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BINGO IS BACK!



Marsing Lions bingo returns to Legion center

Above: Marsing Lions Club members Steve Sloyer (left) and David VanWassenhove check numbers to verify a winner after one of the 12 bingo games played Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center. The next Lions bingo night is planned for Saturday, April 10 with an early bird game beginning at 6:45 p.m. The hot number jackpot rolls over from this month because there was no winner.

Right: Sloyer checks the pattern for the upcoming game ("Broken Frame") before cranking up the ball jumbler and calling numbers Saturday. The bingo night returned after a four-month hiatus.



Homedale council may finalize sewer funding strategy

Developers proposing RV park get their hearing tonight

The Homedale City Council could finalize its plan to ask a judge for a sewer bond during its meeting tonight.

The council held a public hearing on the judicial confirmation route to secure

funding for sewer infrastructure repairs during last month's meeting.

By seeking judicial confirmation, the council bypasses the voters to obtain funding for replacement of sewer lines that are more than 50 years old and a rehabilitation of the sewer lagoons that is at least two decades overdue.

The city is on a timeline to get the work completed

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Highway, library districts brace for May elections

Candidacy petition period ends March 19

One election season wrapped up Tuesday, and it's already time to start thinking about May balloting.

Commissioners and trustees could be on the ballot on May 18 for highway districts and library districts.

Prospective candidates have until 5 p.m., on Friday, March 19 to file nomination papers with the Owyhee County election office in Murphy or the clerk of the specific taxing district.

Candidacy declaration forms are available from the county election office inside the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy, or can be obtained from the county website at www.owyheecounty.net.

The write-in candidacy declaration deadline is 5 p.m., on Friday, March 26.

Incumbents whose four-year highway commissioner terms are ending include:

- **Homedale** — John Demshar, subdistrict 2
- **Gem (Marsing)** — Morris Giedd, district 1, and Jeff Percifield, district 2
- **Three Creek** — Brent Brennan and JR Robinson, who serve at-large

Three library districts also could have trustees elections for six-year terms:

- **Lizard Butte (Marsing)** — Liane Waddington, districtwide

• **Eastern Owyhee County (Grand View)** — Marilyn Dean, who is board vice-chair, and Vera Lea Jayo. Both positions are districtwide.

• **Bruneau Valley** — Judy Erwin and Rachel Larsen are districtwide trustees.

HES expansion clears final hurdle

Site prep expected this week

Preliminary work could start this week on a \$1.373 million Homedale Elementary School classroom addition.

District officials and three trustees received information on low-bid subcontractors during a March 2 special meeting. The meeting was

anchored at the district office, but board chair Kurt Shanley (Zone 1), Zone 4 Trustee Shelley Shenk, and representatives from general contractor Beniton Construction and architects Design West logged in via the internet.

Superintendent Rob Sauer, who attended the meeting in person along with Zone 2 Trustee Leslie Parker, said that Zone 3 Trustee Dwayne

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Marsing FFA Alumni's online auction bidding set to close Thursday

The annual Marsing FFA Alumni Auction, which has been taken online this year, closes Thursday.

Some of the items at <https://event.auctria.com/auction/MarsingFFAAlumniAuction2021> include hay bales, a wooden bench, horseshoe art made by FFA members and choice of a homemade pie.

Winning bidders can pick up

auction items between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Friday.

That's also the window to pick up tri-tip dinners that were ordered through another FFA fundraiser. Orders were taken through Monday.

Anyone unable to pick up their items Friday can contact chapter advisor Hannah Mamer or anyone on the alumni committee.

2nd Amendment sanctuary talk enters 3rd month in Marsing

State senator scheduled to enter discussion

After two months of discussion, the Marsing City Council will hear more testimony about creating a Second Amendment sanctuary.

This time, coordinators Rose Gress and Marlene Moore called on someone intimately involved in gun rights.

Dist. 23 state Sen. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) will make an appearance at the meeting in support of Gress and Moore.

Dallon Fondgren and Josh Sarette from Marsing business Armed Everyday will also join the sanctuary discussion.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m., today inside City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The topic was first brought to the council on Jan. 13 when Gress made her request. The council took no action.

At the February council meeting, Gress returned, along with Moore, to discuss the topic again during the public input part of the meeting. No action was taken on

the matter because the women weren't on the agenda.

The issue is listed as a "possible action" item during Mayor Chad Sevy's portion of the meeting, which takes place near the end of the evening.

Sanctuary proponents want the city to declare itself as a supporter of the Second Amendment, which guarantees Americans the right to keep and bear arms. They believe that with the changing of political leadership at the national level, those rights will be infringed upon.

Also during tonight's meeting, reports will be presented to the council for consideration:

- After speaking with Idaho Power and the Idaho Transportation Department, city engineer Kirby Cook will present his finding regarding the potential installation of additional streetlights on North Bruneau Highway for safety purposes. Marsing resident Floydine Egurrola proposed the idea during the February meeting.
- Public works superintendent Philip Gibson will introduce the newest member of his crew, Ryan Flannery. Flannery will replace Ed Lowder, who will retire on March 31 after working 15 years for the city.

Gibson will also update the council on various projects his crew has completed and those they will start work on before the April council meeting.

Gibson and his crew have installed the fuel tank for the backup wastewater treatment plant and applied ground sterilant in the city in preparation for the warmer months.

Public works will apply fertilizer and insecticide in the city's parks and will begin prep irrigation for the upcoming season.

- City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney, code enforcement officer Cory Callison, and Owyhee County Sheriff's Cpl. Atanacio Montes will also present their monthly reports.
- The Marsing FFA chapter is soliciting the city's support for the Alumni Auction.
- The city council will also consider re-appointing Les Loucks Jr. to the Marsing Housing Authority Board.

Last year, it came to the council's attention that the task of appointing members to the board was the city's responsibility and so some changes had to be made. To make the terms more consistent, five board members serve terms of varying lengths of one to five years. Loucks served a one-year term and is now being considered for five years.

- The council will also decide on multiple proposed business licenses, including Tim Steele Used Car Sales and Charros, dba King Taco, and Left Handed Cookie Art.

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Fearing social justice curriculum, House kills bill to accept early childhood education grant

Possible loss to AEYC funding could affect Marsing program

by Alexandra Duggan
UI McClure Center intern

The Idaho House voted against a bill that would provide the State Board of Education with additional early childhood education funding.

The March 2 defeat of House Bill 226, a vehicle to accept a \$6 million Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) preschool development grant, could mean the loss of significant funding for early-learning opportunities in 14 communities, including Marsing.

The bill failed, 34-36. Dist. 23 Reps. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) and Matthew Bundy (R-Mountain Home) voted in favor of HB 226, but were among those who voted against a motion to reconsider the legislation after the bill was defeated.

Ken Price, Marsing School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center site director, said the grant could affect the Husky Pups Preschool. That program, which is operated out of the Marsing HUB, serves a dozen pre-kindergarten students from Marsing, and four from the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Program, Price said. Two of the COSSA students are from

Homedale.

The program is part of a suite of offerings at The HUB that includes WICAP Headstart and COSSA special education.

"Our goal has been to provide early childhood educational opportunities to any Marsing family that would be interested," Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart told The Owyhee Avalanche.

"Our partnership with WICAP Headstart allows early childhood education for families that are interested and qualify," Stewart said. "Our Husky Pup Preschool provides early childhood opportunities for families that don't qualify for Headstart but still choose to have their child attend."

After a wide range of debate on the House floor last week, the conversation shifted from the grant to the curriculum within schools and what children in Idaho are learning.

The bill would be using the education nonprofit AEYC. Because the nonprofit has statements regarding equity, the debate on the House floor shifted drastically when Dist. 7A Rep. Priscilla Giddings (R-White Bird) spoke.

"You are not privileged based on your gender or your race. So, why are we teaching this to our children?" Giddings asked.

The bill originally would have provided funds to create a statewide early

childhood development assessment to determine the needs based on their city because Idaho is diverse in rural and urban areas. It also would strive to improve readiness for children in schools before they enter kindergarten and try to facilitate networks for local communities to help teach their children.

Idaho is ranked 48th out of 50 states in K-12 education.

Many supporters for the bill like Dist. 5B Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy (R-Genesee) and Dist. 12B Rep. Rick Youngblood (R-Nampa) listed needs for rural communities to connect with other people and resources for early development to help children get a head start to succeed in life.

However, the discussion still turned toward the concept of "social justice" being taught in preschools and the concept of motherhood.

Dist. 7B Rep. Charlie Shepherd (R-Riggins), said that he believed the bill will end up hurting the family unit in the process.

"Any bill that makes it easier or more convenient for mothers to come out of the home and somebody else raise their child, I just don't think that is a good direction for us to be going," Shepherd said.

Stewart took umbrage with Shepherd's comments.

"I was shocked at the stance Rep. Shephard took regarding mothers and

their personal choice regarding early childhood education and their right to work or not work," Stewart said. "For us, it has always been about choice."

Shepherd later apologized for his comments.

Dist. 11B Rep. Tammy Nichols (R-Middleton) brought up how her son had to write a paper on the wealth gap regarding Black Americans and how she was not pleased with the fact children in Idaho are learning in that way.

Nichols said that ideas like social justice and critical race theory coming from national organizations are going to trickle down into local schools.

"Teaching (kids) to be activists and to do things that we feel as parents coming from a conservatively known state is inappropriate," Nichols said.

While the national AEYC would have a contract with Idaho to help with resources, the organization does not currently have a national curriculum to implement within local schools.

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County’s COVID-19 daily case rate drops below 1.0 per 10,000

Although the COVID-19 daily incidence rate has dipped below 1.0, Owyhee County remains in the yellow health alert level for another week.

There is a good chance that, with a 0.79 daily case rate per 10,000 people, the county could slide into the gray level later this week. Several other counties in the Southwest District Health jurisdiction already have been placed in the gray level.

In its weekly update, SWDH reported that the county’s positivity rate (8.89 percent) continued to drop, but showed that the virus is more prevalent in the county than the health district’s data shows.

The health district also said sustained community transmission is evident in the rising percentage of cases in which an exposure source can’t be identified. The report said 54.55 percent of cases can identify their exposure source.

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

885

March 2 to March 8 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 7
Probable cases, 133 (New: 6)
Deaths: 26 (New: 2)
People who recovered: 950 (New: 12)
Health alert level: Yellow
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

3,365

New cases, March 2 to March 8: 34
Deaths: 58 (New: 0)
Negative tests: 21,727 (New: 4,188)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Between Feb. 21 and Feb. 27, there were two student cases of confirmed or probable COVID-19 infection in the

Marsing School District. As of March 1, 33 staff and students from local school districts were quarantined after exposure to someone with COVID-19. Only one school-related isolation for COVID-19 infection was reported.

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Roll available each day except March 17th

March 10: Tuna noodle casserole, country trio vegetables
March 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach
March 16: Bacon ranch BBQ chicken, rice, California blend vegetables
March 17: Cheeseburger on bun, baked potato, Brussels sprouts

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

March 10: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, graham crackers, wheat bread
March 12: Crunchy tuna casserole, winter blend vegetables, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll
March 15: Chicken stir fry with rice, oriental blend vegetables, ginger pears, wheat bread
March 17: Corned beef with cabbage, red potatoes, glazed carrots, green Jello with pears, wheat roll

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March 11: Taco bar, hamburger, cheese, sour cream, onion, olives, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, tortilla shells, pudding muffin
March 16: St. Patrick’s corned beef dinner, cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, green salad with green grapes and green apples, pudding, roll, pineapple upside-down cake

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South Mountain 4-H members weigh steers

The South Mountain 4-H club conducted weigh-ins Saturday in a step toward fair season. Despite chilly conditions, the club members created a big turnout at the home of Todd and Shelley Gluch at 11 a.m., for the event. All the steers made weight. From left: Ryann Skinner, Colby Starbuck, Kyndra Williams, Alex Williams, and Stetson Mackenzie. Information provided by club reporter Kyndra Williams

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✓ Homedale: Utah Avenue woman wants to live in 5th-wheel temporarily

because of a compliance schedule entered into with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Not completing the work by a 2025 deadline could reopen the door to an environmental group’s threat to sue the city.

If the judicial confirmation is OK’d tonight, and a judge signs off on the request, the city could seek up to \$10.3 million in several different funding vehicles to cover the work.

Tonight’s meeting begins at 6 inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The vote on a petition for judicial confirmation will be taken later in tonight’s meeting.

The meeting starts with a public hearing on Caldwell

developers’ plan to revamp the old Homedale Auto Recyclers property at the corner of North 4th Street East and East Idaho Avenue into a large RV park with retail space.

Madison Fundamentals LLC has a purchase agreement in place to acquire the old wrecking yard property as well as a parcel north of a vacated portion of East Owyhee Avenue to build a 57-space RV park and a convenience store with laundry services.

The maximum stay in the RV park would be 30 days, and the developers want to bring water and electrical hookups to all 57 spots.

The council is scheduled to vote on the developers’ special use permit later

in the meeting during the mayor and council member report.

Another property issue will be addressed early in the meeting, too.

Kathy Pelletier, who lives in the 200 block of West Utah Avenue, requests permission to live in her fifth-wheel RV until June 2021. The council will discuss the request and possibly take a vote.

The council will take the annual step to declare April Fair Housing Month.

Reports also will be heard from the police department, public works department, the city engineer, the city clerk — who addresses dog license sales, building permits and Planning and Zoning issues — and the city attorney.

— JPB

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice

Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

March 10: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.

March 11: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams with yogurt. **Lunch:** Chili, cornbread.

March 15: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar. **Lunch:** Crispito, string cheese, corn.

March 16: **Breakfast:** Toast and sausage patty. **Lunch:** Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots.

March 17: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese

Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily

Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

March 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

March 11: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Crispito, corn.

March 15: **Breakfast:** Frudel. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables.

March 16: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

March 17: **Breakfast:** Tornado. **Lunch:** Pizza hot pocket, steamed carrots.

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg

Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

March 10: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges.

March 11: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait. **Lunch:** Beef taco with corn, cookie or burrito with corn, cookie.

March 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull-apart. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mozzarella bites or pizza hot pocket.

March 16: **Breakfast:** English muffin breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese. **Lunch:** Crisпитos with refried beans or deli sandwich with chips.

March 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast quesadilla or mini waffles. **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper.

Marsing

Includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option

Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

March 10: **Breakfast:** Texas toast. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick.

March 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn. Hot Grab-n-go: Orange chicken rice bowl.

March 15: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Corn dog, chocolate chunk cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Wild Mike’s pepperoni pizza.

March 16: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans. Cold Grab-n-go: BBQ chicken salad.

March 17: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty. Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta.

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

March 10: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans.

March 11: **Breakfast:** Muffins. **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots.

March 15: **Breakfast:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich. **Lunch:** Little Smokies and roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans.

March 16: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly. **Lunch:** Taco salad and chips, refried beans, salsa.

March 17: **Breakfast:** French toast. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots.

NOCWMA Spray Day scheduled for April 10

Young volunteers sought to help with event

Few things changed when the Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area gathered for its annual meeting last Wednesday at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale.

But there is a new administrative assistant.

The board voted to accept Julie Perkins to replace outgoing assistant Jodie Dickerson. Perkins will also work in the same capacity for the Eastern Owyhee CWMA.

“Julie actually has a lot more experience doing this kind of work than I do,” Dickerson said. “She’s going to be a really good addition.”

Perkins grew up in Bruneau and has deep roots in Owyhee County.

The NOCWMA board of directors chose to keep its current structure, with all members retaining their same positions.

- Chairman Paddy Doyle of Homedale
- Vice-chair Tim Volk of Homedale
- Secretary/treasurer Elmon Thompson of Marsing
- At-large director Kent Curtis of Homedale

It was also decided to hold NOCWMA’s annual Spray Day on Saturday, April 10.

Small containers of Chlorsulfuron powder will be handed out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., adjacent to the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The chemical can be applied to control puncturevine, com-

monly known as goat heads.

The board is also looking for young recruits to help out during Spray Day and is reaching out to Homedale and Marsing FFA chapters for that purpose. They are also planning on contacting senior leadership advisors at the town’s two high schools to potentially find students to help out as part of their senior projects.

Doyle also posited the idea of talking with the FFA chapters about students creating weed identification posters as a visual aid to display when the chemicals are dispersed.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and Idaho Department of Fish and Game will also be invited to participate in Spray Day.

NOCWMA provides spraying safety tips to be used by anyone applying chemicals to weeds:

- Wear protective clothing, including boots, gloves, safety glasses, long sleeves and pants
- Do not let children spray because it can be hazardous to their health.
- Do not spray in temperatures above 85 degrees because of volatility, or in winds higher than 10 mph because of overspray concerns.
- Do not spray near standing water, livestock tanks, gardens, or other vegetation
- Do not spray within three feet of desired vegetation, grass, flowers, bushes, trees.
- Do not over- or under-spray chemical because targeted weeds can become resistant to chemical.

The board will hold one more meeting prior to Spray Day, at noon on Wednesday, March 31 at the Owyhee County Community Center.

To volunteer to help during Spray Day or for more information, contact Perkins at (208) 519-1533.

Obituaries

Joyce Elaine Williams

Joyce Elaine Williams, 84, of Homedale, Idaho, passed away on February 26, 2021. Joyce was born to Fred and Mary (Pierce) Stutheit in Otis, Co., Aug. 14th, 1936.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Valjean Pelcher.

She is survived by her brother Bud Stutheit and family, daughter Mary Jane Ortiz, Mike Stutheit and family, Shawn Bales and family, stepdaughters Anna Taylor and family, Sandy Weisenberger and family, nephew Fred Stutheit and



family, granddaughter Julia Bales and fiancé Jason Garlow, stepgrandchildren Nathan

Williams, Flora Bryce and family, Gage Taylor and family, Tosha and Joshua of Missouri and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was very loved and will be missed by all.

Joyce was the proud owner of Joyce’s Bar in Homedale during the ’70s and ’80s. She enjoyed talking daily with her family and friends including talking weekly to her longtime friend Jerry Douglas to reminisce about the old days.

Joyce’s wish was for no services.

Donna Lorene Waters

Graveside service for Donna Lorene Waters, 74, of Emmett, passed away Friday March 5, 2021 at home will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday March 10th at the Emmett Cemetery. Services are in the care of the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

Donna was born on September 16, 1946 at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico to James and Pauline Crawford Holsey. She lived in various places growing up because her father was in the Air Force. The family settled in Emmett in the 1960s. She married Jerry Waters on September 25, 1965 at Emmett where she has since resided.

Donna worked as a cook at the Stokely-VanCamp cannery

and later cooked at the Rainbow Café. She attended Boise State University and later became employed with the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Department. Following that she worked for the Commission of the Blind, as a bookkeeper of the Idaho State School and Hospital. Eventually she worked as an auditor for the Health and Welfare Department. That followed with a position for 15 years with EOA.

She enjoyed drawing, painting, knitting, crocheting, ceramics, camping, boating, and sight-seeing.

Survivors include husband, Jerry Waters; children Mark Waters of Emmett and Mike (Kim) Waters of Emmett;

Grandchildren Candice Waters, Christopher (Bre’Annen) Waters, Joey (Jamie) Waters, Sarah (Christopher) Seitz, Elaina Waters, Trever (Alyssa) Cochran, Talarie Waters, Tanner Waters, Taber Waters; Great-Grandchildren; Lauren Cochran Maison Manery, Khloe Waters, Tucker Waters, Lyla Waters, Hayden Waters, Caleb Waters, Tempy Waters, Gabby Moyer, Izaak Moyer and Elijah Seitz; Brother Jim (Wanda) Holsey of Montrose, Colorado.

Preceded in death by one brother, one sister and parents, several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Elderly Opportunity Agency, Inc., 134 N Washington Ave., Emmett, ID. 83617

Death notices

CHAD S. GLENN, 51, of Marsing, died Thursday, March 4, 2021. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

HELEN (MULDOON) HARRIS, 92, of Caldwell, and a 1945 Marsing High School graduate, died on Monday, March 1, 2021. A viewing and funeral vigil were held on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 8 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell.



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Programs launch at The Rock in Homedale

Exercise class
underway;
marriage course
on horizon

The activities schedule at The Rock of Homedale is looking robust just weeks after the grand opening.

The free donuts and coffee (actually, the students prefer hot chocolate, coordinator Kathy Deal says) for high school youth happens each Wednesday morning from 7 to 8 before the first bell down the street.

But there is much more going on at the new building, 310 E. Owyhee Ave.

Deal holds her Christian education classes for high-schoolers nearly every weekday from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Young Life, a Christian non-denominational fellowship for high school students, holds meetings at The Rock, too. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., on Sunday.

A free PiYo exercise class runs from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

Admission to the exercise class is free, but folks must



Above: The Rock of Homedale, located at 310 W. Owyhee Ave., is open and hosting events throughout the week. **Below:** A sign outside the building puts forward what the non-denominational Christian organization is all about.

bring their own workout mats.

A local 4-H club will hold its monthly meeting at The Rock at 1 p.m., on Sunday.

Next month, a free young marriage class will begin a multi-week run.

Deal said the free class, which is based on Mark Gungor’s book “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage,” will be held at 7 p.m., each Monday.

The class begins with a meet-and-greet dinner at 7 p.m., on April 5. Deal said the gathering is a chance for young married couples — and couples who soon will marry — to get a feel for the curriculum to see if they’re interested in the course.

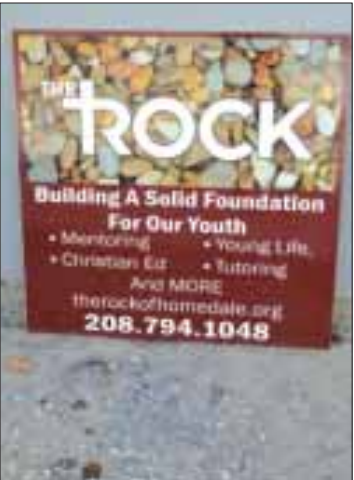
The first night of the course starts at 7 on April 12.

The course is meant for the couples only. No childcare is available.

For more information on any of the programs getting started at The Rock, contact Deal at (208) 794-1048 or by email at TheRock83628@gmail.com.

You can also reach out to Deal if you have a group or an activity that could be housed at The Rock.

The Rock is a non-profit endeavor, and donations for operating costs are always welcome.



County, federal officials urge caution on public lands

Preparedness
can help avoid
emergencies

With the warmer weather creeping in and cabin fever from winter and a pandemic mounting, officials are reminding folks to be careful on public lands in Owyhee County.

The Bureau of Land Management and county Search and Rescue unit remind folks to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly.

“There are year-round recreational opportunities on BLM-managed public lands in Owyhee County in addition to the many other uses, such as grazing,” BLM Boise District Manager Tanya Thrift

said. “These lands are often remote, and we ask visitors to please take precautions to avoid hazardous situations and come prepared in case of an emergency.”

There have been a high number of Emergency Medical Services and SAR responses to incidents on public lands within Owyhee County that could have been prevented with a little preparation and adherence to basic safety principles, officials said:

- Always let someone know where you are going and what time you will return.
- Cellphone service is very limited, especially outside of highway corridors.
- Be prepared for emergencies by taking along extra water, food and clothing.
- Stay on designated roads

and trails; it is unlawful to travel cross-country with motorized vehicles in Owyhee County.

- Carry a spare tire and know how to change a flat one.
- Unpaved roads should be avoided during inclement weather, and most require high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles even in dry conditions.
- Adhere to closure times for recreation sites such as Jump Creek (April 1 to Oct. 1 is 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., and Oct. 2 to March 30 is 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.). Violators will be ticketed under county ordinance.
- Be aware that the BLM manages public lands for multiple uses, including grazing, mining, logging and a wide variety of recreation. Please be respectful of other users.

“Always know where you are going. The biggest problem we have is when somebody in distress calls the sheriff’s office, but has no idea where they are at,” sheriff’s Sgt. Kenny Hoagland said.

“If lost, stuck, disabled or in an emergency, do not call a friend to relay the information to us, call 911. That way we can get a GPS location from your phone call.”

Paying attention to conditions before you head out is crucial, too.

“It’s also important to check the weather,” Hoagland said. “Most rainstorms turn our dirt roads muddy, slick and impassable even with four-wheel drive. Please stay on established roads. Not only can you get stuck, you tear up the land that takes years to recover,

if ever.”

Being prepared and aware is a matter of respect for the county’s volunteer first-responders, too.

When called upon, first-responders and volunteer SAR personnel take time away from their families and jobs to provide emergency services after dark, on weekends and in extreme weather conditions. Keep in mind that these people often experience the same hazards that contributed to the emergency. Response times, especially in remote areas, can take several hours.

“We welcome visitors to come down and enjoy the public lands in Owyhee County,” Hoagland said. “Just please be safe and considerate of others sharing the land with you.”

Submitting items for The Owyhee Avalanche calendar

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or email them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA

Name: Bur Buttercup (*Ranunculus testiculatus*)

Description: An annual. One of the first plants to emerge in the spring, often growing next to melting snow. An alpine plant in its native range; it is cold and drought tolerant and has adapted to a short life cycle. Rarely taller than 3 inches, with a shallow root system. Light green leaves that are branched to form the appearance of bird feet, or resembling tiny deer antlers. Pale yellow 5 petal flowers occur sometimes within a week of emergence and are just as short lived. Ovate spiny burs form soon after flowering, containing multiple seeds, one seed per spine. This plant is extremely toxic, especially to sheep and goats, however it is unpalatable and is rarely a danger.



Bur Buttercup is one of the first weeds to be seen when the snow melts.

Habitat: Rarely invades areas that are undisturbed or in good condition. Waste areas and roadsides are favorite sites.

Origin: Native to high elevations of Eurasia

Control: Susceptible to most common herbicides, generally at the higher labeled rates and use a good surfactant. The secret to herbicide control of Bur buttercup is to spray early and be prepared to spray a second time if conditions favorable for continued germination. Seeds are short lived, so stopping seed production will quickly diminish the seed bank. It is possible to control with cultivation, which creates a favorable site for re-infestation or invasion of other weeds. If you choose to till, it is advisable to plant a perennial cover crop, or an early emerging competitive annual, or be prepared to till for successive years. Always read and follow label directions on any chemicals. It's the law!

— Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*, Gary Page, Malheur County Weed Inspector.

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department:

- Jordan Valley** — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000
- Northwest Owyhee** — Julie Perkins, (208) 519.1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
- Eastern Owyhee** — Julie Perkins, (208) 519.1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
- Owyhee weed supervisor** — Kelly Aberasturi, (208) 249-4405
- Malheur weed inspector** — Gary Page, (541) 473-5102 or Gary.Page@malheurco.org



Above: Homedale High School drama club members pose for a group photo. **Below:** Grant Waltman (left), in the role of Pugsley Addams in the HHS drama club's presentation of "Addams Family Young@Part" on Feb. 13, enjoys some play time on *The Rack*, while discussing affairs of the heart with his sister Wednesday, portrayed by Amber McBride. The high school drama club will visit the town's library for a puppet show Monday.

HHS actors bring puppet show to Jackson library Story Time

The Homedale High School Drama Club will take the spotlight Monday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The high school actors will stage a puppet for the Story Time preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

"The Princess at the Zoo" is the name of the show the HHS drama club plans.

Afterward, the preschoolers will make a puppet craft.

During Thursday's Teens & Tweens program, the youth will learn how to make a stop-motion video.

The boys and girls ages 11-17 will break into smaller groups to make their own videos.

The program starts at 5 p.m.,



at the library.

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

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✓ HES: Four new classrooms to be completed in time for next school year

Fisher wanted to sit in on the meeting but had no luck trying to log in remotely.

The meeting came about 12 days after a confab between representatives from all facets of the project, including Sauer and retired district maintenance and transportation supervisor Tom Muir, who is serving as the district’s construction liaison.

“We feel comfortable in the direction we’re going,” Sauer said before trustees voted to accept the bid sheet.

The quorum of trustees learned that — after all the low-bid subcontractors were rounded up — the project to add nearly 5,000 square feet of building space to the school’s footprint will cost less than originally expected.

“It was nice that it was less than anticipated,” Shenk said.

The three trustees unanimously accepted the low bids from 21 different subcontractors covering site preparation, fencing, concrete, electrical, windows and doors, cabinetry, painting, plumbing, heating and cooling, and much more.

Alan Ulhorn from Beniton told trustees a few local contractors submitted bids for

aspects of the work, but none of them had low bids for any of the subcontracting work.

Still, the project was ready to move forward.

“We can get out as early as (this) week,” Ulhorn said, adding that fencing and other safety material would be put up to protect students and staff as construction begins during the school year.

A storage building near the northeast corner of the campus was moved Saturday to make room for the construction.

The general contractor expects the work to build four classrooms to take six months, which would come close to having the added space ready for the 2021-22 school year, which starts in mid-August.

Although the price tag after receiving low bids came in a \$1,373,436, Sauer said there is potential for more savings before the project is completed.

Trustees have opted to use funds from the district’s 10-year plant and facilities property tax levy to pay for the project rather than seek an addition school bond.

— JPB



Above: A man works underneath the Homedale Elementary School storage shed Monday two days after it was moved further south and closer to the chain-link fence bordering North 3rd Street West. **Below:** The old foundation and trash will be removed to make room for the project to add four classrooms.



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Homedale Calvary invites community to Easter breakfast

The Homedale Calvary Fellowship will present a free breakfast to the community on Easter.

On April 4, breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., at the county fairgrounds in Homedale.

The full breakfast plus homemade donuts and coffee is open to everyone, and folks are invited to watch a puppet show and stay for the Easter service, which begins at 10 a.m.

Rich Wright is the Homedale Calvary Fellowship pastor. The church is located at 711 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. Sunday service starts at 10 a.m., and there is a Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

March 1

Michael A. Knopik, Bismarck, N.D. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$400 in fines, \$395 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear

Nathanael L. Wirch, Nampa — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 180 days in jail (2 days served, 3 days to serve, 175 days suspended), 6-month driver’s license suspension, 1 year unsupervised probation, \$297.50 in fines, \$376.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

Feb. 26

Elizabeth Diane Snow, Nampa — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 6 years in state prison (suspended), 4 years felony probation. \$175 in fines, \$654.50 in court costs

Stephen S. Thomas, Dunnigan, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations state and local law violations: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Feb. 25

Michael B. Wright, June Lake, Calif. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$400 in fines, \$398 in court costs



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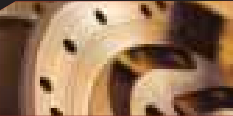
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03/03	4.4	18	5.3	50	19	37
03/04	4.4	18	5.3	47	25	36
03/05	4.4	17	5.3	50	29	40
03/06	4.4	16	5.3	41	21	34
03/07	4.4	16	5.3	46	20	33
03/08	4.4	16	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/02	7.6	22	10.2	46	32	39
03/03	7.5	22	10.2	45	33	39
03/04	7.5	22	10.2	51	36	41
03/05	7.4	21	10.2	53	39	45
03/06	7.1	19	10.2	43	28	35
03/07	7.1	19	10.3	41	28	34
03/08	7.0	19	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/02	12.1	41	16.2	49	33	40
03/03	12.1	40	16.2	50	33	40
03/04	12.1	39	16.2	49	35	41
03/05	12.1	38	16.2	51	39	45
03/06	12.1	37	16.3	43	24	33
03/07	12.2	39	16.3	45	23	34
03/08	12.2	38	16.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 52 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 375 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 31 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 370,456 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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Dist. 23 lawmaker gets moving to help schools

Bundy plans to take Steps challenge next year for Marsing

As a high school teacher, Matthew Bundy obviously is a proponent for education.

Last month, the freshman District 23, Seat A member of the Idaho House of Representatives put his feet where his heart is and took part in the annual Steps for Schools walking challenge.

Bundy (R-Mountain Home) and 59 other lawmakers took the challenge to average 10,000 steps per day throughout the month of February.

Each legislator who met the challenge would earn \$1,000 for school district in his or her legislative district.

Bundy averaged 10,446 steps per day, and Mountain Home School District will receive a \$1,000 check from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, which sponsors the annual challenge.

Bundy will take the challenge again in the 2022 legislative session, too.

“I have already committed to superintendent Norm Stewart of the Marsing School District, that I will be participating in the program next year, and I will be walking to earn a donation to the Marsing School District,” Bundy said.

Bundy was among 40 participants who reached the 10,000-step goal. Others set a goal of 5,000 steps per day for a reward of \$500 for schools.

Schools use the money to support programs that benefit students’ physical activities. The school can buy equipment or this year Blue Cross is allowing the money to be used on COVID-19 relief efforts at

“... if I needed a few extra steps, I could review bills and make phone calls while I was out enjoying the outdoors on walks. It was nice to work and walk at the same time.”

— Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home)
District 23, Seat A

the school.

Bundy linked into a digital app called MoveSpring to pick up data from his fitness device, which was an iPhone step-counter.

Bundy covered 293,038 steps in February, a daily average of 10,446 steps.

“I always climbed the many stairs at the Capitol building and never used the elevator,” Bundy said. “I would try and take a short walk during the lunch break. Most evenings, I would take a nice walk to relax.”

He didn’t stop when the Legislature adjourned for the weekend either.

“On weekends, if I needed a few extra steps, I could review bills and make phone calls while I was out enjoying the outdoors on walks,” he said. “It was nice to work and walk at the same time.”

While he was walking for education, Bundy also got an education on some of the attractions in and around the Statehouse.

“On a couple of my short walks, I have found hidden treasures and memorials around the Capital building,” he said.

He discovered the Space

Shuttle Challenger memorial across the street from the Statehouse’s front entrance.

Bundy also found at statue of George Washington on the four floor of the Statehouse.

“It’s well worth the climb up the steps,” he said.

According to a Blue Cross of Idaho press release, the program has been in place since 2015. In that time Steps for Schools challenge has raised \$170,000 for Idaho’s schools.

Participants had two options in this year’s challenge: Average 5,000 steps per day in February to earn \$500 or average 10,000 steps per day to earn \$1,000 for a school or school district.

“We had a record number of participants this year, and it’s the children at Idaho schools that will benefit from all of the steps taken by our elected officials,” Blue Cross of Idaho Health Foundation executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle said.

“Walking is the one of the best things people can do for their own health. We’re thankful that so many of our elected officials set a great example by walking in the Steps for Schools walking challenge.”

— JPB



Photos above

Top: Decked in a pair of sensible shoes for stepping, Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy stands next to the statue of George Washington that is on the fourth floor of the Statehouse.

Bottom: Bundy discovered gems throughout his walks, including the memorial to the Space Shuttle Challenger crew members who perished 35 years ago. Submitted photos

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The fight for hemp: Rep. Troy puts all she’s got into farming bill

HB 126 heads to Senate after passing House

by Alexandra Duggan
UI McClure Center intern

Caroline Nilsson Troy sports her zebra-print blazer and large pearls around her neck while she briefly rummages around in her office. She talks about her new comfy slippers she just bought because of how badly her feet ache after a long day of scurrying around the Statehouse going back and forth between meetings. After a long couple years of trying to legalize hemp in Idaho, Troy is still fighting — no matter how much her feet hurt when she goes to bed.

On Monday, a bill legalizing the farming of hemp in Idaho, HB 126, passed the full House of Representatives, 44-26, and will head to the state Senate.

Before Nilsson Troy, a Genesee Republican Dist. 5B representative, introduced the bill, she was a young girl going to school in Africa.

Troy’s parents grew up in Genesee, went to University of Idaho, and became high school sweethearts. Along with Troy’s two brothers, she grew up in Genesee just like her parents. Farming was all around her; wheat fields as far as the plains would go.

Troy’s father was working for a pea plant in Lewiston when one day he looked at his wife and said that he hated his job. After that, he promptly joined the Peace Corps. That was when Troy and her siblings packed up everything and traveled across the world to start a new life in Botswana, Africa, where her father would work for a foundation seed program. From fourth grade to sophomore year of high school, Troy watched her father do everything there is to do with quality-testing seeds in the program.

After living in a place with only 20 miles of paved road, Troy’s family came back to Idaho with a new experience under their belt — one that would shape Troy for the years to come. She didn’t think she would circle back to agriculture, but she believes it keeps finding its way to her somehow. Now, she is keeping the idea of farming hemp alive in the Idaho Statehouse.

All the things that people in Botswana struggle with, Troy

said, rural Americans also struggle with.

Troy wants to legalize farming hemp in Idaho because primarily because she believes farmers are at a disadvantage. In her eyes, farmers have to keep a good crop rotation to keep making money, and hemp would help the farmers’ crop system. Troy even traveled to Canada to learn about a farm that uses hemp to keep food fresh.

“Hemp is in a lot of different products — you would be shocked,” Troy said. “Even the Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper.”

Troy wholeheartedly believes that hemp would be a great commodity within Idaho because it can be put to use in thousands of products, like milk, cosmetics and even cat litter. She said is looking to add value to the things that Idaho is already doing well. Nearly 47 states have made hemp legal for farming and research, but Idaho is not one of them.

“Farmers are trying to think about what other plants they can raise that will make them money because otherwise they go out of business,” Troy said. “It doesn’t take a lot of synthetic fertilizers to grow, it doesn’t need a lot of pesticides, and it doesn’t have a lot of pests that attack it.”

Troy has spent what seems like forever trying to convince people what she sees in the future of hemp farming in Idaho. It’s a long battle with those around her, and politics continue to play a role in the idea of hemp within the Legislature.

Troy said a lot of people tend to believe that hemp is the same as marijuana, whereas hemp has an extremely minimal amount of THC.

“You would have to smoke truckloads to get high, and you would just make yourself sick,” she said. “It’s pretty much impossible.”

Troy first introduced a hemp bill in 2019. It died fast.

“I got involved with a lot of politics I was naive to,” she said.

Last year, she got a little further. The bill went to the Senate, back to the House, and died again.

“Third time’s a charm,” Troy said.

The one issue with hemp in the political sphere is political platforms that are developed for campaigns. If one person runs on an anti-drug platform,

voting to legalize hemp could seem to others like a pro-drug vote even though Troy is more than willing to explain to anyone that hemp is not marijuana.

Typically, marijuana farmers and hemp farmers don’t farm both crops together because each could ruin the other and it is extremely ineffective and dangerous to the plant. If one cross-pollinates the other, the farmer would not be able to use the crop.

The other hoops Troy has had to jump through is feeling less like a pesky task and more like an obstacle course. She has had people tell her that hemp culture is marijuana culture.

She has had people give her their vote, and then switch at the last second. She has been considered too left for the right and too right for the left. But she doesn’t give up.

“I decided to run for office after the Sandy Hook shooting,” Troy said.

Troy said two months after the shooting, she and her husband decided to go to a candidate forum in the Genesee city park. Parents had their young children around, people were talking about politics, and Troy spotted a man open-carrying a gun. It put her on edge and brought out her concerns about the lack of empathy around her and in the country.

“People are tone deaf,” Troy said. “I kept going off to my husband until finally I said that if I’m not part of the solution I am part of the problem.”

Even though agriculture keeps finding its way back to Troy, she finds new ways to make it better for those around her.

She reintroduced the hemp farming bill with a couple tweaks to comfort those who are skeptical. With a new year, Troy hopes to press the reset button on the past.

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Governor’s breakfast breaks down 2021 legislative session

Little disappointed by failure of early childhood ed bill

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern

Idaho Gov. Brad Little answered many questions with a spotlight on the recently killed House Bill 226, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and vaccines during a virtual breakfast.

Hosted by the Idaho Press Club, the breakfast allowed journalists, reporters, and private citizens to have a sit-down and question Idaho’s governor.

In his opening statement, Little said he was disappointed there was no bacon, as the in-person event was not possible during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Then reporters started with questions for the governor.

House Bill 226 was a supplemental bill that would provide almost \$6 million in federal funds from the Federal Preschool Development Grant to Idaho’s State Board of Education. This bill would increase Idaho’s budget for early schooling for young children. During debate on the House floor, conservatives argued that the curriculum and reading materials would push a social justice agenda on Idaho’s youth.

The bill was killed in a 34 aye to 36 nay vote in the House on March 2.

“The evidence is overwhelming that what we do for these kids early is good for Idaho and good for our students,” Little said. “I was hopeful that the grant was going to help these school districts address that, but that is not to be now, and I am disappointed in that.”

Little said that his administration will try again as education is a big focus

for the governor through his literary initiative.

COVID-19 is an obvious topic looming over all lawmakers’ heads right now.

“I’m glad it was not my first year as governor,” Little said. “We need to get the vaccine out as fast as we can.”

He said that some states are trying to move more toward what Idaho has been doing with COVID-19.

On March 2, President Joe Biden said the United States was “on track” to supply vaccines for “every adult in America by the end of May.”

Little has a few concerns with this statement.

“I don’t think the math adds up,” he said. “What they are telling us, on how much vaccine we are going to get, does not comport with having that much vaccine.”

Little says health districts have the capacity to distribute up to four times the amount of vaccine that is going out now, but Idaho just does not have the doses.

“It is important for me to have the authority to use the National Guard from a regulatory standpoint,” Little said. “I would love to have everybody vaccinated by the end of May.”

With a third vaccine producer joining Moderna and Pfizer BioNTech in the mix, there is more money flowing. Johnson & Johnson has a \$1 billion contract written during the Trump administration that gets more doses to the American people.

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Religious expression

Looking forward to when Jesus Christ will appear

by Jack Muldoon

When we acknowledge that the Bible is God’s word, we also recognize that He holds the whole of world history in His hand. He knows the future and can also direct it according to His purpose. When we lay open our guilt and sin to God in prayer in full conviction and repentance and put our complete trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, He will forgive us completely and give us eternal life.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1st John 1:9

The Rapture of the Church is one of the most fascinating and debated events prophesied to take place in the End Times. From 1st Thessalonians 4:16, 17, 18, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet

the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words.”

From Revelation 3:10, “Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial, that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the Earth.”

The purpose of the Rapture then is to remove the Church and all who belong to Jesus Christ, from Earth before the wrath of God is unleashed. The Rapture of the Church will be a glorious occasion, unlike anything in the history of the world.

“When we truly understand the glory of the place God has prepared for those who love Him, we need never fear again.” 1st Corinthians 2:9-10.

Jesus, thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you for saving us from the wrath to come. Help us to be ready and waiting for the Rapture, which could happen at any moment.

— Jack Muldoon is a long-time Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August.

New feature debuts

Longtime Marsing resident Jack Muldoon’s column this week was the perfect was the kick off what we at The Owyhee Avalanche hope becomes a regular feature. “Religious Experience” will be presented as a way for Owyhee County pastors to deliver a message to our readers. We encourage religious leaders to email their writings, of no more than 500 words, and a photo plus personal information and information about their church and its services. The hope is to have a regular column rotating among the area’s pastors to publish in conjunction with the Avalanche’s Owyhee County Church Directory. For more information, contact managing editor Jon P. Brown at jon@owyheeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.



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Homedale High School softball coach Larry Corta, the longest-tenured program leader currently serving in Owyhee County, gives direction to freshman Olivia Asumendi after she advanced on a wild pitch during Saturday's Vallivue Jamboree scrimmage versus Ridgevue in Caldwell.

Slew of seniors on Trojans' inexperienced softball roster

Longest-tenured coach
starts 18th season

Homedale High School's softball players are clamoring to get back on their new field. And, it appears the cycle of talent is coming back around after the Trojans' cancelled 2020

season that was supposed to be three-year starter DeLaynie Dorsey's last season. "She was our leader in the outfield," Larry Corta, who stretches his status as the longest-tenured active HHS head coach to 18 years, said.

— See *Trojans*, page 7B

Huskies struggle to find players

Young baseball team to play
on Boise Hawks' field Saturday

It has been nearly three years since Marsing High School has been able to get a baseball team out on the diamond for any extended amount of time. The last full season was in the spring of 2018. The fol-

lowing season, Huskies' baseball was cancelled because of a lack of participation; not enough students came out for the team. In 2020, the team was five games into the

— See *Huskies*, page 7B

Melba boys reach 2A consolation final

Mustangs
rebound from loss
to eventual champ

Senior guard/forward Josh Leavitt posted a standout performance in Melba High School's three-day stay in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout boys' basketball state tournament.

The Mustangs finished sixth in the tournament after a 43-42 loss to Bear Lake in the consolation final Saturday at Eagle High School.

Leavitt averaged 13.3 points per game during the three-day tournament

"Josh stepped up big time in the state tournament," Melba coach Spencer Trappett said. "He gave us a boost in scoring

— See *Melba*, page 6B



Melba guard Joe Reiber skies for a layup over St. Maries' Randie Bechtel on Thursday. Reiber was named conference player of the year, see *Page 6B*

Fans must pay to watch for HHS baseball, softball

Many schools trying
to rally from lost winter revenue

In an unusual move, fans will be asked to pay admission at Homedale High School baseball and softball games this spring.

In announcing the change in policy, HHS athletic director Casey Grove said John Jackson Field and the new softball complex at the middle school aren't the only places that will have turnstiles this season.

"With the toll that COVID restrictions had on school districts, expect to pay admission fees wherever you go for spring sports," Grove said in an email to boosters Friday.

Admission prices will be the same as they were for football and basketball — \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Children younger

than 6 get in free.

Marsing AD Brian Marshall said the Huskies will not charge admission during the regular season.

The Homedale Booster raffle, which is being staged in place of the annual steak and crab feed, continues, Grove said.

About 100 of the 500 tickets available have been sold.

Tickets cost \$100 each, and prizes include:

- 2020 Polaris RZR 900 from Grizzly Sports
- Bergara 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle (Al's Pawn and Gun)
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Sports

New coach expects young Huskies runners to impress

Team’s rebound from lost season begins in Melba

Although Marsing High School track and has a change at the top, new coach Heidi Ankeny is hardly new to the program, or indeed, to coaching in general.

Ankeny focused on sprints as an assistant on Clint Thomas’ staff in the COVID-abbreviated 2020 season and in 2019. Prior to that, Ankeny led the Homedale program, and she has coached for eight years.

Ankeny plans to concentrate on sprints and relays this season and will get help from Isaiah Ponce (distance), Brandie Campbell (throws), and her husband Luke Ankeny and Tim Little (jumps). Tre Ponce will also serve as an assistant coach in multiple areas.

The Huskies had very little

time last season to show fans, the opposition, and themselves what they were capable of.

“We had one meet last season before everything was shut down,” Heidi Ankeny said. “There were several good starts for athletes at that meet, but we are kind of starting from scratch now this year.”

In the 2020 season-opening Parma Icebreaker, Ankeny’s son Jacob was runner-up in the 100-meter final at 11.67 seconds, just .10 of a second behind the host team’s Vince Avila.

Jacob also finished tied for second in the 200 final in 23.98, again behind Avila.

He was not done. In the 400, he again finished second in 55.10, just .66 of a second behind Weiser’s Tristan Katz.

“He looks to be one of our top competitors this season,” the coach said.

Jacob Ankeny is not the only athlete who is expected

to stand out this season:

- **Emily Vanosdall, so., distance runner** — “She had a lot of success in eighth grade and expect that will carry over in high school,” Heidi Ankeny said.
- **Vanessa Freeman, so., sprinter** — “Vanessa has a lot of promise as a young sprinter. Like Emily, she did very well in eighth grade and started off practices last year looking strong. I expect her to gain some attention.”
- **Jordan Blas, so., sprinter** — “Jordan was a strong sprinter in eighth grade and will be a key player in shorter races this season.”

A few key athletes lost to graduation, including distance runner Rey Aguirre and jumpers Merrick Hall and AJ Ayuban, will be sorely missed, Ankeny said.

“All three of these boys started off practices last year looking good, and we felt they would have had great senior

seasons,” Ankeny said. “They were all top competitors on the district level and made trips to state in their events in previous years.”

She said that the Huskies’ inexperience might be a concern. A team chock full of freshmen and sophomores is great for building and growth, but makes it difficult to compete against schools with large contingents of upperclassmen.

Ankeny said her coaches are working very closely with the middle school program, to build familiarity with the staff, expectations and workouts as boys and girls transition to the high school. Inter-program cooperation will help keep athletes in the program and strengthen roster numbers, too.

“I think we have a handful of kids in each event area that will do well,” she said. “I’m hopeful that we will a couple strong relays this season.”

The season starts next Wednesday with the Melba

Ice-breaker. According to Melba’s schedule, other teams expected to compete include Homedale, Rimrock, Greenleaf Friends Academy, Garden Valley, Idaho City, Nampa Christian, Liberty Charter, North Star Charter, and Victory Charter.

Ankeny is excited about the team’s participation in several upcoming tri-meets.

“The smaller meets give kids more confidence and a chance to gain some success,” Ankeny said. “The Middleton Invite (April 9) is always a great meet, too, giving our kids a chance to get a peek at what state competition could be like.”

The Middleton track is the home surface for the lower-classification state meets each year.

“Not really having a season last year has us going in a little blind,” she said. “This is a big building year for us.”

— TK

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Baseball
Coach JW Chadez,
2nd season

Softball
Coach Daniel White,
2nd season

Track and field
Coach Heidi Ankeny,
1st season

Golf
Coach Aaron Christiansen,
1st season

Baseball
Wednesday, March 10 at Horseshoe Bend, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 vs. Idaho City (2), Memorial Stadium, Boise, noon
Tuesday, March 16, home vs. Rimrock, 5 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 10 at Horseshoe Bend, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13, home vs. Idaho City (2), noon
Tuesday, March 16, home vs. Rimrock, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Wednesday, March 10 at Melba Ice-Breaker, 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at New Plymouth Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Tuesday, March 23 at Liberty Charter meet (9 holes), RedHawk GC, Nampa
Girls
Monday, March 15 at Weiser Invite, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser (9 holes), 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at Nampa Invitational, Centennial GC, Nampa (18 holes), 10 a.m.

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Sports

Melba out of the blocks early to savor track season

Home Ice-Breaker scheduled on first possible day

Vonnie Willis didn't want to waste any time to get the high school track and field season going.

The veteran Melba coach watched last spring as all the preparation and focus imploded with the cancellation of the prep sports because of the COVID-triggered closure of schools.

Last year's seniors — Owyhee County sprinter Jordan Dayley and hurdler Stewart Stears — were able to compete in only one meet before the season was shuttered.

"I think it is giving us motivation to come out strong. We are holding our first meet on the very first day possible this season," the 27th-year Mustangs coach said.

Willis is putting her through rare Saturday workouts for the first two weeks ahead of today's Melba Ice-Breaker at Dave Mangum Track.

"We don't know what the future holds, so we want to kick off and get going just as soon as possible," Willis said.

Cancelling the 2020 season gave Willis and her staff more time to devise new drills and figure out ways to improve the program. Assistant coaches include Casey Clark, Conrad Evanow, Mangum and Steve Mitchell.

But Willis and her Mustangs are ready for the new season and that aforementioned future.

"We know that each day is precious and a gift that we need

to use to our full potential," Willis said.

"Time is precious, and we can't take anything for granted anymore."

Four seniors are ready to take advantage of the dwindling days of their prep careers:

- Reagan Manzer and Josh Leavitt line up as top-of-line distance runners. Willis called Leavitt a "tough runner (who) has worked extremely hard over all of his high school sessions."
- Cameron Wood will take part in jumps and relays.
- Joey Bradshaw is a sprinter who also competes in relays.
- Kate Clark will lead the girls' team as a jumper and sprinter with a hand in relays.

The rest of the returning athletes are primarily sophomores.

- Rozzlyn Cazier is ready to build on a successful cross

country season in distance races.

"She's a talented and tough distance runner," Willis said.

- Kendall Clark will take part in jumps.
- Halie Arnold and Meya Young are sprinters focusing on relays, too.
- Owyhee County resident McKoy Richardson will take part in the high jump and distance races.

"He's gifted in the high jump and a strong runner," Willis said.

- Junior William Vail will throw the shot put and discus.

Another Owyheean, freshman Brooklyn Dayley, will bring her athleticism from cross country and state championship basketball to distance races.

Willis said the Clark sisters — Kate and Kendall — are "strong, female athletes (who

are) dedicated and determined in training." She also said Kendall is talented in all jumps.

Those sisters also lead a strong girls' team, individuals on which are used to winning.

"They just came off of winning the state championship in basketball," Willis said. "They are talented, dedicated and strong athletes. They are coming into this season on fire."

The team will open the season at home, but that added motivation probably wasn't necessary.

"After not being able to complete the season last year, our athletes are hungry and ready to get going," Willis said. "I think it will be a strong and fun season."

— JPB

HHS athletes ready to make up ground lost in 2020

Huge coaching staff, state-caliber throwers highlight track team

The emotion of a lost season probably hasn't subsided. But it has been muted by optimism of another chance to coach what Bobby Christensen calls "the greatest young men and women on Earth."

The third-year Homedale High School track and field coach didn't hold back when he talked about the impact of losing the 2020 season to COVID-19 spring sports cancellations.

"The day we packed everything in the boxcar, I cried all the way home," he said, adding that he was most disappointed by not being able to spend time with charges he considers best of friends.

Lost along with the season were the final chances to gain high school glory for a slew of seniors — Maggie Johnson, Matthew Randall, Jake Collett, Caleb Smith, and Gage Purdom.

Collett, Smith and Purdom were part of the Trojans' 2019 3A state champion 4x200-meter relay team.

But at the same time, Christensen bubbles with hope when

thinking about the crop of 55 athletes getting ready for the 2021 season, which begins Tuesday at the New Plymouth Invitational.

"I love them. They are fantastic people," Christensen said of his athletes. "We have the greatest job in the world spending time with the amazing track athletes of Homedale."

The coaches to which he alludes are nearly as numerous as the athletes. Amber Campos, Brian Ashliman, and Tyrenda Pentecost handle the throwers; Paul Nicoletti and Charlie Sheppard coach vaulters and high jumpers; Starla Bender and David Correa mentor other jumpers; cross country coaches Sean McCracken and Machele Randall take care of the distance runners; Collett is chipping in with the sprinters even as he works out with The College of Idaho football team; and Edene Christensen, the head coach's wife, is in charge of athletes' nutrition.

Bobby Christensen said Nicoletti and Sheppard will help revive pole vaulting in the Homedale repertoire.

"(One of our strengths will be our amazing coaching staff," Christensen said. "We are lucky to have Amber Campos with us."

Campos competed at Boise State University, and she is longtime throws coach.

"Our throwers will be a dominant force in the (3A Snake River Valley conference)," Christensen said.

One of the team's strongest returners — senior Thomas Symms — is among those throwers.

The reigning discus state champion was also the 3A District III runner-up in the shot put in 2019.

"(Symms) is highly recruited and is one of the best throwers that Homedale will ever see," Christensen said.

The coach expects great things from another senior. First-year Trojan Todd Beatty — like Symms — has throwing in his blood, and he is the son of throws co-coach Pentecost.

"He comes from a family of



Thomas Symms

throwers and will be one to watch in the discus," Christensen said.

Sprinter Erik Hernandez is another senior who will lead the boys' squad. He is the lone holdover from the 2019 state champion relay quartet, and also served on that year's district champion 4x100 relay squad.

"Erik is a speed king and will often be first at the finish line in the 100 and 200," Christensen said.

Junior Allison Whitehead is the top returner to the girls' squad. She finished fourth in the long jump at the 2019 district championships.

"What can I say? She works and works hard," Christensen said. "She has gained so much power. I see her having a great district and State experience."

Christensen sees strength in other disciplines, too, including:

- **Sprints** — Hernandez heads up a crop that includes freshman Robert Johnson.
- **Jumps** — Senior Bryce



Allison Whitehead

Cornwall was the triple jump district champion as a sophomore.

- **Distance** — Coach's son Bobby Christensen, a ninth-grader, won the district title in the 1,600 as a seventh-grader and was also a part of the middle school's 4x400 relay championship squad in 2019.

"Freshman Brock Johnson is a major force in cross country and will be a huge asset to our distance runners," the coach said.

- **Throws** — Symms and Beatty will have a bunch of youngsters to mentor, Christensen said. Chief among them is 2019 district champion shot putter Hayden Thornton.

"He leads a great crew of freshman throwers we have this year," the coach said.

Even with 55 athletes in the fold, Christensen said he would like to see more numbers.

"We have hurdlers, but we are light in that area and are still looking for a coach for that specified area," he said.

— JPB



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Sports

Fresh faces greet new Huskies golf coach

Marsing High School hit the links on Tuesday morning with the hope of revitalizing a squad that has seen steadily dwindling numbers.

The 2019 team featured 12 players, and there were just eight in 2020, although the season was cut short before they were able to compete.

The team that teed off at Centennial Golf Course in Tuesday’s Nampa Invitational featured just four players, and only two with any experience.

First-year coach Aaron Christiansen said that he and his assistant coach Wendy Swenson are leaning on the

two seasoned players — juniors Ethan Freeman and Regan Stansell — for support and encouragement for the newcomers.

Sophomore Andrew Sevy came out for last year’s team but never had the opportunity to compete before the season was shelved. The fourth member of the squad is freshman James Christiansen, the son of the head coach.

Stansell is Swenson’s daughter.

“Everyone on the team is at a different stage in their golfing life,” the new head coach said. “We have players with tournament experience,

and some who are brand new to the game.”

With such an inexperienced team, Christiansen understands strides will be slow and incrementally, with the hope that the work will pay off and the team will peak at the end of the season.

“Each day will focus on ways to improve and grow, hopefully culminating in us playing our best and most consistent golf at the end of the year,” he said. “We have good potential — we just need to put in the time and effort.”

The team works out at TimberStone

Golf Course in the Caldwell area.

After reviewing previous seasons’ results, Christiansen suspects Nampa Christian and Cole Valley Christian will field the most competitive teams in the 2A Western Idaho Conference, as they typically do every year.

“I see no reason to believe any differently this year,” he said.

Christiansen understands that with so much youth and inexperience on the team, early results may look discouraging, but with no seniors on the squad, the future looks bright.

— TK

Marsing girls set to hit the diamond after shortened ’20

Coach: “We have the chance to be a surprise”

Barely a week into its 2020 schedule, after just two games, the Marsing High School softball team was forced to shut down its season because of the statewide COVID-19 springs sports cancellation.

The Huskies’ last venture on to the diamond was a 16-6 loss to New Plymouth on March 9.

A trio of seniors, Autumn Bennett, Emily Loucks, and

Lillian Salazar, were unable to enjoy their last prep season and go out with a bang.

Second-year head coach Daniel White, with the assistance of base and outfield coach Monique Smart, hopes that the short period of competition that the team faced last year will give this year’s crop some experience to use for the 2021 season.

“I think the girls did gain some needed confidence in those two games that I am hoping will carry over,” White said.

White said that he will most assuredly miss the senior

leadership lost, including the critical positions of Loucks at catcher and Bennett leading the outfield cadre.

The coach said that he has faith that this year’s senior returners will have a deep impact on the team’s performance:

- **Delaney Percifield, sr., catcher** — “Her strengths will be her positivity, and she works well with (pitcher Mila Astorquia) and is a strong hitter,” White said.
- **Karla Salazar, sr., shortstop** — “She has been a starter for three years and is the most energetic and

supportive teammate.”

- **Mazzi Roper, sr., third base** — “She has the potential to be the biggest leader on the team.”

White expects Astorquia, a sophomore, to be vital to the team’s success as well. She was the team’s projected starter on the mound for the 2020 season as a freshman.

“She is the future of the program and a rising star,” White said last year.

Although he doesn’t know exactly how many girls he will have coming out for the team and taking the field this year (tryouts were during Friday’s

first day of practice), he has confidence that the core who are there will be able to sneak up some people in 2A Western Idaho Conference play.

White believes that the team has a lot of confidence and has shown a willingness to get better, but now it is a matter of getting the girls to believe and show confidence.

“Melba (led by longtime coach and former Marsing skipper Don Jamison) and New Plymouth (are the favorites),” he said. “I believe we have the chance to be a surprise team this year.”

— TK



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Sports

Pitching-rich Trojans map out a familiar course

Senior-laden club eyes another run to State

A season full of promise devolved into a quiet spring, but Burke Deal thinks his baseball players are ready — make that eager — to make noise again.

“With the experience that we were able to squeeze out of a really crappy situation last year, I am impressed so far,” the veteran Homedale High School baseball coach said.

“The boys are happy to be here. We are really getting a lot done in practice. We have hit the ground running.”

Deal admits he’s disappointed that the full potential of 2020 wasn’t realized. Senior pitcher Brady Trout’s final prep season was only four games long, and the coach said he was ready for a breakout season.

The Trojans were 2-2 before schools were shuttered and the spring season cancelled because of COVID-19.

“We ended up getting about 20 games in between spring and summer,” Deal said. “The boys really stuck it out, and we made something out of nothing.”

There are 23 players ready to start brewing something new. The season starts today at John Jackson Field against non-conference foe Emmett.

Deal and his men hope to resume the trajectory that was interrupted only by a virus. Homedale baseball averaged 17 wins in the six seasons before last year’s truncated campaign. That run established the Trojans as 3A state tournament mainstays.

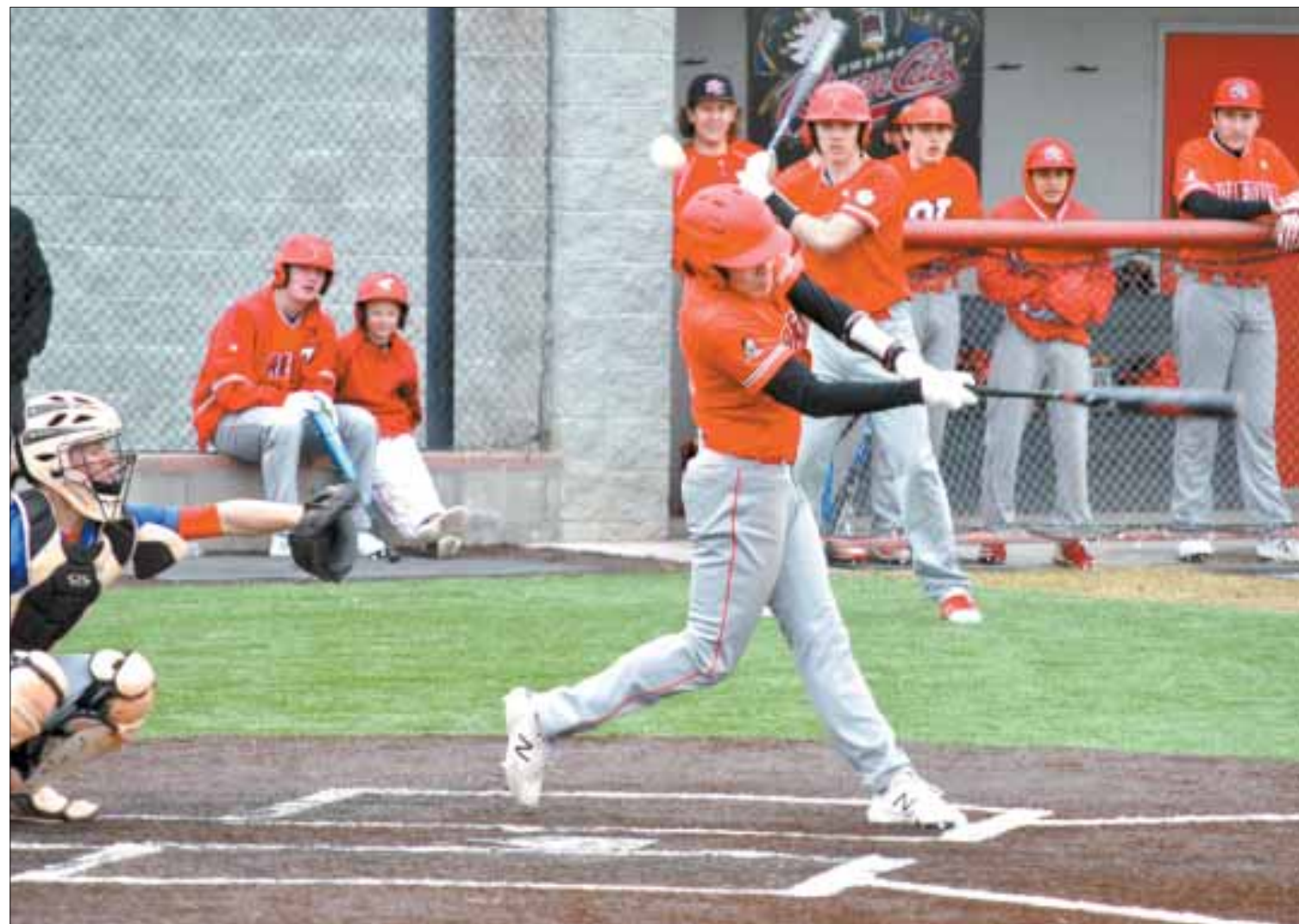
Homedale has appeared in four of the past six state tournaments, finishing runner-up twice to Bonners Ferry in 2018 and archrival Fruitland in 2016.

Senior Tommy Muir, who roams the infield when he’s not pitching, leads the Trojans to the 2021 starting gate.

He was a second-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference player after hitting .280 and posting a 1.44 earned-run average with 28 strikeouts as a sophomore.

“Tommy will be the ace of our pitching staff and will play second, short(stop) and third base for us,” Deal said.

“He has worked extremely hard and has worked hard in the weight room to put on some



Tyler Woodward fouls off a pitch during Homedale High School’s scrimmage against Nampa during Saturday’s jamboree at John Jackson Field.

muscle and some weight.”

The workouts have helped add 7 mph to his fastball, and Deal said he has a stronger swing at the plate.

“He’s a great hustler with a great attitude,” the coach said. “I’m expecting great things from him.”

There are several newcomers — including a couple seniors who missed out on first-time varsity seasons last spring — ready to continue Homedale’s solid progress on the diamond.

Deal said the JV players who are finally getting varsity time are no strangers to success. Homedale’s developmental team has won the 3A SRV conference tournament each of the past four seasons.

• **Dakota Gammel, sr., OF, IF, P** — Gammel plays all over the yard who spent the entire summer with Deal’s American Legion squad, the Owyhee Rivercats.

“He had a solid season on our (junior varsity) team in 2019 and was really playing strong when COVID struck last year,” Deal said. “He has tons of upside and potential, and I’m excited to see him play.”

• **Teron Morrison, sr., IF, P** — Another player who lost his first varsity season and took his frustration out on Legion opponents, Morrison hit the weight room, too.

“He has worked extremely hard in the off-season and has put on muscle and is looking very strong and confident,” Deal said. “He really loves baseball and pushes himself to be a great player.”

“He has been a valuable addition to our team.”

There are six juniors on the squad this season:

• **Cody Liebschwager, jr., IF, P** — Deal calls the junior “a really advanced hitter,” and says he can be dominant on the mound.

“We are expecting big things from Cody on the mound, at the plate and in the field,” Deal said. “I am excited for what the season has in store for him.”

• **John Lejardi, jr., IF, P** — Like most of the Trojans, Lejardi has worked hard in the off-season to improve his skills.

“He’s a great kid,” Deal said.

“We will be leaning on him for valuable innings on the mound, and he will be a big contributor at the plate and in the field.”

• **Beeg Hockenhull, jr., OF/P** — Deal said Hockenhull is a talented athlete who has solid tools on the basepaths, at the plate and in the outfield with his arm and speed.

“Beeg has really big potential,” the coach said. “I am excited to see him play every day.”

• **Tyler Woodward, jr., C/**

OF — A solid catcher with many summer games under his belt, Woodward is seen as a stabilizing influence by Deal.

“We love having Tyler around,” the coach said. “He is going to be real good.”

• **Landen Wilson, jr., P/OF** — Deal sees Wilson as another mound asset, but says he has much more to offer.

“He is very fast on the basepaths and is swinging the bat very well,” the coach said. “We are expecting big things from Landen.”

• **Josh Brown, jr., OF** — Deal sees the quick learner developing well with more repetitions.

“He is really working hard and improving fast,” the coach said. “He has great instincts on the basepaths and is very athletic.”

• **Sigmund Goode, so., IF/OF/P** — Deal said Goode has gained a lot of experience on the diamond in a short amount of time.

“He has really grown up over the last year and is looking very strong,” Deal said. “He has an advanced swing and understands the infield really well.”

Goode will also throw some innings from the mound.

“He has good tools and has been working very hard,” the coach said.

• **D’Orr Packer, so., OF/**

P/C — Like Goode, Packer has packed a lot of baseball into a few years, and Deal sees a maturity that will make him a leader in the Trojans program.

“We think he will be a big contributor to our team,” Deal said. “He has a great makeup and a quiet confidence and strength to him.”

All three of the players on the varsity roster can make a trip to the mound, which of course is a strength for the Trojans.

The pitching depth is a necessity in what Deal sees as the most competitive district in Idaho with day-in and day-out conference challenges from perennial state title contender Fruitland, well-coached Payette, and consistently tough and improving Weiser.

But the speedy and hard-nosed Trojans will provide just as much of a matchup.

“We plan to push people with our brand of baseball,” Deal said.

Like his charges, Deal is rebounding after losing a high school season to COVID-19, and he’s champing at the bit for another run.

“I am excited to get on the field and see what we are made of,” Deal said. “Our goal is always the same: We want to win the state championship.”

— JPB

Sports

Melba's Reiber replaces Ankeny as 2A WIC's top dog

Melba standout junior guard Joe Reiber finished off an excellent season as the 2A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year. As one of the most productive players on the floor, Reiber led the conference champion Mustangs to a 17-4 regular-season record and a District III title. Reiber averaged 16.7 points, 7.1 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2.3 steals per game. Reiber is joined on the 2A

All-WIC first team by sophomore teammate Braden Volk-ers. The guard put up 12 points per game, while shooting 79 percent from the free-throw line and 41 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Marsing post Jacob Ankeny joins Reiber and Volk-ers on the first team. The senior put up 15.9 points, 10.8 boards, 3.1 blocks, and 2.3 assists per game. For his career, Ankeny scored 896 points, 799 re-

bounds, and 255 blocks. He played minimally as a freshman. Ankeny was conference player of the year as a junior. The Mustangs' top freshman Cache Beus received an honorable mention nod. Melba senior Josh Leavitt and Marsing's Ankeny and Roger Valadez played in the 2A-3A District III Senior All-Star game on Tuesday in Fruitland after deadline.



Conference player of the year Joe Reiber tries to drive past St. Maries' Coleman Ross during Melba's opening round state tournament game Thursday.

Trojans' top scorers named to All-3A SRV honor rolls

Dines lands boys' only first-team berth
Three sophomores represent Homedale High School on the All-3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball team. Mason Strong was the Trojans' only first-teamer. Fellow guard Jaxon Dines was placed on the second team. Post Trenton Fisher found a spot on the honorable men-

tion list. None of Homedale's four seniors — wing Ventura Martinez, and posts Bryce Cornwall, Milo Mertz and Todd Beatty — were selected for the 3A squad that competed in the 3A-2A District III all-star game Tuesday after deadline in Fruitland. Strong led the team with 4.5 rebounds per game, including 3.6 defensive boards per game. He also had top stats of 1.9 assists and 1.8 steals per game. Strong averaged 11.3 points per game and shot 22 percent

from three-point land (13-for-59). He took just as many shots from inside the perimeter, knocking down 28 (47.4 percent), while hitting 18 of 32 foul shots (56.3 percent). Dines was coach Cam Long's best scorer during the 10-game conference season, averaging 15.3 points per game. He was also the squad's top three-point shooter with 26 successful tries. He went 26-for-74 (35.1 percent) from long range, and 28-for-64 (43.8 percent) from inside the line. Dines converted 19 of 30 free

throws. He averaged 4.4 rebounds per game (including 3.2 on the defensive end), just under one assist per game and 2.2 steals per contest. Fisher scored 3.3 points per game in the 3A SRV season on 3-for-9 three-point shooting (33.3 percent) and 45.8 percent shooting on two-pointers (11-for-24). He pulled down 1.9 boards per game (averaging one defensive rebound each contest), while averaged 1.0 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

The three all-conference players made 42 three-pointers as the team went 59-for-239 from downtown (24.7 percent). The trio had 67 of the team's 92 two-point field goals (92-for-215, 42.8 percent), and 40 of the team's made free throws (58-for-105, 55.2 percent). Fruitland's Hyrum Lindsey was named conference player of the year, and the men who lead his team — Willie Lake and Mark Van Weerdhuizen — are co-coaches of the year. — JPB

Homedale girls receive all-conference nominations

Three Homedale High School girls' basketball players received postseason honors. Mayci Cline was the Trojans' only representative in Tuesday's 2A-3A

District III Senior All-Star Game, which took place after deadline at Fruitland High School. Two underclassmen landed on the All-3A Snake River Valley conference

honorable mention list, too. Sophomore guard Jacy Parker averaged 7.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game during the 3A SRV season.

Freshman post Olivia Asumendi averaged 6.5 points and 8.25 rebounds per conference game. "She had a fantastic freshman year," HHS coach Kortney Ford said.

✓ Melba: Mustangs could have solid core returning for 2021-22 title run

From Page 1B and overall game play." Trappett said that his team competed in every game during the tournament and, in fact, the season as a whole as the Mustangs rallied to win the 2A District III championship. The lone exception, he said, was a 71-49 conference loss to The Ambrose School in January. "We played very well as a team and improved throughout the year," he said. "I feel we were playing our best basketball towards the end, which is what you want to happen. "We are a young team with almost all of our kids coming back next year. We will be back and ready to compete." **Saturday: Bear Lake 43,**

Melba 42 — The Mustangs shot just 37 percent from the field in the consolation final, including 25 percent from three-point range. More than half of Melba's field-goal attempts (24 of 43) were from long range. Trailing 27-23 at the break, Melba made a run in the second half, outscoring the Bears 19-16. But the Mustangs couldn't quite find that last basket to pull off the win. Sophomore Braden Volk-ers did his part, leading the team with 13 points. He hit a pair of three-point shots and went 3-for-4 from the free-throw line. Leavitt recorded a double-double with 10 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. Senior post Henry Clark and junior guard Joe Reiber

scored six points apiece. The Mustangs out-rebounded the Bears 30-29. Owen Teuscher of Bear River scored 16 points on 7-for-13 shooting and pulled down a team-leading six boards. **Friday: Melba 66, West Side 59** — Leading, 36-31, at halftime of the consolation semifinal, the Mustangs survived a third-quarter run by the Pirates that saw the squad from Dayton take a 49-48 lead. Melba outscored West Side, 18-10, in the final quarter to clinch a berth in the consolation final. Four Mustangs scored in double figures, led by Reiber's 17. Leavitt put up 14, freshman Cache Beus added 12, and Volk-ers chipped in 11.

Beus led the team with eight rebounds and six assists, while Clark pulled down six boards. The Pirates had a stellar performance from Bryler Shurtliff, who scored 32 points while recording eight rebounds. Shurtliff hit 13 of 23 shots, including three treys. **Thursday: St. Maries 63, Melba 52** — Melba opened the state tournament with a tough loss to the eventual state champion Lumberjacks. "We competed in every game; (however), we could have done better against St. Maries," Trappett said. Clark and Reiber had foul issues and had to spend time on the Mustangs' bench. "You never know what might have happened had

they not been in foul trouble early," the coach said. Leavitt paced the Mustangs with 16 points and a pair of rebounds. Volk-ers added 13 points. Beus failed to score in the tournament opener but did contribute on the defensive end where he pulled down eight of his nine rebounds. Extended time on the bench seemed to affect Reiber's shot. The junior hit just two of his 14 field-goal attempts and was limited to six points. He also finished second on the team with four rebounds. The Lumberjacks had an excellent all-around performance from Tristan Gentry who scored 20 points and accounted for nine boards. — TK

Sports

✓Trojans: With no 2019 season, many seniors have no varsity experience

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This season, there are six seniors to serve as mentors to a slew of freshmen.

“We have a great number of kids coming out this year,” Corta said. “We have a huge number of freshmen playing this year.”

Although there are six seniors on the squad, only two of them have extensive varsity experience.

“We will have some growing pains, but it will be something we will overcome,” Corta said.

The team got its first competition in during Saturday’s jamboree at Vallivue in Caldwell. The Trojans played a three-inning scrimmage against Vallivue, and a pair of two-inning scrimmages against Ridgevue of Nampa, and Caldwell

With the influx of ninth-graders, there are about 26 players split between the junior varsity and varsity squads.

The Trojans’ youthful look may catch some opponents off-guard.

“I feel like teams are going to overlook us because of varsity experience,” Corta said. “But I think we will surprise a lot of teams.”

Part of the fuel behind that stealth campaign is the missing 2019 season.

“It always hurts to take a year off,” the coach said. “We will definitely have to knock dust off gloves and cleats and get back to work.

“The good thing taking a year off is girls come back hungry and ready to get after it.”



Homedale’s Olivia Miller slashes a run-scoring triple to the opposite field during Saturday’s Vallivue Jamboree contest against Ridgevue in Caldwell.

Four seniors are back to continue their varsity careers, while two are ready to make up for lost time when what was supposed to be their first season with the big club ended after only a few games last spring.

• **Kaitlyn Missamore, utility** — Entering her fourth varsity season, Missamore will split time between second base and the pitching circle.

“Kaitlyn also will bring a great bat to the lineup,” Corta said. “She also has a great glove and has four years of varsity experience to help be a team leader.”

• **Kenzie Miller, SS** — Corta says Miller will be another leader on the field who will bring a “great” bat to the park every day.

“She has a great nose for the ball and has great softball knowledge,” the coach said.

• **Maddie Miller, C** — “Maddie has worked her tail

off, and it is really showing,” Corta said. “Maddie also swings a great bat.

“We are expecting good things out of her.”

• **Caitlyn Pate, utility** — Corta said Pate is another athlete who worked hard during the off-season, and she will play multiple positions.

“Caitlyn hits the ball real well and has great softball sense,” the coach said.

• **Ashley Maybon and Kenna McKay** — These players were slated to play on the varsity squad as juniors, Corta said.

“We’re looking for senior leadership out of them,” he said.

There are three other returning varsity players:

• **Amaia Aberasturi, CF** — Taking advantage of her speed and strong arm, Corta moved the junior to center field this year. He said she’ll

be a team leader in her third varsity season.

“Amaia can track down a lot of balls hit into the gap,” Corta said. “Amaia has great softball skills. She hits well, runs well, and is very softball savvy.”

• **Belisia Larzelier, RF** — “Belisia hasn’t had much varsity experience, but makes up for that with hustle,” Corta said.

Like Aberasturi, the junior uses her speed to track down hard-to-get balls in the outfield, Corta said.

• **Olivia Miller, 3B** — The sophomore is back after an abbreviated varsity season as a ninth-grader, and the coach said she has a “great glove and a great arm.”

“Olivia has played a lot of club ball and has a lot of softball experience,” Corta said. “Olivia also has a great bat and real good speed.”

The influx of freshmen constitutes the majority of newcomers on the squad.

“We have a very rounded team that will play together,” Corta said. “We will have a good mixture of old and young players.”

• **Katie Christoffersen, OF** — The lone sophomore making her varsity debut is switching over from track and field.

“Katie has tremendous speed, which will be huge for us in the outfield and on the bases,” Corta said. “I’m looking forward to see Katie on the field.”

• **Olivia Asumendi, 1B/P** — The freshman will play first base and see some time

pitching and, just as she was during the basketball season, Corta expects her to be a “huge part of this team.”

“Olivia has a huge stick and is a threat every time she steps to the plate,” the coach said.

• **Dani Sitts, P/OF** — Corta expects the transfer from Parma to make an immediate impact with her speed and fielding and batting skills.

“Even as a freshman, Dani has played a lot of club ball,” Corta said. “She has great experience on-field.”

• **Zayne Hall, P/OF** — Hall is another ninth-grader who’s expected to deliver quickly.

“Zayne brings us the long ball threat every time she swings,” Corta said.

• **Isana Larzelier, C** — The freshman will back up Maddie Miller behind the plate.

“Isana has good speed and great softball drive,” the coach said.

The Trojans’ coaching staff even has differing levels of experience.

Longtime assistant Cary Hoshaw is back as hitting coach and outfield coach.

Kylee Silliman will serve as pitching coach and will coordinate pitches during games.

Travis Kerbs is now the top JV coach after years as an assistant.

Tristan Martell, Corta’s daughter and a former four-year standout for the Trojans before graduating five years ago, starts her first season as a JV assistant.

— JPB

✓Huskies: Second-year coach looking forward to first full season on field

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season when COVID-19 put a stop to everything.

Second-year coach JW Chadez is looking to revitalize the program but faces an uphill battle, dealing with an as-yet low turnout (10 players) and a noticeably young squad (just two seniors).

Last season, the Huskies had 17 athletes on the team, and more may filter in this season.

Chadez’s right-hand man Jim King, who will help in a variety of areas, Mike Farrell (hitting) and Ryan Bowers (pitching) will all help steer the ship this season.

The club has to recover from several significant losses from last year’s team, including Joaquin Oliveros (shortstop and pitcher), True Shippy (outfield and pitcher), Brady Dines

(first and third base), and Clancy King (outfield).

The only seniors on the 2021 version are returner Colton Scott (catcher and third base) and Homedale transfer Bowen Campbell (pitcher and utility player).

Junior catcher/infielder James Hance transferred from Skyview High School in Nampa.

Chadez expects both Campbell and Hance to be big contributors to the Huskies’ success this season.

Despite its youth, the team is not without experienced players. Key returners include:

• **Scott, sr., catcher/third base** — “Colton is strong and a good leader from the catcher position,” Chadez said.

• **Xavier Delgadillo, so., shortstop and pitcher** — “Good all-around player with

a good bat.”

• **JT Chadez, so., first base, third base and pitcher** — “Most consistent pitcher last season.”

• **Robert Renteria, so., first base and pitcher** — “Came on strong pitching in his last couple of appearances.”

• **Coupe Urrutia, jr., outfield** — “Brings a lot of hustle and intensity to the team.”

Chadez is confident in his players’ skills and attitudes but tempers that enthusiasm, knowing full well the challenges the team faces.

“We all have a lot of work to do,” he said. “There are still a lot of unknowns to try and figure out.

“We are still inexperienced and have a lot of growth ahead of us, but I definitely think we are capable of making the ba-

sic plays and making the opposing team earn everything they get.”

With just 10 players currently on the squad, remaining healthy is essential.

With just eight practices before the team’s first game at 4:30 p.m., today at Horseshoe Bend, Marsing will have to learn from its mistakes quickly. Although Chadez believes that the team will be solid, with a particularly strong infield, it will be a trial by fire for these young Huskies.

The Huskies will play their home opener with non-conference opponent Payette at 4:30 p.m., on Friday.

In an early highlight to the season, the Huskies will take the field at Boise’s Memorial Stadium — home of the independent minor-league Hawks

— for a non-conference doubleheader against Horseshoe Bend. The first game starts at noon.

The coaching staff wasn’t able to see many 2A Western Idaho Conference teams in action last season, so Chadez’s knowledge of league foes is a little narrow. He feels that perennial powers Nampa Christian and Melba will be the teams to beat this year, but beyond that, he says things are up for grabs.

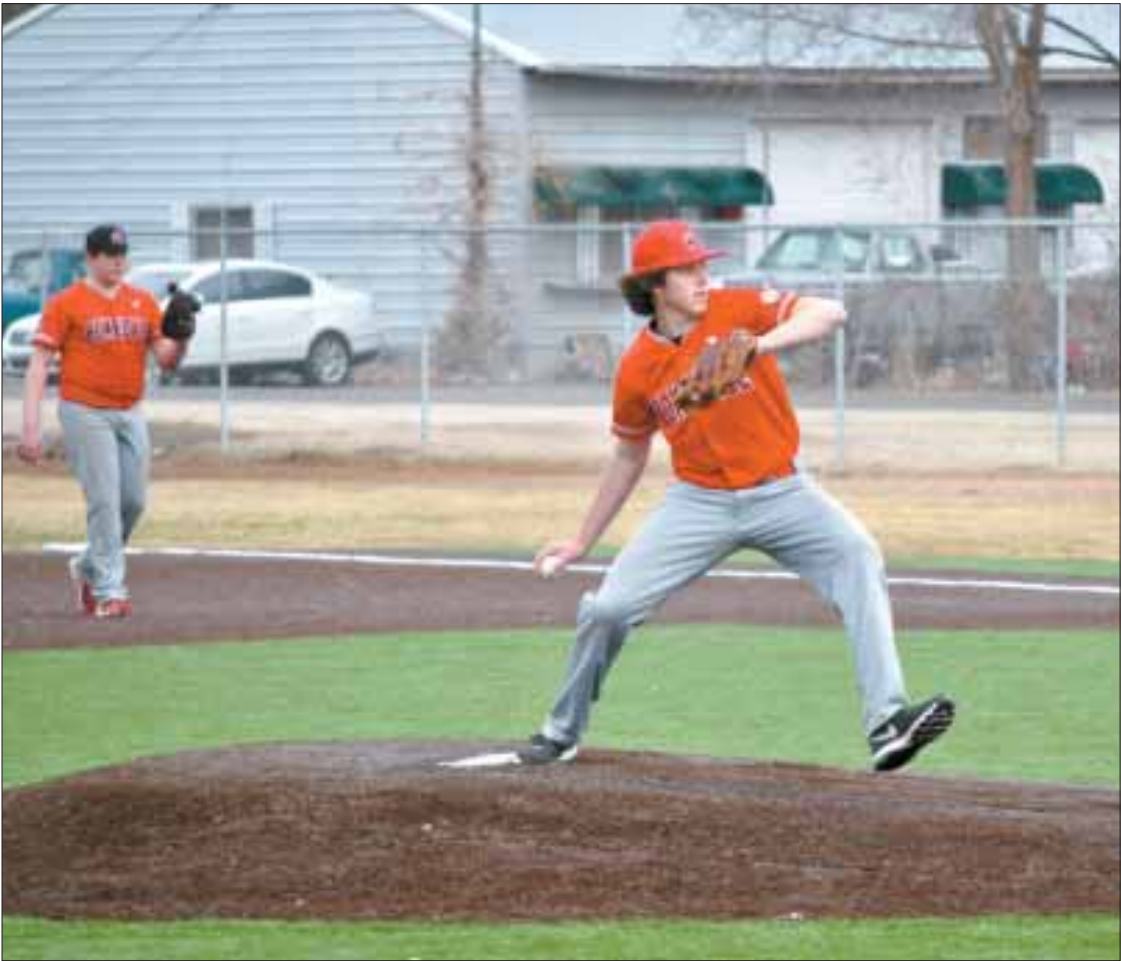
“I hope by midseason, we are playing good baseball and give some teams a run for their money,” Chadez said. “We just have to take it one game at a time.

“We have the talent to compete but it’s going to take a team effort.”

— TK

Sports

MORE SIGHTS FROM THE WEEK



Trojans get early exposure to baseball in jamboree

Homedale High School right-handed pitcher Landen Wilson fires toward the plate during Saturday's hometown jamboree against Nampa in John Jackson Field. The Trojans open the season at home today against non-conference foe Emmett.



Homedale teen rides to Oreana 100 win

Homedale resident Jace Love won the B class championship in Sunday's portion of the Oreana 100 desert motorcycle race. The son of Josh and Lindsey Love finished 20th overall in a field of more than 250 riders. Fellow Homedale riders Rylan and Kaden Binford raced in the sportsman class. Submitted photo



Taking it to the hoop

Melba High School senior Josh Leavitt runs past a St. Maries defender for a fast-break layup during Thursday's opening-round game of the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament at Eagle High School.



Early-season huddle

Homedale High School pitching coach Kylee Silliman talks to the Trojans' infielders during a break in play during Saturday's scrimmage against Ridgevue at the Vallivue Jamboree in Caldwell.

A Brunch Spread Fit for Spring

FAMILY FEATURES

From tasty small bites to a filling feast and even dessert for breakfast, brunch options are nearly endless. Take your spring brunch to the next level with recipes that appease appetites of all kinds.

First, start with portioned pastry cups perfect for appetizers. Bring out the protein-packed breakfast burritos for the main course then, for a final touch of sweet deliciousness, offer up lemony doughnuts to cap off the feast.

Find more brunch recipes at Culinary.net.

Bite-Sized Breakfast

Appetizer-sized portions and small bites of all sorts are ideal for breakfast spreads, and these Pastry Brunch Cups are perfect for starting a morning meal with loved ones. Or, if a busy schedule looms, try baking a batch and separating into appropriate serving sizes for a simple way to meal prep heading into a new week.

Find more breakfast recipes at Culinary.net.

Pastry Brunch Cups

- Servings: 18
- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
 - 2 sheets puff pastry
 - 18 eggs
 - 2 cups diced ham
 - chopped fresh green onions

Heat oven 375 F.

In small saucepan, melt butter. Whisk flour with butter. Gradually pour in milk, whisking each time. Bring to simmer, whisking until mixture starts to thicken. Remove from heat; stir in Swiss cheese. Set aside.

Use rolling pin to thin out puff pastries. Cut each into nine squares. Line pastry squares in muffin cups, pressing bottoms down firmly and moving pastries up sides for edges to come up just over muffin tins. Fill each cup with 1 teaspoon cheese sauce. Crack one egg into each cup and sprinkle each with diced ham.

Bake 10-15 minutes until eggs set. Sprinkle with chopped green onions.



Power Brunch with a Protein-Packed Burrito

A well-rounded brunch calls for a multitude of dishes and beverages, but it wouldn't be complete without a protein-packed recipe to get the day started.

This delicious Breakfast Burrito is loaded with colorful veggies and Silver Fern Farms 100% grass-fed strip steak. Hailing from New Zealand, home to some of the world's most natural tasting beef and lamb, this premium cut of beef is aged 21 days and minimally processed with no added growth hormones or antibiotics. The animals are grass-fed year-round and allowed to roam and graze freely, so the beef offers a lean, flavorful texture that tastes just as nature intended.

Visit silverfernfarms.com to find more at-home brunch inspiration.

Breakfast Burrito

- 1 Silver Fern Farms New Zealand 100% Grass-Fed New York Strip Steak (10 ounces)
- oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced lengthwise
- 4 large mushrooms, sliced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2-1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tomato, finely chopped
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 large tortillas
- 1 cup spinach
- 1 1/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- 1 avocado
- lime wedges (optional)
- hot sauce (optional)

Remove steak from packaging and set aside 10 minutes. Once steak reaches room temperature, heat pan over medium-high heat. Rub steak with oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook until medium-rare, approximately 3-4 minutes each side. Remove from pan and cover loosely with tinfoil to rest 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium and add splash of oil. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add red bell pepper and mushrooms; cook 1 minute.

Add cumin, paprika and chili powder; stir through. When veggies are tender (about 2 minutes), add tomato and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, milk and salt and pepper, to taste. Heat pan to medium heat and add splash of oil. Pour egg mixture into pan and cook, lifting and folding eggs until thickened and no visible liquid egg remains. Do not stir constantly.

Lay tortillas on flat surface or plate. In center of tortilla, add cooked veggies and top with thinly sliced beef. Add handful of spinach, scrambled eggs, crumbled feta, cilantro and avocado. Fold bottom of tortilla and roll. Serve with lime wedges and hot sauce, if desired.

Dine on Deliciously Sweet Doughnuts

Brunch is never complete without something sweet to cap off the morning feast, and doughnuts are often the perfect complement to an array of main courses.

These Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts pair the bite-sized morsels with lemon curd (if that suits your style) for a sweet-tart combination. They're made using Domino Golden Sugar, which is made from pure cane sugar and is less processed than white granulated sugar, as one you can always trust in your favorite recipes. It works cup-for-cup just like white sugar but with a golden color and distinct hint of molasses flavor.

Visit dominosugar.com to find recipes perfect for entertaining and celebrating throughout the year.

Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 7 minutes

Doughnuts:

- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 cups Domino Golden Sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 5 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Lemon Curd (optional):

- 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 lemons, zest and juice only
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

To make doughnuts: In large saucepan, preheat oil to 350 F. Prepare cookie sheet with paper towel to drain doughnuts once out of hot oil.

In bowl, mix flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add lemon zest, eggs, ricotta cheese and vanilla extract; mix until well combined.

Use ice cream scoop to scoop small amounts dough into oil, 4-5 pieces at a time. Fry each batch until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Keep oil at or near 350 F; if oil is too hot, doughnuts will turn golden brown but centers may still be raw. Remove from oil and drain in paper towel. Repeat with remaining dough.

While still hot, toss doughnuts with remaining sugar.

To make lemon curd, if desired: In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and egg yolks, one at a time. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and salt.

Transfer mixture to saucepan and cook at low-medium heat until thick and creamy, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and let cool before serving with doughnuts.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

The Horse Show Conversation



“A fine lookin’ horse you’ve got there (if yer into modern art)
I had a horse like that one time (but he wasn’t very smart)

I’d guess that he’s part thoroughbred (and part Catahoula hound)
You get him in a claiming race? (or at the lost and found)

Oh, really, you’ve got the papers (I’d use ’em to train the dog)
And he’s outta California! (No wonder he smells like smog)

He seems a little bit feisty (to have one foot in the grave)
Yup, I’ve used Ace myself sometimes (when there’s somethin’ left to save)

What kinda bit have you got there? (it looks like a calving tool)
Oh, you invented it yourself (Do them Vise Grips make him drool?)

Yeah, I’ll bet it sure does stop him (like runnin’ into a train)
You must’ve built that tie-down, too (Never seen one made outta chain)

And where did you get those leggin’s? (from a circus refugee)
Well, most people like ’m longer (At least down to the knee)

Good luck. I reckon yer up soon (I’d hate to be in that wreck)
You’ve already finished your class? (And haven’t broken yer neck)

Two firsts and honorable mention! (Whoa up! I’m way off the trail!)
A fine lookin’ horse you’ve got there (maybe that sucker’s for sale ...)

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention *The Owyhee Avalanche* when ordering.

Oscar Evans, Homedale resident

Reclaiming sovereignty



Stronger local, state control may halt downward spiral

The Idaho Legislature is right to consider the ability to call itself into session for certain reasons and with some limits.

It’s difficult to imagine a supposedly co-equal branch of government that is unable to act without permission from another branch. I think the governor’s unilateral handling of the virus as well as his handling of federal (our) funds last year without any input from the citizens’ elected voices in the Legislature shows the need for a minimum mechanism for the Legislature to act without executive permission. As with any legislation, the devil will truly live somewhat uncomfortably in the details.

Another balance of power issue that needs to be addressed as badly — or I would argue worse — is the enormous disparity between the power of the federal government and that of the states and citizens. I believe — and history proves — that less power at all levels of government is best for free citizens as well as for the government itself. That being said, we are far beyond the point where we can simply remind federal officials — including unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats — that we are a free people and that we don’t

need them or their programs. With our federal taxpayer funds being used as a form of legal bribery to implement federal programs, it’s an increasingly difficult and expensive argument to make.

Like most conservatives, I despise the thought of more power at any level of government. But it is becoming increasingly clear at this point that the only way for us to regain the many rights and freedoms that are lost to the intrusive federal establishment is for the state to assert itself. For us to regain both our individual freedoms as well as state sovereignty, it will be necessary for we the people and the state to work together to reclaim those rights.

The conflict of course is that in order for the state to reclaim and return those rights to the proper level, it must first actually have control of the rights. Many state lawmakers are conditioned to follow guidance to get a good “small government” report card. Unfortunately and too often the collateral damage of attacking state government is a continued shift of power toward the already overpowered and unresponsive feds.

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Through the eyes of youth
Law enforcement deserves our support not defunding

I believe that we should support police. They are the difference between public safety and chaos. They catch criminals, testify in court, patrol highways, respond to emergencies, educate the public, investigate crimes and gather evidence.

Police uphold law and order. They are thoroughly trained for patrols, correction, parole, and have specialized training (K-9, Fish and Game, etc.). About 111 hours are devoted to firearms and self-defense training. About 20 hours are spent on human relations and conflict management.

People may argue that police spending is using money that is better spent on aid programs, but police spending takes up four percent of state and local capital spending. Education takes up 31

percent of Idaho spending. Public welfare takes up 22 percent. Health is 10 percent of Idaho spending. Idaho police officers get paid on average \$52,234 per year to risk their lives for our safety. Perhaps more money should be given to fund better human relations and conflict management training.

Some people believe that police support white supremacy, but that doesn’t make sense, because more white people are killed by police than African Americans. In 2020, 43.2 percent of people killed by police were white, 22.6 percent were African American, and 16.3 percent were Hispanic. Between 90 percent and 95 percent of people killed by police were attacking police or civilians. Most had a weapon.



In 2020, 264 police officers across our nation were killed in the line of duty compared to the 135 officers killed in 2019. That means that in one year the number of police killed has nearly doubled.

The Federal Law Enforce-

ment Support Office/1033 Excess Military Equipment Program allows excess military equipment to go to police including weapons such as grenades, assault rifles, and armored vehicles. All police departments have non-lethal weapons including batons, tasers, water cannons, active denial system (a dish that uses radiation to trick the nervous system into thinking a suspect is on fire), tear gas, malodorants (mist sprayed with a water cannon that produces a repelling smell), wax bullets, rubber bullets (which can be fired with a paintball gun for less force). If these non-lethal weapons were more common, then fatalities would go down. Perhaps there should be a special department for extreme cases.

Our law enforcers uphold the Constitution. Why bother making laws when you can’t enforce them? We should always be looking for ways to improve, but defunding police is not a positive change because they risk their lives for public safety. Police are being defunded and may even be dismantled or sized down. I believe that we should give more money to them. Law enforcement is a good use of taxpayers’ money. Contact your legislators and support police. Do not defund these heroes without a fight!

—Belle Brackett, 13, is a seventh-grader at Three Creek School. She lives in Three Creek with her parents, Gus and Kimberly Brackett, and her sisters and brother.

Commentary

Financial management

Several options better than buying new car to cut fuel costs

Dear Dave,
Do you think I should get a new hybrid car to save money on gas? A lot of my friends have done this, and with the rise in gas and oil prices lately, they're telling me I should, too. According to them, I'll save a ton of money, especially because I have a bigger car and a longer drive to work. What are your thoughts?

— Daneen

Dear Daneen,
I get lots of questions about these kinds of scenarios, and how it plays into people's budgets. Many folks wonder if it would be better to go out and get a new vehicle with better gas mileage. Well, do you really want to lose more money?

Let's say you currently drive a vehicle worth \$10,000 that gets 15 miles per gallon. There's a \$25,000 hybrid you're thinking about buying that gets 25 miles per gallon. That's a \$15,000 price difference just to get 10 more miles a gallon. If you drive 100 miles a week, that's about a \$10 difference a week. That would be about \$40 extra you're spending a month in gas if you stuck with the current car. A monthly car payment is a whole lot more than that! In short, the math doesn't work. You'd have to drive to the moon and back to make it worthwhile.

There are a lot smarter things you can do to cut down on your fuel bill. Have you thought about trading for something



smaller? If you're driving a gas guzzler, trade it in on another car worth no more than your current car's selling price. This means better fuel efficiency without a car payment.

Carpooling is an option, too, even if you split the driving just a few days a week.

If you want to get a little more radical with the money-saving ideas, you could think about moving closer to work. Spend some time doing the calculations and looking at the specifics to see if it makes sense in your case. Finally, and this may be a last-ditch effort, you could consider changing jobs. No one's forcing you to work where you do, especially if you're spending a lot of time and money on the road just getting to and from your job. If you're really spending a ridiculous amount on gas each month, it might even be time to look into ideas you may have once had to start your own business.

But don't use better gas mileage, or bad advice from your friends, as a rationalization for buying a new car. It's just not worth it!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Control: Keep feds out of our lives, schools, healthcare, ag

From Page 10B

First, we have to say to no. No to federal monies. No to federal rules and involvement in education, health care, ag, environmental and personal lives. It's a tough proposition, especially for the majority of us who strongly favor smaller government across the board. We might have to stop the race to the bottom in Boise and join together for a strong and independent state that actually respects the rights of its citizens and its own sovereignty.

The frequency and severity of the national political and cultural issues that have increasingly divided us is largely rooted in the fact that so much power is concentrated in Washington D.C. Meanwhile our citizen and state input is increasingly relegated to partisan fights, congressional seniority and executive decrees.

As our state legislators struggle with the issues that concern our internal balance of power, I wish them success. I hope they give serious consideration to the bigger issue that is so polarizing to our state and nation. It might not yield a good report card, but it will make us a better and more free state. It might be expensive, but it will be far less costly than the continued spiral away from state sovereignty and individual freedom and the continually difficult task of keeping the great state of Idaho free and independent.

— Homedale resident Oscar Evans is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel who flew F/A 18 Hornets in the U.S. Navy for 14 years and then transitioned to the F15 Eagle in the Louisiana Air National Guard. He flew over 3,000 hours and amassed almost 400 carrier landings. He is also a former Republican candidate for Dist. 23, Seat A of the Idaho House of Representatives.

From Washington D.C. could learn a fiscal thing or two from Idaho

by Sen. Jim Risch

Despite falling COVID-19 case counts;
Despite President Biden's assurances of bipartisan cooperation;
Despite \$1 trillion in unspent COVID-19 aid across the country from previous relief bills;
Democrats are on the precipice of passing a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 spending plan through Congress without a single Republican vote. The previous five relief bills were all passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Unlike the five bipartisan COVID-19 relief bills before it, this \$1.9 trillion spending plan is packed with funding for special interests and longtime liberal priorities. Early COVID-19 relief bills provided funds for testing and vaccine development, personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline health care workers, and grants to keep small businesses afloat. In stark contrast, this package devotes hundreds of billions of dollars to items like expanding Obamacare and tens of millions of dollars to "climate justice."

These are not efforts that will benefit people who need help related to the impact of COVID-19.

The bill also offers \$350 billion to state and local governments. That's more than 87 times Idaho's entire annual budget, and it will predominantly be awarded to states that rang up billions in unpaid debt long before the COVID-19 pandemic began. Under Democrats' plan, poorly-run states will receive the biggest government payouts over well-managed states like Idaho, which despite a year of extraordinary challenges, ranks first in the country for economic momentum, financial solvency, and personal income growth.

Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Brad Little and the state Legislature, Idaho is in the strongest possible position to emerge from the pandemic in even better financial shape than we were in going into it. Remarkably, Idaho currently carries a budget surplus. The United States is \$28 trillion in debt and about to add nearly \$2 trillion more to that total, a 7 percent increase in our national debt with a single bill. That's

spending with no revenue source to pay for it. It's all borrowed money. That's more than \$84,000 in debt for every man, woman, and child in the country.

Idaho has a long history of fiscal responsibility and conservative governing, and when it comes to Idaho's balanced budget approach, the proof is in the pudding. Last year, states across the country slashed their budgets by 20 to 40 percent. Meanwhile, Idaho's efforts to cut red tape and limit government spending helped deliver the largest budget surplus on record.

In Idaho, we have much to be proud of. We make our home in a place that is committed to small government and responsible spending. Idaho's leaders are building a future rooted in these conservative principles where our children's children can learn, grow, and prosper.

Idaho's economic recovery has not been even, and some are still in great financial distress. However, there are still more than \$1 trillion in unspent funds from the last bipartisan COVID relief bill that have yet to be tapped. Furthermore, Republicans proposed a smaller, more targeted relief bill without state and local government bailouts and much of the wasteful spending we see in the current bill. Republicans' good faith effort was summarily dismissed by Democratic leaders from President Biden on down.

There's still time to turn things around in Washington, D.C., but the goalpost of fiscal responsibility gets further away every day. We must start digging out of the spending hole we've created for ourselves before it's too late. This is not a Democratic problem or a Republican problem, it's an American problem. It's time for Washington, D.C. to take a page out of Idaho's playbook and take responsibility for getting our nation's fiscal house in order so we can give future generations the America they deserve.

— Republican Jim Risch began his third six-year term as Idaho's junior U.S. senator earlier this year. Prior to his time in the Senate, he served as Idaho's governor and lieutenant governor and was a state legislator.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 13, 1996



The Homedale boys cross-country team ran the Owyhee County Fun Run in under an hour’s time, and left all pursuers far behind. The Nampa Police Department came in second and the Homedale girls cross-country team came in a close third.

Fun Run was fun, runners say

More than 60 runners competed Saturday in the Owyhee County Fun Run between Reynolds Creek and Murphy.

Law enforcement teams competed for a traveling trophy and medals, and other teams competed, well, just for fun. All proceeds of the race went to benefit the DARE program, Owyhee County chief deputy Gary Aman said, and he was very pleased with the turnout.

\$300 was raised for DARE, Aman said, and all the runners seemed to have a good time. Chili, punch, and dessert were served at the sheriff’s office after the run, and prizes and T-shirts were awarded the runners.

Although the Nampa Police led up the first 2-mile hill out of Reynolds Creek, Aman said the Homedale boys cross-country team took first prize. The Nampa Police Department came in second place with their tricky technique where runners took turns making brief sprints up the hill, and then ran their two consecutive miles on the down-hill side; but the Homedale girls cross-country team came in a close third. Teams of younger kids from Marsing and Homedale also competed.

OCA schedules meeting to discuss adjudication

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association has scheduled a special general meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30pm at the courthouse in Murphy for members to give direction to the board on water issues and land management concerns.

OCA president Mike Hanley said, “The Snake River Basin Adjudication is the most immediate threat. In spite of a United States Supreme Court decision to the contrary the Federal government is trying to gain ownership of all stock water rights on the Federal lands. We need immediate discussion of how to deal with this issue. The question is now before the court and cannot wait.”

Hanley says members of the association have incurred \$18,000 in legal fees personally defending their water rights already, and fundraising is a topic that needs to be discussed.

Homedale Chamber to support “rod run”

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce decided to support a “rod run” car show in Homedale May 4th.

About 75 street rods, classic cars, and antiques will be coming to town, according to Homedale resident Mark Bauer. Bauer is a member of the Heap Herders Car Club, and told the Chamber that Homedale would be the final stop on a “rod run” from Caldwell. When the cars get to Homedale in the evening, they will visit the high school, Bauer said, and then finish the run at the Frosty Palace.

50 years ago

March 11, 1971



HOMEDALE TROJAN basketball team won the District A-3 championship at Caldwell fieldhouse Friday night by beating New Plymouth. The Trojans will play today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. at Rexburg in the State A-3 tourney, meeting Wendell Trojans, who defeated Homedale 67-60 last year for the state title. Front row, from left, Coach Jack Daniell, Paul Pearson, Head Coach Daryl Kellum; back row, Manager Pat Garrity, Monte Duncan, Greg Haylett, Robert Adams, Brian Vance, Mike Gross, Richard Degitz, Rick DeGroat, Merlin Ethington, Mike Hyer, Alan Echeverria, Gary Tanikuni and Ray Garcia.

Trojans whip New Plymouth to win District A-3

The New Plymouth jinx faded Friday night before the onslaught of a determined Homedale Trojans squad which finally overwhelmed the Pilgrims 41-39, in the A-3 district title match at Caldwell fieldhouse.

New Plymouth had dominated the A-3 tourney four straight years, including the past two years when the Trojans had entered the state tourney on a runner-up basis and managed to snag a state championship and a second place berth.

The victory put Homedale into the state tourney, slated to start today (Thursday) at Rexburg, for the third straight year, this time as the front-runner. New Plymouth won the second spot at state by defeating Marsing Saturday night. Marsing had nipped Middleton 70-62 preceding the Homedale-New Plymouth game.

Only two players managed to score in double figures in the tight defensive battle — Paul Pearson led Homedale with 11 and Alan Myers hit 13 for New Plymouth — six in the final quarter rally.

But Pearson did get 13 rebounds and teammate Mike Gross pulled down 12, 10 in the first half. Gross’ board work was a big reason the Trojans broke out to the eight-point halftime lead.

In the opening game, Marsing guard Pat Tilman led the Huskies as they broke open a close game in the second half. Tilman hit 20 of his 26 points in the second half and his aggressive defensive play helped to unbalance the Vikings.

Dan Percifield led all rebounders with 15 and hit 13 points for Marsing.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“Cassius Clay oughta be convinced by now that he shoulđa gone to the Army instead of fightin’ Joe Frazier.”

3 men named as nominees to C of C board

Three names have been proposed as nominees to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce board of directors, according to Cliff Turner, Secretary.

The three nominated at a board meeting Tuesday noon at Owyhee Lanes café are Darrel Reisch, Ray Tolsma and Marion Vance.

155 years ago

March 10, 1866

STATE GOVERNMENT. – By an Act of the recent Legislature the people are called upon to vote for or against State Government in Idaho in August next; and at the same time elect delegates to a Constitutional Convention. If the people pronounce in favor of Statehood, the Convention is to meet in Boise City in October next. The passage of this bill is probably well enough as a measure to convince a few old hulks of politicians the absurdity with which the real men of Idaho view the proposition. The real question for the people to decide is whether they will ruin themselves by excessive taxation to sustain or boost into high places a score of old ring-boned and pole-eviled politicians, or whether they will consult self-interest by setting the seal of condemnation on the whole tribe. The people have no heart in this move to rob them in a legal way. Those who favor the project are about equally divided between the “Democratic” and “Union” parties. They are of that class who have nothing to lose, no matter which way the question is decided, and everything to gain, if successful. We can name a number of these public pestilences in both parties – and probably will ere long. Men who are struggling for a small fortune (and probably only secure a scanty means of existence,) in these mountains, should not allow themselves to be caught in this trap. Men of capital and property must remember that their taxes will be anywhere from five to ten times greater than now. And for whose benefit? A few old political wrecks. The whole amount of taxes paid into the Territorial Treasury from May 19, 1864, to December 4, 1865, was \$5,585.43, and if all that should have been paid had been, it would only amount to \$16,573.02. Instead of paying this small sum, the people would have to ante fully \$300,000, annually, or be continually borrowing and paying enormous interest. The State tax would be about nineteen times as much as the Territorial. Again, our Territory only contains about sufficient population for a respectable County. Very correct observers say that [all races] – including the Governor – would aggregate not more than fifteen thousand. There are a thousand Counties in the United States with greater population and far more developed wealth. Look at the condition of Idaho Territory to-day. Politically and financially Boise County has thus far felt herself to be the Territory. In another year, according to residents of that county, it will be principally owned and populated by [the Chinese]. The future of Alturas is entirely problematical, and in a great measure the same is true of Owyhee. The other counties are mere ciphers in a mineral sense, and are not much to boast of in any way – except Ada, whose motto is: “In onion there is strength.” We believe Idaho second to no Territory or State in mineral wealth. But it is undeveloped, and to blight development by the enormous and useless burden of a State Government, is the greatest folly.

SLOSHING around on Wednesday, we made a tramp over War Eagle Mountain, took an outside view of a number of ledges and a thorough inside one of the Oro Fino. Work is being rushed along night and day on a number of ledges and preparations are being made to commence on others. The Oro Fino, Minnesota, Silver Legion, Hays & Ray, Whisky Gulch, Trook & Jennings, and some others are being worked twenty hours each day. The Oro Fino is well known as a first-class ledge, but it may not be as well known that it is growing wider and richer as a greater depth is obtained. At one place for nearly sixty feet in length, the ledge is nine feet in thickness of pure quartz – in much of which gold is plainly visible.

Public notices

ELECTION CALENDAR 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2021:

Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Gem Highway District 1016 Main St. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner District #2 – 4 year term Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term Three Creek Highway District 864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, Idaho Commissioner – Districtwide (2 positions) – 4 year term	May 18, 2021	March 19, 2021
LIBRARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth St. – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (2 positions) - 6 year terms Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (2 positions) – 6 year term Lizard Butte Library 111 3 rd . Ave. W. – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1 position) – 6 year term	May 18, 2021	March 19, 2021
CEMETERY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Bruneau Cemetery District 30073 Hot Springs Rd. – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 position) – 4 year term Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District 4410 Cemetery Rd. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho St. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year terms	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365 39678 State Hwy. 78 – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term Homedale Joint School District #370 116 East Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416 864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Marsing Joint School District #363 209 8th Ave. West – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term Melba School District #136 520 Broadway Ave. – Melba, Idaho Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term Pleasant Valley School District #364 28026 Juniper Mountain Road – Pleasant Valley, Idaho Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021

MAY 18, 2021 OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1404, notice is hereby given for the candidate filing deadline for the following taxing districts that will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County on May 18, 2021. In order to appear on the election ballot, a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the office of said districts as stated below. Declaration of Candidacy forms can be obtained at the district’s office or the Election Office at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID. Forms are also available online at www.owyheecounty.net. Declarations of Candidacy must be submitted to the District Clerk or Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2021 (Idaho Code §34-1404 the 9th Friday prior to the Election). Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2021 (Idaho Code §34-1407 the 8th Friday prior to the election).

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICT	POSITION OPEN
Gem Highway District 1016 W. Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639	- Commissioner District #1 4 year term - Commissioner District #2 4 year term
Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado Avenue Homedale, Idaho 83628	- Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term
Three Creek Highway District 864 Filer Avenue Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	- Commissioner Districtwide (2) Positions Open 4 year terms
Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth Street Bruneau, Idaho 83604	- Trustee Districtwide (2) Positions Open 6 year terms
Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	- Trustee Districtwide (2) Positions Open 6 year terms
Lizard Butte Library 111 3 rd . Ave. W. Marsing, Idaho 83639	- Trustee Districtwide (1) Position Open 6 year term
03/10/2021	

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1,

2016, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

**Parcel RPA00100100150A
Frank A DeAugustine, Jr.
PO Box 24
Homedale, ID 83628**

Property known as Lot 1 5 Block 10 of the amended townsit plat of Homedale. Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and recorded in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho or more commonly known as: 504 W Oregon Ave, Homedale, ID

Tax: \$184.58
Late Charge: \$ 3.70
Interest: \$ 96.76
Costs: \$446.00* *
TOTAL \$731.04

**Parcel RPB00000346401A
Michael G & Jenell A Rice
3555 E John L Ave Lot 10
Kingman, Az 86409**

Property known as: Tax 4B 34 3N 4W City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, or more commonly known as: 110 8th Ave, Marsing, ID

Tax: \$552.86
Late Charge: \$ 11.06
Interest: \$ 289.78
Costs: \$605.00* *
TOTAL \$1,458.70

****Pursuant to Idaho Code 963-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before April 12, 2021, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall

thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on April 26, 2021, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy,

Idaho, for tax deed conveying the above described property to OWYHEE COUNTY, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date. 3/3, 3/10, 3/11, 3/24

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.

**Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER and
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COLLECTOR FOR
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03/03,10,17,24/2021**

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CITY POSITION ELECTIONS

City of Grand View
425 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho
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City of Homedale
37 W Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho
Mayor – 4 year term
Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms

City of Marsing
425 Main St. – Marsing, Idaho
Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms

November 2, 2021September 3, 2021

Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Fire Protection District 31286 Highway 51 – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Zone #1 – 4 year term		
Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 720 Roosevelt Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 2 year term		
Homedale Rural Fire Protection District 19 East Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Marsing Rural Fire Protection District 303 Main Street – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner At Large – 4 year term		
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District 17104 Tumbleweed Ln. – Murphy, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year terms		

Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. All Political Subdivision forms are available at the addresses listed above.
03/10/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to attend a public hearing to discuss the impending Sewer/Water rate increase on March 16, 2021, 6 pm at the American Legion Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View, ID. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines, masks are suggested.
02/24,03/03,10/2021

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Bruneau - Grand View School District (BGVSD) seeks statements of qualifications from interested builders, to build a (roughly) 4,000 sq. ft. maintenance shop on Rimrock school grounds for the purpose of storing maintenance equipment,

providing a maintenance office and work space, athletic equipment storage and to use as a concessions stand for spring athletic events.
In compliance with Idaho Statute 67-2805, competitive bidding procedures will be open to licensed public works contractors only after meeting preliminary supplemental qualifications established by the political subdivision. The solicitation for bids in the category B procurement shall consist of two (2) stages, an initial stage determining supplemental pre-qualifications for licensed contractors... followed by a stage during which bid prices will be accepted only from pre-qualified contractors.

Statement of Qualifications shall be received by BGVSD no later than April 1, 2021 at 4:00pm. Please send Statement of Qualifications to Bruneau Grand View Joint School District 365, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604.
Digital copies of the project can be obtained by contacting Jonathan McClure at jmcclure@sd365.us or calling BGV at 208-834-2260. Physical print-out(s) of the project may be obtained at BGVSD’s District office located at 39678 State Highway 78 in Bruneau Idaho.
Questions related to the project are to be directed to Jonathan McClure at jmcclure@sd365.us or calling BGV at 208-834-2260
By Order of the Board of

Trustees
Joint School District No. 365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
JayDene Aquiso
03/10,17/2021

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Marsing Ambulance Service Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting, following the regular monthly meeting, designated below. Bylaws and board assignments will be reviewed. Taxpayers and residents of Marsing Ambulance District are invited to attend.
Date: THURSDAY MARCH 18, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Marsing Fire Hall
03/03,10,17/2021

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F-15 ELIZABETH SNOW, 531 W IDAHO AVE, HOMEDALE IDAHO. DRESSER TWO CAR SEATS AND MISC ITEMS.
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03/10,17/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-21-00045

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Devan W. Denton has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Deborah Jolene Denton, Third Judicial District, Owyhee County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.
Claims must be provided to attorney Robert C. Montgomery, 2160 S. Twin Rapid Way, Boise, Idaho 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Owyhee County. Dated February 23, 2021.
03/10,17,24/2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-21-00052 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of: DENNIS GILBERT DUNN, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN DAVID G. DUNN was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the estate is required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims against the estate must be presented to the undersigned attorney for said Personal Representative, Larry C. Ashcraft, of the firm ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC, at PO Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647-0506, and filed with the Clerk of this Court.
DATED February 24, 2021.
ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC
/s/ Larry C. Ashcraft
Larry C. Ashcraft
03/03,10,17/2021

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE COLLECTION BUREAU, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff, vs. ESTEBAN RIOS, Defendant
Case No. CV37-20-00194
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is monies due and owing. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys, Mark L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846, Nampa, Idaho, 83653; (208) 463-2331. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
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Angela Barkell, CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
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HELP WANTED

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Sports

Trojans golfers rebound, rebuild after lost potential

Another Uranga expected to contend for state title

Last spring's school closures wiped out more than the final seasons for some good Homedale High School golfers.

"Not having a season really hurt our young, inexperienced golfers because they didn't get to play or practice," 10-year Trojans coach Casey Grove said.

"Now a year older, they are at the same ability level as they were a year ago."

Grove said the loss of the 2020 season also robbed the program of potentially "really good boys' and girls' teams" last season.

Several players were sidelined for their senior seasons, including NCAA Div. I golfer Daniel Uranga, who is now a true freshman on the Duke University team.



Eli Heck

Boys' players Spencer Fisher, Arnulfo Llamas, and Garrett Elordi and girls Shanley Swallow and Ashley Miller also were robbed of senior seasons

"Last year's potential was huge," Grove said, adding that he expected top-three state tournament finishes from both squads. "This year is a complete reset. With only one returning varsity boy and one varsity girl coming back, we will be starting from the ground up."

Two-year letter-winner Téa Uranga is the lone girl on the Trojans' roster this spring. Like her brother, she travels to play junior tournaments through the western U.S. when the high school season is over.

"The sky is the limit for her,"

Grove said. "If she peaks at the right time, she could very well win State as an individual."

The junior's brother won the 3A state championship as a junior in 2019, and her father is in his fifth season as an HHS assistant.

And Téa is no stranger to individual excellence. She carded a hole-in-one last summer on RedHawk Golf Course's No. 8 hole, using a pitching wedge from 123 yards.

Junior Eli Heck is the lone returner for the boys' team, which features nine golfers.

"Eli loves golf and plays a lot in the off-season," Grove said. "I expect him to be our leader throughout the season."

Heck and Uranga both work hard on their game even away from the high school program.

"Eli takes a lot of pride in his game, and it shows by his off-season practicing," Grove said. "(Uranga) puts a lot of time and effort into her game,

and it shows."

The other eight golfers on the boys' roster are athletic but have few rounds under their belts, the coach said.

"It will be a process getting them ready to compete at the varsity level," Grove said. "Hopefully we can get them playing at a competitive level by (3A District III Tournament)."

The 18-hole district tournament takes May 11 on Homedale's home course at River Bend Golf Course. Six days earlier, the Trojans play host to the final 3A Snake River Valley conference nine-hole meet of the season at River Bend.

After starting the season Tuesday after deadline in the 18-hole Nampa Invitational at RedHawk, the Trojans boys will play in today's 18-hole Homedale Ice Breaker, the first of the Trojans' three home meets this spring at River Bend.

Grove said Homedale's

struggles with numbers isn't unique in the conference.

"Weiser is the team to beat for both boys and girls," the coach said. "They will be one of the only schools in the conference with a full boys' and girls' team. Golf numbers are really low right now in the SRV."

Grove sees potential for the Trojans to return to the 3A boys' state tournament, which takes place in May at Twin Lakes in Coeur d'Alene.

"If we play our best at the end of the season, we could finish second in conference," he said. "I could see Eli finishing in the top four individually at districts."

Likewise, Grove said he expects Uranga to compete for individual honors at district and State.

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Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 10, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, March 15 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 10 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 10, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, March 15 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 10 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Tuesday, March 16 at New Plymouth Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Wednesday, March 10, home for invitational, River Bend GC, Wilder (18 holes), 10 a.m.
Girls
Monday, March 15 at Weiser Invite, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser (9 holes), 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at Nampa Invitational, Centennial GC, Nampa (18 holes), 10 a.m.

Tennis
Thursday, April 8 at Weiser, 4 p.m.

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