - S.Homedale	959	17	976	53	5.43%
003 - N.Marsing	626	0	626	9	1.44%
004 - S.Marsing	696	0	696	8	1.15%
009 - Grand View	457	2	459	27	5.88%
013 - Absentee	NA	NA	NA	4	NA
CO. TOTAL	3,463	21	3,484	191	5.26%

in, which is determined by their street address. We are having discussions regarding how to correct this and make our mapping system and voter registration system more accurate."

Endicott told Barkell that getting accurate addresses would be difficult because not all Homedale houses have addresses physically posted on them. Endicott said the city hasn't enforced the need to put addresses on the houses.

Barkell said another issue arises when folks living on directional streets (such as North 2nd Street East) give partial addresses that make the actual location of their residence ambiguous.

"It's causing horrible havoc in our elections," Barkell said during Monday's county commissioners meeting.

People who wound up at the wrong

precinct in Homedale (including one who simply went to the wrong polling place) were allowed to vote as long as they had a valid ID and could prove their residency. Barkell said only one woman decided against voting because she didn't have her ID with her.

Voter turnout was low in all municipal elections in the county last week.

Homedale had the only contested city council race; few voters showed up.

The best turnout was 12.38 percent (90 out of 727 registered voters) at the Homedale North precinct.

In South Homedale, only 5.43 percent turned out (53 of 976).

The total turnout in Homedale was 8.4 percent (143 out of 1,703). Nineteen people (or 13.3 percent of the total turnout) registered to vote at the polls.

Tim Downing and Mike Aebischer were the top vote-getters. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen won a second four-year term without a challenge.

Grand View and Marsing had uncontested municipal elections, and the turnout numbers reflected a perception of insignificance.

In Grand View, John Morrison and Daniel Martinez earned two-year council terms, and interim mayor Ed Collett was given a four-year run. Two people registered to vote at the Eastern Owyhee County Library polling place, and a total of 27 cast ballots (5.88 percent of the total 459 registered voters).

Marsing had the worst turnout with only 17 out of 1,322 registered voters (1.3 percent) casting a ballot.

Appointee Jolyn Green was the only candidate on the ballot for two available Marsing seats. The council will appoint a successor for Cory Percifield in January. Percifield declined to seek a second four-year term.

Barkell, who is the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks president, said the organization will lobby to have state law changed so that cities that have only one declared candidate per position won't be required to hold an election. Other governing boards, such as irrigation, school and fire boards, already are exempt when there is no contested race.

— JPB



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Homedale-area zoning review starts

County P&Z open house kicks off comment period

County officials are thinking about growth and the future as a public meeting on land use looms today in Homedale.

“We want to sit down and find out if what we already have in the map is what the citizens or if they want to expand multiple the use or retract the multiple use,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Department is coordinating tonight’s open house inside the magistrate courtroom adjacent to City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Folks can drop in to get their opinion on the record between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Aberasturi said the Board of

County Commissioners, which he chairs, discussed the plan to allow citizens to participant in the process during a Nov. 6 meeting in Murphy.

The process was started and then postponed in 2010, making tonight’s meeting the start of the first full-scale re-examination of land use in the county in about 15 years.

Aberasturi said the early focus will be on the rural areas outside the Homedale and Marsing city limits.

“Those are the two areas that are growing right now,” the Homedale area resident said.

Marsing’s public meeting will come later as the county continues a review that is actually supposed to take place every 10 years.

Aberasturi said citizens’ input will help the BOCC determine whether zoning laws need to be tweaked.

As an example, he said the county could make it easier

for residential development in specific agricultural zones by dropping the requirement to obtain a conditional use permit.

Aberasturi pointed to the Market Road area.

“There is a tremendous amount of development on Market Road on the south side, which is (an ag zone),” Aberasturi said, adding that there isn’t much farm ground on the south side yet a CUP is still required.

The north side of Market Road is zoned for multiple use, and a CUP for residential development isn’t required, he said.

Whatever changes the citizens want, heavy industrial development would still require special permitting from the P&Z commission.

Similar reviews of land use in the Grand View and Bruneau areas will take place later.

Land use within the city limits of the county’s three towns won’t be part of the discussion.

— JPB

Property owners can expect tax bills soon

County tax roll totals nearly \$7.1M

The first big task with Annette Dygert at the helm is nearly complete at the Owyhee County Treasurer’s office.

Staff is busy stuffing bills into envelopes, and the 2018 property tax bills will be mailed on Thursday.

The first half payment must be postmarked by Dec. 20. If a property owner pays the bill in two payments, the second half is due by June 20.

The treasurer’s office staff is in the midst of 2½ weeks of work processing and processing tax bills to stuff them in envelopes.

But even with new leadership, Dygert said everything is routine.

“This is just another tax season,” she said.

The total anticipated tax collection for Fiscal Year 2018 is nearly \$7.1 million.

Property owners can pay their taxes by mail, over the phone or online at www.owyheecounty.net/Treasurer.

Patrons using a debit card

or credit card or an electronic check to pay their taxes will be subjected to a 2.5 percent processing fee charged by third-party provider Access Idaho.

Dygert reported that her office is still in the process of collecting on tax bills that up to three years delinquent. As of Nov. 3, the delinquent taxes owed between 2013 and 2016 totaled nearly \$434,000. That’s two percent of the total tax bill from that time period.

After the third year of delinquency, the county has the legal right to perform a tax deed sale of property in arrears in order to settle the debt.

The treasurer’s office is working a person down with Brenda Richards’ retired from the elected position.

Dygert moved from chief deputy when the Board of County Commissioners appointed her treasurer, and Haylee Smith was promoted to chief deputy.

The office has yet to fill Smith’s former position.

“We will take time to evaluate our needs and move ahead accordingly,” Dygert said.

— JPB

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Correction

The next meeting of the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees will take place at 1 p.m. today at Bruneau Elementary School. The meeting date was reported incorrectly in the Nov. 8 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.



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Calendar

Today

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

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
Noon, free luncheon provided, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131

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

Bruneau-GV school board meeting
1 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

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

GV Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

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

Fit and fall exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

OCHS general meeting and speaker
7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

Holiday bazaar
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., vendor space sold out, silent auction, bake sale, lunch available, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Foot clinic
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

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

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

Marsing Lions Club meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982

Friends of the E. Owyhee Library meeting
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785

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

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
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
Nov. 27: Hot dog, baby carrots, macaroni & cheese
Nov. 28: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy
Nov. 29: Chicken taco, corn

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
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
Nov. 27: Crispito or ham & cheese sandwich, taco salad
Nov. 28: Spicy chicken sandwich or chicken drumstick, tater tots
Nov. 29: Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
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
Nov. 27: Pepperoni pizza ripper or deli sandwich w/chips
Nov. 28: Chicken taco or pizza hot pocket, corn
Nov. 29: Pork chop or cheeseburger steak, goldfish crackers, macaroni & cheese, dinner roll

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
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
Nov. 20: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers, carrot sticks
Nov. 21: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 27: Cheese burger, seasoned fries or PB & J, animal crackers, cheese stick, celery stick
Nov. 28: Chicken penne Alfredo, Italian breadstick, steamed broccoli, or PB & J, yogurt, animal crackers
Nov. 29: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or PB & J, cheese stick, animal crackers

Marsing Middle and High

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Nov. 15: Lasagna, garlic French bread, green beans, jello w/topping
Nov. 16: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, buttered corn, whole wheat roll
Nov. 20: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or meatloaf sandwich, baby baker potatoes
Nov. 21: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole wheat roll
Nov. 27: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries or chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, seasoned fries
Nov. 28: Chicken penne Alfredo, Italian breadstick, steamed broccoli or assorted sandwiches, sun chips, steamed broccoli
Nov. 29: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or pork taco, refried beans

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily
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
Nov. 27: **Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, milk **Lunch:** Lasagna, tossed Romaine salad, green beans (**Breadstick-Rimrock**)
Nov. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar, fruit, milk **Lunch:** Cheese yum Yums, garden spinach salad, baby carrots
Nov. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit, milk **Lunch:** Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll

Obituaries

Jessie Joann (McDonald) Jensen

JESSIE JOANN (McDONALD) JENSEN crossed the last river into Heaven at her home on Hardtrigger Ranch behind Givens Hot Springs on November 5, 2017, surrounded by family and the prayers of friends and loved ones. She was born on August 26, 1932 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the widowed lay preacher Jesse Stanton McDonald and his second wife Eldee Mae Lamascus McDonald of Cherokee descent. Joann was one of four children to this marriage, the only girl among brothers. She grew up with her older stepbrothers and siblings around extended family in Oklahoma where she learned many farm living skills that served her well through life. Her father was a sheriff among a variety of different jobs and eventually was employed as a guard on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State. Her parents moved the family to



Richland, Washington where Joann completed High School. After graduation, Joann briefly attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho where she hoped to train as a medical missionary. She returned to Richland and got work at Hanford as a lab assistant and was eventually introduced to James L. “Jim” Jensen on a blind date. He was a U.S. Army guard at Hanford at the time. She was 19 when she married



Jim in his hometown of Boise, Idaho in April of 1952 at the First Assembly of God Church on the corner of Main & 18th Streets. They began raising their family in Boise where Jim took a job with the US Postal Service. In 1964 Joann expressed interest in being a missionary to the Eskimos of Alaska, so Jim transferred with the Postal Service to a position in Anchorage, Alaska. The

family moved up in the months that followed the earthquake that had devastated the area. Joann loved people and was very involved in both her church and the community; she taught Sunday School and VBS, helped with Women’s Ministries and prayer groups, participated in an Art Guild in the Anchorage area and taught nutrition to the Eskimo people through Health & Welfare. She was well loved by all. The family returned to Idaho in 1972 just after Jim & Joann went with their Alaska church to help build a tabernacle in Japan. Back in Idaho, they bought a farm in Owyhee County and raised cows, pigs and various crops near Givens Hot Springs. Joann worked both in and out of the home and was skilled in gardening, canning & sewing. She was both frugal and creative and knew how to make many things from scratch. She cooked at the Marsing Job Corps and was Coordinator at the Marsing

Senior Center from 1978-1994. Joann made everyone feel “at home” with her welcoming attitude, wonderful meals, lovely decorating skills and paintings. She went out of her way to create memories with family. Her loving family look forward to seeing her healed and whole in Heaven one day and include: James “Skip” (& Robin) Jensen, Jr. of Cordova, Alaska; Wayne (& Maggie) Jensen of Phoenix, AZ; Mark (& Angela) Jensen of Givens Hot Springs, ID; Gordon Jensen of Cordova, AK, as well as all 13 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2017 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A committal service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 13, 2017 at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

Justin Rae Harkins



Justin Rae Harkins, 24, of Homedale was born February 2nd, 1993 in Craig, Colorado to Donnie Harkins and Kathaleena Bowen. He grew up and attended school in the Homedale, Idaho area. On November 5th, 2017, Jesus called his beloved son Justin home. Justin got his high school equivalency from Juniper Hills High School in 2010. He was currently employed by Icon Air Inc. of Nampa, Idaho Justin was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Wade and Vonnie Harkins,

and maternal grandmother Pat Bowen, as well as his niece Amaya Brunty. Justin is survived by his parents Donnie Harkins and Kathaleena Bowen; his siblings Andrew Bowen, Daniel Harkins, Samantha James, Lacey Records, Tanner Harkins, Haylee Petty, Levi & Davey Brunty, his fiancé Beau Lopez and her three beautiful children whom Justin loved and cherished, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces & nephews that he loved dearly.

Justin grew up fishing on the Snake River with his grandfather, father & brothers, in the mountains of Idaho hunting and four-wheeling with his dad & brothers and camping with his mom & siblings. Everything Justin did was fast pace, from walking to fishing! He loved spending time with his family no matter what they were doing. Justin was very easy going as long as those he loved were happy. He attended Homedale Friends Community Church and was involved in the C.L.C. program.

Despite many challenges in his life, Justin was known for his optimism and positive attitude. He made a positive impact on everyone who met him and was loved by all! Justin was one that made everyone around him see the beauty in life. We love and miss you more than we can say, Unte. Services will be held Saturday, November 11th at 11am at Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95 Wilder ID. Donations may be given to the C.L.C Program.

William “Bill” D. Watterson

William “Bill” D. Watterson, 79, of Homedale, Idaho, passed away on November 8th, 2017 at the home of his son in Boise. Bill was born July 2, 1938, in Nampa, Idaho. He graduated from Homedale High School in 1956 and entered the US

Navy in early 1957, serving for four years until 1961. Bill spent the majority of his adult life farming and ranching in the Homedale area. He had a strong passion and love for the ranching lifestyle and was most at home running sheep and cattle in the Owyhee Mountains. He

loved sharing this experience with family and friends during times of round-ups, gatherings and brandings. He especially enjoyed spending time with his large extended Watterson family, at his parents’ farm in Homedale, throughout the years where his numerous nephews

and nieces knew him as the fun-loving “Uncle Billy”. He had a deep appreciation for the ranching history and people of Owyhee County. In 2015, Bill moved to the Boise area to live with his son and daughter-in-law to be near his grandchildren and help operate their small family cattle ranch. Passing on his knowledge and spending time with his grandchildren became one of his greatest joys. Spending time with his brother and sisters and their spouses was also something very important to him and gave him great happiness. He looked forward to their regular, bi-weekly coffee gatherings, right up to the last month of his life. Bill was preceded in death

by his parents, Irene Rivett Watterson and Joseph M. Watterson. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Joe and Jill Watterson of Boise and David and Corinna Alcorta of Elko, NV; four grandchildren: Blaikley, Orlie, Lukas and Evan; six siblings: Teresa Moulton, Louise Thompson, Margaret Kay, Fred Watterson, Glenda Uranga and Susan Pritchett. A private viewing for family and close friends will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5-7 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, 208-459-0833. Friends may also pay their condolences at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com



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Supplementing low-quality forage can help extend fall grazing

by Scott Jensen and Jason Ahola

Dormant forages can provide low-cost feed for cattle. A small amount of protein and/or energy can be strategically supplemented to help cows take full advantage of these low-quality forages, ultimately helping reduce winter feed costs.

The first to strategic supplementation is to compare the cow's nutrient requirements with the available feedstuffs. According to the National Research Council, a 1,200-pound dry, pregnant beef cow in mid-gestation requires 1.4 pounds of crude protein (CP) per day (or a diet consisting of 6.9 percent CP). She also requires 10.1 pounds of total digestible nutrients (TDN) or energy per day (or a diet consisting of 48.8 percent TDN). These requirements should then be compared to the actual CP and TDN concentrations in the available feedstuffs. As a general rule, dormant perennial grasses, dry cheatgrass, and cornstalks will all be low in CP as compared to the cow's requirement. Dry cheatgrass and cornstalks (after the first few



Scott Jensen



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days of grazing) will likely be low in energy.

Even though these feedstuffs may be inadequate in CP and/or TDN, they are often readily available and low-cost. With strategic supplementation, cows are able to utilize these low-quality feedstuffs and still adequately maintain body weight and condition. One of the biggest challenges can be maintaining adequate intake.

Ruminants access protein and energy from forages via a relationship with billions of microbes that live in the rumen and convert forages into energy and protein. Microbes break down protein, amino acids, and nitrogen from forage particles and consume the nitrogen in order to build their own bodies. Microbes have short lifespans, and once they die and leave the rumen they are digested by the remaining compartments of the ruminant stomach. Ultimately, each microbe's "body" provides a major source of protein for the animal.

To function optimally and "unlock" energy from forages, microbes require an adequate amount of nitrogen to be present in the rumen. When nitrogen is inadequate, microbes function at a depressed level and cause reductions in forage digestion, energy release, microbial protein synthesis, and ultimately reduced feed intake by the animal.

In this situation, intake can be as low as 1.5 to 1.75 percent of body weight because of

decreased microbial activity, which is dramatically lower than the typical intakes of 2 to 3 percent of body weight seen with higher quality feeds. In essence, a cow consuming low-quality forage without enough protein is unable to physically consume enough low-quality forage to meet her energy needs.

Before deciding what to supplement, it is important to identify the first limiting nutrient. For the feedstuffs mentioned previously, it is protein. When protein is supplemented to cows consuming only 1.5 to 1.75 percent of their body weight (which is typical with these feedstuffs), microbial activity will increase and lead to more: 1) energy release, 2) forage intake, and 3) animal performance. Therefore, when both protein and energy are inadequate, supplementation of just protein may actually solve both problems since enhanced microbial activity encourages more intake and more release of energy.

— Jensen is the U of I county extension educator. Ahola is a professor of Beef Cattle Science at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., who was formerly part of the U of I faculty. Jensen welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Death notices

JOHANNA M. BARNES, 71, of Marsing, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, at home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

ANNA MAE CURTIS, 84, of Homedale, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. Arrangements: Cremation Society of Idaho

YVONNE TODD HULS, 81, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

JESSIE JOANN JENSEN, 85, of Givens Hot Springs, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 at home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A committal service was held on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

JOANNA MARIE MANES, 98, a Central Cove resident, died on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017. No services will be held. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

JO ANN NELSON, 65, former cook at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, died on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017.

DARRYL RAY PARKS, 62, of Homedale, died at his home on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017. Cremation: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

EDITH JANE SUTER, 100, of Homedale, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk and roll available every day
Nov. 15: Lasagna w/meat & cheese, string beans
Nov. 16: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes w/gravy, sweet potato, peas

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Nov. 16: Chicken chow mein, chow mein noodles, Mandarin oranges, cottage cheese, fortune cookie
Nov. 21: Ham dinner, potatoes/gravy, yams, green beans, ambrosia salad, birthday cake, whole wheat roll

Homedale Farmers Market vendors, sales nearly double

The latest regular season of the Homedale Farmers Market saw more activity than last year.

Last week, market president Denise Dixon discussed statistics comparing the two business seasons with the city council.

Dixon said gross sales from the 2017 summer markets totaled \$10,262. That compares to \$5,340 from last year's sales at Bette Uda City Park.

There was an average of approximately 13 vendors at each of this year's summer markets, an increase of six compared to 2016.

Dixon said the average number of customers was up in 2017, too.

Approximately 108 customers strolled through each market this summer, 28 more than the average attendance in the 2016 regular season.

"Comparisons were made of the first 12 markets of the season," Dixon noted about the statistics. "We had 18 events in the 2017 season and only 12 in the 2016 season."

The Cultivate! program helped educate children on healthy eating and making a food buying budget, Dixon said.

"It's a great thing for our community," Mayor Gheen

Christoffersen said of the market. "Cultivate! actually helps with healthy eating, and healthy habits goes along with the work we're doing with the High Five (healthy living initiative)."

Dixon told council members last Wednesday that the Farmers Market usually turns back \$1,000 into the community in the form of grants to Homedale High School arts programs,

such as the band or a robotics grant or money to buy art magazines.

The shopping season continues each Saturday in November and December with holiday markets inside the high school's auxiliary gymnasium.

The markets are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekend.

"It's a great place to purchase gifts for the holidays," Dixon said.

Homedale library youth to hear turkey tales, go bowling

The Homedale Public Library's Story Time program will observe Thanksgiving on Friday.

Two stories — "Biscuit is Thankful" and "The Day Lewis Got Eaten" — will

kick things off at 10:15 a.m.

A Thanksgiving craft and activity are also planned.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, the Teens & Tweens group will walk to The

Bowling Alley to bowl a few frames.

The Teens & Tweens activity is open to boys and girls ages 10 to 17.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday,

from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from

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HHS grads earn prestigious FFA degree at nationals

Chapter members return from busy trip to Indy

by Jenna Rupp
Chapter reporter

Homedale FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from Oct. 24 to Oct. 28.

They represented Idaho in an array of events and attended sessions and other various activities.

Homedale FFA'ers attending the convention were Lyndsey Salutregui, Krista Mayer, Meryssa Oakley, Tylee McKay, Kaylee De Witt, Makenna De Witt, Brooke Pfost, Madison Fisher, Jenny Bautista, and Michael Lejardi.

Our chapter earned a two-star National Chapter Award, earning third place in all of Idaho for our program of activities (POA). Members Meryssa Oakley and Krista Mayer accepted the award on the behalf of Homedale.

On Oct. 28, three Homedale High

School graduates received their American Degrees: Madison Fisher, Jenny Bautista, and Michael Lejardi.

The American Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and outstanding accomplishments on their supervised agricultural experience (SAE). Less than one half of one percent of FFA members are able to obtain this high honor.

Throughout the trip, members were able to enjoy a number of activities. Some of the keynote speakers at the sessions were motivational speaker, Jon Petz, and former professional boxer, Laila Ali.

Chapter members also managed to visit the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, go to a concert put on by Rascal Flatts, and visit a career fair.

The Homedale chapter would like to thank Jane Pfost for being a chaperone and serving as a driver to ensure the members made it to their appointed rounds, and the alumni for sponsoring the trip.



From left: Madison Fisher, Jenny Bautista, and Michael Lejardi were Homedale FFA chapter members who received American Degrees during the national convention in Indianapolis. Submitted photo

With no guarantees, Idaho and county keep sage-grouse suit alive

Scoping meeting does little to ease locals' worries

The federal government has begun re-examining land-use plans to facilitate Greater sage-grouse conservation.

But that doesn't mean the State of Idaho is backing down from its lawsuit to get the state plan implemented.

"The county made it clear to all the powers-that-be, and (Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources administrator) John Chatburn reiterated that the State of Idaho is not changing anything," Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi said during the body's weekly meeting Monday in Murphy.

Aberasturi, the District 2 commissioner, and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland joined Chatburn at the Nov. 7 scoping meeting in Marsing. The Bureau of Land Management used the meeting to recap the road so far and to help educate folks on what lies ahead in the land use amendment process.

Owyhee County and Idaho are staunchly set on preserving the state plan crafted by the task force that included local input from Hoagland and state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson).

But Aberasturi did hint at some flexibility when it came to possible changes to the BLM plan — as long as they favor the state's strategy.

"The only thing we're willing to look at is lowering restrictions to lower than the



Acting BLM Idaho state sage-grouse coordinator Ammon Wilhelm (left) opens the scoping meeting inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Nov. 7 as ranchers, environmentalists and government officials look on.

state plan," he said. "Otherwise, the lawsuit will stay in place."

Aberasturi is optimistic that the state plan will get some run with the BLM as the Trump administration appointees finally start to trickle in.

The agency's new deputy director, Brian Steed, is from Utah, and Aberasturi said the presence of a westerner that high up in the BLM is a good thing.

"This administration is a little more open on allowing the states to dictate their own requirements for sage-grouse or whatever animal that they're working with," Aberasturi said.

"We really don't need the federal government dictating how to manage our animals. We do a much better job."

A handful of ranchers showed up for last week's open house, but an attendance sheet seemed to suggest that far more environmentalists entered the Phipps-Watson

Marsing American Legion Community Center than any other group besides government officials from the federal, state and county levels.

"After the scoping period, if we decide to go ahead with the amendments, then we'll come up with a timeline for the process," acting BLM Idaho state sage-grouse coordinator Ammon Wilhelm told the folks gathered in Marsing.

The scoping comment deadline is Nov. 30.

Comments on Greater sage-grouse-related issues and planning criteria can be submitted to the BLM website at <http://bit.ly/GRSGplanning> or by contacting Wilhelm at (208) 373-3824, awilhelm@blm.gov, or 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.

Idaho Wildlife Federation executive director Brian Brooks made the trip down from North Idaho.

Brooks said his constituency of sportsmen would like to see

the bird's population return to historic numbers.

In an op-ed published in the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello, Brooks said that the plan developed under the Obama administration were still the best strategy for conservation.

County commissioners, however, are leery that environmentalist feedback at scoping meetings could push the current administration toward more restrictive measures reminiscent of the plan the BLM cobbled together with seemingly little regard for the state plans.

Hoagland said a task force meeting scheduled for the summer never materialized as the governor's office and federal agencies negotiated in the wake of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's order to re-examine the sage-grouse plan.

"So, I'm getting concerned if we are getting back to the state plan or to the negotiations

that occurred prior to (the state plan) going to Washington, DC, that was supposed to be somewhat workable, or are we looking at new, more restrictive interpretations like from IWF," the Reynolds Creek rancher said.

Aberasturi maintains that sage-grouse populations are thriving in Owyhee County.

"The environmentalists are feeling the pushback now because they really wanted the bird listed, and there's no reason to list the bird," he said. "Every place has its own ecosystem and requirements."

"Environmentalists see it as somewhat of a negative to them because if it goes back into a state plan, they lose their ability to attack us. And they have no reason to attack us because they don't know what they're talking about. They're trying to play off emotion instead of science, which is what they always do."

— JPB

Verizon asked to address Marsing tower concerns

Commissioners also open USPS lease talks

The Board of County Commissioners has waded into the controversy surrounding a cellular tower near the Marsing schools.

For months, local resident Ron Kiester has been vocal about how radio frequency emissions from a cell tower Verizon has built on private property near 8th Avenue West could possibly impact schoolchildren’s health.

Verizon contractor Technology Associates EC, Inc. (TAEC) obtained a conditional use permit from the county that allows for additional clients and equipment and adding

height to the tower on Canal Street in the future.

The commissioners are not trying to place additional restrictions after the fact, they write in the letter.

“Our purpose in writing is to make you aware that there are still concerns within some members of the Marsing community as to the perceived adverse impacts to the health of person in the proximity to the facility,” the letter states.

Now, county commissioners are asking if Verizon would consider addressing those concerns.

“As a community service thing, we’re asking that they come to the community and have a public hearing to maybe relieve some tension and answer some questions,” BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi

said. “It’s just a request.”

The request was made in a letter approved during the commissioners’ Nov. 6 meeting in Murphy.

Aberasturi said the county has heard from Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart and Mayor James Ferdinand, and the District 2 commissioner said both men are on board with the idea of more outreach on Verizon’s part.

Post office lease negotiations initiated

If all goes according to plans, Murphy residents may have a post office in the early part of next year.

In a letter to the U.S. Postal Service approved last week, Aberasturi said county commissioners informed the

agency that the plan is to locate the new modular post office on county-owned property across Basey Street from the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

A draft lease agreement was included with the letter. The initial lease agreement would run from Dec. 1 to Sept. 30 with automatic renewals taking place at the start of each subsequent fiscal year (Oct. 1).

Aberasturi said the county is still trying to figure out the exact asking price for a land lease.

“I don’t believe it’ll be an extremely high number because of the need for a post office,” he said. “My guess is we’d try to do it (according to the assessed) value of the land.”

Aberasturi said the county

has received no answer on correspondence to the owner of the property where the defunct post office sits at the corner of Hailey Street and Idaho highway 78. Officials would like to purchase that land for the new post office, but are moving forward with Plan B because of the urgency of getting counter service back in the state’s only county seat not to have a post office.

The old post office building is the only property on that block of Hailey Street that the county doesn’t own.

“It doesn’t mean that if (the property owner does want to sell) that we won’t purchase that property so we have that block,” Aberasturi said.

— JPB



Rimrock High School junior Holley Bretas (center), an Alto I, has been selected to the Treble Choir for the 2018 All State Festival. Rimrock Junior Ray Draper (left, Bass II) and freshman Joshua Smith (Tenor I) also auditioned. Photo by Rimrock Journalism

Rimrock student selected for All State choir after auditions

A Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School choir member is making plans to perform with the state’s best later this winter.

Junior Holley Bretas, an Alto I, learned last week that she has been selected to perform as part of the Treble Choir during the All State Festival.

“We are all so excited for her,” Rimrock band/choir director Cathryn Volk said.

The festival is set for Feb. 3 at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

A second-year choir member, Bretas was one of

three Rimrock singers to try out for the All State Festival. Fellow junior Ray Draper and freshman Josh Smith are both in their first year of choir. Draper is also in the Rimrock band.

Although neither Draper nor Smith were selected for the 2018 All State Festival, Volk said the boys will have opportunities to re-audition in the coming years.

Volk now will participate in several rehearsals with well-known musical directors. All State also features band,

orchestra and jazz ensembles.

The three Rimrock students competed against other choir members from across Idaho. They recorded four musical segments *a cappella* for the selection committee.

The Rimrock music program plans its winter concert for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Volk said all of the school’s music students will perform at the concert, which also will have a segment reserved to celebrate Bretas’ All State selection.

Former Crapo aide to lead USDA program in Idaho

A man familiar to Owyhee County ranchers has changed jobs in the Trump administration.

Layne Bangerter, a former natural resources director for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), was recently appointed state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.



“It is an honor to be selected by the president to fill the extremely important role of state director of RD in Idaho,” the Melba rancher said. “I look forward to working with the president, Secretary of Agriculture, the assistant to the secretary for Rural Development, and state and local government leaders to increase rural prosperity and enhance customer service through innovation and partnerships in our state.”

As state director, Bangerter will use his leadership experience to oversee Rural Development programs in a customer-focused manner to restore prosperity in rural Idaho, a USDA press release stated.

USDA RD has had a hand in financing for many local public-sector projects, includ-

ing the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing and infrastructure upgrades throughout Owyhee County. The Bruneau Water and Sewer District is pursuing funding currently as part of a sewer pond upgrade project.

A 33-year veteran of federal service, Bangerter most recently worked in the Environmental Protection Agency. He was the first Trump appointee sworn in on Inauguration Day after serving as campaign director in Idaho.

Bangerter worked for Crapo from 2003 to 2017 before joining the Trump campaign.

He also worked various roles for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA from July 1985 to April 2003 as a wildlife biologist.

He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Wildlife and Range Resource Management from Brigham Young University.

Before joining federal service, he held jobs in home construction, farming, ranching, and agribusiness.

Bangerter and his wife, Betsy, have been married for 34 years; they have eight children and 10 grandchildren. He said he is driven by his love for family, natural resources, sports, agriculture and private property rights.

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Murder victim went missing days before death in the desert

Newspaper: Smith-Tash was headed for Nebraska

The teenager who allegedly was murdered by three Idaho residents apparently was alive in July, according to an Oregon newspaper report.

The Register-Guard of Eugene, Ore., using police reports, identified the victim as 18-year-old Junction City, Ore., resident Hunter Smith-Tash.

The newspaper said Smith-Tash was reported missing to Junction City police on Aug. 4.

Court documents filed by the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Idaho State Police identify the victim as Hunter Allyn Smith of Medford, Ore., which is three hours south of Junction City.

The Register-Guard reported that the people making the missing persons report told police they last had contact with Smith-Tash when he reached out to say he was on a bus near Ontario, Ore. He was headed to Nebraska.

A missing persons flier origi-

nating in Junction City, Ore., put Smith's disappearance date as June 18. Authorities believe he was killed about four days later.

Bruneau resident Nicholas B. Vandenberg, a native of Grand View, is accused of killing Smith-Tash in the Owyhee desert by shooting him in the head and upper torso with a .45-caliber handgun. Charging documents place the time of death around June 22.

Alleged accomplices Montanna Rae Reed, 20, of Twin Falls, and Willie Keith Rabey, 34, of Mountain Home, are accused of witnessing the killing then helping Vandenberg, 27, burn Smith-Tash's clothing then hide his body in a ditch.

All three suspects are scheduled for preliminary hearings inside Courtroom 1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy on Dec. 18.

Vandenberg has been charged with three felonies — first-degree murder, using a gun in the commission of a felony and destroying or concealing evidence. Reed and Rabey face felony counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder and destruction or concealment of evidence.



Hunter Smith-Tash

Women launch Homedale Toys for Tots drive

A group calling itself the Five Old Grandmas of Homedale is on the hunt for toys to give to boys and girls this Christmas.

The group is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Folks can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the senior center into the first week of

December. The senior center is open between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday next week for Thanksgiving.

The women are working on enlisting a U.S. Marine to come pick up the toys during the senior center's congregate lunch on Dec. 7.

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		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
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11/07	0.1	1	1.0	37	11	26
11/08	0.0	0	1.0	44	26	35
11/09	0.0	0	1.0	52	32	42
11/10	0.1	1	1.0	51	31	38
11/11	0.2	1	1.1	45	32	36
11/12	0.1	1	1.1	49	29	39
11/13	0.0	0	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
11/07	0.4	6	1.6	33	17	25
11/08	0.5	5	1.6	40	21	31
11/09	0.4	4	1.6	46	31	37
11/10	0.4	1	1.7	43	32	36
11/11	0.4	4	2.1	44	31	36
11/12	0.2	1	2.2	47	31	39
11/13	0.2	1	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
11/07	0.9	8	2.5	35	17	27
11/08	1.0	6	2.6	44	32	41
11/09	1.2	4	2.7	45	32	40
11/10	1.1	3	2.7	43	31	36
11/11	1.4	5	3.0	39	30	35
11/12	1.3	4	3.1	48	33	42
11/13	1.4	4	3.1t	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 60 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 195 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 39 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 428,849 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Man charged with DUI after crash

A Marsing man was arraigned on a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge Monday after a wreck.

Nicholas Carrell, 20, refused medical attention after he rolled his vehicle just before 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said deputy who responded to the accident at the intersection of Old Bruneau Highway and Pershall Road smelled alcohol.

Carrell's blood-alcohol concentration registered .155.

He was booked into county jail in Murphy on misdemeanor charges of DUI and driving without privileges (DWP).

• Jonathan Thomsen, 28, of Meridian faces misdemeanor DUI and DWP charges after his Nov. 3 arrest on U.S. Highway 95 north of Hogg Road between Homedale and Marsing.

Bowman said Thomsen was driving a 2007 Ford Mustang nearly 100 mph in a 55 mph zone when a sheriff's deputy pulled him over.

Thomsen's driver's license had been suspended for failure to provide proof of insurance. The alleged DUI is his second offense in the past five years, and he was also cited for failure to provide proof of insurance, another misdemeanor.

Bowman said field sobriety tests were performed after the responding deputy spotted alcoholic beverage containers in the vehicle and smelled alcohol on Thomsen's breath and body.

Thomsen's BAC measured .104, Bowman said, when he was booked into county jail.

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✓ Court: Commissioners still mulling possibility of full-time deputy PA

“The Grand Jury process is typically more economical, particularly where there are numerous pending felony cases,” Emery said.

A pool of county citizens will receive grand jury notices, much like the regular jury selection process, Emery said.

“In the grand jury selection process, however, 16 or more jurors must be present for the presentation of evidence,” he said.

Twenty-five prospective grand jurors will be summoned to the Owyhee County Courthouse at 9 a.m., on Tuesday. A group of at least 16 will be empaneled.

Emery said he is not worried about folks responding to the summons even though the courts have had difficulty seating juries in the past. If too few candidates come forward, the process will be rescheduled, he said.

Once a grand jury is empaneled, Emery said the body may be convened numerous times over a six-month period to examine probable cause on any number of felony cases.



Ken Kreis (right), the county's new deputy criminal prosecutor, takes the oath Monday from County Clerk Angie Barkell.

This is another step in trying to keep legal costs down in the face of a first-degree murder case against accused killer Nicholas B. Vandenberg and his alleged accomplices Montanna Rae Reed and Willie Keith Rabey.

The hope is a grand jury will cut down on the number of court appearances for which clerks and attorneys would have to be paid.

Emery also has pointed out he had a large felony caseload before three murder suspects

were arrested last month. All three still have Dec. 18 preliminary hearings on the docket.

A grand jury is only one new twist with the county's growing number of felony cases.

The Board of County Commissioners is considering hiring a full-time deputy prosecutor for criminal cases, and board chair Kelly Aberasturi said more personnel additions may be necessary.

“There's a good possibility we'll have to open the budget

to do this,” the District 2 county commissioner said Friday.

The part-time criminal deputy that commissioners appropriate in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget was sworn in on Monday. Kreis will work 19 hours a week — on court days of Monday and Friday and one other day during the week, Emery said — and he'll be paid \$85 per hour. Kreis' monthly salary will be \$4,000.

In addition to the part-time deputy line, commissioners also signed off on FY 18 raises for Emery's legal assistants and deputy civil prosecutor Dan Blocksom.

Aberasturi figures a full-time deputy prosecutor will add about \$80,000 in personnel costs to Emery's budget.

“It would most likely be a young attorney fresh out of law school, so there won't be much salary. Maybe \$60,000,” Aberasturi said.

Kreis has been practicing law for nearly 40 years.

Also on Monday, commissioners converted deputy clerk Brook Russell to a full-time employee who will handle jury duty inquiries and elections, which will free up

another clerk to visit Homedale on a weekly basis to help with a backlog of data entry into the new system.

Adding a court clerk could mean another \$35,000 to \$40,000 each, Aberasturi figures. But it's unknown if Monday's personnel move with Russell will preclude hiring another clerk.

Aberasturi said the new iCourts digital data collection system is also straining the court clerks' workload.

“With the new courts system, everything is taking more time and costing more money,” he said.

The Idaho Supreme Court mandated the new online court records system because the old system was outdated and couldn't be upgraded, Aberasturi said.

But, even with training and time, the transition has been difficult.

“It hasn't been as smooth as everyone was hoping it would be, and it's ending up taking more time than we were originally forecasting it would for putting in documents, and, therefore, it's putting our clerks behind.” — JPB

✓ Marsing: Several projects either moving forward or gaining momentum

Kirby Cook, Woodruff's co-worker at Civil Dynamics, discussed proposed infrastructure projects. Cook said the city is looking at installing sidewalks from Idaho highway 78 towards the labor camp. The hope is to accomplish this with the help of a new child safety grant program for \$250,000.

Cook also updated council members on the Island Park boat ramp and dock project. Contractors have until 4 p.m. today to submit project bids.

Sealed bids will be opened after the deadline today.

Woodruff informed the council that grants were being sought to work with developers on a sidewalk plan for the town.

“We are putting together a master plan,” she said. “It's a combination of trails, pathways, and sidewalks for all pedestrian facilities.”

A rough draft for the plan was approved.

Woodruff also relayed the school district has begun discussing an ambitious plan to

develop Norton Street, north of Marsing High School. The hope is to alleviate some of the traffic congestion that has plagued Main Street (Idaho 55) and 8th Avenue West (Idaho 78).

“This has been discussed on and off for years and I think it is time,” Mayor James Ferdinand said.

Norton Street is platted, but has been closed for years.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney announced the city will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 13 to

get input on fee increases for animal control fees and infraction violations. City Hall will accept written comments on the ordinance amendment until Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson informed the council that the city and parks have been winterized appropriately and the park bathrooms will be closed for the season beginning this week. He also announced that he has received a bid from Custom Glass for the self-locking doors for Island Park bathrooms.

The council passed Ordinance A-200, amending section 3-1-3 in Marsing city code, which defines public nuisances, to add “fugitive dust” as one such identified nuisance.

Business licenses were approved for RF Inc., which leases tractor-trailers and farm equipment at 16 Main St., and Fast N Fun Auto Sales at 722 Main St.

Additionally, the council approved a catering permit for Stewart and Christensen LLC for the Idaho Girls Rodeo Association banquet, which will take place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Saturday.

Resolution R-135 carried, providing for classification and retention of public records. The intent is to prevent accidentally destroying records that need to be kept.

The next city council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

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Future colleagues argue about path to larger library

New grant application stresses creation of community center

There are some differences in the city's second attempt to secure grant funding to expand the Homedale Public Library.

In an attempt to make the \$717,932 project more palatable to the people who decide where Idaho Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) go each year, a new grant writer has emphasized that the project will provide the city with a community center as well as a larger library.

Even with the possibility of converting the existing building into a community center, the city plans to meet Friday's deadline for public facility grant applications.

"That drastically changes how the applications are scored and viewed," Andrew Kimmel of the grant origination firm Great West Engineering said. "Because it's not just a library anymore; it's a place for the community. And that's a big draw."

The scope of the application had to change or "it was never going to be awarded," he said.

The Idaho Department of Commerce also has CDBG funding for community centers, which Owyhee County is pursuing to replace the Armory at the fairgrounds. The filing deadline is in March.

Craig Erickson from Great West Engineering is writing the city's grant. Kimmel presented details at last Wednesday's public hearing.

Incoming city councilmen Mike Aebischer and Tim Downing landed on opposite sides of the issue when public comment was taken on the plan to build a free-standing 3,600-square-foot addition to the east of the existing 1,300-square-foot library.

As was the case when he was on the council during the first expansion attempt about seven years ago, Downing remains concerned a larger library will have a negative impact on the city's general fund.

"I'm not opposed to a new library. I think a new library would be a fine asset for the city," Downing said. "But what I haven't heard talked about is how this will be supported after it's built."

Downing stressed that a taxing district should be in place before the expansion to ensure maintenance and operation of a larger library is paid for. He is also concerned that there has been no substantial discussion about whether energy bills will be higher with nearly

three times more area to heat and cool.

Downing said the majority of folks he talked to during his campaign wanted to see a taxing district in place before the library was built.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he heard the opposite from those who contacted him.

"I'll be honest with you, if I had to pull it out, I'd say probably 95 percent of the people I talked to to 100 percent favor the library. There are some who aren't, but there are very few who will mention it," Christoffersen said.

The mayor said he encouraged folks to come voice their opinion about the library. Last week, only Downing and Aebischer spoke up.

"For the citizen input that I would say I got, they're on board with this thing. They want to see if we can do it," Christoffersen said.

"There's some money available. We've got some people with some private money who are willing to kick in here, and they're all ready to, I guess I have to say, pony up and let's move on with the project — if we get the grant. If we don't get the grant, then we'll look at different options."

Christoffersen said none of the people he talked to thought a district should come first.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen and library board members have stressed that a new library with the room to offer more programs could facilitate the public's willingness to form a taxing district. The district would be drawn along the lines of the Homedale School District in both Owyhee and Canyon counties. State law requires approval from a majority of voters in each county (not an overall majority) before a joint district can be formed.

Jensen said she has been planning ahead by obtaining grants to buy more computer kiosks and more books. The new acquisitions are in storage, she said, in hopes of finding a home in the new building.

Aebischer, who is in the waning months of his service as a library board member, was adamant that the city needs a new library immediately.

He said that the taxing district creation process is an expensive proposition that would push construction back another two years.

"I don't understand why you're opposed to it and you



Library administrator Sharla Jensen (standing) talks about her plans for the new building if a grant is awarded.

want to push it off some more," Aebischer said to Downing, his soon-to-be council colleague.

"We can't afford to push it off anymore. That library needs to be here now for the people that are here now because it's a year, year and a half, two years before we can even use the library (with a district in place)."

The city will find out whether

it received the CDBG funding in May, and the timeline has eight months of construction wrapping up in March 2019.

Aebischer doesn't think operation costs will be much different than they are now.

"Other than lights and gas, I don't know how it's going to be more expensive than what we've got," he said.

"I think it's just time we bite

the bullet and do it. We can't just keep pushing it to the back burner. It'll never happen."

The block grant would provide just under \$400,000 for construction (with a 10 percent contingency built in), \$50,000 for grant administration and more than \$50,000 for site studies and design services.

Matching funds would include the proposed \$100,000 donation from late library board member Gypsy Jackson's family. That donation is contingent on the city obtaining the grant and agreeing to name the library for Jackson.

The Jackson family donation would be the largest chunk of more than \$169,000 in private contributions, one of the areas in which the city's first grant attempt was deficient a year ago.

Part of the private donations is the contribution of a metal building shell from Caldwell-based R&M Steel. — JPB

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Homedale-born author wins gold in western writing competition

A Homedale native walked away with four Will Rogers Medallion Awards last month in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jacquie Rogers received the awards for her first two novels in the Honey Beaulieu series: “Hot Work in Fry Pan Gulch” and “Sidetracked in Silver City.” The novels picked up two medallions each — one for the author and one for the publisher, Camp Rogers Press.

Both novels describe the adventures of bounty hunter Honey Beaulieu.

The Will Rogers Medallion Award has recognized excellence in Western literature and media since 2003.

Rogers began writing in 1996 and has always loved westerns.

“Growing up in Idaho there were always stories about people who worked hard and their journey — their approach to life — not always citified, but mostly effective — and the land and animals around them,” Rogers said in a press release.

“What appealed to me about that is what goes into my novels. I’m just glad that people



Jacquie Rogers came home to Homedale to celebrate her recent awards with a book signing at the Moxie Java Bistro. From left: Rogers, Charlotte Breshears and Tressa Hiatt. Submitted photo

like them.”

For the past two years, Rogers has held a readers’ event in Silver City at the historic Idaho Hotel, allowing fans of her books to experience 19th century living.

A 1969 Homedale High School graduate, Rogers now

lives in the Seattle area.

Her family history in Homedale stretches to 1939 when her grandfather, Alfred Neil Walker, moved his family from Broadwater, Neb., to what would become Graveyard Point Road six miles southwest of Homedale.

Two hirings bring HPD force to seven

Public works will get new truck; alley setbacks may change

The Homedale Police Department will have seven full-time patrolmen early next year.

The department’s newest hires — Homedale resident Danny Zenor and Boise’s Sal Vega — will both attend the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy beginning in January, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the mayor and city council last Wednesday.

Zenor has already worked for the department as the town’s code enforcement officer.

Zenor will replace Shane Witt, who took a job with the Wilder Police Department in the summer.

Vega represents the seventh police officer council members authorized in Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations.

New public works truck authorized

Public works supervisor Bret Smith received permission to shop for a new pickup truck.

Smith wants to buy a 4-wheel-drive rig to replace the 11-year-old, 2-wheel-drive vehicle he drives now.

“The pickup I drive is a 2-wheel-drive that has over 115,000 miles on it,” Smith said. “Maintenance is becoming an issue, and I think it is time to seriously consider a 4-wheel-drive after last winter.

“There were times when my ability to offer services immediately was in jeopardy because of that vehicle.”

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he’d like to see a snow plow package so the truck could be pressed into winter duty instead of larger pieces of equipment.

“I truly believe that truck running around with a snowplow on it could save time and money for the citizens of Homedale,” Christoffersen said.

Because of the idea to use the vehicle as a plow, Councilman Steve Atkins advised that Smith should look at a short-box pickup for better maneuverability.

Smith has money in his FY 2018 budget for a new vehicle, and he’ll spend about \$27,000 on the new rig.

Smith also told the council that the town’s sander is ready for service “when the snow flies,” and his crew has been busy installing Christmas

decorations as the Saturday, Nov. 25 Homedale for the Holidays and city tree lighting approaches.

A 60-foot lift will be rented today to complete the decorations at Bette Uda City Park, he said.

Council considering alley changes

Building inspector Steve Pierson made a rare meeting appearance to discuss changing some of the rules governing setbacks in the city’s alleyways.

Pierson said he has had to deny property owners who want to build carports with access to the alleys because of the 15-foot setback requirement in Homedale’s zoning ordinance.

He said that a 5-foot setback is all that really is needed, and public works supervisor Bret Smith agreed because utility easements would allow necessary maintenance at the rear of properties.

“There would still be room to get the garbage trucks and utility trucks back there,” Pierson said.

Pierson’s reasoning goes beyond the folks who have been unable to build carports. He said there are structures that were built before the ordinance was adopted that stand right at the edge of alleys.

Councilman Aaron Tines worried about increased traffic in the alleys, but Councilman Steve Atkins pointed out that a lot of citizens already access their property from alleyways.

Smith did point out one potential dilemma: “If we get four feet of snow, an alley is the last place to get attention.”

Still, a citizen at the meeting figured that increasing alleyway access could reduce the number of vehicles parked on the streets and improve pedestrian safety.

Revamping the setback rules for alleys does involve some work on the part of the council.

“You’d have to change the ordinance, but it’s fairly routine,” city attorney Paul J. Fitzer said.

Fitzer was asked to draft the ordinance changes so the council could review the proposal.

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Veterans Day remembrance, celebration



Three generations of Malmberg Army veterans gathered Thursday for the Marsing Elementary Veterans Day celebration. **From left:** Tyler, his dad Tony, and the patriarch Bob.



Four members of the Caldwell Centennial Band, three of whom are military veterans, sat in with the Homedale Middle School musicians to play America the Beautiful. **Above, clockwise:** Leora Summers, who played in the fifth grade band in Homedale; Bruce Geenhalgh, who served in the Army and Navy; and Jeff Johann, who is an Army veteran. **Below:** Navy veteran John Lawson plays the trumpet.



Mia Sickinger speaks during the Homedale High School assembly, which she organized as part of her senior project, as several military veterans look on.



Above: Marsing schoolchildren lead people packed into the cafeteria in a moment of silence during the Veterans Day program. **Right:** Warrant Officer Sean Minor of the U.S. Marine Corps talks about the common traits all heroes have during the Marsing ceremony. Minor is a childhood friend of elementary principal Glen Croft, whose wife, Ashley, is a Navy vet.

Marsing Elementary student Landon Miller presents the colors to start the Veterans Day program inside the school district cafeteria.



The three guest speakers at Homedale High School's Veterans Day assembly were, from left, teacher Ed Lee, who grew up on naval bases; and Navy veterans Harold Nevill (the CEO of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency); and former Nampa High principal Byron Holtry.

Flanked by Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi (left) and Southwest District Health environmental health specialist Darvis Opp (right) are (from left) Marsing Subway manager LaDawn Weymouth and restaurant employees Joanna Finley and Brendon Bracy, whom store owner Virginia Landa said were responsible for the vigilant work that brought the award. Submitted photo



Marsing Subway wins award

Nomination based on 2016 health inspections

The Subway restaurant in Marsing has earned the 2016 Food Merit Award from Southwest District Health. The restaurant, owned by Homedale resident Virginia Landa, won the recognition in its first year of nomination. The outlet at the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West has been open since 2014. “We try every day to produce great food and service to our customers,” restaurant manager

LaDawn Weymouth said. “It’s great to be rewarded for having great employees that follow good food safety practices.” Weymouth has decided to leave the post since the award was presented, Landa said. Southwest District Health recognizes one food establishment from Owyhee County each year. Other restaurants in other counties also receive awards. Seventy-three other establishments receive SWDH inspections each year in Owyhee County. Idaho Pizza Co., in Homedale, and White House Drive-In in Marsing were also considered for the 2016 award, according to a SWDH press release. Business must be in good standing with SWDH inspectors for two years to be nominated. “This award is presented to the food facilities as a reward for going above and beyond minimum food safety requirements to serve a safe food product to the public.” SWDH consumer protection program senior Kelly Berg said. “This is a team effort on behalf of the owners, managers, and employees to commit to following safe food handling practices on a daily basis.”

Bruneau sewer pond grant application gets final BOCC look

District works on complex funding for federally mandated project

It’s possible that customers of the tiny Bruneau Water and Sewer District could see drastic increases in their bills as part of an infrastructure upgrade. Owyhee County is the applicant on the BWSD’s behalf for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant to partially fund a \$2.981 million wastewater treatment plant improvement project. Carleen Herring from the Twin Falls-based Region IV Development Association presented the grant application during a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners on Nov. 6 in Murphy. Friday is the deadline to file the \$500,000 public facility grant application with the Idaho Department of Commerce. The application is one of two from Owyhee County. The Homedale Public Library expansion also is being filed under the public facility category. BWSD customers approved a 40-year, \$2.2 million bond in May (although only \$1.5 million in local cash is listed on the grant application), and Herring told county commissioners that could bump monthly bills in the district by as much as \$100 a month, BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi said. “There is a possibility the rates may have to go up,” the District 2 commissioner said. “If the grants come through, it will sure lessen the amount they may have to bond for.” In May, district board chair Stacey Buckingham said increases could be about \$20 per month, but federal grant money always comes with an examination of rates that could

mandate higher bills. The district only has 78 connections to carry the burden of the bond payments and any required rate hikes. The district would receive \$500,000 from the Department of Commerce if Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s Economic Advisory Council recommends awarding the block grant. The district also has applied for an U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant for another \$681,000, and a \$300,000 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grant was received in July. Before the May bond election, BWSD board chair Stacey Buckingham told The Owyhee Avalanche that the project is necessary to comply with federal regulations. Buckingham said although the district floated a \$2.2 million bond that was approved by the required super majority of voters, it’s hoped that only \$1.5 million will be needed as other grants are received. The district has a decommissioned sewer pond that must be brought back online to provide backup for the existing treatment lagoon. The secondary pond’s liner must be repaired to meet federal guidelines. The district has been using the pond in the winter to handle excess effluent created by a 10-year-old reverse osmosis system that cleans elevated levels of fluoride and arsenic from the district’s drinking water. The \$1.2 million RO system was built with assistance from USDA RD, a loan, another state community development block grant, and \$15,000 in district cash.

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Trojans' Dakota Kelly signs with NNU softball

Pitcher Dakota Kelly, who is a few months away from her senior season with the Homedale High School softball team, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Northwest Nazarene University. Kelly committed to the Nighthawks during a signing ceremony Friday at the Nampa college surrounded by her coaches, parents and grandparents. **From left:** Larry Corta, HHS head coach; Cary Hoshaw, assistant coach; Cassy Kelly, mother; Dakota Kelly; Greg Kelly, father; Cynthia Frazier, grandmother; Steve Frazier, grandfather. Submitted photo

Trojans take down Huskies in girls' basketball opener

Homedale High School used strong post play and took advantage of Marsing's foul trouble to win the teams' season opener Saturday.

Junior Amaya Carter and senior Ashley Burks scored 14 points apiece Saturday as the Trojans rolled to a 62-43 non-conference girls' basketball victory on the Huskies' floor.

"We threw a lot of new things at the girls this year so with it being our first game, we had moments where it didn't look pretty," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. "That being said, we had a lot of moments where it did look good."

Homedale stifled Marsing's second-chance shots with a 23-11 rebounding edge on the Huskies' glass. Burks had four defensive rebounds, and junior Josey Hall got four of her team-high nine boards on Marsing's end.

The Huskies shot 24 percent from the floor, but were able to get to within a point midway through the third quarter.



Marsing's Hailee Bennett (left) puts up tough defense against Homedale's Amaya Carter on Saturday. Photo by Dan Pease

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Overpowering Dufur ends Adrian/JV football season

Fillmore throws TD, Eiguren runs for one in high school finales

by Mike Weber

For The Owyhee Avalanche

DUFUR, Ore. — Despite boasting one of the state's top defenses, No. 7 Adrian/Jordan Valley couldn't contain the high-powered offense of two-time reigning 1A Oregon football state champion Dufur on Saturday.

The second-ranked and undefeated Rangers ended the visiting Antelopes' season, 50-12, and earned a spot in Saturday's state semifinals.

Riding the momentum of a five-game winning streak, Adrian/Jordan Valley (8-2) was playing stellar defense heading into its fourth state quarterfinals appearance in the past five seasons. The Antelopes' defense — ranked third out of 37 Class 1A squads with a 14.4 points-per-game average for the season — had allowed just 5.6 points per game during its five-game win streak.

But Dufur (10-0) proved to be a tough opponent, averaging 56 points per game.

The District 4 champion Rangers meet the Falls City Mountaineers (9-1) in Saturday's semifinal at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

Adrian/Jordan Valley made another state playoffs run, this time under first-year coach Billy Wortman, after finishing third in District 1 behind Crane and Wallowa.



Adrian/Jordan Valley senior quarterback Chase Fillmore (left) surveys the field behind solid protection during Saturday's 1A Oregon quarterfinal in Dufur. Photo by Mike Weber

"We feel like we're ready to play well in every game, but they (Dufur) are a pretty tough team," Wortman said. "Obviously, they're the team to beat in the playoffs, and they've got a great football program. I have a lot of respect for (Rangers coach) Jack Henderson and the way that he does things at Dufur. Every team tries to emulate those guys, and that's what we try to do."

Wortman was pleased to see how well the first-year cooperative between Adrian and Jordan Valley worked out.

"I just can't put into words how proud I am of the way all these kids came together and finish with an 8-2 record and reach the quarterfinals," he said. "It's pretty impressive seeing how

well we did with our seniors coming out and playing so well in just one year together as a team. They clicked right off the bat and we rolled throughout the year and I'm very proud of everyone.

"When you spend so much time with kids and build a relationship with them, it's tough for the seniors playing in their last game and I'm very proud of them. I wish them the best of luck and I'm sure that they're all going to go on and do great things in the future."

Saturday marked the final high school game for Adrian/Jordan Valley seniors Alejandro Garcia Roman, Daniel Price, TJ Davis, Kirkland Obendorf, Andy Walker, Noah Price, Eduardo Munoz, Chase Fillmore and Kirk Eiguren.

A defensive tackle, Eiguren got the

first big play in for the Antelopes, sacking Dufur quarterback Derek Frakes (8-for-13 passing, 178 yards) to force a punt on the Rangers' first possession.

After a couple more possession changes, Dufur took a 6-0 lead on Frates' 80-yard pass to Hagen Pence with 4 minutes, 57 seconds left in the first quarter.

"They (Dufur) were undefeated, but prior to the game we felt like we had a chance against them," Fillmore said. "They were a lot tougher than we expected. It's going to be tough to stop them, and other playoff teams are going to struggle against them, too. It was an exciting and a fun year for us, and we

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Sports



Homedale Trojans



Girls' Basketball



Head Coach
Joe Betancourt,
6th season

Wrestling



Head Coach
Jake Levinski,
2nd season

Boys' Basketball



Head Coach
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Thursday, Nov. 16 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Nov. 16 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Nov. 16 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

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6th Season

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Nov. 16, home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Nov. 16, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball


Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 28, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Nov. 28, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.


Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Nov. 28, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling


Saturday, Dec. 2 at East-West Duals, Wendell, 10 a.m.




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Homedale youth boys' basketball signups still open

High school boys' basketball coach Chad Mann is still taking registration from boys who want to play in the Homedale Trojan Boys' Youth Basketball League.

The league will have two divisions, and all games will be played at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

The fifth- through eighth-grade team will practice and play between Nov. 28 and Dec. 16. The first- through fourth-grade players will take to the court between Jan. 8 and Jan. 27.

The Homedale teams will compete against squads from Ridgevue of Nampa, Caldwell, Vallivue, New

Plymouth, Weiser and Greenleaf.

It costs \$45 to play for either team, and the cost includes a team jersey.

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.HomedaleBasketball.com to register your child.

Contact HHS boys' basketball coach Chad Mann at cmann@homedaleschools.org with any questions.

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Marsing's Emily Loucks fires up a shot during her team's season opener Saturday against Homedale. Loucks scored five points in the loss. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ Basketball: Turnovers hamper Huskies in opener

Senior post Mackenzie Farrants collected seven of the Huskies' 11 offensive rebounds and finished with a dozen boards, but she was limited to seven points before fouling out.

Hailee Bennett put in seven points for the home squad before collecting her fifth foul. She, Autumn Bennett and Gabriela Rodriguez snagged four rebounds each.

Ashley Loucks hit three three-point goals and led Marsing with 10 points. She collected four rebounds and played with four fouls.

Marsing's fouls sent Homedale players to the free-throw line 42 times. The Trojans converted just 19 chances (45 percent), but the Huskies

managed just a 7-for-17 night at the line.

Former Marsing player Alex Grant had four steals to lead Homedale. She also had four boards.

The Huskies committed 24 turnovers, but were more opportunistic than the Trojans, scoring 11 points off Homedale's 11 turnovers. Homedale managed just four points off Marsing miscues.

Jayci Swallow had nine points and six rebounds for Homedale.

"I thought our defense was pretty good, and we got to the free throw line 42 times," Betancourt said. "None of the issues we had in the game are things we can't fix."

✓ Football: Antelopes can't recover after Rangers rack up early lead in 1A playoff

went way farther in the playoffs than we expected to."

Early in the second quarter, with Dufur leading 14-0, Antelopes sophomore linebacker Dakota Martin turned away another Rangers drive at his team's 7-yard line by recovering a fumble.

But the Antelopes were unable to capitalize.

The Rangers scored two more touchdowns before half-time as the Antelopes were unable to slow Dufur's prolific offense.

"I was hoping that we would gain some early momentum, but things just didn't work out that way for us," Martin said.

The Antelopes gained some momentum, though, 53 seconds into the second half. Two plays after sophomore Wade Bond returned the opening kickoff to the Adrian 48, Eiguren trimmed the margin to 26-6 with a 50-yard touchdown run.

"It felt good to score a touchdown, and it was kind of fun to carry the ball and capitalize on the scoring opportunity," Eiguren said. "I felt outstanding earlier after I got a sack, and I thought that it was going to be a fun game for us. But they (Dufur) are a really tough, hard-hitting and talented team. They're very good and that showed why they're the two-time defending state champs. It's not too bad to end the season like this, because we really went a long way by reaching the quarterfinals."

Dufur responded with scores



Adrian/Jordan Valley wide receiver Zeke Quintero leaps in front of Dufur's Tabor McLaughlin to try to pull down a pass in the second quarter Saturday. Photo by Mike Weber

on its next two possessions to build a 42-6 lead with 5:25 left in the third.

The Antelopes answered with a five-play, 51-yard scoring drive, highlighted by Fillmore's a 27-yard pass to junior receiver Zeke Quintero. The Antelopes capped the drive with a 15-yard TD pass from Fillmore to Quintero with 3:41 left in the third.

The receptions were Quintero's only of the day, and he finished with 42 yards. Fillmore completed five of 21 passes for 107 yards at the TD.

"It was definitely a fun season, and we accomplished a lot this year and enjoyed some success," Quintero said.

"We felt good at the beginning, and we just wanted to come out and play our game. (The Rangers) were much better than we expected, and they're definitely the best team we've played this year. We had

a few mental errors early in the game and then things just kind of went downhill for us. Overall, we had a pretty good season."

The 38-point loss marked the deficit of the Antelopes' season.

Dufur outgained Adrian/Jordan Valley in total offense, 456 yards to 170 yards.

"They (Antelopes) are probably the most athletic team that we've played this year and they have some good kids who crowd the line of scrimmage and create a lot of problems for us on offense," Henderson said.

"Fortunately, our kids made some key plays throughout the game, but they (Antelopes) played really tough, too. Derek Frakes made some good plays and it's difficult to defend our team when we're throwing the ball as well as we were today."

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Three Owyheean wind down current BLM advisory terms

RAC nominations sought as group prepares to meet

As the Bureau of Land Management Boise District board readies for its next meeting, the federal agency has announced Resource Advisory Council nominations are being sought.

All three Owyhee County residents on the RAC will see their terms expire on March 17, including Grand View rancher Donna Bennett (Category 1, industry), retired biologist Karen Steenhof of Murphy (Category 2, conservation, environment, dispersed recreation and archaeological or historic interests), and District 3 County Commissioner Joe Merrick of Bruneau (category 3, elected officials, tribes or academia).

In all, there are six potential openings on the RAC, including Bennett's position, three in Category 2 and two in Category 3.

Ted Howard of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley Reservation on the Idaho-Nevada border and former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Charlie Lyons of Mountain Home are two other RAC members who have connections to Owyhee County. Howard's Category 3 term ends on Jan. 18, 2020, and Lyons (Category 1) will serve until Jan. 22, 2019.

The Boise District RAC's next public meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at the district office, 3948 Development Ave., in Boise.

The agenda for next week's RAC meeting includes an update on the Gateway West electrical transmission line and:

- Project updates, including from the Marsing-based Owyhee Field Office and other

field offices in the Boise District

- An update on the Boise wild horse corrals, which currently houses many animals evacuated from Herd Management Areas in Owyhee County

- Review of the RAC's September field trip
- Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan

"The RAC represents diverse public interests and provides invaluable input for managing our public lands," Boise District Manager Lara Douglas said. "Their feedback helps us make more informed decisions, resulting in better projects on the ground."

The public may address the RAC during a half-hour comment period, which will begin at 11 a.m.

In the search for new RAC members, individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the RAC. Nominees must be residents of the area where the RAC has jurisdiction.

Each nominee's qualifications will be reviewed for evidence of appropriate training in their field and their knowledge of the council's geographic area.

According to a BLM press release, nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus-building and collaborative decision-making.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information regarding qualifications.

More information on the application process and a nomination form can be found at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/apply>.

For more information about the meeting or the RAC nominations, contact Mike Williamson at (208) 384-3393 or mwilliamson@blm.gov.



Some of the Owyhee County fiddlers who will perform in the Country Harvest Hoedown on Saturday in Caldwell are, from left, Elliot Little, 11 years old; Rylee Loucks, 15; Maizy Little, 9; and Brodie White, 11. Submitted photo

Owyhee fiddle families prepare for Country Harvest Hoedown

Several young Owyhee County fiddlers will be on stage for the Country Harvest Hoedown.

The 35th annual showcase features The Junior Jammer Fiddlers and Hoedowners under the direction of Roberta Pearce.

The Country Harvest Hoedown takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday inside the Caldwell High School auditorium, 3401 S. Indiana Ave., Caldwell.

The Junior Jammers feature boys and girls, many of whom got their starts with the Hoedowners, which welcomes beginning fiddlers ages 3-12.

Owyheean who are part of the Junior Jammers include:

- Kate Hipwell, the 12-year-old daughter of Murphy residents Doug and Tiffany Hipwell
- Elliot Little, 11, son of Marsing's Tim and Deidra Little
- Rylee Loucks, 15, daughter

of Marsing's Les and Amy Loucks

- Brodie White, 11, the son of Homedale's Josh and Monica White
- Willie White, 13, who is Brodie's brother

Local Hoedowners include:

- Maizy Little, 9, who is Elliot's sister
- Jessica, 10; Emeline, 8; and Colt Hipwell, 4, who are Kate's siblings.

Other scheduled performers for Saturday include six-time national champion fiddler Katrina Nicolayeff and many other champion fiddlers within the group, including Small Fry Idaho state champion Jetta Brooks, and Oregon junior state champion Silas Phillips.

The Junior Jammers will honor military veterans, opening the show with a medley of theme songs from each branch of the service.

The older fiddlers also will perform three sets of music,

including Old Time (the foundation of fiddle music), popular themes from musicals "Hello Dolly" and "Fiddler on the Roof," and Celtic music such as "The Butterfly" from Celtic Women and "Volcanic Jig" written by well-known fiddler Natalie McMaster.

The Hoedowners will perform "Oh Dear What Can the Matter Be?" and "Devil's Dream."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$6 for children younger than 12.

Folks can purchase tickets at the door beginning at noon Saturday, or they can obtain tickets by calling Pearce at (208) 407-2967.

Free tickets are available for residents of nursing homes and care centers. Activity directors can call Pearce and leave a message or email juniormjammers@aol.com to secure admission.



The Hipwell siblings of Murphy will perform during Saturday's Country Harvest Hoedown in Caldwell. From left: Kate, 12 years old; Colt, 4; Emeline, 8; and Jessica, 10. Submitted photo

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Aiming to have fun

Khyler Maxwell (left) and Logan Wilson, both 8 years old, squint as they sight-in targets at one of the game stops during Saturday's Homedale Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization Fall Festival Carnival. Logan is a third-grader at the school and the son of Kayla Rochester and Anthony Wilson. A second-grader, Khyler's parents are Ashley and Tyler Maxwell.

So many to choose from

Riley Herman, 3-year-old daughter of Homedale residents Dan and Jolene Herman, looks ready for another tattoo after getting a "Princess" rubbed onto her arm during Saturday's fundraiser.



Marsing farmer in running for USDA ag advisory position

Producers in federal program can vote for county committees until Dec. 4

A Marsing farmer has thrown his hat into the ring to serve on the Idaho Farm Service Agency County Committee.

Ballots for the U.S. Department of Agriculture producer advisory committees were mailed last week. Ranchers and farmers who participate in FSA programs are eligible to vote, and they must return ballots to their local FSA office by Dec. 4.

County committee members represent the farmers and ranchers in our Idaho communities," acting Idaho FSA state executive director Aaron Johnson said.

"Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

David VanWassenhove, who operates Van Who Farms, has

been nominated to serve Local Administrative Area 6, which encompasses the Marsing area. The local county committee draws representatives from Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties.

Kathleen Smith's three-year term as LAA 6 representative ends Dec. 31.

County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs; emergency programs and eligibility.

The other Ada-Canyon-Owyhee board position on the ballot is LAA 1 in the Parma area.

Brian Jewett appears on the ballot for the position currently held by Michael Goodson.

The new members will begin their terms on Jan. 1.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the USDA Service Center in Marsing or the FSA office in Caldwell.

Other Ada-Canyon-Owyhee FSA members include:

- Seth Thomas of LAA 7, which includes all other parts of Owyhee County except the Duck Valley Reservation and LAA 6. His term ends on Dec. 31, 2019.
- Dennis Evans of LAA 2, which stretches from area outside Middleton to Marsing Road and the Snake River in the Sunny Slope area. His term ends on Dec. 31, 2019.
- Jaime G. Gonzalez of LAA 3, which encompasses the Nampa/Meridian area. His term ends on Dec. 31, 2019.
- David Reynolds of LAA 4, which stretches west on Marsing Road from the Snake River to Swan Falls Road and the Snake River and is known as the Kuna area.
- Ted Wheeler of LAA 5, which encompasses the Meridian area from Can Ada Road to Swan Falls Road and the Snake River.

Traffic stops net marijuana arrests

A Marsing man who has been arrested numerous times since December faces another drug possession charge.

Gage Ramirez, 22, was arrested in a Main Street parking lot in Marsing on Nov. 4 after being pulled over for speeding.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the responding deputy smelled marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Upon inspection of the green Honda passenger car, the deputy discovered marijuana and an open beer container.

More than 14 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle. The bulk of the marijuana, 13.5 grams, was found in two plastic baggies inside a backpack, Bowman said. A small amount of marijuana flake and a glass pipe were also located.

Ramirez was arrested and brought to jail on misdemeanor marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession charges. He also had a warrant for failing to appear on another marijuana and paraphernalia case.

His passenger, 22-year-old Bernardo Galvez of Marsing, was cited for marijuana

possession and released.

- A motorist out of Aldrich, Mo., was arrested on a string of misdemeanors after a traffic stop shortly before 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 in the ION Gem Stop parking lot west of Marsing.

Cody Cutbirth, 33, admitted he was driving a Mercedes 300 with the incorrect license plates. Bowman said the silver Mercedes had Colorado plate that were registered for a Ford pickup.

A records check revealed Cutbirth's driver's license as revoked in Missouri, and his driving privileges had been suspended in California.

Bowman said Cutbirth turned over some marijuana, a couple pipes and two bottles of alcohol.

Cutbirth was arrested on misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession, DWP and possessing an open container in an automobile.

Cutbirth's passenger, 37-year-old Travis Cutbirth of Paso Robles, Calif., was cited for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

While Cody was taken to county jail, Travis was cited and released.

— JPB

Jail for Oregon woman arrested with meth

An Oregon woman has been ordered to jail for felony methamphetamine possession.

Kristi J. Dejong, 44, of Haines, Ore., will spend 23 days in jail and also must pay nearly \$5,500 in fines and court costs.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan sentenced the woman Oct. 27 in a Murphy courtroom. He sentenced Dejong to a year in jail, but gave her credit for the 77 days she had sat behind bars since her March 11 arrest.

Dejong was originally charged with drug trafficking and misdemeanors counts of marijuana possession and paraphernalia possession.

All three charges were amended, and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped misde-

meanor possession charges for pot and paraphernalia.

According to court documents, Dejong was arrested at milepost 7 on U.S. 95 during a multi-agency emphasis patrol. She had been observed allegedly dropping something on the side of the road two to three miles from the Oregon-Idaho line after stopping the purple Chrysler PT Cruiser she was driving.

The police report said an Idaho State Police trooper found a container on the side of the road where Dejong had stopped. The can contained coffee grounds, a glass pipe and meth.

Drug paraphernalia was found after Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Jaime Wood's K-9 partner, Abby, alerted while checking the car out.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Cold feet

Yer lookin' at a feller with no tennis shoes, a '76 GMC pickup, an outhouse and a learning permit for a cellphone. But! Lest you lump me into that group of stodgy ol' dinosaurs that cling to the days of Garth Brooks, pygmy Angus, and real spare tires ... Let me assure you that I have stepped boldly into the modern world of manly footwear.

A constant recurring memory of workin' cows when I first started years ago was cold feet. Everybody wore their regular regulation cowboy boots with five-buckle overshoes. And everybody's feet got cold.

It was a common practice to scrape the snow and scatter straw around the chute where we were gonna be standin' all day. We'd keep a pickup runnin' with bottles of Vitamin A on the dash defroster to alternate when the cold turned it thick as axle grease.

We weren't above buildin' a fire nearby to slip up to when our fingers turned to frozen hot dogs. I'd stand by the flame 'til the rubber on my overshoes started steamin' and my toes tingled. But today things are different. Cowboys have benefited from NASA and the Hi-Tech ski clothing industry. I go outside on a beautiful 20° mornin' and spend all day in my insulated coveralls and moon boots. Wonderful waterproof moon boots with hard rubber soles and hard rubber toes. Step on me, drop anvils on my feet, stand me in one place for an hour, and my toes are still toasty and safe. They are an invention as radical as round bales, insecticide ear tags and affirmative action.

Alas, Leroy was still stuck in the five-buckle Dark Ages that late November when he and Tom completed the last circle on Yankee Bill Summit lookin' for stragglers. Four hours horseback in the Idaho Klondike had turned their feet to fudgesickles. They rode up to the last gate, and Leroy dismounted to let 'em through. The latch post was buttressed with big rocks. When he undid the wire gate, a 20-pounder slid off the pile and landed on Leroy's foot.

Never one to endure pain silently, he thrashed around and fell in the snow crying, "My toe's broke! My toe's broke!"

"Take off yer boot quick," instructed Tom, "Or it'll swell!"

"But it'll freeze," whined Leroy.

"It's that or gangrene," said Tom solemnly.

"I can't ride back to camp barefooted," he complained, "It's still a mile away."

"Fill yer overshoe with snow and put it back on. It'll keep the swelling down," suggested Tom.

Leroy stood on one leg holding his manly footwear and looked up at Tom, who never cracked a smile.

When Leroy and Tom hit camp, we helped Leroy off his horse, drained the ice water out of his overshoe and took him inside. I don't know the medical terminology they used to describe the condition of his foot in those days, but we all agreed ... it was blue.

— 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."

From Washington

Military veterans continue to answer the call to serve others in civilian life

Idaho veterans and veterans service providers have been among those assisting with hurricane recovery and other emergency response. Staff from the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center headed to Puerto Rico to assist. Area veterans and veterans service providers have skills of great use in a variety of fields, especially emergency response. They are highly trained, hard workers, who above all, have a deep personal understanding of what service means. They know what it is to overcome extreme conditions, fatigue and exhaustion to work together to assist others and save lives. Astute government agencies and organizations recognize this and tap into the skills of area veterans and military personnel to the benefit of our communities.

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recruited veterans for its wildland fire crews recognizing that they have strong leadership, communication, team work, logistical abilities, emergency medicine and more skills necessary for effective fire response. The BLM reports that, "People who work with these veterans report that they are dedicated, first-rate fire crews who have transferred their love of public service to protecting America's public lands." Similarly, the U.S. Forest Service recruits veterans for wildland firefighting programs, such as the Veterans Fire Corps.

Time and time again, veterans step up to serve others. They are often among the first ones in our communities to offer a helping hand. From welcoming returning veterans to assisting with navigating veterans services to providing listening ears and warm meals, veterans are consistently there and serving with extraordinary dedication and know-how.

We can all learn from the devoted service of veterans and help to honor their service by following their examples and helping to advance opportunities to leverage their talents in our communities.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides resources for veterans and others to

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volunteer. These include opportunities for businesses to start company-sponsored volunteer opportunities to assist veterans and students to obtain experience and training while assisting veterans at VA medical centers. There are also opportunities to assist with providing transportation for veterans seeking medical services, participating in welcome home events for returning veterans and more.

Information about these volunteer programs can be accessed at www.volunteer.va.gov. At www.va.gov/jobs/, the VA also provides resources aimed at employing the great experience of veterans in our nation's workforce.

As we celebrate veterans and their service this month, I will be focusing my guest columns on honoring veterans' service through effectively employing their skills and experience when they return home and ensuring access to resources that support their service and reflect their commitment to our nation.

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

Letter to the editor


ITD is responsible for Marsing water line

To the Idaho Transportation Department:

It is just common sense. It is your bridge, and Marsing was allowed to hang their water line on it. If you want to tear down your bridge, it is common sense that you re-hang the water line when the bridge is completed to where it can be hung.

The idea that you would try to bully the City of Marsing to be responsible for that line's replacement is the craziest thing I ever heard. If you don't want to be responsible for the water line, just leave the bridge alone.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing



Something on your mind?

We welcome
letters to the editor

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Commentary

Financial management

Ask trusted friend to keep you financial straight and narrow

Dear Dave,

Do you have any tips for how single people can stay on track with their finances?

— **Deb**

Dear Deb,

The first thing I'd suggest is the same advice I give to married couples, and that is to spend less than you make, and live on a written, monthly budget. Sit down at the end of each month and write down — on paper — all your expenses and income for the upcoming month. Give every dollar a job, then spend everything on paper before the month begins.

When you think about it, budgeting isn't that difficult. All it takes is a little time and a few basic math skills. Some expenses, like your mortgage

payment or rent, will be the same. If you have a car payment, it should remain constant, as well. Things like utilities and groceries may fluctuate a little based on the time of year, but you can formulate pretty accurate estimates by looking at past months.

Another thing I would recommend is finding a mature, trustworthy friend or family member to act as an accountability partner. This person should also be good with money, and your relationship should be strong enough that they're not afraid to call you out if you start behaving irresponsibly with your cash.

Sit down, just the two of you, once a month and talk about your finances. You can



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even go over your income and budget line-by-line if it helps. The point in this scenario is to get support from someone who cares about you, and is willing to be there — *and* help hold you accountable — for

the financial decisions you're making.

— **Dave**

Dear Dave,

What is your opinion of used car warranties?

— **Anonymous**

Dear Anonymous,

I'm not a fan of extended warranties in general, and I especially dislike used car warranties. In my mind, they're bad because they're expensive and — on average — of little benefit to the buyer.

Did you know, in many cases, only about 12 percent of what you pay for used car warranties goes to cover the cost of repairs? That means around 88 percent goes toward profit, overhead, and commissions. In fact,

some used car dealers make more money from the sale of extended warranties than they do on the sale of actual cars.

The best way to cover yourself is to buy smart and self-insure. Save up an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, and stay away from stuff like used car warranties!

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

Americans for Limited Government GOP Congress must run with Trump to avoid midterm mess

by *Robert Romano*

Republicans in Congress should be paying very close attention to the results in Virginia, where Ed Gillespie lost the gubernatorial race to Ralph Northam, and learn the right lesson for a change.

Political parties serve very much as a function of their standard bearers, which is who voters will rally to. Right now, that standard bearer for Republicans is President Donald Trump, who one year ago was elected.

And love it or hate it, the fortunes of Republicans in the House and to a lesser extent the Senate in 2018 will be tied to how successful Trump is at enacting his agenda in Congress.

The formula for potential success is quite simple. Want to keep Congress in 2018? Enact the Trump agenda that won the day in 2016. The promises including cutting taxes, repealing and replacing Obamacare and building the southern border wall, among others.

If the Republican Congress won't implement the Trump agenda, how do we justify a Republican majority in Congress?

It has been the failure to accomplish any major legislation in the first year that has driven down the approval of the Republican Congress. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) poll lower than the radical, violent Antifa movement, according to a poll by John McLaughlin. Only 15 percent support Ryan and McConnell. Twenty-one percent support Antifa. Just think about that for a second.

The reason is because they've lost the support of Republican voters. And if those voters stay home in the 2018 Congressional midterms, it will be their fault for failing to produce a sufficient legislative record worth bragging about next November.

Many of Trump's accomplishments, in fighting for better trade deals and rolling back major regulations, have been largely achieved without Congress acting. To be fair, Congress did enact

Congressional Review Act rollbacks of Obama administration midnight regulations, but as far as action against the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Paris climate accords, the new and existing coal power plant regulations and renegotiating NAFTA, that has been all Trump.

The GOP Congress needs to produce legislation. That means big tax cuts for every American who pays taxes. Repeal and replace Obamacare. And build the wall. Do your jobs. Trump is racing circles around you. He would have signed all of these bills by now. It is Congress that so far has not passed them. The irony is that in the primary, it was Trump's conservative credentials that were challenged by the sanctimonious #NeverTrump cabal.

President Trump has now blamed Gillespie's loss on Gillespie's failure to campaign on the Trump agenda. He's right.

This author lives in Virginia, and I got exactly one knock on the door to make sure I was voting. On Facebook, the only Gillespie videos that targeted me concerned preserving Confederate war memorials. That's it. Nothing about taxes, or stopping sanctuary cities, or even balancing the state budget. Just ads with Robert E. Lee statutes. Now, I happen to agree with preserving those statutes, but I also believe there were far more pressing issues facing Virginia in the election.

Congressional Republicans in 2018 cannot afford to make the same mistake. Voters rally to party standard bearers. Republicans who run away from Trump and the Trump agenda in 2018 will do so at their own peril. They will be suppressing their own voters.

Finally, a note on tax cuts. For goodness sake, cut everyone's taxes. Don't "pay" for tax cuts for some by raising taxes on others. Cut spending if you have to.

Right now, the current tax bill punishes high-income homeowners by targeting mortgage and property tax deductions. It punishes high-income individuals everywhere by eliminating the state and local tax

deduction. It punishes the elderly by eliminating the medical expenses deduction. Conversely, it rewards renters by doubling the standard deduction, which is fine, but why isn't everyone getting a tax cut?

How are Republicans in high tax states like New York, Illinois and California supposed to get reelected if Congress passes a bill that raised their constituents' taxes? If Republicans cannot cut taxes right, what can they do?

Republicans have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to govern with the House, Senate and White House, and they're blowing it. This opportunity is really rare. Only two Republican presidents since the Great Depression besides Trump have had that privilege — Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 and 1954 and George W. Bush from 2003 to 2006.

In the meantime, the high likelihood is Republicans will lose seats in the midterms. The White House incumbent party tends to lose House seats in midterm elections 89 percent of the time dating back a century, with losses averaging 35 seats. The exceptions were 1934, 1998 and 2002. That's it.

Now, losing seats does not mean losing the House. If anything, Republicans should be on offense. On the Senate side, nine seats up for election were in states that Trump carried in 2016: Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The 2018 election, like other midterms, is not necessarily a referendum on the president. White House incumbent parties almost always lose seats but then rebound and go on to win reelection.

The formula to win those seats is simple. Run with Trump on the Trump agenda. Cut everyone's taxes. Repeal and replace Obamacare. Build the wall. Or else it won't be Trump who pays the price. The president is not on the ballot in 2018. The Republican Congress is.

— *Robert Romano is the vice president of public policy at Americans for Limited Government.*

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 18, 1992

New jail facility dedicated

A large crowd gathered in Murphy last Friday afternoon to witness the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the new Owyhee County Law Enforcement Facility.

Owyhee County Commission Chairman Dick Bass cut the ribbon surrounded by Commissioner George Hyer, Sheriff Tim Nettleton, Commissioner Chet Sellman, Judge Daniel Eismann, construction manager Steve Wensel, and architect Joe Conrad.

The open house continued throughout the evening.

Animal ordinance to be topic of hearing Thurs.

A public hearing to discuss Homedale’s proposed new animal control ordinance was set for 6 p.m. tomorrow night at City Hall by the City Council at their regular meeting last Wednesday.

There have been several incidents in Homedale involving pit bulls, and the proposed ordinance would require owners of potentially dangerous dogs to obtain \$500,000 worth of liability insurance before they could be licensed.

Voice of Democracy winners named

The Wilder VFW post has named the winners of the Voice of Democracy contest, which was held in area schools.

The tapes, which were made by the winners, along with their scripts on the topic, “My Voice in America’s Future,” will be sent to the District contest which will be held in Nampa Dec. 3.

The winners are Greenleaf’s Juli Morse. Homedale’s Lenette Bale, and Julio Elizondo of Wilder.

The local contest had 27 participants from the three schools.

OSCD names farmer of year

The Owyhee Soil Conservation District has named Elmon Thompson and Kawai Farms as the 1992 Conservation Farmer of the Year for their conservation farming practices, district officials recently announced.

Thompson farms his own land in addition to managing Kawai Farms. He lives in the Marsing area with his wife, JoAnn, and has raised three children, one of whom is still at home.

Thompson, who has managed Kawai Farms for the past 18 years, has 800 acres of land on which he grows row crops of beans, alfalfa seed, wheat and corn.

The farms have recently purchased a furrow straw-mulching machine, with which they mulch nearly all of their row crop fields.

According to Thompson this not only saves soil and water, but has also provided a substantial yield increase.

Marsing High names Stahle Student of Month

Heather Stahle, a sophomore, has been named Marsing High School Student of the Month for October, according to Darrell Pamadone, principal.

Stahle, who is active in the school’s FFA, PAYADA and Natural Helper clubs, as well as the basketball team, was selected by the faculty on the basis of her citizenship, cheerful demeanor and classroom work, Pamadone said.

Stahle’s favorite classes are Ag and Algebra II. She is the daughter of Val and Connie Stahle.

50 years ago

November 16, 1967

Sports writer lauds Homedale High coaches

The following tribute to the Homedale High School Trojans and their coaches Ken and Daryl Kellum was written by Darrell Jensen of the Idaho Daily Statesman sports staff:

The Kellum brothers, Ken and Daryl, seem to have the correct system this fall for getting the most mileage out of what many considered an average ball club.

Ken is the head coach and Daryl is his assistant.

This is Ken’s first year at the helm of the Trojans, and so far his team has ripped off nine wins in as many outings and walked off with the SRV A-3 title. Homedale hosted Marsing in the final game Friday night and won handily.

Homedale now sports 14 wins in a row. The last defeat came at the hands of a strong Parma club in the third week of the 1966 season.

Owyhee land classification discussions set

Classification of public lands in western Owyhee County for multiple-use management is being discussed at a series of public meetings in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon. Ed Booker, Boise District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management, announced that his office has scheduled meetings in the Courthouse at Murphy tonight, Nov. 16, and in the elementary school at 8 p.m. A meeting was held last night at Jordan Valley, Ore.

The area discussed at the meetings extends from the Idaho-Oregon state line east to Castle and Deep Creeks and from the Idaho-Nevada state line north to the Snake River.

The Owyhee County classification is part of a nationwide program authorized by the 1964 Classification and Multiple Use Act. Booker said, in that law, Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior to classify public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management either for disposal or for multiple-use management.

Persons who have ideas on how the public lands should be used in the future will find the meetings an opportunity to make their views a matter of record, Booker declared.

Homedale council hears request for gasoline plant

Besides conducting regular business, including approval of bills totaling \$3,185.45, the Homedale City Council at its meeting Monday night discussed the request of an oil company to install four above-ground gasoline and fuel tanks at a location within the city limits.

The council requested a blueprint of plans and location of tanks on lots 20, 21 and 22 in Block 62 (location of the former Owyhee Tractor Sales of Wyoming Avenue) before making a decision.

The request is from the Continental Oil Company to install the tanks, two of 12,000-gallon capacity and two of 14,000 gallons and a loading rack.

Powderpuff grid tilt held Monday

The third annual Powderpuff football game was held Monday evening at Homedale High School. This year’s game featured the seniors and the freshmen versus the juniors and the sophomores.

The game turned out to be a stiff defensive battle as neither team could manage a score in the first half. The second half brought the first and only score of the game when Anne Morris, senior fullback, was able to make the touchdown and point after.

140 years ago

November 17, 1877

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL — The debate in the House on Thursday took a wide range as will be seen by the following: Banks favored keeping the army up to the authorized maximum, 25,000 men. He would vote to send 10,000 or 15,000 to the Texas frontier, on condition that they should not cross it, but maintain the peace of Texas, and thus prevent the possibility of a war. That would be wise economy. Phillips said that the Adjutant-General told him that, from the best data, the army stood at about 22,000. Nominally, the army was 25,000 strong. He wished to ask the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee if he desired to keep it down to the standard to which it had been reduced by Joseph and Sitting Bull. When General Gibbon attacked Joseph, he had six companies, with but 100 men in all the six; and the committee made its appropriation on that basis. Blackburn moved to reduce the army to 15,000 men. He denied for himself and the members on his side of the House, that the proper method of prevention such disorders as disgraced the country last summer, was to be found in an increase of the army or in supplying more canister and grape shot to shoot down the impoverished laborers of the land, who dared complain of the robberies of which they were victims, by reason of the persistent class legislation of the last fifteen years. {Some applause in the galleries.} He gave notice that he would call for the yeas and nays in the House on his amendment, so as to test the sense of the House whether it would propose to redress the wrongs of impoverished citizens of the country by an increase of military power.

THE CONDITION of the relations now existing between this country and Mexico is disgraceful and outrageous. The American Minister to that country wants a new treaty. Past experience has shown that the Mexicans have about as much respect for treaties as they have for the idle winds that blow across Mexican soil. Any kind of diplomacy with the outlaws who infest that region is a waste of effort and a mockery. But there are many public men who persist in this humiliation business, and thereby demonstrate the character of the dunghill patriots we have in power at Washington. The march of an army of ten thousand men into the heart of Mexico, to avenge the repeated insults that this nation has received at the hands of the piratical outlaws of that country, would be the most wholesome kind of diplomacy to inaugurate at the present crisis. But the pluck, the nerve, the firmness and capacity to meet such an emergency do not evidently exist; and a detestable craven imbecility is permitted to mark the career of the Government in its handling of the Mexican question. How long, O Lord, how long?

MINERS’ HOTEL REOPENED, SILVER CITY, IDAHO — The accommodations offered at this Hotel will be found in every way satisfactory to those who may favor us with their patronage. The Tables will always be supplied with the very best the market affords and no pains will be spared to make our patrons comfortable in every respect. Board per week—\$8.00. Board and Lodging—\$10.00. S. T. Anderson, Proprietor.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE: TRANSFERS.— Among the transfers recorded at the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County during the past month were the following: H. B. Maize and F. St. Clair to William F. Sommercamp, the property known as the St. Clair mine, in the town of Franconi. Price \$850.

Public notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF
PETITIONING
THE DISTRICT COURT TO
CONVENE
A GRAND JURY IN
OWYHEE
COUNTY
ORDER SUMMONING AND
CONVENING A GRAND
JURY

The Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County, Idaho has petitioned this Court to order that a grand jury be summoned and convened in Owyhee County. After careful review of the Petition and the Idaho statutes and rules regarding grand jury proceedings, and for good cause, the Court finds that the public interest of Owyhee County requires that a grand jury be summoned to inquire into public offenses committed or triable within Owyhee County for the reasons set forth in the Petition filed by the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a grand jury be summoned and convened in Owyhee County, Idaho, on Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., to commence inquiry into the matter of public offenses committed or triable within Owyhee County. The Court finds that the public interest requires this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Jury Commissioner and Assistant Jury Commissioner shall summon a sufficient number of legally qualified jurors so that at least twenty-five (25) legally qualified jurors appear at the Owyhee County Courthouse, on Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., and that from those twenty-five (25) persons, a grand jury of at least sixteen (16) persons shall be selected;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County shall attend the District Court on Tuesday, November 21st, 2017, 9:00 a.m. and then either he, or a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, shall attend all sessions of the grand jury offering advice, information, and assistance to the grand jury pursuant to Idaho statutes and Idaho criminal Rule 6.2;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County shall cooperate with and assist the Court in

securing rooms and facilities for use by the grand jury as required by Idaho statutes;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once selected and convened, the grand jury shall serve until discharged by the Court and during its term shall meet from time to time as necessary to conduct its business;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be filed with the Clerk of this Court and that said Clerk shall post a copy of this Order in the Owyhee County Courthouse, at the locations where court schedules are posted, on the general bulletin board where public notices are posted in the Courthouse and shall furnish a copy of this Order to the newspaper which has been designated by the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners for publication of legal notices.

Said copy shall be posted and provided to the designated newspaper for publication no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall designate a deputy clerk and a substitute deputy clerk who will be made available to process records and documents pertaining to the activities of the grand jury in such a manner that the secrecy requirements of the law as well as other provisions of Idaho Statutes and Idaho Criminal Rule 6 regarding Grand Jury proceedings are satisfied.

DATED This 8th day of November, 2017.

s:/Thomas J. Ryan, District Judge

11/15,22/2017

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

October 2, 10, 16, 23 and 30, 2017

October 2

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$28,479; Road and bridge \$240,261; District Court \$1,236; Fair, Grounds & Buildings \$6,636; Probation \$553; Health District \$4,556; Historical Society & Museum \$92; Indigent & Charity \$16,028; Jr. College Tuition \$950; Pest \$3,500; Revaluation \$578; Solid Waste \$5,921; Tort \$62,253; Weeds \$150; 911 \$1,773; County Vessel \$5; Off Highway Vehicles \$766; Taxing District Elections \$36,535; Economic Development \$540

Designated the polling places

for the November 7, 2017 Election.

Approved the Fifth Amendment to the Enhanced Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Idaho Power.

Approved the spring and fall semi-annual maintenance agreement with Owyhee Heating and Air in the amount of \$1440.00.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-140 and 2017-141, and 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students 2017-142, 2017-143 and 2017-144.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 17-43, 17-44 and 17-45.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-43.

Approved a letter to Dean Cameron, Implementation Real Estate Specialist for the United States Postal Service, regarding the Murphy Office relocation.

October 10

Approved a contract with Showalter Construction Company for demolition of the Homedale Armory in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Approved the City of Grand View real estate lease agreement for the DMV building.

Approved Resolution 2017-27; Adjusting the mileage reimbursement rate for travel in personal vehicles, associated with official county business, and for jury duty travel to the Internal Revenue Service rate.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student #2017-145.

Appointed Annette Dygert, effective Monday October 23, 2017 by swearing in at 10:00 a.m.

Approved the full time hire from part time of Cameron Winckler as dispatcher to begin on Monday October 9, 2017 at a rate of \$14.76 per hour.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-42.

October 16

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense, \$115,930; Road and Bridge, \$55,431; District Court, \$3,422; Probation, \$442; Historical Society & Museum, \$192; Indigent & Charity, \$484; Junior College Tuition, \$500; Revaluation, \$402; Solid Waste,

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report For 3 Month Period-Quarter Ending 9/30/2017 As required by Idaho Code 50-1011					
4th Quarter FY 2017	2017 Budget	Actual Expense	% of Budget Expense	Actual Revenue	% of Budget Revenue
GENERAL-CITY	\$81722	\$15578	19%	\$16370	20%
STREET & ROAD	\$48228	\$8838	18%	\$11820	24%
PARK	\$5600	\$15	0%	\$0	0%
SEWER	\$186028	\$24784	13%	\$25836	13%
WATER	\$302923	\$54106	17%	\$53287	17%
TOTAL	\$624501	\$103321	16%	\$107313	17%
The general public is invited to inspect all support documents for the above financial statement at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho during regular business hours. Jodi Jewett, City Clerk 11/07/2017					
11/15/2017					
\$15,230; 911, \$15,111; County Vessel, \$75; Waterways, \$517; Off Highway Vehicle, \$534; Taxing District, \$544; Economic Development, \$613					
Approved a letter of intent for Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District FY2018 funding.					
Approved the Owyhee County Personnel Manual update.					
Approved the re-certification of 2017 Levies.					
Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Student #2017-146 and 2017-147.					
Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2017-148.					
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 17-46, 17-47, 17-48, 17-49, 17-50 & 17-51.					
Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-46.					
Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-48.					
Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-44.					
Approved a letter to Idaho State BLM Director Tim Murphy regarding the Crutcher's Crossing road improvement.					
Approved the BLM Communication Sites Annual Certification for Wilson Peak, Rough Mountain and Juniper Mountain.					
Approved Resolution 2017-28; restricting the use of Jake brakes on portions of Hwy 19 in Owyhee County.					
Approved Ordinance 2017-01; Restriction of Air Brakes on Hwy 19 between Williams Lane and Johnstone Road.					
Approved Resolution 2017-29; restriction of use of air brakes on Hwy 19 between Williams Road and Johnstone Road.					
October 23					
Approved Bonneville Blueprint Maintenance Contract for HP Design Jet.					
Approved a pay increase for Haylee Smith to \$17.75 per hour as the new Chief Deputy Treasurer.					
Approved the new hire of Julie Morgan at the Owyhee County Extension Office at \$15.94 per hour.					
Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Student #2017-150.					
Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-51, Idaho Code 31-3506.					
Annette L. Dygert was sworn into the office of Owyhee County Treasurer and Haylee Smith was also sworn in as the Owyhee County Chief Deputy Treasurer.					
Approved the Agency Contract Change Form for the Local Government Investment Pool, updating the new Treasurer information.					
Sent a comment letter to the Public Defense Commission regarding the rules they are considering.					
October 30					
Approved a five-year lease with Caterpillar Finance for two road graders.					
Placed liens on Indigent and Charity case 17-52 and 17-53.					
Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-52.					
Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-47.					
Suspended Indigent and Charity case 17-50.					
Accepted the Idaho Office of Emergency Management SHSP Grant in the amount of \$14,018.72 for replacement of dispatch radios.					
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.					
11/15/2017					



Public notices

ORDINANCE NO. A-200
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 3-1-3 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE, ENUMERATING AND DEFINING PUBLIC NUISANCES AND ADDING FUGITIVE DUST AS A PROHIBITED PUBLIC NUISANCE; AMENDING SECTION 3-1-3-1A OF THE MARSING CITY CODE DECLARING PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISES TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; AMENDING SECTION 3-1-4 TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing finds that fugitive dust from construction or other soil disturbances is contrary to the preservation of public safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has authority under Idaho Code Section 50-334 to declare and abate public nuisances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 3, "Enumeration of Nuisances" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3-1-3: ENUMERATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCES:

Public nuisances shall be defined as follows:

A. Any condition or use of a premises or property which creates a fire hazard and/or creates a condition for the harborage of rodents and insects which may pose a health risk or are injurious to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

B. The keeping or depositing on or the scattering over any premises or real property any of the following:

1. Lumber, paper, junk, trash, boxes or debris.

2. Abandoned, discarded or unused objects, personal property and/or equipment such as furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans, containers, tools or parts of personal property.

3. Partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, discarded or otherwise nonoperating motor vehicles or parts thereof except at a licensed salvage yard or property where the primary business is the repair of motor vehicles.

C. Any cattle, horses, sheep, llamas or goats, or combination of said animals, which are not

contained in a fenced area of at least one-fourth (1/4) acre per animal, including any dwelling.

D. Any fowl not kept or maintained in coops or cages, any fowl in excess of twelve (12) in number at any time and any fowl which is not hooded or otherwise kept silent from sunset to sunrise. Roosters are prohibited from being kept or maintained within the city limits.

E. Any horse or other animal in the streets, alleys or other public places or allowed to run loose or unattended within the city.

F. Any hog or pig or its offspring.

G. Any "dangerous animal", which shall mean any wild animal including, but not limited to, mountain lions, cougars, lynx, bobcats, badgers, bears, ocelots, or any other animal normally found in the wild; any dog which has exhibited dangerous propensities toward other animals or human beings; or any other animal exhibiting characteristics which pose a potential threat to the health and welfare of other animals or human beings.

H. Any bones, putrid, unsound, or unwholesome refuse or flesh of any kind of animal, fish or fowl; any unsound, putrid or unwholesome substance; the carcass of any animal; any offal, garbage or other offensive matter; or any stagnant or impure water cast, left, or kept in or upon any portion of the city.

I. Any stagnant or impure water, refuse vegetables, decayed or decaying matter, or garbage or filth of any kind permitted or allowed to accumulate in or upon any yard, lot or premises within the city.

J. All rubbish, trash, litter, debris, garbage or other waste substances and any noxious, deleterious, harmful and/or unhealthy growths of weeds which exceed eight inches (8") in height and are located on a lot or premises within the city and which are not removed and/or cut and chopped into small pieces.

K. Any chemical, compound mixture, substance or article which is designated by the United States environmental protection agency or appropriate agency of the state to be "hazardous waste" as that term is defined by or pursuant to federal or state law.

L. Any fugitive dust emanating from any property within city limits, or, from property outside the city limits, which enters any property within city limits.

I. Fugitive dust is defined as

particulate matter suspended in the air, such as that from soil that has been disturbed by wind or human activities, like earthmoving and vehicular or equipment traffic on unpaved surfaces.

2. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. Failure to take reasonable precautions to prevent fugitive dust may result in abatement proceedings as set forth below, in addition to any enforcement actions by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality under Idaho Administrative Rule 58.01.01.651.

1. See also section 4-2-4 of this code.

3. For agricultural activity purposes, operating in conformance with generally recognized agricultural practices as defined in IDAPA 58.01.01.652 constitutes reasonable control of fugitive dust.

SECTION 2: That Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 3, Subsection 1A, "Public Disturbance Noise" is hereby amended as follows:

3-1-3-1: PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISE:

A. Public Nuisance Declared: It is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and to be unlawful for any person to cause or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, sound that is a public disturbance noise.

SECTION 3: That Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 4, "NOTICE TO ABATE" is hereby amended as follows:

3-1-4: NOTICE TO ABATE:

A. Issuance: Whenever the mayor, city clerk-treasurer, building inspector or such other officer as provided by law finds that a public nuisance exists, he shall cause to be served upon the owner, agent, or occupant of the property on which the nuisance is located, or upon the person causing or maintaining the public nuisance, a written notice to abate or to request a hearing as provided in section 3-1-5 of this chapter.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 8th day of November, 2017.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
:s/James Ferdinand, Mayor
ATTEST:
:s/Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
11/15/2017

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HELP WANTED

Owyhee County Road and Bridge District 1 Is accepting applications for a Road and Bridge Operator. Must have experience operating heavy equipment, performing skilled maintenance and construction work on county roads and bridges to ensure the safety of the general public. CDL required. Must be able to pass background check and drug/alcohol test. Starting wage \$14.76 - \$15.50/hr. DOE. Position will remain open until filled. Please contact the Owyhee County Clerk's office for an application and job description. The information can also be found online at www.owyheecounty.net Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.

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