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HAVE SHOTS, WILL TRAVEL



Mobile unit brings COVID-19 vaccinations to area residents

Alex Arias (left) made a trip down from Wilder to take advantage of the Saint Alphonsus Health System's mobile COVID-19 vaccination unit set up just east of Homedale City Hall. Nancy Coats, RN, took care of Arias' shot. For details, see **Page 4A**

Leaving school Rimrock principal resigns

District seeks two administrators for 2021-22 year

by **Mandi Boren**

For *The Owyhee Avalanche*

A second Bruneau-Grand View School District administrator will leave his post at the end of the school year.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School principal Dale Burk submitted a letter of resignation to



Dale Burk

trustees during their April 13 regular board meeting at the high school.

— See **Rimrock**, page 2A

Homedale Lions fighting for derby's life

Without more help, this year's Fourth of July demolition derby could be the last

Will Pryor became Homedale Lions Club president with a dream of seeing the golden anniversary of the Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Now, with the annual show just over two months away, the former driver

turned starter is making a wish that the popular event can hold on through its 40th anniversary.

The problem, ironically enough, is that the popular event has outgrown the folks trying to pull it off every year.

"It just keeps growing, and our club hasn't grown with the amount the derby has grown," Pryor said.

"We're just so undermanned that we need some help, and if we don't get some help soon, we may not have a derby."

The Lions have called a special meeting for 7 p.m., today at the Bowling Alley,

— See **Derby**, back page

JV High's do-it-all secretary to retire

Wroten sets sights on watching grandkids' games

Every small school has its glue. Lauretta Wroten has been that for Jordan Valley High School for more than 20 years.

"Lauretta is at the hub of the high school," Social Studies teacher Sheryl Douglass said.

— See **Secretary**, page 9A

State legislators mull recess until September

Lawmakers' veto overrides are hit and miss

by **Connor Swersey**

UI McClure Center intern

The Idaho Legislature has passed the 100-day mark, and

bills are still flowing during the third-longest session in state history.

More bills are still being printed, legislation is being vetoed, and the question remains:

When will the 2021 legislative session adjourn?

A possible answer may have

emerged Friday morning when the House Ways and Means Committee agreed to introduce a bill that would allow the Legislature to recess until September. Lawmakers say the delay in receiving Census data is a reason for recessing the 2021 session.

Unlike last month's two-

week break because of COVID-19, legislators would not collect a per diem during the proposed recess.

Vetoed and overrides — Gov. Brad Little vetoed Senate Bill 1136 and House Bill 135, both of which would limit

— See **Recess**, page 9A



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Big Loop is back; entries open Saturday

Rodeo athletes better be quick on the draw Saturday when entries open for the 61st annual Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo.

The Big Loop was cancelled last year because of COVID-19 restrictions in Oregon.

Now, the event is back for a three-day run Friday through Sunday, May 14-16 at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds in Oregon.

Entries open at 8 a.m., on Saturday. Call (541) 586-2551 or stop by the rodeo office inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall. Mail-in entries will be drawn alternately with other entries.

Only three contestants may be entered per call or in-person.

Mail entries to Dennis Stanford, rodeo secretary, P.O. Box 167, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

It costs \$100 per event to enter saddle bronc riding, team roping, calf roping, senior barrel racing, bull riding, stock saddle bronc riding, women's breakaway roping, and the Big Loop.

Junior barrel racing, open to 14 and younger, costs \$20 to enter, and junior steer riders ages 10-14 will be \$30 to compete.

The rodeo office will be open for calls between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., beginning Monday, May 10.

Marsing Lions Club final bingo of '20-21 set for a weeknight

Hot number jackpot rolls on

In a year that has been unusual for the Marsing Lions Club — and pretty much everyone — why not an unusual bingo season finale?

The Lions Club's biggest fundraiser will close another year on a weeknight, not a Saturday as is traditional.

The final bingo night is scheduled to start, as always, with an early bird game at 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, May 6.

The regular series of 12 games starts at 7 p.m.

Free popcorn is always provided, and snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

The games are held inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Since the bingo nights have returned from a COVID-19 hiatus, there has been limited seating and organizers have recommended attendees wear masks. This is the third bingo night since the Lions Club has reinstated the fundraiser.

Each bingo night starts with the selection of a hot number, and if someone bingos on that number, they win the progressive pot. The hot number pot rolls over each

month until a winner is found. If no one wins a bingo on a hot number next week, the pot will be folded into the stakes available during the final blackout bingo.

Bingo costs include:

- \$1 per sheet for the early bird game
- \$1 for entry into the hot number contest
- \$15 for the first card of the regular series of games
- \$5 for a second regular series card

Next week's event will be only the fifth bingo night in the past 14 months.

The group cancelled the 2019-20 season finale in April when the state's COVID-19 stay-at-home order was released.

After an October opener to the 2020-21 season, the club decided to cancel November, January and February games. There is never a game night in December.

Bingo is the club's biggest fundraiser to help pay for community service activities such as Easter egg hunt earlier this month and the Third of July barbecue as well as fund the club's eyesight and hearing outreach.

Other bingo nights, including the one earlier this month, have benefitted Marsing High School's senior class and the town's senior citizens.

From page 1A

✓ Rimrock: School trustees trying to fill 66 percent of administration workforce

With Burk's resignation, the district now faces two administration-level job openings for the 2021-22 school year.

Superintendent Ryan Cantrell tendered his resignation after seven years with the district during the March board meeting.

Both resignations will be effective in June when the 2021-22 employment contracts commence.

In his resignation letter, Burk said: "It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter, but it is also full of seven years worth of friendships, memories and personal growth that Owyhee County and the people of Bruneau-Grand View helped fill it with."

Burk went on to say that the time had come for him to take

the next step for his family and his career.

In seven years with the school district, Burk worked three as a high school math teacher before serving as principal for the past four years.

"The past few years in this district have been so rewarding for me, and it has truly been an honor to serve the students and patrons of this district," Burk said.

During the April 13 meeting, Cantrell laid out for trustees the noteworthy turnaround the district has seen in the past seven years, and he said Burk played a significant role in the district's improvement.

"Mr. Burk has provided Rimrock with consistent and trustworthy leadership ... his humble leadership has re-

flected the openness required to 'first look inward' when we're making changes in our teaching and assessments," Cantrell said.

According to the hiring website schoolspring.com, both positions are currently open and posted until filled.

Applicants interested in open positions with the Bruneau-Grand View School District can contact district secretary and assistant business manager JayDene Aquiso at (208) 834-2260 or visit the school website at www.sd365.us.

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com

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Homedale resident Craig Kirkman (middle) received a donation of a reliable vehicle Monday after Bobby Warner (right) raised funds to purchase a 2002 Ford Taurus. Elly May Wass took part in the presentation of the car keys and title. Kirkman has been receiving medical treatment in Canyon County and has had difficulty finding reliable transportation.

Homedale community offers a hand up to struggling neighbor

Man can now commute to cancer treatments

Facing an uncertain future, a Homedale man received a helping hand on Monday, when he was gifted a car. Craig Kirkman was hospitalized in March after suffering a heart attack. While he was there, tests revealed he had prostate cancer. Now out of the hospital, the 10-year Homedale resident is in the midst of nine weeks of daily radiation treatments. In addition to the daily trips to Canyon County for treat-

ments, Kirkman has had to deal with limited funds, unreliable transportation, and inadequate health insurance. Kirkman's latest challenge: "The clutch went out," he said, in his 1987 Honda. Another Homedale resident, Bobby Warner, saw an opportunity to help his friend out. Using donations from the community as well as pitching in funds of his own, Warner bought a better-functioning 2002 Ford Taurus. Kirkman said he really appreciated the newer car because he has no immediate family in the area and has been forced to rely on just himself. "I was in tears," he said when Warner presented him with the keys and title on Monday. Warner said that Kirkman has been dealt a bad hand. But Warner discovered, while collecting funds for the car, that there are a lot of people in the area that want to give. "I just tell people that I need money, and they give, no questions asked," Warner said. Warner said that those who donated money toward the car did not want to be identified and said that the car was a "community donation." Kirkman has more than a month left of radiation. — TK

Foot clinics return to Homedale Sr. Center

Exercise classes planned twice weekly

The Homedale Senior Center's schedule is back to full strength next month. The Fit and Fall exercise class returns each Tuesday and Thursday, and the first foot clinic in more than a year is scheduled. Appointments are necessary for the foot clinic, which will be held on Tuesday, May 18. Appointments start around 8:30 a.m., and can be reserved by calling the senior center at (208) 337-3020. Other foot clinics are planned in July, September and November. The center will play host to the clinic every other month unless a conflict arises. The senior center is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Tuesday,

Wednesday, and Thursday. The thrift store is open the same hours, and congregate lunch is available at noon each of those days. Curbside takeout is still available, too. Call in the morning to order a meal for pick up after 12:30 p.m. The senior center continues to operate its Meals on Wheels program, too. The thrift store proceeds help operate the Meals on Wheels and other aspects of the senior center. The Fit and Fall class will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., immediately preceding lunch. The Ladies Coffee Group has begun meeting at 9 a.m., each Wednesday. The senior center board of directors are scheduled to hold a public meeting at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, May 11.

CITY OF HOMEDALE
NOTICE OF FILING OF A
PETITION FOR JUDICIAL
CONFIRMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho (the "City"), has petitioned, pursuant to Idaho Code § 7-1301, et. seq. to seek judicial confirmation of the power of the City (1) to incur an indebtedness as an "ordinary and necessary expense" of the City authorized by the general laws of the State, within the meaning of Article 8, Section 3, of the Idaho Constitution, in a principal amount of approximately \$10,500,000 for the purchase of improvements to the wastewater system of the City; (2) to issue a promissory note or other evidence of such indebtedness of the City for same, for the purpose of financing the cost of necessary improvements to the wastewater system; and (3) to pledge the City's wastewater system revenues and other lawfully available funds of Petitioner to the payment of such indebtedness for a term of years.

Interested parties who wish to review the Petition may do so during normal business hours at the Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho.

Any interested party may appear by written appearance or answer to the Petition filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court at any time prior to the date set for hearing on the Petition, which has been set before the Hon. Davis VanderVelde on the **27th day of May, 2021, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

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St. Al's brings COVID-19 shots to rural communities

FEMA trailer open in Homedale through Saturday

Local residents still looking for a chance to get a COVID-19 vaccination are in luck.

Saint Alphonsus Health Center staff began administering first dose of the Pfizer vaccine Monday afternoon inside a mobile unit east of Homedale City Hall.

The mobile clinic, housed in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) vaccination trailer, will be open through Saturday.

The clinic will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., today through Thursday and from noon to 4 p.m., on Saturday.

Anyone 16 and older can receive the vaccine at the walk-in clinic even if they don't have insurance.

But patients are asked to bring their health insurance cards, if they have one, when they check in.

St. Al's said the trailer is capable to serving 250 vaccinations each day.

While appointments aren't necessary, optional pre-registration is available at



The Saint Alphonsus Health System COVID-19 vaccination trailer was put in place Saturday.

www.saintalphonsus.org/vaxoutreach. On the website, enter "Saint Alphonsus" in the "Search by Name of Location" box to access the scheduling tool.

More information about the clinic is available by calling 208-367-4482 or by email at sahscommresources@saintalphonsus.org

The vaccination trailer will return to the Homedale City Hall-adjacent site in about

three weeks so folks can get the second stage of the Pfizer vaccine.

The St. Al's vaccine outreach will serve other rural communities in the coming weeks.

"Our ability to finish our pandemic fight strong depends on the accessibility of the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine in communities across Idaho," Gov. Brad Litta said in a St. Al's press release.

March.

The health system will focus its initial outreach clinics with the mobile vaccination unit in Public Health Districts 3 and 4, Southwest District Health and Central District Health Departments.

"This is a great opportunity to dramatically increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine in our rural communities, as well as our most underserved and vulnerable populations," Idaho Office of Emergency Management Director Brad Richy said.

"I am proud to support this partnership between IOEM, Saint Alphonsus and FEMA. Making the vaccine available to all Idahoans is critically important as Idaho continues on the path towards pandemic recovery."

Saint Alphonsus will also continue its successful mobile vaccine outreach program at churches, community centers, schools and social service agencies in Southwest Idaho. Organizations or companies interested in scheduling on-site vaccine clinics should call 208-367-4482, email sahscommresources@saintalphonsus.org or click here for a registration form.

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Correction

The description of Frank Martinez's commercial property at 302 S. Main St., in Homedale was incorrect in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. The property to be fenced is in the southwest corner of South Main Street and Utah Avenue and does not include the old Homedale Feed storage building.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus
Congregate lunch has resumed
Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except April 28, May 5*

April 28: Pepperoni and cheese flatbread pizza, side salad with tomato and cucumber
April 29: Hamburger and potato casserole, country trio vegetables
May 4: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts
May 5: Hot dog on bun, potato salad, country trio vegetables

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)*

April 28: Honey mustard chicken, salad, cottage cheese, mandarin oranges, V-8 juice, breadsticks
April 30: Chicken and pasta casserole, garden vegetables, peaches, graham crackers, wheat bread
May 4: Chicken stir-fry with rice, oriental vegetables, ginger pears, wheat bread
May 5: Egg salad sandwich, tropical fruit salad, broccoli salad, soup, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

*All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 beginning at 7 a.m. to place order*

April 29: Beef enchilada, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, fresh fruit, tortilla chips, salsa and sour cream, pudding
May 4: Beef herbed pastitsio, broccoli and cauliflower salad, cottage cheese, peaches, garlic bread
May 6: Beer and bacon mac-n-cheese, green beans, Waldorf salad, whole wheat roll, pudding

Marsing Gun Club plays host to Tully Memorial

The fourth annual Clayton Tully Memorial Sporting-clays Event is set for Sunday at the Marsing Gun Club.

The annual shoot at the club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd., off Idaho highway 78, is a scholarship fundraiser for Meridian FFA and Meridian High School’s auto mechanics program.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the contest starts at 9:30 a.m.

The shoot is held in honor of Tully, who died at the age of 17 on May 29, 2016. A flier about the event described him as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking and snowmobiling.

The shoot costs \$60 per person, and the buy-in includes five raffle tickets, a 50-round shoot and lunch. Youth ages 10-14 can participate for \$20.

Additional raffle tickets are

available for \$5 each, five tickets for \$20, or 10 tickets for \$40.

Raffle items can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Claytontullymemorialshoot.

The raffle and other giveaways will start at noon.

All contributions are tax-deductible through Meridian FFA Alumni’s 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Call Mick Tully at (208) 954-4855 for more information.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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April 28: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.
April 29: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.
May 3: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Nachos, corn.
May 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries.
May 5: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.

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*

April 28: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn.
April 29: **Breakfast:** Donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper.
May 3: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans.
May 4: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty, spicy chicken patty, potato wedges.
May 5: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

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*

April 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.
April 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast. **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans, mini corn dogs.
May 3: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich or apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog.
May 4: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese. **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll.
May 5: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges.

Marsing

*Each meal 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)

April 28: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans. Cold Grab-n-Go: Club wrap meal.
April 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito: sausage, egg, cheese, yogurt. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn. Hot Grab-n-Go: Orange chicken rice bowl.
May 3: **Breakfast:** Ultra bread slice, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Corn dog, French fries, chocolate chunk cookie. Cold Grab-n-Go: Southwest chicken wrap meal.
May 4: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans. Hot Grab-n-Go: Garlic French bread pizza.
May 5: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, hashbrown patty, strawberries. Cold Grab-n-Go: Chicken bacon ranch wrap.

Bruneau/Grand View

*All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily*

April 28: **Breakfast:** Muffins. **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn.
April 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar. **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito with salsa, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots.
May 3: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel. **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, corn.
May 4: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly. **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, carrots.
May 5: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hashbrowns. **Lunch:** Nachos and chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli.

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Sportsmanship improves 4-H experience and society in general

The Owyhee County 4-H program, and the program as a whole, focuses on positive youth development.

A large part of that is good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship promotes teamwork, builds character, and teaches respect, honor, discipline, kindness, inclusion, perseverance, and more.

The benefits of good sportsmanship are many. Sportsmanship is an aspiration that an activity will be enjoyed for its own sake.

Webster’s Third International Dictionary defines sportsmanship as “conduct becoming to an individual involving fair and honest competition, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of results.”

Laurie Michaels, the 4-H education program assistant for Oregon State University Extension Service of Douglas County, in a March 12 article for The News-Review, wrote on *4-H Sportsmanship for Youth, Parents & Spectators*:

- Youth programs are easier to conduct and are experiences that are more positive for everyone involved if good sportsmanship is demonstrated.
- The development of sportsmanship is an important part of youth development. Youth and

adults who develop and show good sportsmanship get along better and are much more successful on a long-term basis in becoming self-directing, productive, contributing, competent, caring, capable adults, than are those whose behavior is un-sportsmanship-like.

- Sportsmanship is one of the key elements of civilized society. Those who think of the big picture know the reasons for developing sportsmanship extend beyond an individual, a community, or a program.

There are various ways that sportsmanship is practiced in different activities. Being a good sport often includes treating others as you would also like to be treated, cheer for good plays (even if it is made by the opposition), accept responsibility for your mistakes, and keep your perspective. An example of treating others how you would like to be treated would include being respectful and polite to the opposition because in return you would also like to be treated the same way.

Don’t just talk about good sportsmanship. Demonstrate it.

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



Janelle Thompson

Owyhee Gardeners return

The Owyhee Gardeners club is ready to kick off the season by taking part in the Homedale Farmer’s Market plant sale from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Saturday, May 8 at Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The club will have a variety of plants available, and secretary Sherri Munsey expects that there will be other activities occurring during the sale, but details are still being decided.

Homedale Farmer’s Market president Denise Dixon said that there will be a variety of both garden and flower plants.

The club will also hold its monthly meeting from 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m., on Thursday, May 13 at the Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., inside Marsing City Hall.

The club has missed several meetings because of COVID-19 social restrictions but is again committed to its monthly gatherings.

During next month’s meeting, guest speaker Gary Schwisow, who operates a Bonnie Plants facility in Givens, will discuss greenhouses.

The Owyhee Gardeners meets the second Thursday of every month. For information about becoming a member or any of their programs, contact president Pat Benedict at (208) 250-0943.

— TK

Calendar

Today

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Ladies coffee group

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

Story Time

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

Thursday

Exercise class

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

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Marsing Lions Club bingo

6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m., full series, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

Cooking Under Pressure workshop

11 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15, U of I Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104 to register

Saturday

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

The Rock talent show

6 p.m., The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Young marriage class

7 p.m., free, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048.

Tuesday

Writing group

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

Exercise class

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

Grand View Irrigation District meeting

11 a.m., district office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and

those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Opaline Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure meeting will be held)

Thursday, May 6

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Friday, May 7

Jordan Valley FFA plant sale

9 a.m., Jordan Valley High School, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

Homedale FFA chapter banquet

6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Saturday, May 8

Catholic Mass

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

Homedale Farmers Market plant sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Jordan Valley High School graduation

4 p.m., Jordan Valley High School gymnasium, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley

Monday, May 10

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Homedale Library Board meeting

1:30 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Obituaries

Wanda Jean (Lane) Matteson

Wanda Jean (Lane) Matteson passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Wanda was born on September 1, 1928 in Boston, Arkansas, the oldest daughter of Troy and Bertha Lane. Two cherished sisters, Imogene and Aileen, later joined the family. When Wanda was six years old, Troy loaded the family into the back of the truck and moved from Arkansas to new opportunities in Idaho. They lived for several years in various places in the Treasure Valley before setting down roots on a farm they purchased on the banks of the Snake River, outside of Marsing.

Wanda attended Marsing High School and graduated in 1946. She immediately began work as a secretary at the county extension office in Marsing. At a dance at the Claytonia Dance Hall in Marsing, Wanda met her future husband, Frank. They were married on December 23, 1949, and made their home in Homedale, Idaho. In 1952, Frank, his father and his brothers, purchased the Owyhee Motor Sales. As the business became established, Wanda became the bookkeeper for the company, a position she held for over 60 years. In 1955, Frank and Wanda's



first child, Lori, was born. Kim followed in 1960, and Mike in 1965. Their lives were spent

working hard to build the business, following their kids in their extracurricular activities, enjoying family and friends, and supporting the community. Wanda enjoyed playing cards with her bridge friends, working in her yard, and having coffee every morning with her sister-in-law, Agnes Smith. Wanda is survived by her daughters, Lori (Jeff) Craney and Kim (Tim) Mackenzie; daughter-in-law, Sheila Matteson; grandchildren: Alicia (Josh) Mackenzie Bruce, Mikal (Shaun) Mackenzie Lequerica, Jordan (Katrice) Craney, Matteson Craney, Lane Matteson,

and Lawsen Matteson; seven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Imogene Emerson and Aileen Landa. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank in 1986; her son, Mike in 2016; and grandson, Brandon in 1992. The family would like to thank the staff at Lenity Senior Living for the care and friendship extended to Wanda over the past three years. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, April 21st at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery in Marsing. Condolences may be left for Wanda's family at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com.

Ed G. Schultz

Ed G. Schultz passed away on April 18, 2021 in Homedale, Idaho. He was born in St. Charles, South Dakota on May 19, 1922 to Paul & Magdalena Menkie Schultz. Soon after his birth, the family moved to the Payette/New Plymouth area of Idaho where his younger brother Alfred was born. They worked in the farming fields moving frequently with the crop seasons. At one of the farms they worked, he met his future wife and life-long best friend Sadie Callaham,

whose family also worked in the fields. Ed was drafted into the Army in 1943 during WWII and was sent to the Pacific War Campaign. He returned home to Idaho after the war and married his childhood sweetheart, Sadie. Together they began farming in the Parma, Idaho area where they raised their two sons Steve & Tony. Ed continued working in agriculture for much of his life. In the early 1970s he changed his career to rocks & lapidary.

He mined and polished gemstones and became well known internationally. He continued on with this passion even into retirement. He always loved going to the Owyhees rock hounding. He was an avid hunter, fisherman & gardener. He had hundreds of friends that he enjoyed visiting with and always looked forward to the next visit. Ed is survived by his wife Sadie and sons, Steve (Kathie) and Tony (Noyam), 6 grandchildren, 11 great-

grandchildren, many beloved nieces & nephews. Ed would have turned 99 years old next month and he & Sadie would have celebrated 75 years of love and marriage together as best friends in July of this year. A memorial is being planned at a later time. However, Sadie would love to hear from friends and family. Please mail letters and cards to Sadie Schultz c/o Owyhee Health & Rehab, 108 West Owyhee Ave. Room 15, Homedale, Idaho 83628



Homedale library youth, family programs ongoing

Balloons, newspapers and straws. That's the makings of Homedale's Teens and Tweens event Thursday. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenge will begin at 5 p.m., at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave. Three groups of boys and girls ages 10-17 will draw to find out which of the three materials they will use to build the tallest tower. There will be a game after the construction exercise. 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., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

Guest Story Time reader
Retired teacher Steve Belknap, a member of the Friends of the Homedale Library, is the guest reader for

the preschool Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday. He'll read "Feathers for Lunch" by Lois Ehlert, "Kitten's First Full Moon" by Kevin Henkes, and "Lizard's Song" by George Shannon. **STEM night continues**
The ongoing Open STEM night series will hold its final session of the week tonight. The STEM activities, including training on related items and programs at the library, are held for one hour beginning at 5 p.m., each Tuesday and Wednesday. This STEM night is open to all ages, including individuals and families alike. **Friends of Library sale**
The front lawn of the 1980 library, now the Homedale Community Foodstead, at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., will be the site of the Friends of the Homedale Library's semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 8.



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 58 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 281 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 126 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 415,018 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

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Betty Adams brings family feel to country gospel show

Sunday concert in Caldwell has Homedale ties

Although the show implies she's getting back to her roots, Betty Adams never has strayed too far from the music that she heard and performed as a child growing up in Homedale.

"Betty Adams and Her Family Circle: Living the Legacy" is a country gospel concert that will take place at 7 p.m., on Sunday at Valley Church, 2900 Lifeway in Caldwell.

Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Social distancing guidelines will be observed, and masks will be available at the door, Adams said.

She added that the Caldwell church was selected because it is one of the area's larger venues that would allow enough room for social distancing.

Adams promises hoedowns that will "instantly take you back to the tall hickory trees of the Ozarks and the crystal-clear streams rushing over the rocks."

"You will hear old gospel songs that will flood your memory and lift you above today's troubles," Adams said in a press release.

"You will hear the happy, joyous sounds of voices lifted in praise that will touch the innermost part of your being and will make you so glad that



Former Homedale resident Betty Adams has been performing for audiences for several decades. She'll bring several family members to a country gospel show in Caldwell on Sunday. Submitted photo

you didn't miss this wonderful time of celebration and blessing."

The musical lineup for Sunday's show includes many of Adams' family members:

Vocalists — Adams; national award-winning country and bluegrass singer Honi Deaton (Adams' niece); Miss Elaine; Ladd Johnston, Miss Elaine's son; Becca Anderson, Adams' granddaughter; Renae Hardy; Christie Hardy; JoAnn

Redburn; and Homedale's Brady Trout

Musicians — Katrina Nicolayeff, national grand champion fiddle player; Adams and Ladd Johnston, guitar; Jeff Deaton, mandolin; Honi Deaton, bass; and Jerry Hardy, drums

The daughter of Ozark-born parents who played multiple musical instruments, Adams began performing with her father at dances at the age of 6.

She formed her first gospel band in 1973 and went on to become a Nashville country gospel recording artist.

Adams' introduction into her family's musical legacy came early.

During the Dust Bowl, her family migrated from Arkansas and Oklahoma to Owyhee County's fertile farm ground.

In a press release touting this weekend's special show, Adams said her father felt like he had reached the "Promised Land" when he saw Owyhee's huge orchards, miles of potato fields and abundant croplands of corn and beans.

Adams' father saw everything he needed to raise a family of six on "Southern Principles" — no cheating, no lying, no stealing, no using swear words.

But the most important tenet: Believe in yourself.

Both of Adams' parents were musical. Her mother played the fiddle and banjo.

He first exposure to performing music for an audience was playing with her father at a dance at the age of 6.

A skilled fiddler, Adams' father taught her well while holding her on his knee. The two played dances through Adams' adulthood.

It was the teachings of Adams' father, who also played guitar, that is the basis of Sunday's show.

He taught his six children to play in the family circle that

gathered many evenings in the living room of the family's old farmhouse. Those family circle sessions often lasted into the early hours of the morning.

Adams' musical career began to blossom in her teenage years when she sang gospel music for many church denominations and at community events.

She formed her first gospel band in 1973, and played alongside Lloyd Wanzer, a three-time Grand National fiddle champion and owner of American Heritage Recording Co., in Nashville, Tenn.

Joining forces with Wanzer was Adams' springboard into the county music scene in Nashville.

She has recorded several albums and is a prolific songwriter.

One of her songs reached No. 11 on the Country charts.

Adams has spent years touring the country and spreading hope, love and the joy of living through her music.

Sharing Country Gospel that has been passed down for generations but is still fresh and lightens the heart of the listen excited Adams, and Valley Church pastors Lynn and Renae Hardy proudly open their doors to this weekend's show.

The show is also another link in time as Adams passes her own musical legacy on to future generations of her family.

Sheriff's office receives federal aid for radios purchase

A week after having a grant request denied, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office received money for portable radios from a different funding source.

The Board of County Commissioners approved nearly \$15,000 in federal grant money for the purchase of two portable 700 MHz radios and two portable UHF radios and chargers.

A week earlier, commissioners didn't choose an OCSO grant application seeking \$14,627.04 in Hazardous Materials Fund money for the equipment.

The OCSO radios will be purchased with grant money from the Department of Homeland Security.

"We can do a variety of purchases with the (Homeland Security grants)," county emergency manager Jim Desmond said. "The purchases when I started (in 2008) were heavily targeted toward radios as we tried to get each responder entity in the county to have 700 MHz capacity for interoperable communications with Canyon and Ada counties."

He said the focus of the county's goals has shifted to courthouse security in recent grant cycles, and much of the funds have been dispersed with that in mind.

But the emphasis may be changing again.

"As the radios we bought years ago, we will probably be shifting focus back to replacing radios and expanding 700 MHz capability," Desmond said.

He also noted that federal funding has dwindled over the years. When he first began, the grant money was around \$60,000 annually, but now is a little under \$30,000.

Ultimately, the commissioners control approvals of expenditures, as long as the purchase is allowed by the federal grant rules.

BOCC OK \$44K in contracts

The air compressor that controls locks in the county jail will be replaced for \$8,946.

The project quote from M2 Auto-

mation was one of two expenditures county commissioners signed off on during their April 19 meeting.

The proposal includes a specialty application oil-free compressor and a built-in air dryer for helping improve longevity and function of jail door lock mechanisms.

M2 Automation will also provide 10 years worth of maintenance supplies. A spare motor/pump will be furnished, so authorities have a replacement on hand in case of critical failure.

M2 Automation will receive 50 percent of the quote upfront to fund system design and parts. The balance of the cost will be sent to M2 upon substantial completion of the project.

- Commissioners also approved a quote to provide extra cybersecurity and data backup for the county's computers. The agreement with Barracuda Networks, through Computer Arts, Inc., also provides five years of unlimited cloud storage and energizer updates.

The total price tag is \$35,458.89

with the county paying \$11,819.63 annually for the first three years. No payment will be made over the final two years of the contract.

According to the Barracuda website, energizer updates include ongoing protection from the latest online threats from spam and viruses, and provides intrusion prevention, security updates, and more.

Treasurer's office hire finalized

Brandi Long's employment with the treasurer's office was made official April 19 with signatures from board chair Joe Merrick and County Clerk Angie Barkell.

Originally hired by the assessor's office to work as the Grand View Division of Motor Vehicles clerk, Long transferred to another department to become deputy treasurer.

Long will be paid \$13.50 per hour for the full-time job, which is the same wage she would have made as DMV clerk.

— TK

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✓ Secretary: Wroten admits her mind wavers on decision “any given day”

“She mentors students, staff, and superintendents, helping us remember what needs to get done and how to do it.”

Wroten is retiring after 21 years as the high school secretary in the district that serves families in and around the border town.

Over the years, she has had a hand in nearly every aspect of high school life, and she is always ready for a unique day.

“I cannot begin to describe my career of 21 years as the secretary at Jordan Valley High School,” Wroten said. “I came to the office each morning not knowing what the day would bring.”

Douglass confirmed that Wroten had a hand in everything going on at the high school, and was patient when her routine may have changed because of the flow of the day.

“It’s astonishing how often she graciously stops what she is doing in order to help somebody find a form, get a transcript, locate a purchase order, design graduation invitations, place an order, check on scholarships — the list is endless,” Douglass said.

“No job description could possibly contain all that she does for us. She is already missed.”

Wroten remained flexible



Laurretta Wroten can’t hide her excitement for the next adventure after she leaves her Jordan Valley High School secretary post. Photo by Tara Echave

throughout her time in the main office.

“The secretary of a small school has many roles, and you have to be able to jump from one to another as determined by the needs at hand,” she said.

Those roles have included athletic secretary, school nurse, registrar and treasurer for student body funds.

“Never a dull moment,” she said.

Technology has been on the move the entire time, too.

“During my tenure, we have gone from handwritten to online for state reporting,” she said.

Wroten continually learned

through her tenure.

“I have had to step out of my comfort zone to learn student information systems beginning with Mt. Rose, Schoolmaster and now Synergy,” she said.

Other upgrades she has seen include a reader board, evolving copy machines, security cameras and doors, upgraded lockers and much, much more.

“I have been fortunate to have worked with supportive superintendents — all five — and wonderful staff,” Wroten said.

Wroten expresses gratitude for the path she has walked for the past few decades.

“Jobs are pretty scarce in

Jordan Valley, and I am truly blessed to have been a part of this one,” she said.

But, as might be expected, retirement from such a rewarding job isn’t easy.

“I have mixed feelings about retiring. My mind changes on any given day,” she said.

“It was a hard decision to make as I truly love what I do and the people I work with and also the students and their families.”

That family vibe is strong for Wroten. After all, she is a mother.

In a lot of ways, she has been a mother to several children every school year.

And she’s had the pleasure to watch several of them graduate from the tight-knit school.

“It has been a joy to watch each graduating class walk across the stage and know that I have been a part of their daily high school lives,” she said, “and then to watch them succeed in their after-high school careers and life choices.”

She has also had the opportunity to travel across Oregon to watch Jordan Valley teams compete and, in some cases, win championships.

Now, it’s time for her to take the road and watch her

grandchildren play sports next year — “If they have them,” she said.

One granddaughter, Maeve, will be a senior at College Place High School in Walla Walla, Wash. Her brother, Hank, will be a sophomore. Those teenagers are the children of Mandy and Rick.

Closer to home, her grandson Oliver, Will’s child, will be a sophomore at Boise High School in the fall.

“They are all active in their schools’ sports programs, and I can hardly wait to travel to their games,” she said.

There are more travels planned, too. Her father, who lives in northern Idaho, turns 90 this year.

“I am also looking forward to spending time with him,” she said.

And then there’s Tim McBride, her partner for 15 years.

“Anyone who knows Tim knows that each day is an adventure,” she said. “I’m looking forward to those adventures.”

— JPB

— Jordan Valley High School teacher Tara Echave helped make this article possible by interviewing Laurretta Wroten.

— Ed.

✓ Recess: Legislators’ per diem payments could be suspended during break

gubernatorial powers and increase legislative powers during a state of emergency like that which he called for COVID-19.

Veto overrides in both the House and Senate were attempted this week. For a veto to be overridden, two-thirds of legislators present must vote in favor.

SB 1136 missed the margin by just one vote, 23-12, on Monday.

HB 135 was a different story after a 48-19-3 House vote to override the governor’s veto last Wednesday. The bill will now move on to the Senate where lawmakers and onlookers are

uncertain whether there will be any difference from the fate of SB 1136.

Senate Joint Resolution 102 — SJR 102 would change the Idaho Constitution and allow the Legislature to call itself into a special session at any point after a 60 percent vote from the House and Senate.

In a 54-14 vote, the resolution passed in the House on April 20 after the Senate passed this bill in March.

SJR 102 will not go to the governor’s desk for a possible veto, though. Instead, the resolution will be on ballot in the November 2022 general election, putting the fate of this

constitutional change into the hands of Idaho voters.

House Bill 377 — HB 377 deals with education in Idaho and the ability for school systems to spend their budgets on material teaching critical race theory, racism, sexism or other materials outlined in the bill’s text.

Introduced last Wednesday, the bill passed the House, 57-12-1, on Thursday and moves on to the Senate.

The bill was introduced after the education budgets for both K-12 and higher education were killed in the past weeks.

Senate Bill 1211 — This bill addresses the killing of wolves

in Idaho. After the wolf was reintroduced in Idaho in 1995, the population thrived and grew exponentially because of the high levels of livestock, elk, and deer in the state.

SB 1211 would change tag limits on wolves and would create a year-read trapping and hunting season on private land. The Senate passed the bill last Wednesday, and the House Resources & Conservation Committee sent the measure reported it to the full House with a “do pass” recommendation.

The House could vote on it this week, and if SB 1211 passes, Little must sign the bill to establish new law.

Next week we will see how many of these bills and stories play out as many bills and legislation is still under development in the Idaho Legislature.

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Courthouse report

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

April 15
Adalberto Mendivil-Castelo, Calexico,

Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

April 14
Julio Cesar Garcia Jimenez, Phoenix, Ariz. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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New honor students welcomed into Marsing NHS chapter

The Marsing High School National Honor Society chapter recently inducted 2021 members and elected officers for the 2021-22 school year. The chapter includes: **Back row, from left:** Hailey Christiansen, Emily Thoene (secretary), Benjamin Edwards, Amelia Green, Delaney Percifield, Jonathan Ineck (treasurer), and Zane Brackett (historian). **Middle row, from left:** Gabriela Cuevas, Karla Salazar, Mazzi Roper, Alexis Loucks (president), Emily Vanosdall, Mila Astorquia (vice-president), Lazarus Sevy, and Annie Miller. **Front row, from left:** Amaya Mendoza, Christal Ramirez, Dakota Krausch, Audrie Miller, and Anahli Montes. **Not pictured:** Regan Stansell, Sandra Cuevas. Submitted photo

Three Creek students battle Mother Nature to keep learning

End-of-year celebration planned May 27

The latest lesson from the small schoolhouse in Three Creek is how to learn without electricity. In an unscheduled learning experience, the children in Dena Pollock’s class were able to continue their studies with a generator after typical spring

weather knocked out power in the southeast Owyhee County community for 14 hours earlier this month. “We completed a full day of school thanks to our generator,” Pollock wrote in her latest newsletter. “It purred along all day, allowing us to do everything except make phone calls and use our internet service.” The school year remains chock full of activity, even if the days are waning. •The Idaho Youth Theater has provided a video production of Shakespeare’s Hamlet that the students will screen at 2 p.m., on Thursday. “Any adults who would like to see the program are encouraged to join us for the viewing,” Pollock said. • May 27 is the last day of school, and Pollock is planning a community celebration.

“May 27th will be a unique opportunity for everyone in the community,” she wrote. “Please be sure to let your neighbors and friends know we will have a cigar box guitar band performing on the school grounds.” Members of a veterans organization out of Jerome will be on hand to help retire the school’s U.S. flag, too. There also will be student presentations recapping their learning for the year. Lunch will be served. • The last Parent Teacher Organization meeting of the school year will take place at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 10. School board meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of the next two months (May 12 and June 9). The June board of trustees meeting will include the annual public hearing for the budget.

• The students took a geological field trip on April 1. Art Small presided over the proceedings, which began with information about different types of rocks and how to identify them. The group then traveled to the Boston mine and collected rock samples that were analyzed for quartz and signs of copper and silver. • Meeting two applicants to succeed Pollock as teacher highlighted the school’s annual volunteer cleanup day on April 10. Pollock plans to retire at the end of the 2020-21 school year. After reviewing credentials and recommendations, school board trustees will begin negotiations with the prospective candidates. Cleanup projects included tidying up the roadside near

the schoolgrounds, leveling the playground, organizing the garage and preparing the raised garden beds for planting. “We did not have very many volunteers this year, but they worked very hard and accomplished much,” Pollock said. “Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped.” • Tammy Unzicker has been leading the students in art projects. Recently, they learned how to make flowers from tissue paper. “We are currently working on learning to make pop-up pages for poetry books,” Pollock wrote. “The girls are having fun experimenting with all manner of different ways to fold and create with paper.” The pop-up books will be shared during the last-day-of-school celebration next month.

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Brooke Pfof takes The Rock of Homedale's tuned baby grand piano out for a spin on Monday. The family of former Homedale High School cheer and volleyball coach Evonne McGuire recently donated the piano to the youth center.

Good, clean fun promised at Sunday's The Rock talent show

All area high school students are eligible to compete in a talent show planned for The Rock of Homedale on Sunday.

The contest starts at 6 p.m., at the youth center, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., a block east of the high school.

The top three acts will receive awards: \$100 for first, \$50 for runner-up, and \$25 for third place.

Everyone who turns out to watch the show has a chance

to win the drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. Five Dutch Bros. gift cards will also be given away during the event.

The Rock will accept talent show entries through today, and all high school-aged students can participate, including those who are home-schooled.

For entry forms or questions, contact Deal at (208) 794-1048.

The Rock's spokesperson and driving force, Kathy Deal,

advised that all acts be clean, without vulgarity or offensive content, and they may be subject to prescreening prior to performance.

Deal also noted the family of former Homedale volleyball and cheer coach Evonne McGuire recently donated a baby grand piano to The Rock.

The Rock of Homedale is a non-denominational Christian youth center that opened its doors in February.

Wear purple on Friday to support military families

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern

Idaho Gov. Brad Little has proclaimed April as month of the military child.

Little was joined by Idaho National Guard Adj. Gen. Michael J. Garshak and more than 10 youth representatives, all of whom are military children in Idaho, for the proclamation signing earlier this month.

our country and state safe.

"These children continue to make significant contributions to family, community and their nation as they endure prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents," the proclamation reads.

To help support military families, Idahoans can wear purple on Friday.

— Connor grew up in Salmon and is a University of Idaho senior studying journalism and political science with an eye toward preparing for law school. He is an intern working for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state through the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. Follow him on Twitter @swersey_connor.

"Military children are part of the strength of our nation as they support and encourage their service members with a fierce patriotic spirit," the proclamation reads.

This proclamation recognizes the sacrifice that military families and upwards of 10,000 Idaho children make with prolonged absence of one or both parents while keeping

Dist. 23A Rep. Bundy's statement about Month of the Military Child

In April 1986, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger designated April as Month of the Military Child.

Military bases, communities, and school districts around the world will honor these young American heroes with special events just for them. April 21st was "Purple Up" Day in support of Mountain Home Air Force Base and all military children in Idaho. I wore my purple tie on the House floor that day, and I spoke to the House of Representatives about the determination and resilience of the families that serve together.



Matthew Bundy

There are many military children in Idaho, and it is important for them to be recognized for the sacrifices they make. I love my three children, and I am so happy they supported me throughout my military career.

Thank you to the spouses and children of all who serve, and I appreciate you for your dedication and service to our country.

— Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) is winding down the first session of his first term as the District 23, Seat A delegate in the Idaho House of Representatives. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force.



Adding a bit of polish

Mountain States Lighting's Tyler Liddiard (left) and Xavi Maestas touch up the painted Homedale logos on a streetlamp pole on Idaho Avenue near NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply on Thursday. The pair brightened up the poles up and down Homedale's business corridor.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Prejudice

I grew up in a county that was 65 percent Spanish-speaking. The biggest distinction between races was not color, it was Catholics and Baptists. My first experience with prejudice was the summer I spent on a job in Kansas City ... 1978 ... the year after the city burned itself down.

Years ago in Kansas City, I set out one night to find one of them “down home” guitar blues pickers that I had read about in the Sunday paper. I was drivin’ around Saturday night lookin’ for Walter’s Crescendo Lounge. I had some ribs at Money’s on Prospect and asked directions. The feller told me not to go over there after dark. Then, after thinkin’ about it, he scribbled his name and phone number on a piece of paper and said, “When you git in trouble, have’m call me.” Nice of him, I thought.

Somehow I never found Walter’s, but at the corner of 39th and Jackson I spied Willie’s Total Experience Lounge. I recognized the name from the paper so I went in.

I was dressed normal: hat, Wranglers and boots. The bartender was a lady named Bertha. She served me a scotch and cream soda. I sat at a table in front of the band. As the clientele came in they all sat around by the walls. Kind of like they were circlin’ me. Nobody said much, and they weren’t friendly. Finally the band leader, Freddy, came over to my table and asked me, “Hey man, what are you doin’ here?”

I told him I heard this was the best music in Kansas City, and I came to find out!

Well, he must have thought the same thing ’cause it sure tickled him! He couldn’t do enough to make me feel at home. His sister was the waitress, and he told her to make sure my grape Nehi never went dry.

By then I wuz smarter’n a tree full o’ owls, 10 foot tall and bulletproof, as Tink would say! But I couldn’t get nobody to dance with me! Eventually this lady named Elizabeth consented. She must have figured I wasn’t so bad after all ’cause she sat at my table and invited Louise and Wilma to join us. The four of us danced until closin’ time. It was a fine evening, and although they didn’t take to me at first they must have decided that cowboys aren’t from outer space, just different.

I remember that little lesson when I see a kid wearin’ a headband and sandals in a cowboy bar. I always try to give’m the benefit of the doubt. After all, he might be friskin’ customers at the door next time I make it to Willie’s Total Experience Lounge!

— 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.

Letters to the editor

Lizard Butte Sunrise Assoc. celebrates history

Thank you all so much for such wonderful coverage on what turned out to be our biggest year ever on Lizard Butte. God is good!
Many blessings.
Whitney Morgan
Secretary/treasurer
Lizard Butte Sunrise Association

Jordan Valley Lions pleased with bingo night success

Thank you for the bingo prize (The Owyhee Avalanche donated a subscription).
The Jordan Valley Lions dinner and bingo fundraiser generated \$1,090 to help pay for basic monthly expenses (heat, water, insurance, etc.) for the Lions Hall.
We truly appreciate your support.
Tara Echave
Jordan Valley Lions Club

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse
After a challenging year, Idaho education needs our support



The past 13 months have presented enormous challenges for students, parents, teachers, and school administrators. The sudden changes in work life, home life, and social life, along with new ways of learning and instructing, have firmly placed the COVID-19 pandemic as one of our most difficult life experiences.

We don’t want the pandemic to set us back in preparing students to succeed.

We want to emerge from the experience stronger and more committed than ever to public education in Idaho.

Idaho’s public education system is locally driven. If parents or teachers spot something that concerns them, they should bring it to the attention of the

teacher, principal, superintendent, or school board trustees and root out the problem at the local level, which is the closest and most responsive to our students and parents.

Curriculum in Idaho is always the responsibility of your local school board.

A skilled workforce demands investing in education at every level.

We should be demonstrating to parents that their children’s education is our priority.

We should be signaling to teachers that we value them, and we want to keep them in the profession.

We should be laser-focused on equipping teachers,

— See *Education*, Page 13A

From Washington
Fighting to eliminate compensation offsets for retired, disabled veterans

Idahoans’ input is extremely helpful as we work together to ensure federal laws are sound and federal services are accessible and effective.

A great example is the time SMSgt. Jeremy Kitzhaber, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 63 Legislative Committee chairman, of Boise, and his wife, Sharette, have taken to discuss veterans-related policy, including ensuring medically retired and combat-injured veterans receive full compensation earned through their service to our nation. This helped inform my decision to co-lead the introduction of S. 344, the Major Richard Star Act, to provide combat-injured veterans with less than 20 years of military service their full benefits.

“Because Sen. Crapo had previously helped to end pay offsets for military and military widows, I met with his staff to see if he would help again,” SMSgt. Kitzhaber said. “Other Idaho veterans also reached out and with all our input, Sen. Crapo reviewed the information and quickly decided to co-lead this bipartisan legislation to end payoff offsets to medically retired combat veterans. With this bill, our hope is to end the unfair offsets to this group of veterans who do not deserve what is happening to them.”

Bob Jones, legislative chairman for the Department

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2022)

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of Idaho Veterans of Foreign Wars and his wife Carmelita, national legislative ambassador for the VFW Auxiliary, have also been working with me to ensure passage of the Major Richard Star Act.

Bob Jones said, “As a disabled veteran, I strongly

— See *Veterans*, Page 13A

Commentary

Financial management

Stay away from single stocks; grow inheritance into house fund

Dear Dave,
I'm 24, single, and I make \$60,000 a year. I'm also debt-free and live in an apartment, plus I have about \$550,000 in a brokerage account that's made up of 75 percent mutual funds and 25 percent single stocks. The money in the brokerage account was originally an inheritance of \$280,000 that has grown since I received it in 2007. Am I putting my money toward the best investment possibilities right now?

— Drew

Dear Drew,
You're in a nice place! I'm glad you're taking your finances and your future so seriously. First of all, I don't play

around with single stocks. There's just too much risk there for me. Since I don't invest in single stocks, I don't recommend others do it, either. I look at two things when it comes to investing — real estate and mutual funds. I always pay cash for income-producing real estate. And when it comes to mutual funds, I invest in good, growth stock mutual funds with a solid track record of at least 10 years. Now, I don't get mad at people if they want to dabble in single stocks a little, but I wouldn't recommend having more than 10 percent of your investment portfolio wrapped up in them. The numbers on playing single stocks are just not that good for the individual, and besides that, I don't like losing money!



If I woke up in your shoes, I'd move the 25 percent you have in single stocks into good mutual funds. And I wouldn't use a brokerage account. I'd stick with a quality financial advisor, one who has the heart

of a teacher. I think you'll end up doing better with your money in the long haul this way. It might be a little boring, but boring is good when it comes to stuff like this. Exciting means you stand a good chance of losing a lot of money. You've got a good income, especially for a single guy who's 24, so I'd make those adjustments and live like the inheritance money wasn't there. Stay away from debt, live on a reasonable budget, and make sure you're putting 15 percent of your income away for retirement. Then, when it's time a few years down the road, use some of that inheritance money to pay cash for a nice home. If you can manage to do all

that, the money you inherited — even with buying a home — will likely grow to millions of dollars by the time you're ready to retire. Pretty cool situation, Drew!
— 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 18 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.

✓ Education: Everyone should work toward preparing youth for future

From Page 12A
parents, and schools with the tools they need to help students overcome learning challenges. We should be focusing our efforts on improving literacy, especially among the most challenged segments of our population so they have a strong bedrock for future learning. We should be getting our kids college- and career-ready by pairing students with job prospects and teaching them nuts-and-bolts skills they can use in jobs every day.

We should be preparing our students to join our workforce and become lifelong learners. Idaho is on an incredible trajectory. We have the strongest economy in the nation. There is absolutely no reason not to continue that momentum by returning to our real priorities — students, families, teachers, and businesses. We should all be working collectively toward the same thing — to prepare today's young people to be fulfilled and productive into the future. There is a lot of work ahead coming out of this

pandemic, addressing the challenges associated with learning loss across elementary and secondary education and preparing our students to be college- and career-ready. It's time to get back on track. That is what parents and employers expect and deserve.

— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

✓ Veterans: Reforms would give retired, disabled vets what they deserve

From Page 12A
support this bill. Our heroes have answered their nation's call in its time of need. Many have returned home with seen and unseen injuries that have changed their lives forever. They and their families continue to bear the burdens of the personal costs of war. It is our duty and obligation to see that they are cared for and not forgotten." The non-partisan Congressional Research Service explains, "Concurrent receipt refers to a veteran's simultaneous receipt of two types of monetary benefits: military retired pay from the Department of Defense (DOD) and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Prior to 2004, existing laws and regulations stipulated that a military retiree could not receive both payments. As a result, military retirees with disabilities recognized by the VA would incur a retired pay offset (i.e.,

dollar-for-dollar reduction) by the amount of their VA compensation." Congress made changes to federal law to ensure military retirees with a disability rating of 50 percent or higher could receive both military retired pay and disability compensation. However, for retired veterans with less than 20 years of service, their disability pay is deducted from their retirement pay. I joined Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Committee Ranking Member Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) in introducing the Major Richard Star Act to provide combat-wounded veterans with less than 20 years of service, also known as Chapter 61 veterans, both their disability compensation and retirement. An estimated 42,000 veterans, including hundreds in Idaho, could benefit from this change, based on the most currently available data from 2018 from the DOD Office of

the Actuary. S. 344, is named in honor of Maj. Richard A. Star — a father, husband, and decorated war veteran who, as a result of his combat-related injuries, was medically retired. Maj. Star passed away on Feb. 13, 2021, after a long fight against cancer. A bipartisan group of 46 senators, including fellow Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), co-sponsored the legislation. The legislation has strong backing from 10 leading Veterans service organizations. I remain dedicated to fixing unfair discrepancies, such as this, to honor the service of all veterans and Major Star's legacy.

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

Contacting Owyhee County's municipalities

Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641
Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Chad Sevy
City council — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield and Brandy Bennett
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Danny Martinez
City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Jon Pennington and Opal Ward
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 1, 1996



Hot Rods

Mark Bauer of Homedale has a passion for modified ‘hot rods’ and has built numerous cars both for himself and for friends since high school. Mark’s car club, the Heap Herders of Caldwell, plan a cruise to Homedale on Saturday. He’s hoping 50-75 tricked-out and super-modified street ‘rods’ will fill the section of downtown near the Frosty Palace.

Marsing’s Lindley gets his wishes granted

John Lindley, graduated from The College of Idaho six years ago, knew he wanted to teach high school. Lindley applied to several larger districts but none came biting. He heard of an opening at Marsing and jumped when they offered him a job.

As it turned out, Marsing wanted him for what he was most experienced at — biology.

Today, he additionally teaches chemistry, physics, advanced biology, astronomy, and psychology.

In Lindley’s first year, he went to the principal and expressed concern that he didn’t have the necessary classroom tools to inspire and teach his students.

Working with a friend, Lindley managed to have Micron Technologies donate a computer. He began requesting grant money and over the past six years has amassed a classroom laden with modern technological devices to assist himself in teaching and making it easier for his students to learn.

Working with librarian Pam Herman, Lindley has amassed four computers, two television monitors with stereo sound, one of which has surround sound, a video microscope camera, a video disc player, a VCR, two printers, a bar code reader, a gizmo that puts the computer screen on the television, two complete sets of physics devices, and a computer assisted chemistry lab.

County, permittees protesting BLM grazing plan

A Bureau of Land Management grazing plan has Wilson area ranchers Richard and Connie Brandau and Owyhee County officials up in arms. The plan calls for complete non-use of one pasture and a 33% cut in the ranchers’ grazing preference.

The BLM plan calls for total non-use of 725 AUMs in a 6,615-acre “pasture” that was supposedly damaged by a large storm last July. The BLM said the localized cloudburst which dumped an usual amount of water near the head of Little Hardtrigger creek washed out two-foot wide and 18-inch deep sections of the creek, which runs through about half of the pasture; the BLM has ordered no grazing occur on the entire pasture.

For the past years a fence and a large, steep ridge have divided the pasture so that cows can be roughly concentrated on either side for rotation grazing. The Brandaus say the cattle could be kept on the west side away from Little Hardtrigger creek this year, and half of the pasture still used. But the BLM doesn’t think it would work, and have said they are not interested in the option.

50 years ago

April 29, 1971

Five seniors named for honors at commencement

Five seniors, with grades averaging between 3.93 and 3.34, have been named for special honors at commencement exercises of Homedale High School at the athletic stadium at 8 p.m. Friday, May 21.

This outdoor graduation will continue a custom begun last year. The honor students will each deliver an address rather than securing an outside speaker as was formerly done.

Honor students are Jane Eidemiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eidemiller; Ken Kubosumi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kubosumi, Drucy Meininger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meininger; Charles Chadez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chadez; and Donna Basey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Basey.

School bond can’t muster votes for building plans

Voters rejected the school district’s proposed \$400,000 bond issue at the polls Wednesday by a narrow margin, lacking only 2.1 percent of giving it the required two-thirds majority required for passage, Supt. Deward Bell explained.

A total of 572 voters turned out to the polls with 295 yes votes and 164 no votes in the Owyhee County district and 70 yes votes and 43 no votes in the Canyon County district.

The Board of Trustees, in trying to analyze the results of the election, said they were encouraged with the “great turnout of voters,” giving the board what they called a good indication that the patrons are supporting them in their effort to meet the needs of the school, and realizing that “something has to be done to the present junior high school,” which is over 50 years old.

Tom Arima, chairman of the board, expressed his sentiments, “The proposed junior-senior high building complex has been under extensive study for the past two years by over 20 members of a citizens committee, school administration and board members, and the proposed plan seemed ideal.” He said, “The board is open to any suggestions as to how the needs of the school can be met.”

Roving driver’s license office will visit Marsing

A camera will be at the Western Store next to the post office in Marsing starting next Tuesday, May 4, for the issuance of drivers’ licenses, Sheriff Tim Nettleton announced this week.

The camera will be at the Murphy courthouse on the first and second Monday each month, and from Tuesday through Friday following the first Monday at Marsing. The balance of the month the camera will be at Gus’ barbershop in Grand View Tuesday through Saturday each week.

Hal Tolmie is installed leader of Homedale C of C

Hal Tolmie was installed president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce at the dinner held Monday evening at the Owyhee Lanes café. Howard Bergeson, dinner chairman, conducted the installation.

Ray Tolsma, vice president, and Cliff Turner, secretary-treasurer, were installed by Homer Anderson, master of ceremonies.

New members of the board of directors Darrel Reisch, Marion Vance and Mr. Tolsma, join holdover directors, Mr. Tolmie, Darryl Warwick, Ron Roland, Poke Henson and Mr. Turner. Retiring directors are Bill Bredy, Dale Jackson and Mr. Anderson.

Larry Kissler, Boise, spoke on “The Wonderful World of Cryogenics.”

155 years ago

April 28, 1866

CRITICS. – A. N. Gail, Esq., of Silver, received a letter from a brother residing in McConnellstown, Penn. The writer, speaks of the AVALANCHE in a style peculiar only to professional theatrical critics. He says: “Our county papers are not half so good as yours, I have an objection to your paper. There is too much hard language in it – swearing. The editor must be an infidel or an abandoned sinner – but he is a sharp fellow. I will send you a paper occasionally, and will be pleased to get yours as often as convenient.” If that criticism don’t tickle us we were never tickled. It really inspires us to giggle muchly. You see it is such a good goad on the pious fellows who don’t make “half so good papers” in McConnellstown, where the Lord is supposed to have been smiling for almost a century. For a firm of old blue stocking Presbyterians to be charged with being infidels or abandoned sinners is nothing to us, but it is an unjust reflection on our early instructors. Our contributions to charitable and religious objects would probably build all the churches and pay all the ministers of McConnellstown for a decade. If giving to the poor is lending to the Lord, then he’s got all our money. We don’t run a Pharisaical religion whose devotees “appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, hypocrisy, iniquity and of all uncleanness.” (See our good old Saint Mathew.) We don’t “for pretense make long prayers” of blasphemy, nor believe that making a cut-and-dried stunted blessing before each meal and slander our neighbors while catting it, is bully piety. We don’t allude to our critic, but do say that just such sticklers for nicety of language, are of the class who condemn prostitution and seek all opportunities to commit adultery; who cry aloud against any spirituous beverage and are ever ready to drink but not “pray in secret;” who parrot-like repeat the Golden Rule but never practice it and think their neighbors should; whose eyes are so full of motes that they can only see the reflection in the peepers of others. We’re afflicted with a notion that although our piety may not crop out more than forty-five feet *on the surface* it will pay well when fairly prospected. We’ve seen and heard men ask a fervent blessing, and with the Amen breath commence slanging everybody round and even profane Him they supplicate; and such men get indignant at the mildest form of such expressions in their newspapers. Of course these kind of Christians are generally shocked at some careless expression of those whose *true* piety consists in acts.

JUMPING LOTS. – We recently observed an unusual stir about some lots in Silver, and a little rickety fence being hastily constructed. Upon inquiry, we learned that the ground was jumped, though we confess there appeared to be no improvements thereon that would invest any one with prior legal possession. In our own mind, we are fully satisfied that many lots are claimed which are jumpable and according to law, too. But no matter how many lots may be in this condition, we neither propose jumping any nor advise others to try the game. Though it be perfectly lawful it is hazardous. If no worse results than lawsuits follow, it won’t pay to jump lots. They can be bought cheaper and be presented in person. Take the history of frontier towns and settlements generally, and more shooting scrapes, murders and expensive litigation have grown out of disputed titles to lots and lands than from any one source.

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✓ Derby: Club members gather at Bowling Alley tonight to discuss future

18 N. 1st St. W., to “decide if it’s going to be maybe the last year or if we’re going to move forward,” Pryor said.

If the derby goes, so does the Fourth of July parade and, possibly, the fireworks.

“That means no parade on the Fourth of July and nothing to do on the Fourth of July in Homedale, and it’ll cut the fireworks budget in half,” he said.

How dire is the situation?

Pryor, who drove in the derby as a younger man, is coming out of retirement to take one last drive in a Chrysler Imperial just in case this is it.

The Lions Club has about 20 active members these days, but — even with some new members hopping on board in recent years — the gray is showing.

“We’re looking for new

blood,” Pryor said. “We could probably use 10 or 15 new members, realistically.”

Pryor said good candidates would be 21 or older and have a great mind for community service and making the derby run smooth. He’s recruiting men and women.

There are needs in marketing, ticket takers, parade directors, and heavy equipment operators to remove the mangled mess that gets everybody’s fun quotient up.

Pryor said the derby could use 10 people to take tickets during the event.

A fireworks chairperson would be another good addition because putting on a worthwhile show is getting more and more difficult.

Pryor said it costs about \$1,000 per minute to stage the

pyrotechnics. The cost is split between the Lions Club and the City of Homedale.

“The show goes too quick if we don’t pay attention to what we’re doing,” he said. “I’d like to get (the fireworks fund) up to \$15,000.”

That brings up another aspect of the derby that is struggling — fundraising.

Pryor figures the pyrotechnics will cost \$5,500 this year and \$6,000 in 2022.

“I’d like to find out a fundraiser we can do and double that at least,” he said.

The bottom line, though, is more manpower.

“Four or five members can’t do everything,” Pryor said.

He understands that part of the problem is family and personal commitments. After all, the double-edged sword of recruiting young talent is that they all have young families and realistically may not have the same amount of free time to devote to the cause.

“If I didn’t have the group I have now, I’d be in a world of hurt,” Pryor said of the core of derby volunteers. “The members we have now are gold.”

One thing Pryor would like

any prospective new members to keep in mind is that the workload is only crazy for a short time each year.

“There’s a lot of work, but we only work hard for four months,” Pryor said. “And, really even only a month is really hard. From June 4th to the fifth of July is hard.”

Contact Pryor for information on joining the Lions. You can text him at (208) 866-2629 or get in touch with him through the Homedale Lions Club Facebook page, or drop by tonight’s meeting.

The derby is the club’s only fundraiser to finance several service projects, including:

- Eyeglasses and seeing-eye dogs
- Donations to just about every youth program in the Homedale-Marsing area, including the LeRoy Breshears Kids Fishing Day and junior golf at River Bend Golf Course
- Education scholarships for academic and vo-tech students. The club provides five to 10 scholarships every year for anyone who wants to study the trades, and a \$500 academic scholarship goes to a Homedale

High School senior each year.

• High school athletic teams get support because they help clean up the rodeo arena after the derby.

• The club also helped HHS cheerleader Gracie Rotter make her New Year’s trip to London a few years ago.

Pryor reached out to other Lions Clubs in the valley, but admits that COVID-19 really hampered all efforts to move the event onto firm footing.

“We thought we had some help last year, and COVID hit and it blew everything up,” he said.

The pandemic has sapped the club’s finances, too.

“I think it’s going to take two years to recover from COVID. We have enough money to put on a derby now and not give anything to anyone else,” he said.

Pryor has watched the derby since he was a child, and he warns the tradition is precariously close to extinction.

“People like the parade. They like to come down and watch the derby,” Pryor said. “It’s a full day of activity in Homedale, and it’ll be gone.

“I don’t want to see it end. I want to see 50.” — JPB

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FLYIN' HIGH WITH C OF I



Gracie Rotter, flanked by her mother Harriet Rotter (left) and grandmother Judy Page, signed a letter of intent Thursday to cheer for The College of Idaho this fall. Gracie is the third Trojan on the Yotes squad, joining Alex Muir and Christina Guzman.

Gracie Rotter joins growing list of Trojans cheering for Yotes

Homedale senior carries
on family's legacy
at Caldwell college

The College of Idaho cheer team will have a decidedly Trojan-leaning squad when school starts back up this fall.

Homedale High School cheerleader Gracie Rotter signed a letter of intent to be a part of the 'Yotes Stunt Team in a ceremony Thursday in the HHS gymnasium foyer.

Homedale graduate Alex Muir has been on the C of I team for two years, and 2020

graduate Christina Guzman recently signed a letter of intent, too.

"Of course, we're really proud of Gracie," Rotter's mother Harriet said. "She's the next in a long line of C of I alumni."

Gracie's grandmother Judy Page, a 1992 graduate, preceded her at the Caldwell private liberal arts school, as well as her great aunt Theone Swartz, two cousins, and two great-great aunts.

"This is a great opportunity for Gracie to continue her school and her cheer careers," HHS athletic director Casey Grove said.

— See *Yotes*, page 12B

Symms' discus record leads 6 conference titles

Trojans' Aguilera
wins a pair of
championships

Thomas Symms finally caught one of the final high school dreams he has been chasing.

The Homedale senior set the school record in the boys' discus throw at Thursday's 3A Snake River Valley conference meet in Weiser.

The reigning 3A state champion in the event, Symms backed up his middle school record by collecting the high school record and the

conference championship with a throw of 169 feet, 4 inches.

He outdistanced rival and fellow senior Weston Jeffries of Fruitland by more than 10 feet. Like Symms, Jeffries achieved a personal record at 159-0.

Symms improved on his previous PR of 162-4 when he won March 16 in New Plymouth.

He has pushed past the 160-foot barrier four times in his career, including 161-10 while winning the District III championship as a sophomore in 2019.

Symms has added more than

— See *Record*, page 10B



Senior Tommy Muir snaps a curve ball during his no-hit performance last Wednesday against Parma.

Masterful Muir makes no-hitter look easy

Strong pitching,
big final at-bat
net victories

Tommy Muir has been planting a lot of flags at John Jackson Field lately.

First, the Homedale High School senior funded the installation of a flagpole and

a U.S. flag at the baseball field.

Last Wednesday, he unfurled a five-inning no-hitter in the Trojans' 11-0 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over Parma.

The flag waving high above the field from a perch behind the bullpen down the left-field line

— See *No-hitter*, page 8B

Melba's Shaffer shackles Huskies

Softball ace logs
second no-hitter
of season

Ashlie Shaffer fired a no-hitter Friday, dominating Marsing High School in Melba's latest 2A Western Idaho Conference softball victory.

Shaffer handcuffed the host Huskies with 10 strikeouts in the Mustangs' 13-1 win.

The Melba ace allowed only an unearned run, which gave Marsing (6-11 overall, 2-5 in conference at week's end) an early lead just two batters into the game.

Delaney Percifield drew a leadoff walk, stole second and scored on Melba catcher Emily Zavala's throwing error.

That would be the last of the Huskies' scoring offense.

Melba (10-5, 8-0) took it from there.

The Mustangs scored at least twice in each of the last four frames.

Melba put up three runs in the second inning, which started with Percifield's error at shortstop with Keylee Wilson batting. Marsing's Mila Astorquia then hit Zavala with a pitch.

Shaffer singled to knock in Wilson and Zavala and give

Melba the lead for good, 2-1. Shaffer scored on Lillian Hansen's single.

The Mustangs added five more runs in the third for an 8-1 advantage.

After Madisen Bunnell reached on another error by Percifield, the Mustangs piled on with a base hit from Wilson, doubles by Zavala and Shaffer, and a single by Hansen. Hansen would score later on Britany Erickson's base hit.

Percifield's third error of the game played a part in Melba's two-run fourth as Esther Riley scored.

— See *Huskies*, page 8B

Sports

Marsing pair nabs 2A WIC titles

Jacobi rules boys' shot put; Ankeny takes 100 meters

One athlete had threatened success all season long, and the other has been dominant throughout.

Last week at the 2A Western Idaho Conference track and field championship meet, Trayton Jacobi paid off on his promise, and Jacob Ankeny kept cruising along.



Nacho Margarito competed in the sprints for Marsing. Photo by Machele Randall

Jacobi, who has hovered near the top of the leader board multiple times this season, broke through with a nearly three-foot margin of victory in the shot put on April 20 at the Nampa Christian Orchard Street campus.

Jacobi tossed the ball 40 feet, 1 inch, topping Cole Valley Christian's Dawson Lee, who threw 37-4.

Jacobi was runner-up in the discus with a personal-record throw of 107-9. However, the mark was more than 27 feet behind conference champion Gibson Reus of New Plymouth.

The sprinter Ankeny took home top honors in the 100-

meter run, his only individual event. He crossed the finish line at 11.25 seconds, more than a half-second ahead of New Plymouth's Alex Porter (11.78).

The senior anchored the Huskies' fourth-place 4x100 relay team. The other three athletes who put together a 46.81 performance were Josue Espejel, Braden Ankeny, and Jordan Blas.

Ankeny scratched from the 200 because of soreness in his knee.

"Big guy problems," coach Heidi Ankeny said about her 6-foot, 8-inch son. "Since this was a quick turnaround from (the Lynn Behrman Invite on April 16), I gave him a break from the 400."

Freshman distance runner Sal Mattivi had a good

showing in the girls' meet. She nailed a pair of personal records in the 1,600 (6:31.61) and 3,200 (13:57.67).

Sophomore Emily Vanosdall recorded a PR in the triple jump, landing in second place at 32-1½. She also completed the 1,600 in eighth place (6:33.75).

Sophomore Vanessa Freeman finished fifth in the 100 (13.72) and sixth in the 200 (PR 28.54).

Other boys' finishers were:

- **100** — Braden Ankeny (12.57, 13th place); and Nacho Margarito (13.85, 22nd)
- **200** — Braden Ankeny (PR 24.88, 7th); Blas (25.71, 14th); and Margarito (28.32, 26th)
- **1,600** — Edgar Melendrez (5:22.19, sixth); and Dylan Harris (PR 5:47.9, 11th)
- **3,200** — Melendrez (11:37.23, sixth); and Harris (PR 12:35.33, eighth)
- **Shot put** — Robert Salazar (PR 26-3, 16th); Diego Margarito (26-1½, 17th); Emmanuel Gonzalez (21-7, 23rd); and Tyson Campbell (14-7½)
- **Discus** — Diego Margarito (PR 81-9, 10th); Gonzalez (63-9, 17th); Salazar (56-10, 21st); and Campbell (32-4, 23rd)
- **Long jump** — Espejel (15-6¾, 12th); Diego Margarito (11-10¼, 18th); and Campbell (8-8, 20th). — TK

Marsing boys' golf dusts off clubs after idle week

Marsing High School's golfers were back in action for the first time in two weeks on April 20.

The Huskies finished seventh in the 2A Western Idaho Conference meet at Lakeview Golf Course in Meridian.

The Ambrose School played host to the nine-hole contest.

The Huskies' score of 252 was 92 strokes behind top dog Cole Valley Christian.

Though 10 schools brought golfers, only seven had enough athletes to qualify for a team

score.

Huskies' junior Ethan Freeman shot a season-low 54, finishing in a three-way tie for 20th place in the field of 39.

Freshman Xavier Linker carded a 59, sophomore Andrew Sevy a 65, and freshman James Christiansen finished with a 74.

North Star Charter's Gavin Rodeghiero was medalist with his even-par 36, two strokes up on Cole Valley's Jaden Walker and Ben Millette, and Nampa Christian's Cole Wasson.

Whitehead gets only win for HHS tennis

Elizabeth Whitehead worked overtime for Homedale High School's only tennis victory last week against Payette.

The Trojans fought hard in a 6-1 loss to the Pirates in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet played on the road April 20.

Whitehead survived an extended first set and swept Payette No. 1 Alexis Alvarado, 7-5, 6-2, in girls' singles.

Homedale's top boys' singles player, Terrance LaFleur, went three sets against Ethan Haag. The freshman from Marsing won the second set in a 6-4,

5-7, 6-4 setback.

The incremental improvements for coach Scott Michaelson's HHS team peeked through with extended matches.

At No. 2 mixed doubles, Whitney Ross and Brian Vega battled hard throughout before falling, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, to Christian Escobedo and Emily Roland.

In the top mixed doubles match, Cheyenne Kelly and Austin Franko were tenacious in the first set, forcing a tie-breaker but losing, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 to Isaac Garcia and Kass Hernandez.

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MARSING
HUSKIES

Baseball
Xavier Delgadillo, so., P/SS
2 2Bs, 7 strikeouts vs. Melba

Softball
Delaney Percifield, sr., C
3 runs, 3 RBI vs. New Plymouth

Golf
Ethan Freeman, jr.
Season-best 54 at Lakeview

Track
Trayton Jacobi, jr.
Won 2A WIC shot put title with 40-1 effort

Baseball
Friday, April 30 at Cole Valley Christian, Storey Park, Meridian, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Softball
Friday, April 30 at Cole Valley Christian, Heritage M.S., Meridian, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 29 at Weiser Invite, 3 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Tuesday, April 27, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4 at 2A WIC Tournament (18 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Final days to buy Homedale Boosters raffle tickets

Plenty of chances still remain ahead of Monday drawings

A total of 400 tickets were printed for the Homedale Booster Club’s raffle, and as of last Wednesday at least 160 were still up for grabs.

Tickets cost \$100 each, and prizes include:

- A 2020 Polaris RZR 900 UTV in partnership with Grizzly Sports in Caldwell
- A Bergara Ridge 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle donated by Caldwell-based Al’s Pawn and Gun
- A Traeger grill donated by Darin Pfost

- HT-themed cornhole boards donated by Dan Collett

Chances to win can be purchased from any high school student-athlete or by contacing Carina Purdom.

The winning tickets will be selected on Monday before Senior Night festivities at the Homedale High School softball game against Weiser.

The 3A Snake River Valley conference

game begins at 5 p.m. at the middle school.

The drawing will be available for viewing on Facebook Live for any prospective winners who can’t be at the softball complex in person.

Proceeds will benefit Trojans athletics, and the raffle was launched when the annual steak and crab feed was cancelled.

Trojans drill Panthers to maintain share of softball lead

Streaking Payette forges 3A SRV tie with victory

Homedale High School’s softball team made an emphatic rebound from its first conference loss.

In a 3A Snake River Valley conference game that ended after 4½ innings, Zayne Hall struck out six and scattered six hits last Wednesday as the Trojans trounced Parma, 20-1, at Homedale Middle School.

Hall worked around a walk and three Homedale errors.

The Trojans (13-2-1 overall, 6-1 in conference at week’s end) scored the game’s first 18 runs as leadoff Dani Sitts went 4-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored.

She also reached on a walk and doubled.

Leading 4-0, Homedale batted around in the second and third innings to blow the game open.

Hall and Madi Miller singled in the first inning, which was fueled by two walks and an error.

Olivia Miller doubled, and Sitts smacked a two-run single in the six-run second inning.

Twelve batters stepped to the plate in the eight-run third inning.

Olivia Asumendi, Kenzie Miller, Amaia Aberasturi, and Kaitlyn Missamore had RBI singles.

Parma scored in the fourth on three singles and a bases-loaded walk issued by Hall.

Katie Christoffersen and Sitts clubbed run-scoring doubles in the fourth.

April 19: Payette 8, Homedale 4 — Madisyn Collingwood’s two-run home run in the fifth inning fueled the host Pirates’ come-from-behind conference victory.

Payette (14-2, 6-1) finished the week with a nine-game win streak and a piece of first place. The Pirates and Trojans are tied atop the 3A SRV with three games left before the 3A District III Tournament.

The teams split their head-to-head games with Homedale cruising, 14-8, in the first go-round on March 30 in Payette.

The Trojans’ 4-3 lead and seven-game winning streak vanished under the pressure of Payette’s four-run rally against relief pitcher Sitts.

Homedale had brief leads in the first and second innings,

but Payette rallied each time, eventually taking a 3-2 lead with another one-run inning in the third.

Asumendi ripped a two-out double to put Homedale ahead, 4-3, in the top of the fifth inning as Sitts and Hall scored unearned runs.

Homedale managed just three hits against Sofie LeBow, who also homered in the bottom of the sixth. Kenzie Miller led off the second with a base hit and scored on an error.

Sitts reached on an error and scored on Hall’s tapper back to the pitching circle for the Trojans’ 1-0 lead in the first.

Melba’s county kid Stimpson conquers Marsing club

Renteria knocks in all three Huskies runs

Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson hit host Marsing High School from all sides in Melba’s 2A Western Idaho Conference baseball victory Friday.

Stimpson drove in a team-high three runs as Melba cruised, 8-3.

He was 4-for-4 with a double and three singles.

Stimpson made his mark on the mound, too, striking out six and walk-

ing none while scattering four hits in four innings of relief work.

Melba’s starting pitcher, Jeff Fahey, had an early cushion after the Mustangs (11-5 overall, 5-0 in 2A WIC) scored four runs in the opening frame.

Melba led, 6-0, after 2½ innings.

The game started swiftly for the Mustangs as the first four batters reached base. Luke Aldrich led off with a double, Fahey singled, and Henry Clark and Stimpson each hit two-baggers to stake the visitors to a 3-0 lead.

The advantage was four runs by the end of the inning after courtesy runner

Robert Knight scored on Diego Herrera’s sacrifice fly.

In the third inning, Knight scored on a fielding error by Coupe Urrutia. Two batters later, Braulio Colunga scored on Cameron Vail’s single, stretching the Mustangs’ lead to 6-0.

Marsing (6-11-1, 1-6) finally got going in the bottom of the third with two runs.

Xavier Delgadillo and Kolton Scott drew walks before Fahey hit James Hance to load the bases.

Robert Renteria came through with a two-run single. While Delgadillo

and Scott scored, Hance was thrown out trying to advance to third base.

The Mustangs scored twice with two outs in the sixth.

Clark was hit by a pitch, and Stimpson singled to left. Both runners scored on a pair of errant throws.

The Huskies’ final run came in their final at-bat. Bowen Campbell and Delgadillo singled to open the seventh. With two outs, Delgadillo scored on another Renteria run-scoring single.

Delgadillo threw six innings, allowing eight runs on 10 hits. He struck out seven and walked one for Marsing.

Local youth wrestlers win state championships

Marsing, Homedale clubs compete in Nampa

Another generation of the Ensley wrestling family has a state championship.

Ian Ensley, the son of former Homedale High School state champion Justin Ensley and Rachael Walton, captured one of two state championships for Marsing Youth Wrestling during the Idaway tournament on April 16-17 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Tristan Izzard won the state championship at 147 pounds in the 11- to 12-year-old age group.

Just like his dad and uncle Jeremy

had done in the high school ranks, Ian dominated. He sailed through the 58-pound weight class in the 7-8 division with three pins.

He dispatched Caldwell’s Raylan Moore in 43 seconds in the title bout. Rhylee Hastings from the Caribou Grapples bowed out in 53 seconds in the semifinal, and Ian started the tournament with a 1-minute, 40-second pinfall of Wood River’s Fernanda Cruz.

- Tristan needed a total of 41 seconds to win the state title with two pinfalls against Bees Wrestling’s Jackson Moreau. Tristan won in 17 seconds and 24 seconds, respectively.

Tristan’s parents are Bill and Elizabeth Izzard.

- Sibling Taylor was fifth at 68

pounds in the 9-10 a group after a 10-6 decision against Ryker Avelar of the 208 Badgers. Taylor reached the fifth-place match with a pinfall (2:54) over Harl Fisher from the Wolverine Wrestling Club.

- In the age 5-6 group at 45 pounds, Reagan Sims, child of Amanda Stamper, was runner-up.
- Wyatt Percifield got three wins in the 7-8 division, including a 4-1 decision over Westyn Pugsley of the 208 Badgers to finish third at 67 pounds. The son of Cory and Rachael Percifield started his tournament with a 36-second pin of Brody Betty from Middleton and posted an 18-8 major decision against Middleton’s Kolsen Kastler in the consolation semifinals.

- Sisters Kayla and Kaitlin Martinez, daughters of German Martinez, both wrestled at 55 pounds in the 5-6 round robin.

Kayla finished fourth with a 14-5 major decision over Callie Rheingruber and a 56-second pin against her sister, who took sixth place.

- Brey Stahle was fifth at 95 pounds in the 9-10 tournament. The athlete’s parents are Loren Stahle and Kristin Evans.
- Homedale’s Hunter Bell finished fourth at 122 pounds for ages 9-10.

He pinned Bo Bisbee in the quarterfinals (1:17) and beat Samuel Ruhter in 45 seconds in the consolation semifinals before losing the third-place match to Nyssa’s Levi Thompson in a 14-10 decision.

Sports

Multiple-event winners set up Melba’s 2A WIC meet sweep

Owyheeans play a part in four gold medals in Nampa

Melba High School athletes showed off their hops in sweeping the team championships at the 2A Western Idaho Conference meet in Nampa.

The Mustangs swept the jumps and won three of four hurdling events to secure both team championships April 20 at the Nampa Christian complex on Orchard Street.

Owyhee County residents McKoy Richardson and Brooklyn Dayley played a hand in four championships.

A sophomore, Richardson won the boys’ 300-meter hurdles in 42.29 seconds.

Dayley continued a strong freshman campaign, edging junior teammate Lacey Leavitt by .67 of a second for the girls’ 800 meters gold and carrying the baton in winning turns in the 4x400 relay and the sprint medley.

Dayley also flashed to a personal-fast 1 minute, 1.43 seconds for runner-up in the open 400.

In the 800, Dayley crossed the line at the 2:32.1 mark.

The girls’ 4x400 relay team finished in 4:22.11 with Hallie Arnold and Kate Clark running the first two portions, and Leavitt providing the anchor.

Dayley closed out the sprint medley with a 400-meter run and Melba came in with a winning time of 1:58.85. Ahna Shaffer and Laci Cole covered a pair of 100 legs, and Faith

Svedin ran 200 meters in the No. 3 spot.

Shaffer, Cole, and Svedin passed the baton with Ella Stosich for second place in the girls’ 4x100 at 53.51.

There were other multiple winners for Melba:

- Kendall Clark was a three-time individual winner in the girls’ meet.
- The sophomore posted the best hop, skip and jump of her career to win the triple jump at 36-2½.
- She nabbed the high jump at 5-0 and ran to the 100 hurdles gold in 16.63.
- Meya Young also picked up three golds. She won the girls’ 100 in 13.11 and prevailed in the long jump with a PR of 16-1 (nearly two inches farther than teammate and runner-up Kate Clark).

Young’s third championship was a team effort in the 4x200 relay, and it gave Kendall a fourth gold medal.

The 4x200 team book-ended by Young and Kendall Clark and featuring Hallie Arnold and Kate Clark in the middle legs, posted a time of 1:49.83.

- Kate Clark ran her fastest 300 hurdles race of the season to become a dual champion.
- Senior Joseph Bradshaw snagged a pair of career-best marks to win the 200 (23.74) and the long jump (24 feet, 4 inches).
- Another senior, Cameron Wood, PR’d to win the boys’ triple jump at 39-11¾, and he posted the 5-10 championship mark in the high jump.
- Wood’s third championship came as the second-leg guy for the 4x100 relay team, which

blazed to a 45.47 showing. Dillon Stosich led things off, and Andrew Herman ran the third leg before Bradshaw cleaned up.

- Bradshaw also anchored the winning 4x200 relay team, which was clocked at 1:34.92. Easton Draper and Zane Helm opened festivities with Herman running third.
- The Mustangs swept the 1,600-meter races.

Rozzlyn Cazier finished the girls’ event in 5:54.18, more than three seconds faster than fellow sophomore, teammate and runner-up Braelyn Scott.

Senior Joshua Leavitt logged a PR to win the 1,600 in 4:36.25.

- Tayler McCoy rounded out the championships with an effort of 105-7 in the girls’ discus.

Raiders’ dramatic diamond twists and turns continue

Rimrock splits baseball decisions with walk-off conclusions

Baseball giveth, and baseball taketh away.

Zeke Ochoa, who just 10 days earlier had benefitted from an error to bring in the winning run, was tagged with a game-losing balk Thursday.

Rimrock High School’s relief pitcher’s mound miscue in the bottom of the eighth inning allowed Horseshoe Bend to post an 8-7 victory and forge a half-game lead over the Raiders for second place in the 1A Western Idaho Conference standings.

Rimrock (6-8 overall, 4-3 in conference) slipped to third place a week and half after edging the Mustangs, 7-6, with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning in Bruneau.

Horseshoe Bend and Rimrock trail unbeaten conference leader North Star Charter as the campaign winds toward the postseason.

The game was a seesaw battle throughout.

Rimrock grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on Aden Aquiso’s clutch two-out single.

But Horseshoe Bend fired back on Barrett Huston’s two-out single in the bottom of the frame.

Pedro Varela’s two-run single gave Rimrock a 4-2 lead in the second inning before the Mustangs rallied for a pair (and another tie ballgame) in the third.

After Horseshoe Bend pushed three runs across for a 7-4 lead in the fourth, Rimrock mounted a systematic comeback.

Asa Frederick’s two-out RBI single was part of a two-run rally in the fifth, and Ochoa led off the sixth with a walk and tied the score for the final time on Luis Araujo’s groundout.

Ochoa hit a batter to start the bottom of the seventh, and Horseshoe Bend took advantage of a stolen base, a passed ball and a balk to win the game.

Friday: Rimrock 16, Rockland 6 (5) — A dozen consecutive batters reached base to start the non-conference game as the Raiders score eight times in Bruneau.

Alex Martinez had a pair of singles in the opening frame. Leadoff hitter Pedro Varela and Araujo also reached base twice as Rimrock sent 13 men to the plate to build an insurmountable lead.

Martinez’s two-out double in the bottom of the fifth scored Varela and ended the game via the 10-run rule.

Martinez was 5-for-5 with three runs scored. Ochoa had a run-scoring double and also scored a run during the wild first inning.

Varela scored four times during a 3-for-4 day, knocking in three runs.

Aquiso and Frederick also knocked in two runs each, while Lane Griswold scored twice on a 2-for-4 showing.

Varela struck out five and walked four in three innings. He allowed one hit and one run set off a parade of five Raiders to the mound.

April 20: Rimrock 10, Wilder 9 (8) — The 1A WIC portion of the week began like it ended except this time there was a reversal of fortune with the Raiders getting the last laugh.

Araujo’s run-scoring double in the bottom of the eighth gave Rimrock its second walk-off win of the season. Martinez led off with a single, stole second then came home on the hit to deep left-center field at the Raiders’ park.

Rimrock forced extra innings in dramatic fashion when Aquiso scored from second base on Griswold’s base hit in the bottom of the seventh.

Rimrock was playing catch-up throughout the game.

Wilder seemingly broke the game open in the third inning, taking a 6-1 lead with a four-run outburst.

But Rimrock chipped away, scoring two runs in three of the next four innings even as Wilder was posting scores.

After the Wildcats scored two runs in the top of the sixth, Rimrock took advantage of two errors and a walk.

Ochoa and Martinez scored to get the Raiders to within a run, 9-8.

After Wilder scored six unearned runs off in three innings against Michael Nanney and Frederick, Varela showed flashes of power with seven strikeouts over five innings of relief.

He slowed down the Wildcats long enough to let the Rimrock offense crawl back.

Araujo knocked in four runs.

Diego Rodriguez doubled and scored twice, but the Wildcats managed just two more singles in the game.

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Sports

Blue-collar ethic lands Krzesnik in red-and-white Hall

Trojans honor former diamond standout

You'd be hard-pressed to determine if it was awe or age, but Darren Krzesnik didn't throw off the John Jackson Field mound.

He still made it into the Homedale High School Baseball Hall of Fame, though.

The 1983 HHS graduate became the fourth member of the club in a brief ceremony prior to the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference win over Parma last Wednesday.

HHS coach Burke Deal asked the former three-sport standout to join Luke Hays, Chris Hoshaw, and Darren Uranga in the Hall of Fame.

"It was kinda cool when he called," Krzesnik said before he immediately pivoted attention away from the moment.

"Burke's done a great deal here."

The son of legendary Homedale booster "Johnny K.," Krzesnik stood on the synthetic infield at John Jackson Field and recalled hauling dirt to help build the old Trojans diamond once situated on space beyond what today is the HHS park's left-field wall.

"To come out and see what a true hop could be like is neat," the former middle infielder said.

Just as Deal's work over the past decade-and-a-half has led to a reawakening in Homedale, Krzesnik was on the ground floor of a Trojans resurgence in the early 1980s.

"I think being a player from a small school, we develop a chip on our shoulder that makes us want to work a little harder to prove ourselves," Krzesnik was quoted in opening remarks last week.

"That blue-collar work ethic will pay dividends in the end as your coaches and teammates will want you as a teammate."

As a junior, he earned district most valuable player honors after posting a 1.68 earned-run average and .936 fielding percentage. The Trojans went 14-4 and won the 1982 district title.

Back then, Krzesnik was the Trojans ace pitcher, but last week he took his wind-up from the base of the mound to toss out the first pitch.

Even though he made his bones and earned a spot on the Eastern Oregon College team



Above: Darren Krzesnik (left), a 1983 Homedale High School graduate, and Trojans baseball coach Burke Deal hold Krzesnik's Hall of Fame exhibit. **Below:** Krzesnik throws out the ceremonial first pitch before Homedale's win over Parma.



with baseball, Krzesnik wasn't too shabby on the football field. He earned an All-State

nod in his senior season.

He played summer baseball with the Caldwell Silver

Streaks, playing a role in winning an American Legion state championship.

After playing college ball for legendary Mounties coach Howard Fetz, Krzesnik returned home and started working on the next generation of successful Homedale ballplayers. He spent five summers coaching Babe Ruth before shifting gears to officiate college basketball, including games in the past 10 NCAA Div. I Tournaments.

Last Wednesday's first pitch actually had roots in conversations begun before the 2020 season was torpedoed by COVID-19 cancellations.

So the day probably was extra special for Krzesnik, who waited through warmups with his wife Sherri. They stood behind the third-base netting watching fungoes from both teams before the right-hander worked his way through the clubhouse and into the dugout to stage for his big moment.

Krzesnik took the field by himself to receive a photo display that will hang in the John Jackson Field entryway alongside the other Hall of Famer exhibits.

Standing in the wings, though, were Sherri, some

of the couple's children and grandchildren, and a couple of school buddies.

Sherri and Darren are the parents of three — Trevor, Cortnee and Hayden — and grandparents to four.

He works as production manager at Treasure Valley Seed Co., just over the Snake River from the only place he's ever called home. He unwinds at River Bend Golf Course not far from home.

His other hobby besides golf is "Finding a good spot with the camp trailer."

Krzesnik does plenty of traveling during the women's college basketball season. The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported he refereed men's college games last week.

He does see his share of intense games, pulling postseason tournament assignments in the West during the 2020-21 season.

He even made ESPN for a controversial — but correct, according to the NCAA's national officiating coordinator — call late in 15th-seeded Troy's unsuccessful upset bid against No. 2 Texas A&M last month in Austin, Texas.

— JPB

Sports

Marsing's big beginnings don't hold up in softball loss



Marsing's Lexi Loucks connects for a single in the Huskies' conference loss to visiting New Plymouth on April 20.

Pilgrims power past Huskies in 2A WIC tilt

A blowout fourth inning helped New Plymouth High School dominate host Marsing in 2A Western Idaho Conference softball on April 20.

The big rally helped the Pilgrims erase an early deficit and ride to a 26-12 victory in five innings.

The Huskies (6-11 overall, 2-5 in conference at week's end) built a 6-3 lead after three innings.

But the Pilgrims scored 17 runs in the top of the fourth inning behind nine hits, two walks, seven errors and a hit

batsman. Four New Plymouth batters came to the plate three times in the inning.

The game looked promising for the home squad at the outset as the Huskies recorded four hits, including back-to-back doubles by Delaney Percifield and Mila Astorquia, and held a 3-0 advantage before recording their first out.

Jaristian Fuentes knocked in the fourth run of the inning with a one-out single.

Mazzi Roper ripped a two-run single in the second inning.

New Plymouth scored two in the third, before busting out in the fourth.

Marsing got two more runs back in the fourth and four in the fifth, but New Plymouth

responded with six more to put the game completely out of reach.

Lexi Loucks and Astorquia managed a pair of hits each, Loucks scored three times.

Roper and Percifield knocked in three runs apiece.

Percifield, Loucks and Karla Salazar scored three times.

Astorquia threw 194 pitches in five innings. Only seven of the Pilgrims' runs were earned, and New Plymouth racked up 18 hits. Astorquia notched eight strikeouts and walked eight batters.

Afton Hoch and Jewel Bell each had three hits and four RBI to lead the Pilgrims.

Bell allowed 12 runs on eight hits, striking out eight and walking three.

Mustangs survive rough week, maintain conference lead

Another softball showdown with NC looms in seven days

When Melba High School softball players walked off the field Tuesday night, they had a pretty good idea about their fate heading into the 2A District III tournament.

The Mustangs entered the 2A Western Idaho Conference home game against Nampa Christian (played after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline) with a one-game lead over the Trojans for the top seed for the district tournament.

The two teams end the regular season in Nampa at 5 p.m., next Wednesday.

Melba (10-5 overall, 6-0 in conference at week's end) entered the showdown with a one-game lead in the standings over Nampa Christian after plastering

Vision Charter, Marsing and two non-conference foes last week.

Saturday: Melba 14, Parma 7 — The Mustangs stretched their winning streak to eight games after coming back with a huge fourth inning on the Panthers' field.

Parma tied the non-conference game in the bottom of the first inning then took a 4-2 lead in the third inning.

The Mustangs roared back with five runs in the fourth inning then poured it on with three runs in the fifth and four runs in the sixth.

Lillian Hansen was 3-for-5 for lead coach Don Jamison's squad. She scored three runs — as did Ashlie Shaffer — and knocked in a pair of runs.

Kylee Aldrich collected two RBI and scored twice from the top of the batting order. She also had a triple.

Stella Nichols highlighted Parma's offense with a solo home run. She

scored three times, while teammate Chloe Becker crossed the plate four times.

Bren Duckett knocked in a run for the Mustangs.

Winning pitcher Keylee Wilson struck out seven.

Thursday: Melba 10, Fruitland 4 — The Mustangs scored six times in the bottom of the second inning to snap a 1-1 stalemate against their non-conference visitors.

Emily Zavala tripled and drove home two runs, but Hansen did the most consistent damage with two singles, a run scored and an RBI.

Shaffer doubled and scored a run to help her own cause. She fired a four-hitter and struck out seven in the win.

April 20: Melba 15, Vision Charter 5 — The conference leaders got the week started against the pesky Golden Eagles at Luby Park in Caldwell.

The Mustangs struck first but trailed, 3-2, after the first inning.

Melba blew open the game with six runs over the second and third innings as Wilson settled down after giving up three unearned runs.

Wilson and Shaffer combined on a four-hitter, and only one of Vision Charter's scores was earned.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, scored eight unearned runs thanks to their opponents' seven errors.

Riley scored four times for the top of the order, and No. 2 hitter Aldrich added three runs.

Of the game's 11 hits, only Sienna McDougall's double for Vision Charter went for extra bases.

Wilson was 3-for-4. She was one of five Mustangs — along with Zavala, Bunnell Shaffer and Janay Phillips — to knocked in two runs each. Brittany Erickson scored twice.

Huskies struggle at plate, in field against New Plymouth

As has been an ongoing theme for Marsing High School baseball for the past few weeks, the team dug itself into a deep, early hole in its April 20 home matchup with New Plymouth.

The Huskies trailed, 3-0, before recording their first out, and the Pilgrims piled on five more before they sent their defense out onto the field.

New Plymouth rolled to an 18-3 five-inning drubbing in 2A Western Idaho Conference action.

New Plymouth added one more run in the second for a 9-0 advantage.

The Huskies managed three runs in the fourth inning thanks to four consecutive hits off the Pilgrim's Ashton Hall.



With one out, JT Chadez singled to right field. Coupe Urrutia and James Hance then

hit back-to-back doubles. Chadez scored, but Urrutia was thrown out at third base.

infielder misplayed Bowen Campbell's ground ball.

New Plymouth responded with seven runs in the top of the fifth to close out the game.

Five different Huskies each collected one hit — Xavier Delgadillo, Chadez, Urrutia, Hance, and Davis. Chadez, Hance and Davis each scored once.

Kolton Scott started and pitched one inning. He allowed eight runs on four hits, striking out three and walking three.

Chadez pitched three innings in relief, allowing three runs, while striking out three and allowing one run.

He also hit a pair of New Plymouth batters.

Marsing High School sophomore right-hander JT Chadez stretches toward the plate the send a fastball toward a batter during the Huskies' home loss to New Plymouth on April 20.

Braeden Davis followed with an RBI single, and another run scored when a Pilgrims'

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Above: Homedale’s Payton Fine starts an early dive into third base to complete a triple in the fourth inning as Adrian’s third baseman awaits the throw from the outfield Friday at John Jackson Field. **Below:** The Antelopes’ starting pitcher turns over a curve ball.

Foes get as many hits as Trojans
JV gets victories in 3-0 week

Three pitchers
combine to no-hit
3A SRV opponent

Superb pitching carried Homedale High School’s junior varsity squad to a pair of baseball victories.

Two days after three Trojans pitchers teamed up for a five-inning no-hitter against Parma, John Lejardi spun a one-hitter all by himself in a non-conference win over fledgling Adrian.

Homedale (9-6 overall, 5-1 in 3A Snake River Valley conference) finished the week on a three-game win streak.

The Trojans’ only conference loss this season is a 14-1 setback to Weiser on April 14.

Friday: Homedale 11, Adrian 0 (5) — In what appeared to be their first game of the season, the Antelopes played tough until the Trojans unloaded for six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning at John Jackson Field.

Lejardi struck out 10, walked one and allowed only a base hit in pitching to the victory.

Adrian threatened in the first inning, but couldn’t score from third when center fielder Andrew Marston stopped the threat by catching a fly ball and throwing to first baseman Payton Fine for an inning-ending double-up.

No other Adrian player got past second base.

Lejardi lost his no-hitter on a two-out base hit in the fourth inning.

Homedale broke the game open in the fourth, sending 10 batters to the plate.

Lejardi got things going



with a one-out double, and he immediately scored on Fine’s triple.

Fine scored on Andres Garcia’s groundout then Marston crushed a triple and scored on a throwing error on the same play.

Kaleb Coronado, who was 2-for-2 on the day, singled and scored on a double by Keegan McKay.

Homedale added five more runs in the fifth inning to set up the 10-run rule stoppage.

Lejardi struck six of the final seven batters he faced (including four in a row down the stretch) to wrap up the win.

Dillon Fine went 2-for-4 and knocked in four runs. Garcia plated a pair of runs, and Marston, McKay and leadoff hitter Jayden Wutherich scored two runs apiece.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 19, Parma 6 (5) — Wutherich, Snuepy Garcia and Marston teamed up to fire a no-hitter

against the Panthers in Canyon County.

Parma never led in the game, but managed six runs (only two earned) thanks to two Homedale errors and nine walks.

Andres Garcia doubled three times and collected four RBI to lead the Trojans. Payton Fine went 4-for-5, doubled, and knocked in four runs.

Marcus Galvin doubled and drove home three runs, and Coronado went 2-for-5 with three RBI.

April 19: Homedale 7, Payette 4 — Payton Fine allowed two hits and struck out 10 through five innings, and Wutherich fired two innings of no-hit relief. But the Trojans still had to come from behind as seven errors led to four unearned runs for the Pirates at John Jackson Field.

Four errors led to the Pirates’ 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Trojans rallied with two outs in the second inning to knot the score, 3-3, when Michael Rose scored on a balk.

The three-run uprising also featured singles from McKay and Wutherich.

The Trojans got the last word in with another two-out rally after Payette reclaimed the lead, 4-3, with a leadoff single and more HHS errors in the fifth inning.

In the bottom of the frame, Payton Fine and Galvin both singled then scored on Marston’s base hit (the third consecutive hit of the inning).

Wutherich notched two RBI and McKay scored twice to lead the offense. Both the players had two singles.

Trojans’ Téa takes
top 3A SRV girls’
golf honors again

Heck, Jamison
lead boys
to fourth

Téa Uranga’s roll continued last week in the latest 3A Snake River Valley conference golf meet.

The Homedale High School junior built an eight-stroke margin to win medalist honors at the nine-hole girls’ meet at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette.

The 5-over-par 41 gave her a fourth consecutive conference meet medal.

Uranga’s victorious style wasn’t the only consistent during the April 19 coed meet.

“It seems like whenever we have an SRV meet the weather gets bad,” HHS coach Casey Grove said.

“It was at least warm (on April 19) with high winds. It wasn’t too bad. Just really windy.”

The Trojans’ boys’ squad continues to improve, but Grove said the team is locked in a talent-laden conference.

“The boys improved again yesterday, but are having a hard time getting out of the

fourth-place spot,” Grove said.

“McCall and Fruitland are by far the favorites to qualify as a team for state on the boys’ side of things. Hopefully we can peak by districts and maybe upset someone.”

Led by Eli Heck’s 48 and Levi Jamison’s 49, Homedale was 19 strokes behind meet winner McCall-Donnelly.

Heck finished ninth individually, and Jamison was tied for 10th with Weiser’s Rylee Willet.

Homedale amassed a 200, while the Vandals shot 181 with all four scorers notching 46 or better.

Cartner Williams fired 2-over-par 38 to win medalist, and his Weiser teammates built a third-place score of 190.

Williams was one stroke ahead of Fruitland’s Lucas Rynearson in the individual pursuit. The Grizzlies finished two strokes behind McCall in the team race.

Rounding out Homedale’s scoring were Willie White (51) and Willy Haun (52). No. 5 golfer Trenton Fisher carded a 55.

“All of the kids are working hard and trying to get better every day,” Grove said.

Melba’s Clark’s
latest expedition
clobbers Payette

Henry Clark mowed down 13 batters during Thursday’s glistening one-hit shutout of Payette High School.

Melba’s big right-hander also blasted two-run homer for insurance in the sixth inning of a 3-0 non-conference victory.

The Mustangs (10-5 overall at week’s end) needed every ounce of the senior’s performance to prevail in a pitching duel on the Melba diamond.

Jeff Fahey’s RBI single put Robert Knight home for Melba’s 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning against Pirates starter Kaeden Clemens.

Clark was nearly untouchable. Clemens got Payette’s lone hit,

and Luke Neill drew a base on balls. He also hit Cam Strong with a pitch.

Melba didn’t have much better luck against Clemons, managing just Fahey’s single and Braulio Colunga’s double in the first five innings.

Clemons left the game after walking Knight with no outs in the sixth inning, and Clark tagged Jaydin Morin for his homer.

Morin nailed Fahey with a pitch before Clark launched his shot.

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Sports

✓ No-hitter: Dillon Fine records 10 strikeouts; HHS beats Payette in 7th

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at Jackson field is the capstone of Muir’s senior leadership project.
The new Old Glory and tall flagstaff gives Trojans baseball fans their own American flag to salute during the Star Spangled Banner before each game. Previously, players stood on the base lines and faced center field with their hands over their hearts to salute the flag at De-ward Bell Stadium. That flag is more than a football field away, though, as it peeks up from beyond the John Jackson Field scoreboard.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 11, Parma 0 (5) — Fans saluted the flag prior to the game then settled in for Muir’s stunning mastery of the Panthers’ hitters.

Muir struck out nine and walked four while spinning 77 pitches in the conference win.

He didn’t allow a fly ball in the contest.

Parma left the bases loaded in the first inning. Muir recovered from a rocky start, peppering three strikeouts in the top of the opening frame around two walks, a hit batter and a wild pitch.

Only two other Parma base runners got to second base over the next four innings.

Isaac Starbuck walked and moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt in the second inning.

Charlie Camacho led off the fourth inning with a walk and made it to third on another



Tommy Muir (left) probably got a glimpse of the American flag and flagpole he made possible through his senior leadership project when he followed the path of a foul pop during last Wednesday’s Homedale High School baseball game against Parma at John Jackson Field.

bunt and a wild pitch before Muir shut down the inning by striking out Starbuck.

The Trojans wasted little time jumping on Starbuck and taking pressure off Muir.

Homedale (9-10 overall, 4-3 in conference before Monday’s game against Fruitland) scored three times in the bottom of the first inning. The Trojans piled up four of their 10 hits in the uprising.

Teron Morrison led off with a double over center fielder Jed Simpson’s head and scored when Muir rocketed a double over the head of left fielder Kooper Rowland.

Muir moved to third on Cody Liebschwager’s base hit and scored on Dakota Gammell’s grounder to third.

Liebschwager scored on John Lejardi’s base hit.

Josh Brown and Morrison scored on Leibschwager’s two-out single in the second inning.

Homedale set up the 10-run rule with six runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The first five batters reached base, including singles from Brown and Sigmund Goode sandwiched around an error with Morrison at the plate.

After Morrison scored when

strike three against Muir got away from Camacho, Liebschwager laced a two-run single to cap a 3-for-3 day that included four RBI.

Dillon Fine and Lejardi came home on errors to wrap up the scoring.

April 19: Homedale 6, Payette 1 — D’Orr Packer scored the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded wild pitch to ignite the Trojans’ five-run seventh inning at Harmon Killebrew Field.

The Pirates tied the 3A SRV game, 1-1, in the bottom of the sixth inning when Tyus Husky led off with a triple and scored on a groundout to Liebschwa-

ger at first base.
Husky was only the second Payette base runner to make it past second base as Fine over-powered the host club.

Fine struck out 10 and walked five while pitching a two-hitter. Husky singled in the opening frame but was picked off first base.

Fine fanned four consecutive batters after issuing a two-out walk to Cam Strong in the first inning.

The pitcher picked off Strong after hitting him with a pitch to start the fourth inning.

Fine got three straight outs (including two strikeouts) to quell a rally in the fifth inning after walking Gabe Ramos and Kaeden Clemons. He clung to a 1-0 lead despite Ramos reaching third on a passed ball and wild pitch.

Homedale managed just four hits against two Payette pitchers — starter Kodee Bennett and Clemons, who threw one inning of relief. But the Pirates hurlers gave up seven walks and were bit by two errors.

Goode scored the game’s first run in the second inning on a passed ball. He singled with one out, moved to second on Gammell’s base hit and stole third before scoring.

The winning rally started on Packer’s leadoff double.

Homedale loaded the bases without a hit before Muir cleared them with a line-drive triple into right-center field. He scored the game’s final run on Clemons’ wild pitch.

✓ Huskies: Melba still unbeaten in 2A WIC

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Wilson moved to third on Zavala’s double and scored on the same play when Marsing second baseman Anna Gluch dropped the ball.

Astorquia got out of the inning by striking out Janay Phillips and Erickson.

The Mustangs weren’t done with the Huskies.

The last of the Huskies’ seven errors sparked Melba in the fifth as Kylee Aldrich and Riley got on base because of miscues. Aldrich scored on Bunnell’s single. Wilson, who was hit by a pitch, scored later in the inning on a double steal.

In addition to her stellar performance in the circle, Shaffer had two hits, including a double, and knocked in three runs.

Percifield and Astorquia each reached base on walks.



Melba’s Ashlie Shaffer prepares to fire a pitch earlier this season in a non-conference game against Homedale.

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Sports

Homedale girls take runner-up twice in basketball

Marsing joins league action at Compass

Middle school girls' basketball is still percolating even after the end of the scholastic season.

There are a couple of Marsing teams competing in the Compass Charter league in Meridian currently.

And Homedale's girls recently wrapped up a series of three Crash the Boards tournaments in Nampa.

Coach Benji Sorenson said the Trojans played a good mix of local and regional club and school teams.

"It was a chance for our girls to play some very good competition from as far away as Washington (state)," the coach said.

After a rocky 0-3 start during an April 9-10 tournament, Homedale knocked off the rust of a couple months of inactivity over the next two weeks.

The Trojans lost, 31-22, to club team Hoop Dreams in the



From left: Avereë Almaraz, Tiana Sorenson, Breydyn Ford, Stella Heck, Kierstley Roseborough, Kynna Soland-Pfeil, Stephanie Quezada, Belen Asumendi, Bailey Hymas-Robinson, and coach Benji Sorenson. Not pictured: Coach Mike Frank. Submitted photo

championship game. It was the second runner-up in as many weeks for Homedale.

The Trojans beat Hoop Dreams, 28-18, as part of a 3-0 run in pool play. Other round-robin wins came against McCall, 25-12, and valley club team Red, 33-20.

The team lost in the championship game of a April 16-17 tournament, too, after going unbeaten in three pool-

play games.

"These girls are so much fun to coach, and I am very proud of how hard they work," Sorenson said.

Sorenson and Mike Frank coach the Homedale squad.

Marsing continues play in Compass girls' league

Homedale decided against competing in the Compass Charter league, but Marsing

has fielded squads in the competition organized by 2003 Homedale High School graduate Drew Williams.

Williams coaches at Compass Charter.

There are two leagues competing each Saturday inside the Meridian school's gymnasiums, and games began on April 17.

Marsing fifth- and sixth-graders played Caldwell and

Nampa on April 17, and took on Cascade and played games against both Compass Charter teams on Saturday.

The league continues play Saturday. Marsing's Week 3 opponents include Vale, Ore., at 10 a.m., Notus at 2 p.m., and Compass Charter's seventh-grade team at 4 p.m.

Other fifth- and sixth-grade games for Marsing include:

May 15 — 9 a.m., vs. Nampa; 1 p.m., vs. Caldwell; 6 p.m., vs. Compass eighth-graders

May 22 (final games) — 10 a.m., vs. Cascade; and noon vs. Vale, Ore.

Marsing's eighth-graders played Ambrose and Ridgevue on April 17, and challenged Baker City, Ore., and the Compass seventh-graders Saturday.

Remaining games for the older squad include:

Saturday — Noon vs. Caldwell; 2 p.m., vs. Notus

May 15 — 10 a.m., vs. Nampa; 5 p.m., vs. Compass eighth-graders

May 22 (final games) — Noon vs. Ambrose; 5 p.m., vs. Compass eighth-graders

✓ Records: Three female underclassmen capture conference crowns

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44 feet to his effort since his freshman season.

He was runner-up in Thursday's shot put, reaching 46-8.

Symms' championship was one of six that the Trojans claimed at the conference meet.

Junior Christopher Aguilera attained another PR in the 1,600, winning the 3ASRV title in 4 minutes, 54.47 seconds. Teammate Bobby Christensen, a freshman, was fourth in the 1,600 with a personal-best 5:06.58.

Aguilera also won the 800 at 2:02.69.

Three HHS girls won championships, too.

Junior Allison Whitehead PR'd for the triple jump crown, attaining 34-8.

Another 11th-grader, Isabel Jacobs, won the discus championship with an effort of 96-6.

Freshman Carli Moore ran to the 300-meter hurdles championship in 51.52. Fellow ninth-grader Kinlee Garrett finished third in 53.07. Both marks were personal records.

Garrett also PR'd with a

third-place time of 18.31 in the 100 hurdles.

Senior Dawson Fox set a personal record with his 11.69-second run to second place in the boys' 100 meters.

Junior Ryker Johnson's career-best time of 18.1 seconds carried him to third place in the 110 hurdles. He was fourth in the high jump (5-8). Johnson also had a PR in the 300 hurdles, finishing seventh in 46.29.

Senior Bryce Cornwall captured fourth in the triple jump at 38-4. He also PR'd for eighth place in the long jump

(17-9½).

Freshman Brock Johnson cleared 9-6 and took sixth in the pole vault.

Two Homedale boys' relay teams grabbed fourth-place showings. Keagan Christensen, Joseph Kester, Danny Detbun, and Erik Hernandez ran to a 4x200 relay time of 1:42.7. In the sprint medley, the Trojans were clocked at 4:28.23 as Milo Mertz and Keagan Christensen ran 200 meters each, Aiden Webster covered 400, and Aguilera wrapped things up with an 800.

Other highlights from the

girls' meet, included:

Garrett, Whitehead, Moore and Emily Craft finished second in the 4x100 relay at 54.06.

The same quartet took third in the 4x200 at 1:57.8.

A senior, Craft was runner-up in the high jump at 4-6.

Whitehead grabbed fourth in the long jump at 15-1½.

Junior Natalia Martinez attained a PR in the discus with a sixth-place mark of 75-10.

Freshman Katie DeVice took fifth in the 3,200 meters (15:37.81) and sixth in the 1,600 (6:58.33).

Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: HARLIE DANIELLE PALMER
BOBBIE CATHERINE PALMER
CASE NO. CV 37-21-80
A Petition to change the name of HARLIE DANIELLE PALMER, and the name of BOBBIE CATHERINE PALMER, all minors, now residing in the City

of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The names will change to Harlie Danielle Frelove and Bobbie Catherine Frelove. The reason for the change in name is: The children wish to have their mother's name.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on May 25, 2021 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes.
Date: April 20, 2021

s/: Lena Johnson, deputy clerk
For Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
04/28,05/5,12,19/2021

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Sports

✓ Yotes: Winning spot in C of I cheer program includes partial scholarship

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Shortly after applying to attend the college, Rotter was approached by coach Gigi Anderson about trying out for the stunt team. Rotter has been a flyer for the Trojans' squad. "(Anderson) and Alex had already been talking about me trying out," Gracie said. "So, I went to tryouts, and it was later that evening that I heard that I made the team."

She said that the college has two separate cheer teams. The team on which she will take part is the Stunt Team, but there is also the Spirit Pack, whose members are allowed to cheer but are not allowed to stunt.

Rotter said she had no chance of making the HHS team when she first tried out

for the squad.

She did not see cheer in her future until last year, when she looked at it as possibly a way to help with her education.

An assistant coach on the Trojans' team, Muir had been encouraging Gracie to try out for the 'Yotes.

"When I first walked into the gym (at The College of Idaho), I thought I didn't have a chance," Rotter said. "When it was my turn to fly, Gigi said 'You're up. You're flying.' So I guess I did good enough."

Gracie said that she plans to pursue a health science degree, possibly becoming an athletics trainer.

Rotter's commitment comes with an annual \$1,200 scholarship for four years.

— TK



Homedale High School senior Gracie Rotter celebrates her signing to cheer at The College of Idaho with her Trojans cheerleading teammates.



Homedale Trojans





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Friday, April 30 at Buhl (2), 3:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, April 30, home vs. Buhl (2), 3:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3 at Weiser, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 29 at Weiser Invite, 3 p.m.

Golf
Coed and boys' junior varsity
Wednesday, April 28, 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), Riverbirch GC, Star, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), River Bend GC, Wilder, 2 p.m.

Softball Varsity
Wednesday, April 28 at McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 30 at Buhl (2), 3:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 28 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 30, home vs. Buhl (2), 3:30 p.m.
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