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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS



History made its way down Jordan Valley's main drag Saturday as past Big Loop winners took part in the parade. Some of the champions on hand included 97-year-old C.F. Gunderson (left) and Richard Eiguren, who won the Big Loop with his son Jason 28 years ago. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

Jordan comes alive for Big Loop

The Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo celebrated history during the weekend, even as another milestone was achieved.

Robert Crutcher and RC Crutcher became the first father-son team to win

the Big Loop saddles twice. Robert and his then-14-year-old son RC first one the roping championship in 2000.

RC still holds the record as the youngest roper to win a Big Loop title.

Several other father-and-son duos

have won the Big Loop, including:

- Frank and Allen Baltzor in 1968 (47.8 seconds)
- Richard and Jason Eiguren in 1993 (18.611)

— See *Big Loop*, page 9A

Volunteers to tackle Marsing cleanup

Folks needing help with their property urged to call

A citywide community cleanup takes place Thursday through Saturday in Marsing.

The Marsing Beautification Project board has coordinated and organized the event with the Marsing School District.

The project has been in the works for a few months, but those interested in volunteering can still call Beautification Project president Julie Franklin at (208) 859-2087.

On Thursday, crews — including a healthy dose of the town's schoolchildren — will clean up around the school district campus during regular school hours.

On all three days, citizens can bring their trash to one of two Dumpsters provided. One has been supplied by Republic Services and will be set up at the old high school gymnasium on Main Street. A second, provided by the city, is set up at the public works department, 201 2nd Ave. W., adjacent to City Park.

Saturday is the Community

— See *Marsing*, page 4A

County weed man urges attack on whitetop

Landowners can obtain chemical from CWMA's

so do noxious weeds, and county officials want to make sure landowners do their part.

Owyhee County weed superintendent Kelly

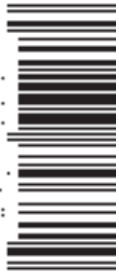
As spring begins to blossom,

— See *Whitetop*, page 4A

Commencements commence

The Owyhee Avalanche's annual salute to high school graduates is included in this week's edition. Here's a schedule of ceremonies:

- **COSSA Academy** — 5 p.m., today, Mallard Park, 10th Avenue and Orchard Street, Caldwell
- **Homedale** — 7 p.m., Thursday, May 27, Deward Bell Stadium
- **Marsing** — 6 p.m., Friday, May 28, Jr./Sr. High gymnasium
- **Melba** — 7 p.m., Friday, May 28, football field
- **Rimrock** — 2 p.m., Saturday, May 29, high school gymnasium
- **Adrian** — 6 p.m., Sunday, May 30, Gene Mills Court, H.S. gymnasium



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Dusty Marsing road to be addressed

Special meeting called tonight;
residents tired of constant cleaning

A group of concerned citizens met with the Marsing City Council during its monthly meeting last Wednesday to discuss an issue concerning dust in their neighborhood.

Residents on Up Road, north of Main Street and near Morning Dove Way, told the council that traffic on their dirt road, which is parallel to the C-Line Canal, has been kicking up a lot of dirt and dust and covering their windows, patio furniture and other outdoor items.

They're looking for solutions to the problem.

"I'm tired of cleaning my windows every day," one resident said. "I'm tired of cleaning my back patio furniture every day because people won't slow down."

Property owners said they have been unsure of whose responsibility it is to take care of the road, and Mayor Chad Sevy said that he thinks the lack of dust and weed control in that area has been an oversight on the city's part.

Sevy and council president Chris Even live nearby and agreed that the blanket of dust

has been an issue.

Several suggestions were brought up between the council and visitors, including using oil on the dirt road to abate the dust issue, as well as posting a speed limit sign to deter motorists from driving too fast.

One of the residents said he counted an average of 70 cars per day traveling down Up Road per day. Public works superintendent Philip Gibson said his crew members drive down that road nearly every day, as do the South Board of Control personnel, which brings up easement issues if the road is to be treated with anything.

The council determined that a special meeting would be needed to address the issue and discuss options to deal with the dust problem. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., today at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

Monthly reports

- The existing light poles on Old Bruneau Highway are sufficient to support more street lights, according to an email

from the Idaho Transportation Department.

Civil Dynamics engineer Amy Woodruff, filling in for city engineer Kirby Cook, shared the correspondence in the continuing exploration of shining more light on the road both to the north and south of Main Street. The goal is to improve motorist and pedestrian safety.

The move toward putting in more city lights began after the January city council meeting at which Marsing resident Floydine Egurrola requested the city pursue increasing safety in that part of town.

- Gibson said that the middle boat dock has been removed from Island Park and the new one should be installed in the Snake River next week.

He also said that Steve Harris from H & S Environmental would visit the city this week to evaluate the wastewater lagoons to determine if the city is operating them correctly and whether there are options for changes in the future.

- Deborah Bell of Bell's Homestyle Catering received a peddler's license. Bell will be providing lunch for volunteers for this week's community cleanup.

— TK



Deputy Terry McGrew (right) accepts retirement mementoes from Sheriff Perry Grant during a February ceremony. McGrew has returned to the sheriff's office as a part-time deputy. Submitted photo

Sheriff's office brings back retired deputy

New Grand View DMV clerk hired

Continuing a trend of hiring experienced law enforcement and those receiving public pensions, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has rehired Terry McGrew.

McGrew, who retired in March after years of service with the sheriff's office, will serve as an Idaho Power and waterways deputy. He'll earn \$20.93 per hour, and his effective date of hire was May 10.

The deputy is the latest employee receiving Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) benefits and returning to work for the county.

Under PERSI retirement conditions, anyone receiving benefits may continue to work fewer than 20 hours per week, or if employment does not total five consecutive months.

Another PERSI-eligible

employee who is regularly hired and rehired because of service limitations is sheriff's Sgt. Greg Bishop, who serves as patrol supervisor.

OCSO continues to add staff and shuffle others around.

Kyler Dygert has transferred to the patrol staff from his work as a detention deputy. He left the jail for patrol on May 10.

Dygert earns \$17.74 per hour for his full-time position.

Frankie Williams has been hired as a dispatcher at \$16.12 per hour, effective May 11.

Williams is an experienced emergency medical technician and EMS dispatcher, according to county records.

The assessor's office hired Irma Mutton as its clerk for the Grand View Division of Motor Vehicles.

Mutton earns \$13.30 per hour for her position and began on April 26.

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Homedale library board rekindles taxing district talk

Artwork to be purchased for new Gypsy Jackson Memorial logo

The Homedale library board flirted with the idea of a taxing district again at its monthly meeting last week.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is operated on City of Homedale general funds, donations to the library, grants and money raised by the twice-a-year Friends of the Homedale Library book sale.

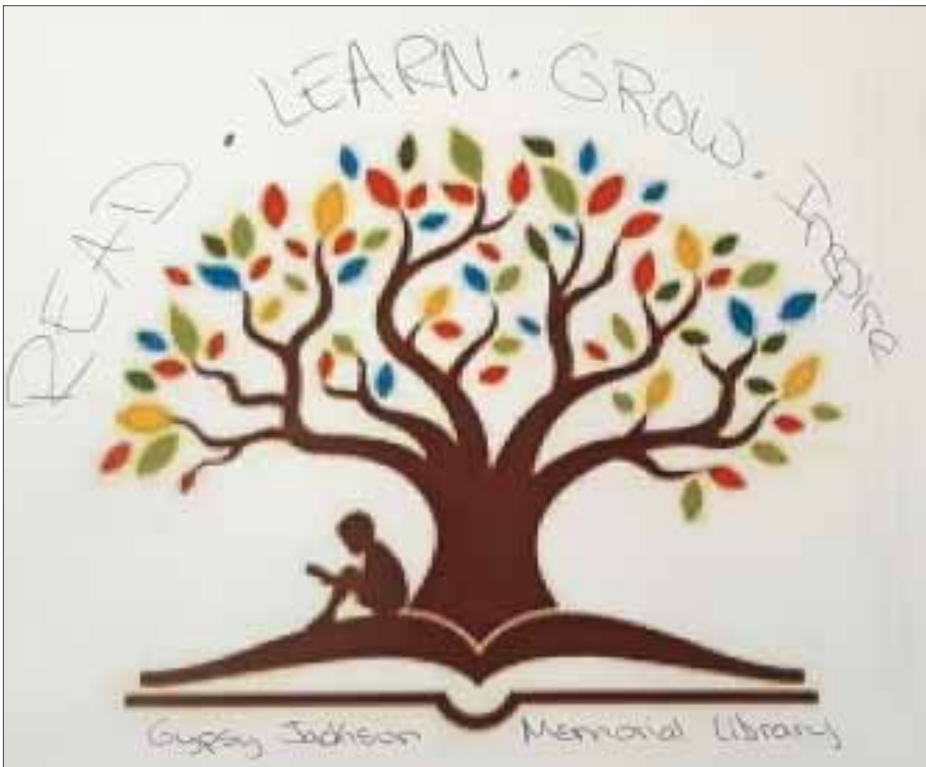
The latest book sale brought in \$600 — \$200 from a donation by R&M Steel Co., owners Rob and Nancy Roberts — according to board member Nancy Belknap’s report at the May 10 library board meeting the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

“They are so quiet but so generous to us,” Belknap said of the Robertses. “I just think they’re wonderful people.”

No dedicated tax money supports the library unlike other communities in Owyhee County — Marsing, Grand View and Bruneau — and neighboring Canyon County communities.

The subject has been broached occasionally over the years, specifically in the past decade-plus since the dream of a new, expanded library was hatched.

But, despite former elected officials’



Director Sharla Jensen shared this rough draft of a proposed logo for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library during last week’s board meeting.

insistence that a taxing district be formed before a new library was built, the district idea never gained any traction outside of exploratory meetings with state library officials to hammer out the process.

At last week’s meeting, library director Sharla Jensen dusted off the proposed library district vision statement, revealed a proposed logo and asked for ideas in formulating a mission statement.

Board members authorized Jensen to buy the stock artwork she used to create the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library logo. Jensen said the cost is about \$30.

The board also adopted the vision statement.

Board member Pam Gibbens, a former two-term school board member and retired Homedale Elementary School secretary, was appointed to head up the formation of a committee

that would examine what it will take to create a library district.

This latest move to create a district is at least the fourth attempt since the early 2000s, according to a discussion during the board meeting.

The library saves money through volunteerism, Jensen said.

Jensen’s husband Scott and Friends of the Homedale Library member Steve Belknap have worked on landscaping around the library, including the Story Time garden and flowerbeds.

An unidentified good Samaritan has sprayed herbicide, and Belknap said area resident Bob Winder pitched in prior to the book sale.

- Sharla Jensen has started work on securing a grant to pair with an anonymous \$2,600 donation to buy a 10-foot-by-12-foot storage shed that would be built behind the old library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and house books earmarked for the book sale, decorations, yard-working tools, and chairs and tables for the community center.

Jensen told the board that the shed would not be used to store any items for the Homedale Community Foodstead, although the building doubles as the community center.

Jensen envisions a bookshop and a historical center in the original 1921 library that stands behind the 1980 library.

— JPB

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✓Whitetop: Several CWMA, government resources can help in battle

Aberasturi, the Homedale-based Dist. 2 county commissioner, says this is the right time to spray for whitetop. And, Aberasturi says, it's not just a matter of being good neighbors or stewards of the land.

"Property owners are required by law to take care of noxious weeds," he said. "As weed superintendent, I would like to see cooperation from the landowners to take care of whitetop."

Whitetop has spread immensely through the Treasure Valley, Aberasturi said, making the effort to gain control all the more important.

Aberasturi offered some advice for landowners who want to fight the noxious weed.

The county's cooperative weed management areas — Northwest Owyhee, Jordan Valley and Eastern



Whitetop with roots. Photo from Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign

Owyhee — have allotments of herbicide that is provided free of charge to help the effort.

The best herbicide to spray on a variety of noxious weeds is chlorsulfuron, which is the generic name for the brand Telar.

The NOCWMA gave away Telar last

month in an effort to get folks to spray puncturevine early in the year.

Aberasturi said the herbicide works on whitetop, Russian Thistle and variety of other species.

There are steps to take when preparing the herbicide, and Aberasturi urges folks that the law requires strict adherence to

label instructions. Telar comes as a concentrate, Aberasturi said. Once water is added to the Telar to create a liquid, it can be blended with 2,4,D.

Call your local CWMA for more information or to obtain chemical:

Jordan Valley — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000
Northwest Owyhee — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com

Eastern Owyhee — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com

Aberasturi is also available for anyone who has questions. Contact him at (208) 249-4405

Gary Page is the Malheur County weed inspector, and he can be reached at (541) 473-5102 or Gary.Page@malheurco.org. — JPB

✓Marsing: Schoolchildren will clean schoolgrounds on Thursday

Cleanup Day when teams of volunteers will clean the properties of Marsing citizens that need help. Those who want assistance can contact Debbie Bell at (208) 312-0777 to

schedule a cleanup. Franklin said that Beautification Project organizers have not received many calls from citizens, but that anyone who needs help can put their trash and yard refuse out for pickup.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m., on Saturday at M&W Market on the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West.

Saturday's volunteers will receive a free lunch of a hot dog, bag of chips and water at

1 p.m., at the old gym. Bell's Homestyle Catering and the Marsing Beautification Project are providing the lunch.

Marsing school superintendent Norm Stewart said that on Thursday elementary school students will clean around the

school grounds, while secondary students will clean elsewhere in the community, along city streets or at scheduled houses and other locations. Teachers will be supervising and helping with cleanup.

— TK

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Developers seek lower utility fees in Homedale

Wastewater plan open house set Thursday

Utility connection fees were a hot topic at last Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting.

A man who is working to develop senior housing on South Main Street lobbied the council to consider a modified connection fee cost much like an engineer representing Owyhee County did a month ago.

Greg Urrutia, who is part of the group that plans to build 32 one- to two-bedroom units as part of the Vineyard Cottages on South Main Street proposed a lower suite of connection fees because, he asserted, the residents in the proposed homes would use less water and sewer than the typical single-family home.

Urrutia was told that the only way the city council could modify fees established for enterprise funds such as water and sewer would be to change the ordinance regulating the fees. That would include modifying the formula used to determine fees, which is tied to Equivalent Dwelling Units. An EDU is a unit of measurement designed to measure how much sewage or water and specific type of building — such as a residence — would use.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer,

in answering a question from Councilman Mike Aebischer, said the city could be in danger of violating the terms of its existing water and sewer bond if it negotiated a different fee than what was laid out in city code.

“I think we all appreciate what you’re doing for the town, but we have to follow the letter of the law,” Councilman Steve Atkins told Urrutia.

Later in the meeting, Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook and Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi also discussed a modified connection fee for the 88-space RV park planned for the county fairgrounds.

In a miscommunication with public works supervisor Bret Smith, the men were led to believe they were on the agenda for last week’s meeting. Although they weren’t, and know decision could be made because of that, council members listened to the newest idea to keep costs down.

Cook said the county would be willing to pay for one commercial connection for water and then spend a year analyzing usage to determine a flat rate annual fee.

The RV park will have its own septic system, so a connection to the city’s sewer system isn’t necessary.

Fitzer told the council that because the agreement would be between government

entities, there is precedent to set a lower fee amount and subsidize the affected enterprise fund with general fund monies.

That route is problematic, however, because it could trigger a taxpayer lawsuit because the city essentially is using tax revenue to subsidize an enterprise fund, Fitzer said.

Wastewater update

Last Wednesday signaled the start of a two-week public comment period regarding the city’s wastewater facility planning study and environmental document.

An open house will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., for citizens to drop in and get information on the plans for rehabilitating the sewer lines and reconstructing the wastewater treatment lagoons.

The judicial confirmation hearing to determine if the city can obtain \$10.3 million in bonds for the sewer system work is scheduled for 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 27 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Meeting date changed

The city council voted unanimously to change the June meeting time and date to 5 p.m., on Monday, June 7.

A fiscal year 2022 budget workshop will follow at 6 p.m.

— JPB

Popular Outpost Days returns

Junior Jammers fiddlers headline music acts

The Owyhee County Historical Society’s Outpost Days had to take a break last summer because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the 52nd annual event is back with a vengeance.

The two-day affair, on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6 in and around the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy, will open with Saturday’s Buckaroo Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The meal will be repeated at the same time on Sunday.

The Chuckwagon Beef Dinner is at 5 p.m., on June 5, and will be followed by a special Saturday night show. Current and five-time National Grand Champion and three-time World Champion fiddler Katrina Nikolayeff

will join the Junior Jammers under Bobbie Pearce’s direction. The Junior Jammers often feature Owyhee County musicians, too.

Outpost Days coordinator Debra Lindner said that there will be many “lost art” demonstrators over the two days sharing displays, many of which are interactive, of pioneer days.

New Outpost Days entertainment coordinator Karl Peck of the Boise-based Americana band Hecktor Pecktor has assembled a varied depot stage lineup for visitors.

Saturday:

- 10 a.m. — Prime Time Players
- 11 a.m. — Fiddle Express
- 1 p.m. — Sisters Promise
- 2 p.m. — Tracy Morrison, guitarist and singer
- 3 p.m. — Jay & Friends
- 4 p.m. — Michaela French, guitarist and singer

- 5 p.m. — Hecktor Pecktor
- 6 p.m. — Junior Jammers

Sunday:

- 10:30 a.m. to noon — Blaine and Molly Lilly, Church in the Dirt
- 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Bosco Bosler Square Dancers
- Time to be decided — Horny toad race

Other activities during the two-day event include hayrides, a sheepdog demonstration, the Fort Boise Garrison, a Saturday classic car show, and pony rides. There will also be a cattle drive arriving at the museum at noon on Saturday.

The restored Snake River Stampede stagecoach will visit the museum on Sunday.

There will be many vendors in and around the museum.

— TK

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

May 19: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

May 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Uncrustable PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, Rice Krispie treat.

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots.

May 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw.

May 26: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

May 19: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll. **Lunch:** Spaghetti and garlic bread, green beans.

May 20: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts. **Lunch:** Nachos.

May 24: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.

May 25: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries.

May 26: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn.

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

May 19: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Pulled pork sandwich, tater tots or hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots.

May 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or Pop Tart. **Lunch:** Chicken taco or corn dog, corn.

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle. **Lunch:** Boneless Buffalo wings, breadstick, corn or taquitos, corn.

May 25: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or BeneFit bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty or hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries.

May 26: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & veggies
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)

May 19: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans. Cold Grab-n-Go: Chef’s salad with breadstick.

May 20: **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 24: **Breakfast:** Ultra bread slice, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Corn dog, French fries, chocolate chunk cookie. Cold Grab-n-Go: Ham and cheese sub meal.

May 25: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans. Cold Grab-n-Go: BBQ chicken salad.

May 26: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries.

Bruneau/Grand View

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

May 19: **Breakfast:** French toast. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots.

May 20: **Breakfast:** Pancakes. **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli.

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli.

May 25: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy. **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, broccoli, breadstick.

May 26: **Breakfast:** Muffins. **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn.

Work is just beginning once your garden is in

As the evening temperatures continue to rise, soil temperatures increase, and the date for the average last spring frost is behind us, many garden spaces are now planted and growers are looking forward to a bountiful harvest this season! While individuals watch intently with excitement as the newly planted garden crops grow, develop, flower, and set fruit, the monitoring of pests and diseases can be overlooked, causing devastation to production yield or even loss of an entire garden crop.

Monitoring for insects, diseases, and plant injury is essential for management control. Vegetable crops should be monitored for pests or unusual symptoms once per week. These visual inspections and examination of the garden plants can be enhanced with a hand lens of at least 20x in magnification, enlarging those small insects or disease symptoms. Regular monitoring will provide early warning of potential pest problems, which life stage of the pest is active, presence or absence of natural enemies, when to implement control measures, and if pest control activities are working.

To determine the cause of the plant problem, you must be able to interpret clues on the plant. Some symptoms to watch for during the monitoring process include chewed areas, spots or discoloration, wilting, cavities/sunken areas, rot, or reduced growth. Identifying the number of pest insects per plant or percentage of plant affected by feeding or disease can help to determine thresholds for treatment. While observing for pests also take

note of beneficial insects that are encountered during the monitoring process. Additionally, take notes as to the environmental conditions including temperature, cloud cover, precipitation, and soil moisture (wet or dry) conditions.

Now that an insect is collected, or a disease sample obtained, the work of identification begins. While some insects and disease may be easily recognizable, others may provide the need for additional resources. For help or verification of those unknown samples collected during the weekly scouting, reach out to a local University of Idaho Extension office where staff can provide help in the identification, research-based recommendations for management, and evaluate thresholds for treatment.

To receive timely notifications that can enhance the monitoring of insect or disease issues in your landscape or garden, join the Pacific Northwest Pest Alert Network mailing list by visiting pnwpestalert.net and click "Join Alert Mailing List". Management of codling moth and billbug grubs has recently been posted and can be viewed on the website. Be on the lookout for information on the western cherry fruit fly near the end of May.

Join us for a weekly interactive virtual series titled "U and I Together: An activity series where all ages can learn!" Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and begin June 1. To learn more about the weekly topics and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/UandItogether> or contact me at nusabel@uidaho.edu for more details. In June, join us for a free virtual webinar titled Firewise Landscaping to learn more about plants and techniques for the homeowner. Register at <https://bit.ly/Firewise2c> to receive your link.

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Nic Usabel

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May 12	72	42	.00
May 13	80	50	.00
May 14	81	49	.00
May 15	74	49	.00
May 16	81	52	.00
May 17	85	48	.00

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
- Marsing schools ISAT block party**
12:30 p.m. to 3:22 p.m., Marsing football field, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.
- Grand View City Council special hearing**
4 p.m., water facility project, Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View.
- COSSA Academy graduation**
5 p.m., Mallard Park, 15203 S. 10th Ave. (corner of South 10th and Orchard avenues), Caldwell.

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

Friday

- Owyhee County Historical Society meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

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

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.
- Young marriage class**
7 p.m., The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Free. (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
- Homedale Chamber luncheon**
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
- Middle school concert**
6:30 p.m., Homedale Middle School gym, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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
- Marsing eighth-grade recognition**
6 p.m., Marsing gymnasium, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Thursday, May 27

- Idaho Foodbank drop-off**
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331
- Exercise class**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food bank drop-off**
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
- 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
- Homedale High School graduation**
7 p.m., Deward Bell Stadium, Homedale.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday, May 28

- Marsing High School graduation**
6 p.m., Marsing gymnasium, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing
- Melba High School graduation**
7 p.m., high school football field, 6870 Stokes Ave., Melba

Saturday, May 29

- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Rimrock High School graduation**
2 p.m., Rimrock High School, 39678 Idaho highway 78, Bruneau.

Sunday, May 30

- Adrian High School graduation**
6 p.m., Gene Mills Court, Adrian High School gymnasium, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian.

Monday, May 31

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Young marriage class**
7 p.m., The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Free. (208) 794-1048.

Obituary

Terry L Ackerman, Jr

Terry L Ackerman, Jr, 78, of Ontario, Oregon peacefully joined the Lord’s rodear in Heaven on May 8, 2021. Terry was born in Aurora, Nebraska to Terry Sr and Opal Ackerman on December 13, 1942. Terry spent his childhood with his brothers and sisters working various ranches across the midwest, southwest and northwest. He graduated from Bath High School in Bath, South Dakota in 1961.

Terry always wanted to be a cowboy and fulfilled his life living his dream. As a boy, he got a whipping from his momma for making a pair of chinks out of a brand-new pair of pants. As a young man, Terry went to work for Scott Rice Ranches out of Sheridan, Wyoming as a herdsman. Traveling the United States and Canada with his prized show cattle. He showed a Hereford bull named “Two-Spot” and won Grand Champion of the United States and Canada. He shared many interesting stories of his travels such as going for days without eating because he didn’t want to leave the cattle on the train to get himself something to eat during a stop. While working for Rice Ranches, he was also a member of the Army National Guard.

In 1965, he met Patty Brown in Jordan Valley, Oregon. Patty was helping Pat and Danice Payne hay using a team of horses. Across the fence, Terry was also haying for Ross’s with a team. Patty kept a careful eye on the guy across the fence, as his team was running off and

she didn’t want any trouble with her team. Two years later they were married on February 13, 1967 in Buffalo, Wyoming. Terry continued showing cattle for a year or so before returning to the Jordan Valley area, continuing to fulfill his dream of becoming a cattleman.

In 1969, their first daughter, Jody, was born and in 1973, their second daughter, Robin, was born. He raised them listening to Buddy Holly blaring through the 8 track every morning, and we will never forget his whistling “Gary Owen” everywhere he went. He was fun and always put his family first. Over the years, he and Patty acquired many an extra kid or grandkid. He would dance with the kids at the local dances by simply shuffling his feet. He contributed to his daughter’s chewing tobacco habit by leaving just enough in his can of Copenhagen every night for the girls to have it for the next day. He would tolerate most stunts kids pulled well, except for a few things. Don’t turn back the cow he was bringing out of the rodear and never try to use his barn door as a raft in the pond. Never put the cows in the wrong gate to an allotment and always put his stirrups back if you rode in his saddle. The biggest one of all, don’t tie your horse up with the bridle reins.

Terry worked for multiple ranches, including the C Ranch for Bill Ross, McBride Creek with Burt Brown and at



Reynolds Creek for Joe and Edith Nettleton.

Terry moved the family to the West Anchor Ranch in Oreana, where he finished raising his girls. He taught them to ride and rope and let there be no excuses because they were girls. He also took in many extra kids, hauling them to cow camps and putting them to work (and feeding them cowboy beans for *every* meal). At one time, there were 8 kids at Buckaroo Springs, building fence and moving cows. He loved his rodears, especially the running ones. Fully expecting the help to know which black cow he was thinking about! When he broke his arm, he had all the kids convinced he couldn’t wash dishes because the metal in his arm would rust. He loved to tease and although he worked everyone hard, he made sure everyone had a good time. He acquired lifelong friends in Oreana that have stood by him through many years.

In 1988, Terry moved to Westfall, Oregon to work on the Becker Ranch. His ability to know his cows was proven once again. His reputation as a cowman grew and he worked tirelessly to ensure the cattle were cared for. He prided himself in taking care of his cattle at all costs. It was during the Becker Ranch days that his love for bay horses started to become an obsession. Catching your mount in the dark meant paying attention so the wrong horse wasn’t caught. Many a fond memory and deep friendships have also endured through the years.

In 1993, their children raised, Terry went to work for Simplot at the M & L in Bruneau, Idaho, where he again lived his dream. He was able to begin to take his young grandsons to cow camp and loved every minute of it.

Terry finished his career on a ranch in Rye Valley, Oregon after a brain aneurysm drastically impacted his life. When the doctors said he would not have a normal life, he did not let that stop him. He continued to work, love, and play for many years. His grandsons, Johnny, Cody, Will and Jake were blessed to have a Papa who loved them dearly. Terry never missed the opportunity to take them to cow camp or wrestle with them, play Santa and teach them naughty songs and poems (getting their parents many a phone call from school). His grandchildren were his pride

and joy. He connected with each one of them and some could wonder if he loved them more than being a cowboy.

Terry’s fun, teasing nature will be missed by many. No matter where he went, he would tease people. Often telling people Patty was his first wife or asking for extra napkins at the drive-through because Patty is a sloppy eater. Terry was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Terry is survived by his wife, Patty, of 54 years. Daughters Jody (Rob) Holmes, Robin (Gus) Bezates. Grandsons Johnny (Selby), Cody, (Samantha) Will (Haley), Jacob (Hannah). He was also recently blessed with a precious Great Grand Daughter, Gray Lee Bezates. His siblings, Gary (Lynn) Ackerman, Cindy (Del) Hussey, Dwight (Christy) Ackerman, In-laws Pat Payne, Don Oeleis, Lois Murray, Linda Brown, Tom Murray and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded to Heaven by his parents, Terry and Opal Ackerman, sister Kathy Oeleis, in-laws Dale and Edith Brown, Danice Payne and Butch Brown.

Services will be held at the Jordan Valley Lions hall on May 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Gravesite services will be open, but no seating available. Refreshments will be available following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lions Hall Building Fund, Jordan Valley, Oregon.

Death notice

JOHN ALFRED GLIDDEN, 35, who grew up in Homedale and lived in Bruneau, died, on Friday, May 7, 2021. A graveside inurnment service was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the Bruneau Cemetery, and a potluck followed by American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.



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May 19: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach
May 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans
May 25: BBQ pork, baked potato, peas and carrots
May 26: Ham and cheese on roll, fries, side salad with tomato and cucumber
May 27: Stir-fry chicken and vegetables, rice

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)
May 19: Philly steak sandwich, roasted potatoes, green beans, pears and cottage cheese, hoagie roll
May 21: BBQ chicken, baked beans, Normandy vegetables, wheat bun
May 24: Turkey Florentine, broccoli, baby lima beans, wheat bread
May 26: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden blend vegetables, peaches, French bread
May 28: Rosemary salmon, wild rice, carrots, coleslaw, wheat bread

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All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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Call (208) 834-2922 beginning at 7 a.m. to place order
May 20: Chicken strips, coleslaw, French fries, fresh fruit, yogurt, whole grain roll
May 25: Pizza-chicken ranch, combo & meat lovers, green salad, apples and grapes, pudding
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Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Sunday 1st Ward, 1130 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors (208) 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 461-9016 or (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones (208) 319-4650 Don Vanderbough (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, (208) 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry St., (208) 965-1650 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am, 112 N. 4th St. Sunday Evening 5:30pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, (208) 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sean Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lon McRae	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2021 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on second Saturday of month thru November All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church Service The Tango, Homedale 406 U.S. Hwy. 95 Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship	



Several previous Big Loop champions gathered for an official photo before Saturday’s ride through downtown Jordan Valley. Photos by WT Bruce Photography

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✓ **Big Loop:** Rodeo’s official results will be released later this week



Wilder cowboy Trey McFarlane won the Jordan Valley Rodeo junior steer riding title with an 81-point performance.

- Steve and Tim Maher in 2008 (21.54)
- Many past winners rode horseback in the Big Loop Parade of Champions on Saturday morning in downtown Jordan Valley.
- Parade entrants who won \$100 prizes from Integra Resources DeLamar Mine operation included:
 - **Best Big Loop champion entry** — Cliff Gunderson, 96 years old
 - **Best business entry** — Integra DeLamar
 - **Best non-motorized entry** — Charlene Stanford
 - **Best motorized entry** — Shriners
 - **Best 10 years-and-younger entry** — Klay Lequerica and Jackson Bruce
 - **Best age 10-11 entry** — Ruby Lisle
 - **Largest number of participants** — The Tiny Dancers with Jamie Collins

The Big Loop weekend was cancelled last year because of COVID-19 restrictions, but the event and the community roared back with enthusiasm

during the weekend. Rodeo performances were held Friday through Sunday at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds. The weekend also included two nights of dancing to live music at the recently opened Big Loop Pizza and Subs on Main Street. Restaurant owner Shelley Gluch hired a band for both nights. Typically the Jordan Valley Lions Club presents the dance. “Both nights were a great success,” resident Tara Echave said, “but Saturday night especially. There were lots of people. “Everybody was having a good time dancing and visiting.



Robert Crutcher does his job as he and his son, RC, win the Big Loop title in Jordan Valley. The Crutchers became the first father-son team to win the Big Loop saddles for a second time. They won their first championship in 2000 when, at 14 years old, RC became the youngest Big Loop winner in history.

Shelley ... really stepped up to serve the community over the weekend. Shelley did an exceptional job.” The Lions Club sold 200 meals during its barbecue dinner Saturday night. The menu included tenderloin, salad, rolls, dessert, drinks and Diana Fillmore’s popular homemade beans. — Full results from the three days of rodeo will appear in the May 26 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. — Ed.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Carniphobia



“Doctor, I’m here because I’m a ... I’m a ...”

“Relax. Many people have psychological conflicts. Lay back on the couch and tell me about it.”

“OK. It’s just that I don’t know if it’s normal or something I should worry about. I’m a ... vegan.”

“I see. It’s not an uncommon condition among the upwardly mobile. Something like three percent are afflicted at one time or another. The scientific name is Dysfunctional Alimentary Obsessive Behavior, or in layman’s terms, Carniphobia.

“When did you first notice you were eating less meat?”

“In college, I think. Most of the girls in the sorority house were concerned about their weight. And no wonder! What with the long hours, bad romances and poor eating habits. Red meat was designated the cause, so we ate lots of chicken salad and chips and pasta.”

“Are you still conscious of your weight?”

“Oh, yes. I’m always counting calories. I keep three sizes of clothes in my closet.”

“What sort of Carniphobic would you consider yourself?”

“A recovering one. I still dream about spareribs and hot dogs, tri-tips and shredded beef tacos. Meat must be addictive. I sit there at the table in a fancy restaurant. My friends are eating fried chicken wings or pork fried rice or shrimp cocktail ... I’m nibbling on crunchy broccoli and taking little bites of fruit compote.”

“Does it make you feel good?”

“Well, I admit that I feel a certain smugness.”

“Why?”

“Because, I’m suffering! And they’re having the time of their life!”

“Like a martyr, maybe. What’s on your mind watching them eat?”

“Mostly that I can’t wait to get home and dig into the box of candy by my bed.”

“Do you feel better knowing no animals were killed for your meal?”

“Some, I guess. But that’s not something I lose sleep over. It all comes from the grocery store.”

“Did you have some childhood trauma that may have influenced you?”

“Not really. I ran over a cat once.”

“Cats eat meat.”

“Cows don’t.”

“Do you feel a special relationship with cows? As a fellow Carniphobic, I mean?”

“No. I don’t think about cows much.”

“So, you don’t eat meat, even though you apparently like it, because of your concern about your weight. Is that a fair conclusion?”

“I guess so. And the self-esteem I gain from the sacrifice.”

“Time’s about up. But my prognosis would be that your Carniphobia could be fairly easily cured if you wished. However moderation should be practiced in all eating habits. Any more questions?”

“Yes. Is tofu really good for you?”

“I would say it ranks with pickled pigs feet.”

— 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.

From Washington “Voting rights” legislation cloaks attack on states’ rights

In recent weeks, I have heard from many Idahoans expressing their concerns with H.R. 1 and S. 1, the “For the People Act.” I share these concerns.

This patently unconstitutional legislation looks a lot more like a “For the Bureaucrats” bill. It would circumvent our entire elections process and stifle freedom of speech. H.R. 1 would federalize our election process and strip states of election authorities guaranteed to them by the U.S. Constitution. Participation in the electoral process is one of the most fundamental rights enjoyed by Americans. Elections are scheduled in accordance with the needs of a community and laws governing how and when those votes can take place. Under our Constitution, states have jurisdiction over their own elections, not the federal government.

This bill would mandate a one-size-fits-all process that removes that constitutional authority from states and hands it over to Washington bureaucrats. If passed, this bill would:

- Keep people who have died or moved on local voter registration files, undermining election accuracy;
- Insert further potential for fraud into the elections process by allowing trafficking by permitting paid political operatives to go door-to-door collecting thousands of ballots and delivering them – unsupervised -- to a county clerk;
- Force states like Idaho to abandon any form

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- of voter identification;
- Infringe on freedom of speech by requiring private citizens’ political donations to be published, pressuring voters supporting minority causes to stay silent; and
 - Allow ballots to be counted up to 10 days after election day, eroding confidence in the electoral system across the country immediately after an election cycle in which more than one-third of Americans already did not trust their vote counted.

Moreover, the legislation includes a number

— See *Legislation*, Page 11A

Center on Representative Government After COVID-19, America may be back to working for common good

The phrase “the common good” and its importance in our history has always impressed me. I’ve been wondering about the history of the idea: Where it comes from, what it means, and the impact it has. The concept goes back a long way.

Aristotle wrote about forming governments to achieve security, justice, and other benefits for all people in a community. He saw the common good as a basic principle of ethical thought. St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas saw the common good as conforming human society with God’s plan.

Enlightenment philosophers examined the meaning of the common good, and their ideas influenced America’s founders, who embraced the term as they established a new nation. They believed a strong constitution and republican government could protect the common good from the abuses of rulers and the threats of factionalism.

In foreign policy, the concept of the common good often strengthens the national interest. If the nation is strong and respected, the thinking goes, it can better protect the welfare and com-

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mon good of its citizens. We enter alliances with other countries to avoid conflict and safeguard

— See *America*, Page 11A

Commentary

Financial management

Baby on a budget? It’s possible and a wise thing to do

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both 29, and we have good jobs that allow us to bring home \$100,000 a year combined. Recently, we began talking about starting a family. We live on a budget, but we still have about \$15,000 in credit card debt and student loans we’re working hard to pay off. Do you think couples should wait until they are debt-free to have children?

— Missy

Dear Missy,
You and your husband are chipping away at your debt, and that’s a good thing. It sounds like you two are determined to get it paid off and take control of your finances. You’re also

making pretty good money, so keep up the good work!
OK, so the truth is kids can be expensive. From medical costs and diapers, to childcare and beyond, it costs money to raise a family. But here’s the thing: If you let money alone, or the perfect financial situation, determine whether you have kids or not, you may never have them. Now, would it be easier from a financial standpoint only to wait on having kids until you’re debt-free and there’s a huge pile of cash in the bank? Sure, it would. But children are worth more than any amount of money. If you love each other and want to be parents, and you’re mature adults in every other area, don’t let this debt



stop you.
A child isn’t going to derail your journey to financial peace. Having kids might cause you to press pause for a while on

some financial matters, or slow your pace a little bit, but as long as you both stay focused and determined to manage your money wisely, chances are things will work out fine.
Just don’t make the mistake lots of parents do — especially first-time parents. Many of them think they have to run out and buy a new, “safer” car, spend a fortune on a fancy crib, or buy all things baby from some overpriced boutique. Do you get what I’m saying, Missy? Why buy a brand-new, \$400 stroller, when a friend or relative has a perfectly good, barely used one they’re willing to give you?
It’s easy to get carried away spending for a baby. But children will be just fine

as long as they have food, clothing, shelter — and most importantly — loving, caring parents. God bless you two!
— 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*.

✓ Legislation: Idaho has made efforts to increase voter turnout

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of other partisan power grabs that have absolutely nothing to do with voting rights, including:

- Politicizing the bipartisan Federal Elections Commission by reducing its membership from six to five commissioners;
- Using taxpayer funds to match private campaign donations at a 6-to-1 taxpayer-to-donor ratio for donations under \$200, injecting greater federal government influence into election outcomes; and
- A provision to grant Statehood to the District of Columbia, which violates Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution that provides for a “federal district” distinct from the states to ensure the nation’s capital

is not subject to political pressure from state or local government.
Idaho has already implemented efforts to increase voter turnout:

- Same-day voter registration with proof of residence; and
- No-excuse absentee and early voting.

Mandating that other states do the same is a violation of state sovereignty. States are best equipped to implement and enforce election policies that protect the integrity of all future elections and restore Americans’ faith in our electoral system.
The Democrats’ proposal is hardly a voting-rights bill. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our

republic. Further loss of confidence in our electoral system would be catastrophic for our country, and this bill would compound confusion in the election process. I support the establishment of a commission to study the last election and recommend meaningful reforms to protect the integrity of our elections. But, I will not support this bill and a federal government power-grab of state election laws.
— 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.

✓ America: GOP, Biden take different courses to work for common good

From Page 10A
the common good of ourselves and our allies: for example, the NATO alliance for mutual defense and America’s 75-year peaceful relationship with Japan. We try to concern ourselves with the common good of people around the world, which is threatened by climate change, nuclear weapons proliferation, and other risks.
Some argue that our sense of the common good has been shrinking. Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, author of a 2019 book titled “The Common Good,” said America has been stuck for five decades in a cycle of individualism. He argued that Americans born in the first half of the 20th century lived through experiences that created a sense of mutual dependence, such as the Great Depression, World War II, and the Cold War. Those experiences forged a social contract in which individuals looked out for others. Many embraced Robert F. Kennedy’s idea that there was “something fundamentally noble” in public service.
But the civil rights movement made clear that our conception of the common good didn’t extend to all Americans. For many, the Vietnam War and Water-

gate fueled a rejection of the concept of the common good and a deep distrust of government. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan declared, “Government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem.”
In Reich’s view, business leaders once took responsibility for the well-being of their employees, but a new generation of CEOs saw their duty as maximizing shareholder value. For decades, wages stagnated for average workers while earnings skyrocketed for those at the top. In politics, we have experienced extreme polarization, scorched-earth campaign tactics and demonization of opponents. Many claim we live in social-media bubbles, communicating only with people we agree with. The common good has had no meaning for them.
But events keep reminding us of what we do have in common. The 9/11 attacks shook Americans and showed our vulnerability. We looked for ways to strengthen the common good with a renewed emphasis on securing ourselves with more surveillance and screening.
The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed tensions between our rugged individualism and our concern

for the common good, as the virus has killed nearly 600,000 Americans. We learned to wear face coverings in public, postponed gatherings with loved ones and queued up for vaccinations. We did these things to protect ourselves and others for the common good.
President Joe Biden promotes a view of the common good that improves access to education, health care and economic opportunity. His Republican critics respond with the view that the common good thrives in an environment of lower taxes and less regulation. Although their approaches differ, it’s positive that both sides are showing their basic commitment to promoting the common good.
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 22, 1996

Coming Along

The project to rebuild the Basque Pelota court in Jordan is coming along well, supporters say, and most of the major work has been completed on the structure itself. A city crew has yet to pour a cement slab for the court and then begin building a courtyard and interpretive center.

Local scout wins poster contest

Tristan Uria, an 11-year-old fifth grader at Homedale Elementary, recently received a first place blue ribbon for her entry in the 1995-96 Ocean Pals National Student Poster Contest. Uria entered the contest as a member of Girl Scout Troop #487. The theme for the contest was “Manatees and Their Ocean Pals”.

Uria’s poster took first place for the third through fifth grades in the 13-state West Region.

Tristan is the daughter of Ric and Terri Uria.

Adjudication test cases to be tried in Owyhee

Thanks to the enlightened policy of the Snake River Basin Adjudication Fifth District Court, two Owyhee ranchers can fight for their water rights right in convenient Murphy, Idaho.

Two contested water rights held by the Chipmunk Grazing Association and Joyce Livestock Company have been chosen by the Fifth District Court as “test cases” for Basin 57. The BLM also claims the water in question.

The two “test cases” will be used by the court to decide a matter of law which will then be applied to all similar water cases across Idaho.

Homedale teams grab three state titles

It was a history making weekend for Homedale High School as the boys’ track team, the tennis team and the softball team all emerged from state competition with a state title. It was the first team title ever for the tennis squad and softball squad, while the track team collected its second team title in the past five years.

“That’s awesome. We’ve had two state winners in the same season but never three. That has never been done before,” Homedale High School principal Nolan Taggart said. “Three in one season is especially unheard of when there was no crossover athletes.”

A crossover athlete is one that plays in several sports, not just one. “I just think it goes to show we have some outstanding athletes,” Homedale Athletic Director Randy Potter said. “All the credit needs to go to the coaches that teach those kids and all the time they put in.”

Troy Sullivan, the boys’ track team coach, tipped his hat to the players, the coaches and the Homedale community. “I think it’s a tribute to the players, coaches and community. How many communities can say they did that. It’s a pretty rare feat that may never be equaled. My congrats to coach Smyth and his tennis squad and coach McMillan and his softball players.”

Coach Jim Smyth echoed Sullivan’s thoughts. “I think it’s a great accomplishment. It shows the kind of kids we have. Winning three state titles doesn’t happen very often anywhere at any level. I know of no other schools that have done that.”

“When I called home on Saturday to say that we won I was pretty surprised to hear that we had won two others. That is pretty amazing to think of the number of sports that spread out your athletes and to think we stayed strong,” said softball coach Jim McMillan.

50 years ago

May 20, 1971



DEWARD BELL, left, Homedale Kiwanis Club president, presents Donna Basey and Harry Zanks with the club’s scholarships of \$100 each at the dinner for athletes and honor students given jointly by the club and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. The award goes annually to Homedale High School’s outstanding graduating senior girl and boy for scholastic achievement. Charles Chadez, right, received a \$50 scholarship from the Homedale Ambulance Volunteers for furthering his education in the medical profession. Photo by Bette Uda.

Banquet honors Homedale athletes, scholars

Two standing ovations were given at the special recognition banquet in Homedale, one for a coach and one for a senior athlete.

The event was sponsored jointly by the local Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club with high school athletes and members of the National High School Honor Society attending as honored guests among the 140 persons attending.

The standing ovation was given to Daryl Kellum, basketball and track coach who is leaving Homedale after five years to accept a position as basketball coach at Meridian High School this next school term.

The other ovation was for Paul Pearson, who was presented a full scholarship to Brigham Young University, Mel Olsen, football coach at BYU, was present at the banquet to present the scholarship to Pearson.

Trojans retain Region 2 A-3 track championship

TWIN FALLS – Homedale defended its Region Two A-3 track championship Friday as the Trojans nudged a Kirk Dennis-led Wendell team.

Homedale scored 48 points and Wendell, with Dennis winning four events, came in second with 40 in what was mostly a two-team battle. Rimrock edged Glens Ferry for third for 22 points.

Dennis tied the meet record in the 100 with a 10 flat clocking and a three-yard lead on Rimrock’s Rolly Woolsey in what was supposed to be a tight race.

Homedale was paced to the title by Paul Pearson who grabbed the discus with a 157-11½ throw and the shot put with a 52-0 effort.

School election sets balloting for trustees in 3 zones Monday

Balloting to elect three school trustees will be held Monday afternoon, May 24 at the high school and at Garrett Warehouse in Central Cove.

There are no contests in Zone 3, where Charles Yost seeks election for a one-year term, or Zone 1 where Harold Wilson seeks re-election for a three-year term.

In Zone 5, which lies within the city limits of Homedale, north of Montana Avenue, Paul Zatica seeks re-election for a three-year term, and is being opposed by John O’Grady.

155 years ago

May 19, 1866

OFF FOR OWYHEE. – Thos. Ewing, formerly one of our heaviest traders, and one of the most enterprising citizens of Old Humboldt, has shipped a monster stock of groceries, liquors, clothing, hardware, mining tools, provisions, and the like, to Silver City – whither he will depart next Monday, and be there to check off on arrival of his teams. Tom knows what is wanted in that country, and he bought for cash. If the Owyhees have the dust, and want something to wear, to eat, to drink, or to work with, he’s their man. – *Humboldt Register*, 28th ult.

Mr. Ewing and party arrived here two weeks ago overland – ten days sooner than the above paper via Salt Lake, which is our only mail communication in that direction. But ’tis ever thus.

THE *Idaho Statesman* of the 12th, says:

Mr. T. W. Emerson informs us that he will have his new flouring mill completed by the 1st of August. It will have capacity to turn out fifty barrels per day. The same gentleman has invented a broom handle that will last for years, and fixed so as to easily adjust the brush. The object is to save the expense of a new broom when the old is worn out – as the old brush can be easily replaced by a new one. He has applied for a patent. Several fire proof warehouses are slowly rising, and nice little cottage residences begin to nestle along Market and Idaho streets, in a manner that looks comfortable.

THE *Sage Brush* (Susanville, Cal.) Ap. 28, says “Mr. George Long started for Ruby City this week with a load of freight. From what we can learn from persons coming from there the roads are in excellent condition, and the feed good all the way. The experience of this Winter has demonstrated the fact beyond all doubt, that loaded teams can travel from this place to Idaho without difficulty, so far as the roads are concerned.”

SCANDIA. – This is the name of a company and the ledge they own. It is located on Long Gulch a short distance from Silver, and discovered last Summer by Col. Olson by placer mining in the gulch. At the discovery point it is three feet wide, but it was deemed best to open it on the mountain side. For this purpose a tunnel was commenced last October and at a distance of sixty-five feet struck the ledge on which a shaft is being sunk 5x7 feet, now down fifteen feet, and shows a well defined ledge nearly four feet thick, with solid casings. The quartz looks very well. The native metal is visible in the rock to the naked eye. No mill test has been made, though by assay and hand process it prospects very well. We were shown flattering yields of small quantities worked by the very crude process of hand mortars. Assays of over \$500 to the ton have been made. The company are pushing forward this work and expect before long to have rock worked in the mills. They have several tons of the ore at the mouth of the tunnel. E. J. Holt is Pres’t, and H. Olson Sec’y. L. Peterson, T. Torguson, T. Anderson, W. Square and Chas. Brunzell, are also owners.

MAJOR MARSHALL came over to Owyhee a few days ago and took a survey of matters and things. Is disposed to move on the works of the enemy. Is trying to find out the haunts and is willing to go after male and female. Has gone to the Owyhee via Flint District. Expects to establish a station or two in that direction. Will do all he can to protect the workmen while they bridge the Owyhee and make the road passable.

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Sweet ending scheduled for Homedale's Teens & Tweens

Homedale library continues planning for summer reading

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Teens & Tweens program wraps the 2020-21 year this week.

The group will make ice cream in a bag to celebrate the end of another year of activities.

The final meeting will be held at 5 p.m., on Thursday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The program, which is open to boys and girls ages 10-17, will return on Sept. 9.

The preschool Story Time event will continue through the summer with the next event at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

The children will accept

Billy Goat's Gruff STEM Challenge, which encourages the participants to learn elements of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The STEM challenge is named for "The Billy Goats Gruff," a book by Jane Bingham, which will be a featured read next week. "Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae also will be featured.

The children's craft will involve making a toilet paper roll giraffe.

Sign-ups are ongoing for the Tales & Tails summer reading program, which begins next month.

The summer program will

run for an hour beginning at 1 p.m., each Thursday between June 3 and July 8.

Children who participate can earn library bucks for reaching reading goals. Those vouchers can be used to buy prizes.

Stories, fun activities and more are planned.

For more information on the program, drop by the library or call (208) 337-4228.

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. The building is closed on Sunday.

The library's website is homedale.lili.org, and its online catalog can be perused at homedale.bibliunix.com.



More groundwork laid on community garden

A small group of volunteers, including Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon and Owyhee Gardeners president Pat Benedict, buried seeds in the Homedale Community Garden's raised planter boxes Saturday. Also helping with the planting were Homedale residents Sarah Davis (left) and 2-year-old Eliaz, who buried zucchini seeds. Sarah and Eliaz are recent Kuna transplants.

Public notices

CITY OF HOMEDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho will be accepting comments from the public regarding the City of Homedale Wastewater Facility Planning Study and Environmental Document concerning the proposed wastewater system improvements. The wastewater facility planning study, environmental document, and the proposed wastewater system improvements with maps showing the proposed alternatives are available for viewing at Homedale City Hall.

The public comment period will be from Wednesday, May 12, 2021 and will end on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Written comments will be accepted at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave, P. O. Box 757, Homedale, Idaho 83628. City hall is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, telephone 208-337-4641 and email cityofhomedale@cablone.net.

A public meeting will be held from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 20, 2021 where details of the project options will be outlined, and verbal comments received. The City Council will formally select the preferred alternative at the June 9th, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Alice Pegram, City Clerk
City of Homedale, Idaho
05/12,19/2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of Grand View

The public is invited to attend a public hearing to discuss the Water System Facility Plan on May 26, 2021 4pm at American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View, ID. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

05/12,19/2021

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67 Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2020, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2018, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before June 30, 2021, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Delinquent Year Assessed	Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/18	Misc. Costs
Nate Bayes	Sec 14 T3N R5W PT. SWSW	2017-2018	132.63	15.72	49.41
Kevin & Dalina Chase	Sec 08 T3N R5W PT. SWNW	2018	93.44	47.04	49.41
Donald & Jody Gonzales	Sec 13 T3N R6W PT. SENE	2018	190.96	22.23	49.41
Kevin & Janet Grochowski	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt.Lot 2 Larsen	2017-2018	215.02	37.56	49.41
Jennifer Louise Kiser	Sec 05 T3N R5W Pt SWSE	2018	320.61	37.24	49.41
Terry & Nathan Mahler & Darcy & Norine Geary	Sec 14 T3N R5W Lot 6	2018	97.40	0.00	49.41
Jeff & Rebecca Wasson	Sec 21 T3N R4W Pt SW ¼	2018	104.50	0.00	49.41
Ray Zenor	Sec 28 T3N R5W PT NWNW	2017-2018	334.39	58.57	49.41

Dated this 13th day of May, 2021
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
05/19,26,06/02,09/2021

Furnishing road oil for approximately 9.78 miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2021. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 3th day of June, 2021.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 860-6918.

Dated: May 14, 2021
Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
05/19,26/2021

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 Freelove and Bobbie Catherine Freelove. 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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO CASE NO.: CV 20-21-00153

To: Jon Aaron Sorg
You have been sued by Brooke Ann Sorg, the petitioner in the District Court in and for Elmore County, Idaho, Case N. CV 20-21-00153
The nature of the claim against you is Divorce
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following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 150 S. 4th E. St., Mountain Home, ID 83647 or (208) 587-2133 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are 4207 W. Pershall Rd., Marsing, ID, 83639

A copy of the Summons and Petition/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: April 21, 2021. Elmore County District Court
By:/s/D. Van Meer
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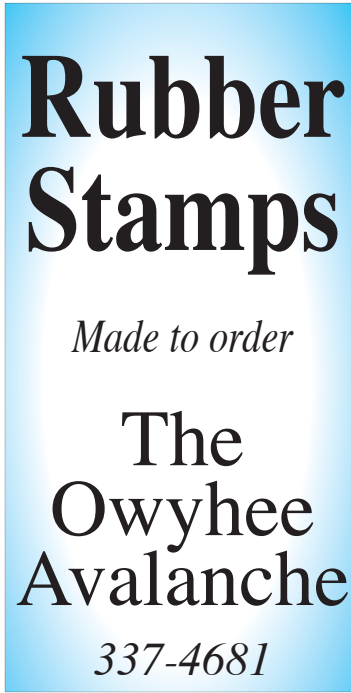
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Baseball drought vs. Fruitland latest to end

Trojans win third
straight district title

It happens every once in a while. A Homedale High School team exorcises its Fruitland demon.
The baseball team swatted the

monkey off its back last Wednesday with a 6-1 win over the host Grizzlies in the 3A District III Tournament final.
The No. 2 seed Trojans snapped a 1-1 tie with five runs in the top of the seventh inning to win the district championship for the third consecutive time and beat top-seeded Fruitland for

the first time in three district finals dating to 2014.
The last time Fruitland beat Homedale in the district final, the Grizzlies went on to the state championship — by beating the Trojans in Fruitland five years ago.
Coach Burke Deal's squad has

turned the tide since then, winning the past three district championships against three different 3A Snake River Valley conference foes. The Trojans beat Payette in 2018 but lost the state final to Bonners Ferry at Treasure
— See **Baseball**, page 7B

Trojans trample Pirates, win title

Freshman extends
softball scoreless
streak

Payette was Homedale High School's only competition during the conference softball season.
But there was no contest when it came time to battle for the 3A District III championship.
Backed by freshman Olivia Asumendi's all-around solid game, the Trojans throttled the Pirates, 14-0, in five innings on May 11 at Homedale Middle School.
Asumendi struck out nine and fired a one-hitter as the state's top-ranked Class 3A softball team sewed up the district's No. 1 seed in the state tournament, which starts Friday at Timberline High School in Boise.
The Trojans (20-5-1) open the state tournament at 11 a.m., against District V champion Marsh Valley (14-6). Weiser is the No. 2 seed from District III after knocking off Payette (20-5), 11-7, in last Wednesday's district runner-up game.

— See **Trojans**, page 3B



Téa Uranga cleans up a messy quadruple bogey on No. 17. Despite her early wobble, the Homedale High School junior blew away the district tournament field.

Uranga runs away with 3A title

HHS coach excited to see
boys improve next season

Téa Uranga survived a stumble to rout the field last week in the 3A District III girls' golf championship.
Starting on the back nine, the Homedale High School junior rebounded from scoring

a nine on No. 17 to win the district title by 26 shots at River Bend Golf Course on May 11.
Uranga shot an 84 and sat in second place after Monday's first round of the 3A state championship at Twin Lakes Village Golf Course in Rathdrum. The final round was played Tuesday after deadline.
"I'm excited for the opportunity Téa has
— See **Title**, page 6B

Rallying Raiders reach rare air

Clutch
performances
send softball
club to State

Rimrock High School's softball team has redefined what it means to rally.
Peppered with young and inexperienced talent, the Raiders shook off a year of inactivity and secured the program's first 1A state tournament appearance in 15 seasons.
Senior Sintia Varela continued her impressive substitute pitching performance in place of the injured Sami Jewett as the third-seeded Raiders won two consecutive games to finish third Saturday in the 1A District III Tournament at GALS Quad Park in Caldwell.
Rimrock edged No. 4 Greenleaf Friends Academy, 15-14, in Saturday's third-place game.
Coach Ashley Merrick's squad (12-5) will open the state tournament at 10 a.m., on Friday back in Caldwell against District II runner-up Prairie (15-5).
— See **Raiders**, page 6B

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Sports

Young Huskies close out golf season

The Marsing High School golf team finished its 2021 season with just four athletes competing in the 2A District III tournament on May 10 at TimberStone Golf Course in Caldwell.

Junior Ethan Freeman, the only member of the boys' team with any competitive experience, withdrew during the tournament for reasons unspecified by coach Aaron Christiansen.

With Freeman out, freshman Xavier Linker led all Huskies' scorers, carding a 120 on the par-72 course.

Sophomore Andrew Sevy finished at 124 strokes, while freshman James Christiansen took 151 strokes to finish the course.

Gwyn Nielsen was the Huskies' lone girl golfer. The freshman carded a 142.

"We had a good season with lots of growth and improvement," Aaron Christiansen said. "We have a target now moving forward, and I am excited to see what will unfold in the future."

No Huskies qualified for the 2A state tournament, which was played Monday and Tuesday at Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley.

The last Marsing golfer



Marsing junior Ethan Freeman putts on the 10th green during the 2A District III tournament at TimberStone Golf Course on May 10.

to qualify for the state tournament was Landon Villa in 2019. There was no 2020 state tournament because of COVID-19.

— TK

Slim defeats end Huskies' season

An up-and-down softball season came to an end in Marsing High School's loss to Cole Valley Christian on Thursday in the 2A District III Tournament.

The Chargers nipped the Huskies, 11-9, in Melba.

During the season, Marsing pitchers threw two no-hitters, but the team also struggled through nine losses of 10 or more runs.

However, the Huskies (9-14) lost their two tournament games by a total of three runs.

The loss to Cole Valley brought a close to the prep careers of seniors Adrianna Simpson, Delaney Percifield, and Karla Salazar. Senior Mazzi Roper's career ended after a leg injury in the May 4 game with Nampa Christian.

May 13: Cole Valley Christian 11, Marsing 9 — The Huskies held a 7-6 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth inning in a contest that was close throughout.

Abigail Nordell recorded a sixth-inning base hit for the Chargers' only hit.

The teams combined to commit 18 errors.

Jaristian Fuentes' bases-loaded grounder to shortstop brought home Lexi Loucks and gave the Huskies their first run with two out in the first inning.

The Chargers rallied to take

a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the inning.

Marsing chipped away at the lead, scoring six runs from the third through sixth innings, while Cole Valley put up just two in the fourth.

The Chargers added all the offense they would need in the bottom of the sixth, scoring five runs.

The cushion helped fend off Marsing, which struck for two in the top of the seventh inning.

Despite allowing just one hit, Marsing's Mila Astorquia had difficulties in the pitcher's circle. The sophomore hit seven batters and walked five. She also struck out four. All 11 Cole Valley runs were unearned.

Salazar and Loucks had two hits apiece for the Huskies, and each scored twice.

Astorquia was walked three times. Percifield scored three runs after reaching via base on balls once and twice on errors.

Nordell pitched a complete-game two-hitter for the Chargers, striking out two and walking 10.

May 11: Vision Charter 15, Marsing 14 — The Huskies led throughout much of the tournament-opening loss. But Vision Charter scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull out the victory.

Trailing 7-1, Vision Charter

sent 11 players to the plate in the third inning and scored eight runs.

Astorquia walked four batters and hit another. She allowed one base hit, and the Huskies committed two errors.

Marsing responded swiftly, scoring three times in the bottom of the third and twice in the fourth inning.

The squad built a 14-10 edge on Percifield's two-run homer in the fifth inning. It was her second homer of the season. She had two hits in the game.

The Huskies out-hit the Golden Eagles 7-4.

Emily Thoene scored three runs, reaching base because of Vision Charter errors each time.

Fuentes and Salazar recorded two RBI and scored once each.

Loucks doubled, and Astorquia and Anna Gluch each had singles.

Astorquia pitched another complete game, striking out six and walking nine. Only one of Vision Charter's runs was earned.

Arilyn Phillips led the Golden Eagles with a double.

Vision Charter's Jamie Ruiz started in the pitcher's circle but lasted just one inning. In six innings of relief, Seanna McDougall allowed eight runs on four hits. She struck out nine and walked four.

MARSING
HUSKIES

Baseball
Colton Brown, jr., 2B
Double vs. New Plymouth

Softball
Karla Salazar, sr., SS
Two hits, two runs vs. Cole Valley

Track
Jacob Ankeny, sr.
State qualifier in 100, 200, 400

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Andrew Sevy, so.
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Sports

Homedale, Marsing get state tennis representation

Three singles players ready for Ridgevue

The Homedale High School tennis program's year of reconstruction is building to a crescendo at the 3A state tournament.

And longtime coach Scott Michaelson probably is hoping that the likes of Terrance LaFleur, Elizabeth Whitehead and Austin Franko will create a watershed moment for the Trojans.

"It feels great to have three players with a total of one year of interscholastic tennis competition qualify for the state tournament," Michaelson said after the 3A District III Tournament wrapped Saturday.

The Trojans' top players — the freshman LaFleur and junior Franko in boys' singles, and girls' No. 1 Whitehead — will begin the state tournament Friday at Ridgevue High School in Nampa.

LaFleur is actually listed as Marsing's No. 1 singles player because he attends that high school and must represent his

home school during the post-season. He had the fourth seed in the district tournament, and captured fifth place for the final state berth with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 comeback win over Weiser No. 1 Moses Hernandez.

Franko beat his teammate, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 in the losers' bracket to drop LaFleur into the fifth-place match.

Having entered the singles ladder for the first time in his career during the second round of 3A Snake River Valley conference play, Franko showed great improvement to finish fourth at the district tournament, Michaelson said.

"Austin seemed to get better with every game," the coach said of the season-long progress.

Entering the district tournament unseeded, Franko won a copper medal for fourth place after battling into the third-place match. Bryant Sitts prevailed, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, on Saturday.

"It was amazing to see Austin be so successful against players with three to seven years experience with only two weeks of playing tennis prior to this spring," Michaelson said.

Franko was on the HHS squad as a sophomore when the 2020 season was halted because of COVID-19.

Whitehead rallied from an 0-3 start to her conference season to finish fifth at district and snag Homedale's only berth in

the girls' state tournament.

Seeded No. 3 for the district tournament, the junior beat Parma No. 2 Lexi Atkinson, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, for the fifth and final spot in the state tournament.

Whitehead also started the conference season 0-3 before finding a winning formula. Her only losses in the second go-round came against Emma Tolman of Weiser and Austyn Harris of Parma. That pair was seeded first and second, respectively, for the district tournament with Harris winning the title with an easy straight-set victory.

Whitehead endured three matches Saturday, and played through foot pain experienced in a straight-set loss to Fruitland's Audrey Saba, which spelled the difference between playing for third place and fifth place.

The junior started the tournament by beating Parma's Makayla Searle, 6-1, 6-2, but fell in the quarterfinals to No. 6 seed Kristy Bake, 6-1, 6-1. Bake went on to place third in a three-set battle with Saba.

Whitehead took her tournament life to the limit in her first match Saturday. After getting wiped out in the first set against unseeded Janice Roundy of Fruitland, the junior played a tough second set to rebound for a 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 triumph.

She reached the fifth-place

match by beating Weiser's McKenna Manser, 6-2, 6-2.

LaFleur used momentum from winning his conference season finale to knock off his first two district opponents to reach the semifinals. He cruised past Weiser's Elias Anderson, 6-1, 6-0, then broke Parma's Tate Oberg early and won an easy second set, 7-5, 6-1.

He then took overall No. 1 seed Will McComb to three sets before the Fruitland ace prevailed, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

"Terrance played a great match, but came up just short," Michaelson said.

Teammate turned rival Franko sent LaFleur into the fifth-place match with a 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 victory.

The win over LaFleur was one of three Friday matches Franko won to keep his tournament going. He had only played four singles matches total (going 2-2) before the district tournament.

He swamped Anderson, 6-0, 6-0 and won shutout sets around a second-set loss in a 6-0, 4-6, 6-0 win against Fruitland's Andrew Jensen.

Franko opened the tournament Thursday, winning a second-set tiebreaker to defeat Fruitland's Aidan Huhtala, 6-3, 7-6 (3). Eventual district champion Hayden Ankenbauer of Parma dropped Franko into the losers bracket with a 6-2,

6-2 win in the quarterfinals.

Franko spent the first part of the conference season in a mixed doubles team with Cheyenne Kelly, but Michaelson eventually put both players in the singles ladder.

At the district tournament, Kelly exacted revenge from a three-set tiebreaker loss to Roundy in the regular season. The junior prevailed Thursday, 6-4, 6-1, before falling into the consolation bracket with a straight-set loss in 12 games to top-seeded and eventual district silver medalist Emma Tolman of Weiser.

After Kelly beat Searle, 6-1, 6-2, she started strong against Atkinson, who had beaten her during the regular season. But the Parma player rallied for a 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Homedale's doubles teams coped with a lack of experience as two of the three duos had one player with one year of experience and the rest of the athletes were just getting started competitively in 2021.

The No. 1 mixed doubles team of Whitney Ross and Brian Vega opened the district tournament with their first victory of the season. Ross played in 2019, but Vega never got any court time after joining the team last spring prior to the season's cancellation.

Abby Henry and Maite Frank also captured a victory in district play. — JPB

✓ Trojans: 10th straight State

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Homedale hasn't allowed a run in the past 12 innings, including both district tournament games.

Against Asumendi in the district title game, Payette managed to get only two runners to second base — Madisyn Collingwood, who walked, on another walk (with two outs) in the second inning, and Sophie Lebow on a wild pitch after she led off the fourth with her team's only hit.

Asumendi has thrown seven consecutive scoreless innings.

The Trojans batted around to score eight runs in the fourth inning of the championship game, setting up the 10-run rule.

Senior Kaitlyn Missamore capped the uprising with a home run with two outs and Olivia Miller on base.

Missamore had one-third of her team's nine hits, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored and the two-run shot.



Freshman Olivia Cardenas kept up her scoreless streak in the district final.

Dani Sitts and Asumendi knocked in three runs apiece. Asumendi drilled a pair of run-scoring doubles, including sending home Missamore and fellow freshman Zayne Hall during the Trojans' five-run third.

Kenzie Miller scored three runs, while Hall scored twice.

Marsing baseball closes out year

Injury shelves Scott for final prep games

It was a quick two-and-out for Marsing High School at the 2A District III baseball tournament.

After dropping its first-round game to Cole Valley Christian on May 7, the Huskies lost to New Plymouth, 9-3, in a May 11 consolation game.

The loss to the Pilgrims closed out the careers of seniors Kolton Scott and Bowen Campbell.

Scott missed the tournament after injuring his knee during warm-ups prior to the team's 12-4 loss to Cole Val-

ley Christian two weeks ago.

The Huskies made a good show of it early against New Plymouth, holding a 3-2 advantage heading into the bottom of the fourth inning. The Pilgrims scored three in that pivotal inning, tacked on four more over the next two, and quieted the Huskies' bats over the final five frames.

Campbell opened the game with a leadoff walk. He stole second and scored on Xavier Delgadillo's base hit.

The Pilgrims responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning before Marsing added two more in the top of the second.

Kail Wyman walked, and Colton Brown doubled ahead of Campbell's two-run single

in the Huskies' final scoring of the season.

Braeden Davis pulled off a single in the top of the fourth for Marsing.

The Huskies committed four errors.

Only one of the four runs Campbell allowed in four innings was earned. He gave up five hits and three walks while striking out two in the start.

In two relief innings, Delgadillo allowed four runs on a pair of singles and a walk. He had three strikeouts.

Alex Smith led the Pilgrims with two hits, including a triple, and three RBI. Erin Vian and Ashton Hall split pitching duties. Vian allowed all of the Huskies' scoring while striking out three and walking three.

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Sports

Huskies party of five makes state meet reservations

Ankeny, Jacobi win district championships

Marsing High School topped off a successful showing at the 2A District III Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday by qualifying five athletes for the state meet.

The 2A state meet takes place Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School.

Five Huskies qualified for the state meet in seven events:

- **Jacob Ankeny, senior** — 100-, 200-, and 400-meter runs
- **Trayton Jacobi, junior** — Shot put
- **Emily Vanosdall, sophomore** — Triple jump
- **Vanessa Freeman, sophomore** — 200
- **Braden Ankeny, freshman** — 400

Jacob Ankeny won district titles in the 100 and 200, while Jacobi brought home the shot put championship.

In what could be a butterfly-flies-in-the-stomach twist for Marsing coach Heidi Ankeny, her two youngest boys — brothers Jacob and Braden — will battle through Friday’s preliminaries for one of eight spots in Saturday’s boys’ 400-meter final.

Continuing a season-long domination in the boys’ sprints, Jacob Ankeny took district gold in the 100 and 200 and finished a close second in the 400.

In the 100 final, he crossed the finish line in 11.39 seconds, .19 of a second ahead of Nampa Christian’s Ryan Schober.

In the 200, he squeaked out an even slimmer .08 of a second margin of victory over Melba’s Joey Bradshaw

— 23.14 to 23.22.

In the 400, Ankeny came in at 51.15, less than a half-second slower than district champ Ben Ralston of Cole Valley Christian.

Jacobi enjoyed a comfortable win in the shot put. His personal-best throw of 42 feet was more than three feet better than the effort of Cole Valley’s Dawson Lee.

Vanosdall, who recently broke Marsing’s triple jump record, was district runner-up with a leap of 32 feet, 11¼ inches. Melba’s Kendall Clark won the title with a 36 feet, 3¼-inch jump.

Freeman also set a personal best to get the bronze medal in the girls’ 200. Her 27.6-second dash was third behind Nampa Christian’s Paiton Mills and Melba’s Ahna Shaffer.

Braden Ankeny ran a PR of 53.43 for fourth in the boys’ 400.



Above: Freshman Braden Ankeny strides to a fourth-place finish and state berth in the 400. Left: Sophomore Emily Vanosdall flies into the state meet triple jump after a second-place finish in New Plymouth. Submitted photos

Records fall as Mustangs soar into 2A state meet

Melba sweeps track’s district championships

Three girls’ relay school records fell as Melba High School continued its track and field dominance at the district meet.

The Mustangs won both team championships during the two-day 2A District III meet in New Plymouth.

“Our athletes had strong performances, and both teams remain undefeated this season,” veteran Melba coach Vonnice Willis said.

The girls scored 170 points for a 67-point margin of victory, and the boys (134) won by 41 points. Nampa Christian was runner-up in both meets.

As is to be expected, a slew of individuals made it to this week’s 2A state championships at Middleton High School.

There were championships all over the board, and the top four finishers in individual events reach the final competition of the season.

Championship relay teams also move on to the state meet. An at-large berth goes to the next best time recorded statewide.

But the Melba girls’ relay teams didn’t want to leave anything to chance, setting school records in the sprint medley, the 4x100 meters and 4x200.

Sophomore Meya Young led off two of those record-setting relay efforts to build part of her four state meet berths.

She ran the first 100 meters in the 4x100, followed by Laci Cole, Ahna Shaffer and Faith Svedin in a record-setting 51.19-second effort.

Young was at it again, kicking off an assault on the 4x200 record. Hallie Arnold and sisters Kate and Kendall Clark wrapped up a time of 1 minute, 47.49 seconds.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley anchored the record-setting sprint medley relay. She ran the final 400 meters to close out a 1:53.97 effort that featured Shaffer and Cole on 100-meter legs, and Arnold running the third leg at 200 meters.

Dayley also ran the final stretch of the championship 4x400 relay effort (4:18.32). Svedin, Kate Clark and Lacey Leavitt handled the baton in front of her.

A freshman, Dayley pulled off a personal record in the 800, running to the district championship.

The PR came in the 800 as she became one of two Mustangs to grab state berths. She won in 2:24.75, and Leavitt, a junior, took fourth in 2:29.01 (another PR).

Boys’ titles included:

- Owyheean sophomore McKoy Richardson with a PR in the 300-meter hurdles (40.23)

- The 4x100 relay team (Dillon Stosich, Cameron Wood, Andrew Herman, and Joey Bradshaw) at 44.75

- The 4x200 relay squad (Easton Draper, Zane Helm, Herman and Bradshaw) at 1:35.09

- The 4x400 relay quartet (Tyler Arnold, Reuben Manzer, Richardson and Joshua Leavitt) at 3:39.36.

- The sprint medley relay in 3:39.36. Arnold and Herman ran 200-meter legs, while Richardson ran the 400 and Leavitt closed with an 800.

- A senior, Wood won two jumping events. He cleared the bar at 6 feet in the high jump, and posted a PR in the triple jump (41-3¼).

- Another senior, Bradshaw leapt to a PR with a championship mark of 20-10 in the long jump.

Dayley led three Melba qualifiers in the 400 with a winning

time of 1:02.26. A sophomore, Arnold was third (1:04.05), and Svedin took fourth (1:05.84).

Junior Tayler McCoy won the discus title at 105-0, and took second in the shot put at 29-9¾. Svedin was fourth in the shot put (28-10½), and sophomore Gabby Colunga was fourth in the discus (92-9).

Dayley captured another individual state berth with her runner-up time of 1:03.21 in the 400. Arnold (third, 1:04.11) and Svedin (fourth, 1:04.75) both will be in Middleton later this week, too.

Young ran a personal-best time of 12.62 to win the 100, and Shaffer took third (13.13).

Shaffer was runner-up in the 200 with a PR of 26.99.

Sophomore Rozzlyn Cazier was a two-time winner with a pair of PRs in the 1,600 (5:39.58) and 3,200 (12:27.3).

Another 10th-grader, Braelyn Scott was third in the 3,200 with a PR and finished fourth in the 1,600 at 6:03.9.

The Clark family owned the hurdles. Sophomore Kendall captured the 100-meter race in 16.14, and senior Kate PR’d in the 300 at 48.25.

Kendall was a three-time winner. She also took down titles in the high jump (5-0) and the triple jump (36-3¼).

Kate was runner-up in the long jump (15-10½), and Ella Stosich (15-1½) took third.

Sophomore Melina Helm qualified in the triple jump with a fourth-place mark of 29-7.

Other boys’ state qualifiers:

- Bradshaw as runner-up in the 200 (23.22)

- Joshua Leavitt (second, 1:58.85) and Manzer (third, PR of 2:06.4) in the 800

- Leavitt with a PR and runner-up mark of 4:33.48 in the 1,600

- Raivio Manzer with a PR and fourth-place time of 10:56.46 in the 3,200

- Reagan Manzer with a third-place PR time of 43.74 in the 300 hurdles

- Junior Sean Canoy posted a PR of 111-8 for fourth place in the discus. He took third in the shot put at 37-7¾.

- Another junior, Will Vail, finished fourth in the shot put (36-3).

- Junior Dillon Stosich (runner-up) and Richardson (third) both cleared 5-10 to qualify in the high jump.

- Herman was runner-up in the long jump at 20-5.

- Like Herman, Helm will close his prep career at the state meet after PRs in the triple jump (runner-up, 39-11¼) and the long jump (third, 19-8).

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Sports

HHS boys miss district title

Four championships and a handful of career performances pushed Homedale High School to the precipice of a district title in track and field.

In the end, though, the Fruitland boys' team was able to pull out the championship at Parma High School on Friday by the slimmest of margins.

Junior Christopher Aguilera was a two-time winner at distance, and senior Thomas Symms scored the 3A District III discus championship as the Trojans amassed 112 points. The Grizzlies squeaked by with 113.67 points.

Led by Isabel Jacobs' district championship in the discus, the Homedale girls finished fifth in the team competition.

Jacobs and fellow junior Natalia Martinez qualified for Friday's state championship discus competition at Middleton High School.

Jacobs' winning throw soared 106 feet, 5½ inches, and Martinez chimed in with personal-best 91-2.

Aguilera broke the two-minute mark with his championship and personal-best time of 1 minute, 59.27 seconds in the 800 meters.

He pulled away from the field and notched another PR to win the 1,600 in 4:49.12.

School record-holder Symms won the discus at 171-4, and fellow senior Todd Beatty qualified for Friday's discus state final with a personal-best 162-10 for the runner-up spot.

Symms is the reigning 3A discus state champion, having won the last title available in 2019. Like the rest of the spring sports schedule, the 2020 state meet was cancelled because of COVID-19 concerns.

Symms PR'd at 51-6 to finish second in the shot put.

The top four individuals earn automatic state meet berths.

Senior Aiden Webster, and junior Ryker Johnson join Aguilera and Symms as state qualifiers in multiple events.

Webster and Aguilera ran the closing

legs as the Trojans won the sprint medley relay in a time of 3:42.31.

The duo nearly made up what assistant coach Machele Randall called "a substantial deficit" but just missed pulling the 4x400 relay squad to the state meet, finishing just behind runner-up McCall-Donnelly.

In the sprint medley, Rylan Binford and Keagan Christensen ran opening 200-meter legs before Webster took the baton for the 400 portion and handed off to Aguilera for the final 800 meters.

Webster improved upon his top preliminary time, but was runner-up in the 400 final in a personal-best 52.37.

Johnson snagged two PRs to get state meet invitations.

He was runner-up in the high jump, clearing the bar at 6 feet. He also grabbed the final automatic berth in the 110-meter hurdles at 16.79 seconds. Johnson PR'd in the 300 hurdles at 43.51 but finished sixth.

Sprinters Danny Detbun, a sophomore, and senior Erik Hernandez will be at the state meet, too.

Detbun PR'd at 11.62 for third place in the 100 meters, while Hernandez ran his fastest 200 of the season (23.98) for the No. 4 spot in that event.

Freshman Bobby Christensen will compete in the 3,200 meters this weekend after taking fourth in the district run at 11:02.74. He missed his chance in the 1,600 despite a fifth-place finish with a PR of 4:52.94.

Senior Bryce Cornwall will compete in the triple jump at State after his season-best 38-9¾ mark gave him fourth.

In the girls' meet, PRs pushed freshmen to State.

Katie DeVice ran the 800 in 2:36.68 to finish third.

Carli Moore took third in the 300 hurdles at 50.53.

Kinlee Garrett was fourth in the 100 hurdles at 17.76.

Senior Emily Craft made the high jump field with a third-place mark of 4-6.



Above: Homedale senior John Breshears made his case for an at-large berth in shot put with a personal-best throw of 43 feet, 2½ inches for fifth place. **Below:** Katie DeVice leads two runners in the girls' 800 meters. She finished third and became part of a strong freshman contingent to earn passage into the state meet. Photo by Machele Randall



Raiders eliminated after tight district defeat

Horseshoe Bend survived a pitchers' duel to oust Rimrock High School, 2-0, in the 1A District III baseball tournament in Glens Ferry on Saturday.

Coach Jared Lemieux's Rimrock squad (8-14 overall) couldn't get anything going against the No. 2 seed Mustangs' Corban Fields, who pitched around three walks and two errors to get the complete-game win with a two-hitter.

Senior Michael Nanney was up to the task for the Raiders, fanning nine in six innings.

Horseshoe Bend took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Fields turned a leadoff walk into the only run he would

need when Jordan Bowles smacked a two-out single.

The Mustangs added an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth when Bennett Thurman led off with a walk and scored on an error. Rimrock committed both of its errors in the sixth inning.

Trailing 1-0, the Raiders put the go-ahead run in scoring position in the top of the sixth. Pedro Varela walked and made his way to third base before Lane Griswold popped out to first base.

The Raiders threatened in the second inning, too. Griswold walked and worked his way to third on a balk and a passed

ball, and Eli Aquiso walked and stole second.

Nanney got to second base in the fourth, leading off with a single and swiping second. But he was thrown out trying to steal third.

Thursday: Rimrock 15, Rockland 11 — The fourth-seeded Raiders kept their season alive with a wild victory against the No. 8 Bulldogs.

Nanney went 3-for-4 with a double and a triple. He notched three runs and three RBI.

The Raiders scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to erase a two-run deficit then needed a six-run sixth to hold off Rockland. The Bulldogs

scored eight runs over their final three at-bats.

The teams combined for 25 hits, and Rimrock overcame four errors.

Nanney crushed a run-scoring triple and scored on a passed ball to tie the game, 7-7, in the bottom of the fifth. The Raiders scored twice with two outs to take the lead.

Nanney ripped an RBI double in the sixth inning to highlight a six-run uprising.

Last Wednesday: Wilder 17, Rimrock 3 — The fifth-seeded Wildcats pulled off the upset in a first-round game.

Rimrock tied the score, 1-1, in the second inning. But Wilder

took control with four runs off Nanney in the top of third.

The Raiders were tagged with eight errors, which led to 14 unearned runs. Wilder only managed singles from Hunter Onofrei, Adrian Miramontes, and Diego Rodriguez against Nanney and relief pitcher Varela.

Wilder's Preciliano Monter fired a complete-game five-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Aden Aquiso was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead Rimrock. Alex Martinez doubled and scored a run.

Asa Frederick and Zeke Ochoa collected base hits. Frederick had an RBI.

Sports

Owyheean gets Melba’s only hit in district final

Mustangs still have chance to defend baseball title

The Nampa Christian baseball juggernaut made quick work of Melba High School in the 2A District III championship game. The Trojans (23-0) erupted with five runs in the bottom of the first inning and

rolled to a shortened 10-0 five-inning victory Thursday at Mo Brooks Field at Storey Park in Meridian. The Mustangs (14-8) open the 2A state tournament against District I-II champion Grangeville (21-4) at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday at Halliwell Park in Pocatello. Melba rode the No. 2 berth out of District III to a state championship in the last tournament in 2019. **Thursday: Nampa Christian 10,**

Melba 0 (5) — Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson was the only Mustangs player to get a hit against the Trojans’ Carson Atwood. Atwood struck out 10 and walked three in five innings. Nampa Christian scurried to five runs in the first inning and owned a 9-0 advantage after three innings. Melba’s Henry Clark surrendered seven runs in two innings, and reliever Jeff Fahey was saddled with the other

three runs. The Mustangs committed six errors leading to three unearned runs. Fahey reached on Nampa Christian’s only error and stole a base. Dalden Glenn doubled and scored for the Trojans, while teammate Josh Tiersma was the winners’ leading hitter, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Geoffrey Williams knocked in a pair of runs for Marc Harris’ unbeaten Trojans.

✓ Title: Eli Heck takes 9th in boys’ tourney; coach optimistic about future

From Page 1B in front of her at the state tournament,” HHS coach Casey Grove said last week. Uranga’s medalist score of 81 wasn’t the only bright spot on the Trojans’ home course outside Wilder. “It was the best weather day we have had all year,” Grove said. Uranga’s closest competitor

in the 18-hole girls’ tournament was Payette’s Hannah Johnson, who fired a 107. After going 4-over-par on the par-5 No. 17, Uranga played the rest of the round at 6-over. The Weiser girls won the team title behind third-place golfer Gabi Palmer’s 110. In the boys’ tournament, there were no huge surprises for Homedale.

The Trojans finished fourth at 394 with three golfers — Eli Heck, Willy Haun and Willie White — breaking 100. “The boys played hard and did their best,” Grove said. “I am really proud of them for all of the hard work they put into their game this season.” Dathan Ova won a playoff against Weiser’s Carter Williams for the individual

championship to lead McCall-Donnelly to the team title. The Vandals carded 336 and beat Fruitland by 11 strokes. Ova and Williams both finished regulation at 1-over-par 73. The Grizzlies’ Lucas Rynearson took third at 76. Heck fired a 94, which placed him ninth. Haun’s 97 tied him for 12th place with Parma’s Luke Redmond.

White was 13th at 98. Trenton Fisher and Levi Jamison both carded 105 for the Trojans. “For most of them, this was their first full season playing competitive golf,” Grove said of his boys’ team. “Most of them have bought junior passes at River Bend, so hopefully they will spend a lot of time playing golf this summer.” — JPB

✓ Raiders: Several teammates contribute big offensive numbers at district

From Page 1B “I’m very pleased with the improvement I’ve seen in my athletes this season,” Merrick said. “After missing last year due to COVID, we had a lot of catching up to do. “The girls have come out and worked hard. We had big roles to fill after last year’s graduating class left, and girls stepped up and took those on.” The 16-player team is comprised of what Merrick calls “seasoned seniors” down to athletes who came out to play softball for the first time in their lives this spring. “They’ve had a desire to improve and learn the game,” the coach said, adding that the players worked hard to cut down on errors, rally from mistakes and play a solid seven-inning game. “They come out and work hard at practice. “We set a goal early in the season to make it to State, and to see their hard work pay off is truly rewarding.”



The Rimrock softball team poses after clinching a spot in the 1A state tournament for the first time in nearly 15 years. **Back row, from left:** Assistant coach Renee Allison, Emma Eldridge, Abby Meyers, Abby Eldridge, Dakota Jayo, Kaylee Martinez, Makayla Carothers, Maklay Moore, Kayloni Hall, and coach Ashley Merrick. **Front row, from left:** Ivy Bretas, Laney Jenkins, Sintia Varela, Sami Jewett, Gentry Kunsky, Rhylan Burbank, Treau Smith. Photo by Brooklyn Kunsky

Rimrock’s last state tournament appearance came under the guidance of Mike Chandler in 2007 — and it started against Prairie, too. The Raiders were district runners-up after an 8-7 loss to Council in the tournament final. The team finished one win away from the state championship game. In Saturday’s state berth-clinching victory, the Raiders snapped a 14-14 stalemate in the top of the seventh inning then Varela shut out the

Grizzlies to seal the victory. Rimrock exploded for a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning, and Greenleaf chipped away against Jewett, who started in the circle, and then Varela. Varela pitched two consecutive shutout innings to close the game. She notched four strikeouts after relieving Jewett in the bottom of the second inning. The senior clubbed a home run and a triple among her three hits in the third-place game. She also scored two runs. Varela amassed eight hits in the district tournament, including two home runs, two triples, and two doubles. She scored eight runs. Burbank doubled twice and scored three times against

Greenleaf. The performance capped a tournament in which she homered and collected three doubles and two singles. She scored seven runs. Other highlights included: • **Maklay Moore** — Seven runs scored, two doubles and three singles. She scored a run with a double and two base hits against the Grizzlies. • **Jewett** — Six runs scored and five hits, including a homer and a triple. She scored one run and got one of her three singles for the tournament against Greenleaf. • **Makayla Carothers** — She collected one of her six runs scored and one of her three singles in the third-place game. She also doubled earlier in the tournament.

• **Gentry Kunsky** — She scored three of her five tournament runs and singled against Greenleaf. Earlier in the tournament, she ripped a double. For the tournament, Varela recorded 14 strikeouts, while Jewett fanned six. Laney Jenkins caught every pitch of the district tournament. “She’s done a phenomenal job for us behind the plate,” Merrick said. Jewett missed the final two weeks of the 1A Western Idaho Conference season with a high ankle sprain and torn ligaments. But, Merrick said, Varela stepped up in the circle and Rhylan Burbank also provided

some pitching. The two pitchers got the job done at the plate, too. Varela blasted two home runs in the regular season, and Burbank also homered. The clutch pitching helped Rimrock secure the No. 3 seed in the district tournament with an 8-4 conference record. Glenns Ferry and Notus earned first-round byes in the district tourney because they finished first and second, respectively, during the regular season. Rimrock opened district play with a 19-2 shellacking of No. 6 Idaho City on Friday. The Raiders rallied again after losing the district semifinal to No. 2 Notus, 11-1, later in the day. During the regular season, Rimrock stretched the Pirates to extra innings, losing 11-10, in eight during what Merrick called one of the season’s highlights. Notus went on to knock off top-seeded Glenns Ferry for the district title. Rimrock rebounded in a loser-out game, eliminating No. 5 Garden Valley with an 18-5 victory to set up the third-place game against No. 4 Greenleaf. “Our bats have been strong for most of the season, and we hope that will carry over into State,” Merrick said. “We’ve been aggressive running bases and will take some risks when needed to score or make plays happen.”

Sports

Mustangs' softball season comes to shocking end

New Plymouth, NC outslug Melba after Shaffer's opening no-hitter

A pair of upsets upended Melba High School's march to the 2A softball state tournament.

Third-seeded Nampa Christian completed a swing through the losers' bracket Saturday, scoring in the top of the seventh inning to eliminate No. 1 Melba, 10-9, on the Mustangs' field.

Melba (15-9) was knocked into the losers' bracket final after second-seeded New Plymouth pulled off an upset, 11-3, in the winners' bracket final Thursday.

The Pilgrims went on to beat Nampa Christian, 11-1, on Saturday for the district championship.

Saturday: Nampa Christian 10, Melba 9 —

In a microcosm of their run through the losers' bracket, the Trojans started early and held the Mustangs close before winning in the seventh.

Nampa Christian knocked Ashlie Shaffer out of the game in the first inning, racking up four earned runs on five walks and two hits.

The Mustangs tied the game, 4-4, in the bottom of the second to signal the start of a see-saw battle.

Melba scored three more runs in the third to take a 7-6 lead, and Nampa Christian knotted the score in the top of the fifth only to lose the lead again in the bottom of the frame.

The Trojans took the lead again, 9-8, with two runs in

the sixth before Melba tied the game again in the bottom of the inning.

Marsing resident Harlee Ferdinand doubled and scored twice for the Trojans.

Emily Zavala was 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI for Melba. She scored two runs, too.

Shaffer singled and scored two runs while knocking in a pair of runs.

Bren Duckett came off the bench for a single and an RBI for Melba.

Thursday: New Plymouth 11, Melba 3 — Late-inning rallies helped the Pilgrims knock off the host Mustangs.

New Plymouth snapped a 2-2 tie with two runs in the top of the fifth then added insurance with seven runs in the top of the seventh.

Melba was charged with five errors, and six of the Pilgrims'

runs were unearned.

The score was tied twice in the first four innings. Melba took a 1-0 lead in the first inning then reclaimed the lead, 2-1, in the third inning.

The Mustangs final run came in the bottom of the fifth.

Melba's Lillian Hansen went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Keylee Wilson and Kylee Aldrich both had singles.

Abby Dreyer carried New Plymouth's big bat, going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, four RBI and two runs scored. Afton Hoch was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

May 11: Melba 20, Vision Charter 0 (5) — Shaffer fired her third no-hitter of the season in the district tournament opener on her home field.

She struck out nine and dodged seven walks before the game was halted after

4½ innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Mustangs scored in each of their four turns at the plate, including a game-clinching eight-spot in the third to take a 15-0 lead.

Only six runs were earned as the Golden Eagles committed nine errors.

Keylee Wilson went 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBI and two runs scored.

Janay Phillips doubled twice while going 3-for-3, scoring two runs and knocking in two more near the bottom of the batting order.

Shaffer helped herself with a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

Hansen doubled with an RBI and two runs scored.

Madisen Bunnell singled three times in four at-bats, driving in three runs and scoring three times.

Long jump champs, three other Raiders head to state meet

Two Rimrock athletes added to their state-caliber 2020-21 high school year and three will close out their prep careers at the 1A state championships.

But one, Emma Eldridge, will be doing some commuting.

The senior qualified for the state meet with a fourth-place mark of 90 feet, 4 inches in the 1A District III meet's discus competition at New Plymouth High School.

But she's also en route to the 1A state tournament with the

Raiders' softball team.

The girls' discus competition takes place at 9 a.m., on Friday in Middleton.

The Raiders' first softball game at GALs Quad Park in Caldwell starts at 10 a.m., against District II runner-up Prairie.

Freshman Ashten Moore joins Eldridge as a three-time state championship qualifier this year.

Both she and Eldridge took part in the 1A girls' basketball state tournament, and Moore ran in the 1A cross country

state final in the fall.

Moore heads to Middleton in two events.

Moore took third in the 400-meter run with a personal-best time of 1 minute, 7.87 seconds. She took fourth in the 1,600 at 6:14.45.

Senior Maddie Macmillan won the district crown in the long jump and will end her high school days competing in three events at the state meet.

Macmillan's winning mark in the long jump was 16-3. She was runner-up in the 100 meters

in 13.57 seconds, and grabbed third in the 200 at 28.16.

Another senior, Michael Nanney, will lead the Rimrock boys into the state meet after taking the long jump crown at the district meet.

Nanney's PR of 20-6 to win the long jump district championship is the second-best effort this season among Idaho's Class 1A athletes.

The mark puts him just 1½ inches behind Owen Peterson of Challis, whose state-best 20-7½ has stood since the Firth

Cougar Classic on April 2.

Nanney will also be on hand in Middleton for the high jump after taking third at 5-4. His 5-8 personal record from the March 10 Melba Ice Breaker is tied for the eighth-best 1A effort statewide this season.

Nanney is Rimrock's only automatic qualifier for the boys' meet.

The Raiders' fifth state meet qualifier is freshman Goya Lemus, who took fourth in the girls' 800 meters with a personal-record 1:07.87.

✓ Baseball: Packer's base hit sparks seventh-inning deluge vs. Fruitland

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Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale entered this year's district tournament as the reigning champion after knocking off Weiser in 2019.

There was no tournament in 2020 because of COVID-19.

Homedale (15-11) returns to Fruitland High School on Thursday to face District IV champion Kimberly (18-3-1) at 7 p.m., in the first round of the state tournament.

If the Trojans win on Thursday and Friday, they could meet up with Fruitland again on Saturday in the championship game at 4 p.m.

The Trojans faced Kimberly in the first round in 2014 when the Homedale program made a long-awaited return to the state tournament. The Bulldogs

prevailed, 15-7.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 6, Fruitland 1 — D'Orr Packer's base hit to left field brought home Tommy Muir with what turned out to be the winning run and opened the seventh-inning floodgates.

Muir tripled with one out against losing pitcher Zane Bidwell.

Homedale got five of its nine hits in the decisive rally, including Beeg Hockenhull's two-run double.

Hockenhull gave the Trojans a 1-0 lead in the second inning when he scored an unearned run from second base on Dillon Fine's base hit.

Fine and Cody Liebschwager both went 2-for-3. Liebschwager scored a run in the seventh.

Muir pitched into the

seventh inning, and fellow senior Dakota Gammell got the final out to seal the Trojans' championship.

The Grizzlies managed only three hits against Muir and tied the game on Tanar Ward's unearned run in the fifth inning.

Muir stranded Bidwell at third with another chance to go ahead later in the inning with the last of three ground balls to shortstop Terron Morrison in the inning.

Fruitland threatened to pull ahead in the sixth when leadoff hitter Landen Mendive doubled and moved to third when David Juarez got aboard on one of the Trojans' three errors.

But Muir worked his way out of the jam with a strikeout, popup and ground ball.

Fruitland put three runners on third base in the second and

third innings. Muir induced a double play to end the second inning, and wiggled out of the third inning with a couple fielder's choices.

Hockenhull scored two runs and knocked in two runs for Homedale.

May 10: Homedale 5, Weiser 1 — The Trojans wasted little time gaining the upper hand in the district semifinal at John Jackson Field.

Fine smashed a bases-loaded double with two outs in the bottom of the first to cap a four-run uprising. Gammell was thrown out at home trying to score a fifth run on the play.

Packer's double earlier in the inning sent Sigmund Goode home from second with the game's first run.

Liebschwager was hit

by a pitch and scored on Hockenhull's base hit.

Fine rolled in a complete-game two-hitter. He struck out six and walked just one.

The Wolverines, who a week earlier had lost to the Trojans to lose the No. 2 seed into the tournament, got their only hits of the game in the third.

Dillon Turrentine started the inning with a base hit and moved to second on Ray Calley's single. Turrentine scored on Brett Spencer's grounder to shortstop.

Liebschwager scored Homedale's final run in the bottom of the sixth inning. He raced to second base on a single and an error, moved to third on Packer's second hit of the game, and scored on Weiser's third error of the afternoon.

Sports

Tight-knit Trojans take JV team title in golf

Runner-up Jackson Kerbs led four golfers in the 50s as Homedale High School won the junior varsity 3A District III championship.

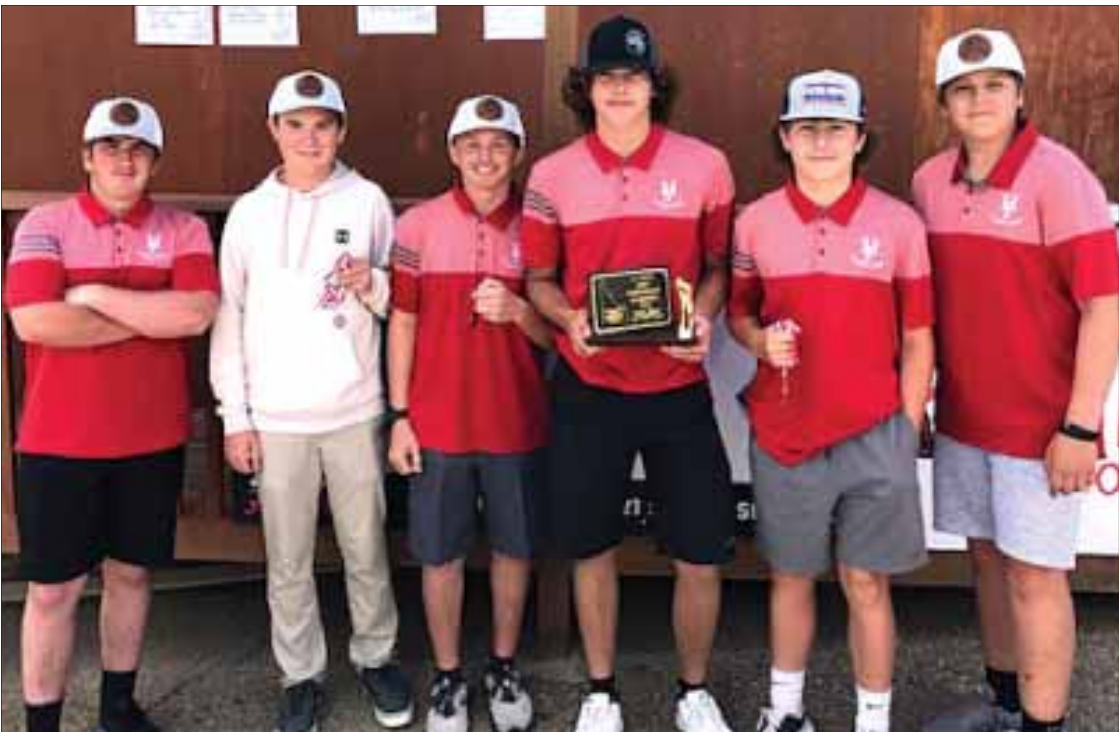
Kerbs fired a 53 as the Trojans placed three individuals in the top five during the nine-hole tournament at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette.

“This was a great finish for all of those kids,” HHS coach Casey Grove said.

The Trojans tallied 220 and beat Weiser, the only other full team on the course, by five strokes.

The difference was the pack mentality. All four qualifying HHS golfers scored within four strokes of one another.

“For all of the JV kids, this was their very first year playing golf,” Grove said. “They improved dramatically over the spring.



From left: Will Trescott, Cy Aman, Cooper Christiansen, Landen Wilson, Jackson Kerbs, and Matt Riha. Submitted photo

Three Weiser golfers broke tight-knit as the Trojans. The Wolverines’ Calvin Clapperton beat Kerbs by six shots, firing a 47 for the

medalist championship.

But Cooper Christiansen took third at 54, Cy Aman came in fifth at 56, and Landen Wilson scored 57 to push the Trojans to the team championship.

Cameron Thien (59) was the only other Weiser golfer to duck under the 60 mark.

Matt Riha scored 72 for Homedale.

The 2021 JV squad could be what Homedale needs to kick-start a program that came up against stiff competition in the varsity ranks this season.

“I am very excited to see their improvement over the summer,” Grove said of his JV players.

“We also have a few eighth-graders that are planning on playing golf next year, so it should lead up to a very competitive 2022 spring golf season on the boys’ side of things.” — JPB



Homedale Trojans





Baseball
D'Orr Packer, sr., LF/C
3-for-6, 2B, 2 runs, 2 RBI



Softball
Olivia Asumendi, fr., P
2-for-3, 3 RBI, 9 Ks, 1-hitter in district final



Track and field
Chris Aguilera, jr.
Played a part in 3 district wins



Golf
Téa Uranga, jr.
Won district championship



Tennis
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Track and field Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 at 3A state championships, Middleton H.S.	Tennis Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 at 3A state championships, Ridgevue H.S., Nampa
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Outdoor ceremony returns to football stadium for 2nd year

The sun will shine on the Homedale High School Class of 2021, if Mother Nature comes through.

For the second year in a row, the HHS graduation ceremony will be held outdoors — returning to a tradition that was commonplace a half-century ago.



Bobby Christensen

Twenty honor students will lead a graduating class of 77 seniors.

The ceremony is set for 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 27 at Deward Bell Stadium.

HHS track and field coach Bobby Christensen will deliver the keynote address, and Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer will distribute diplomas.

The honor students have announced diverse post-secondary plans from apprenticeships to technical schools to traditional four-year colleges.

John Wayne Breshears

The son of Jerry and Lisa Breshears earned the top grade-point average of the HHS honor graduates at 4.086.

He plans to study for a career as a biomedical engineer at Idaho State University.

Thomas Kenneth Symms

One of two 2021 honor graduates who received congressional service academy nominations, the son of Dar and Jodi Symms has decided to enroll at Texas A&M and pursue a civil engineering degree.

Symms attained a 4.084 GPA in four years at HHS.

Earlier this year, Symms received nominations to the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point, N.Y. and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., from U.S. Sen. Jim Risch. Sen. Mike Crapo nominated Symms for the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

A standout track and field athlete, Symms also leaves Homedale as the school record-holder in the discus. He won the 2019 Class 3A state championship in the event.

Brooklyn Marie Pfost

The daughter of Darin and Jane Pfost posted a 4.056 GPA at Homedale.

She plans to study psychology at Boise Bible College with an eye toward becoming a marriage and family therapist.

Ainslee Angelle Evans

The daughter of Oscar and Clara-Leigh Evans is heading for the University of Idaho. She attained a 4.054 GPA in high school.

She wants to become a market research analyst and will major in marketing and minor in economics in Moscow.

Entenecia Sheri Rosario Cardenas-Ritzert

The daughter of Dannette Cardenas-Ritzert plans to pursue an interior architecture and design degree at the University of Idaho with an eye on becoming an architect.

She attained a 4.022 GPA at Homedale.

Emma Rae Thornton

Another student bound for the U of I, she is the daughter of Amy and William Thornton.

She amassed a 4.01 GPA at Homedale and will seek an anthropology and forensics degree to become a forensic anthropologist.

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Giovanni Aguilera



Andres Albor



Josiah Alvor



Kylee Bauer



Todd Beatty



Osue Bernabe-Albor



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MARSING High School

Seniors kick off big day with a hearty meal

Happy for a return to normalcy after a COVID-19 ravaged 2020, 46 Marsing High School Class of 2021 graduates will close out their high school careers with the usual pomp and circumstance at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 28 in the school’s gymnasium, 209 8th Ave. W.

Steve Morton is the ceremony’s keynote speaker. Morton currently teaches American government, U.S. history, and world religions. He has taught at Marsing for six years and is in his 20th year in education.

The class flower is the rose. Also speaking will be class valedictorian Hailey Christiansen and salutatorian Karla Salazar.

This year’s high honors students include Christiansen, Salazar, Daisy Lopez, Gabi Cuevas, Annie Miller, Amaya Mendoza, and Jacob Ankeny.

Honors students for the 2021 class are Hannah Sevy, Delaney Percifield, and Mazzi Roper.

Marsing High School senior parents will host a “Start Your Future Auction & Raffle” the morning of graduation in the district’s cafeteria.

The students will start with breakfast at 6:30 a.m., including biscuits and gravy, pancakes, milk and juice.

An auction will follow from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in which the students will bid with beans for various items to help them kickstart their lives as adults.

Included in the list of auction items donated by the community and area businesses are mini-fridges, microwaves, camping equipment, and more.

Because of Idaho Gov. Brad Little’s social distancing guidelines, the Class of 2020 graduation was pushed back to the end of July, instead of the customary date in late May. The ceremony was also held on the high school’s football field to accommodate the governor’s order.

— TK



Marsing High School seniors Karla Salazar (left) and Hailey Christiansen represent their graduating class as salutatorian and valedictorian, respectively, and are two of seven high honors graduates.

Marsing pair leaves legacy of achievement

The Marsing High School Class of 2021 graduation will feature two students of note who will be honored as the best of the best.

Seniors Hailey Christiansen and Karla Salazar have been recognized as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for their class.

The two will take to the stage along with keynote speaker Steve Morton and Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart as part of the Friday, May

28, 2021 ceremony.

Hailey Christiansen, valedictorian

Christiansen is the 18-year-old daughter of Aaron and Julie Christiansen and has lived in Marsing for seven years.

She plans to take her 4.0 grade-point average to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she has already enrolled in the school’s pre-med program.

Christiansen has been heavily involved in multiple activities at Marsing High

School over her four years.

She has earned varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, track and field, softball, and competitive cheer.

She is also the current student body president and was junior class historian in 2019-20.

Christiansen is the president of the school’s Academic Decathlon team and was the group’s treasurer for the

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15-year-old valedictorian leads Rimrock graduates

A lot of people could make a double-take when Rimrock High School Class of 2021 valedictorian Alejandra Ramirez walks to the podium for her commencement address. The Rimrock graduation ceremony is planned for 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the high school in Bruneau.

At 15 years old, the daughter of Sara and Jose Ramirez, who goes by “Ali,” is in some cases three years younger than the other 20 graduates. She shares honor graduate distinction with 17-year-old class salutatorian Jorge Alcantar.

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Graduation information	
When: 2 p.m., Saturday, May 29	Class song: “Don’t You (Forget About Me)” by Billy Idol
Where: Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, Bruneau	Class motto: “What’s for lunch?”
Guest speaker: Rimrock science teacher Amanda Hazen	Class flower: Sagebrush
Diploma presenter: School board chair Scott McNeley	Class colors: White

JORDAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



From left: Kiana Quintero, Tina Gammett, Quinton Collins, Blaise Warn, Kate Gooch, and Abby Green. Submitted photo

Jordan Valley seniors get big jump on future

Not all local members of the Class of 2021 are anxiously awaiting their high school diplomas.

The six seniors at Jordan Valley High School got a jump on the rest of the bunch with their commencement on Saturday, May 8 inside the school's gymnasium.

Principal Rusty Bengoa presented diplomas, and a graduation party was held at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall after commencement.

The graduates included valedictorian Quinton James Collins, salutatorian Tina Marie Gammett, Kate Gooch, Abby Green, Kiana Quintero, and Blaise Warn.

A lifelong Jordan Valley resident, the 18-year-old Collins compiled a 4.11 grade-point average in high school.

The son of Christopher and Jamie Collins plans to obtain a Chemical Engineering degree from a four-year university.



See Jordan Valley, Page 14C Valedictorian Quinton Collins (left) and salutatorian Tina Gammett. Photos by Jamie Collins

ADRIAN HIGH SCHOOL



From left: Mackenzie Gearhart, Lizzie Morford, Manuel Aguirre, Claire Wagster, Luke Cleaver, Daniela Munoz, Derek Combe, Raul Bahena, Teanna Pierce, Baorong Luo, Clay Ready, Shelby Vickers, Mekenzie Autrey, Riley Roberts, Isabel Yost, and Mesa Zimmerman. **Not pictured:** Efren Amaral, Isabel Garza. Submitted photo

Tight-knit Adrian grads look to the future

Eighteen students will end their Adrian High School careers later this month, but of course it’s only just the beginning for all of them.

Valedictorian Clay Dean Ready and salutatorian Brylie Teanna Pierce will lead the Class of 2021.

The seniors will receive their diplomas in a commencement ceremony scheduled for 6 p.m., on Sunday, May 30.

Graduation will take place on Gene Mills Court inside the high school gymnasium.

The seniors’ class motto and class song reflect that tight-knit nature of a small graduating class.

The motto: “We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.”

The class song: “Reunion,” which is a tune from Bon Jovi’s 2016 album “This House is Not for Sale.”

District superintendent Kevin Purnell and school board members Ryan Martin, Quinten Shenk, Jake Speelmon, Bobby Davis, Eddie Kinkade will distribute diplomas during the ceremony.

Valedictorian Clay Ready is 18-year-old son of Jackie and Mike Ready.

He will graduate with a 3.974 grade-point average and plans to attend Idaho State University.

He has lived in the Adrian area for five years and has immersed himself in school activities and the Adrian community.

The student-athlete has participated in football, basketball, track and field and baseball.

He is also a FFA chapter member and active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Ready was part of the 2019 1A Oregon state championship football team. He said that was his proudest achievement “because I got to be part of an amazing team who were very dedicated.”

He has taken part in competitions such as Oregon



Valedictorian Clay Ready

Battle of the Books and Brain Drain.

Ready’s community service seems tied directly to his favorite quote: “You reap what you sow.”

He has been involved in the Owyhee Off-road Challenge, and he has worked hard in other community service projects such as raking leaves at the high school, gleaning onions, and filling sandbags to protect homes in the community from water damage.



Salutatorian Teanna Pierce

His best high school memory is, in fact, tied to that community service. He says he is proud of “being able to contribute back to the community after all that they have done for me.”

Ready’s hobbies include spending time with family and friends, fishing and working on classic cars.

Salutatorian Teanna Pierce is the 18-year-old

See Adrian, Page 14C

Graduation information

When: 6 p.m., Sunday, May 30

Where: Gene Mills Court, Adrian High School gymnasium

Class flower: Sagebrush and lavender

Class song: “Reunion” by Bon Jovi

Class motto: “We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.”

Class colors: Gray and dark green

MELBA HIGH SCHOOL



Teachers to award Melba diplomas

Graduation information
When: 7 p.m., Friday, May 28
Where: Melba High School football field
Guest speaker: Melba High School principal Eric Forsgren
Diploma presenters: Laura Heritage, Juan Colunga, Tim Helgerson, and Amy Clark
Class motto: “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”
— Nelson Mandela
Class song: “My Wish” by Rascal Flatts
Class colors: Red, white and black
Class flower: Red rose

A group of 59 seniors are poised to receive their diplomas as part of Melba High School’s Class of 2021.

Several teachers, including Laura Heritage, Juan Colunga, Tim Helgerson, and Amy Clark, will present the diplomas during a ceremony starting at 7 p.m., on Friday, May 28, 2021.

The commencement will be held outside at the high school football field.

Melba Jr./Sr. High School principal Eric Forsgren will serve as the guest speaker.

Officials had not yet selected a class valedictorian or salutatorian by The Owyhee Avalanche’s deadline.

Nearly half of the graduates have been announced as scholarship winners, including Owyhee County resident Josune Idola Jaca.

Other students receiving

- scholarships include:
- Carson Shane Alder
 - Tyler Lynn Arnold
 - Justine Dawn Bastian
 - Brooke Morgan Bodily
 - Madisen Bunnell
 - B r a y d e n J a m e s Christensen
 - Kate Lauren Clark
 - Odalys Contreras Cardona
 - Alaina Grace Frank
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RIMROCK HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Rimrock

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By taking online classes and dual-credit courses, Ali has sped up her education process without sacrificing academics.

She'll graduate with a 4.16 grade-point average, and she plans to attend tiny Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to double major in biology and criminal justice. Her career goal is to become a forensic DNA analyst.

"My proudest achievement is being a QuestBridge National College Match finalist," she said.

The QuestBridge National College Match scholarship provides up to \$200,000 to attend top universities, such as Princeton, Vanderbilt and Columbia.

As it is, she has secured \$41,000 in scholarships and

financial aid to kick-start her college career. She'll be 16 in August.

Ali is the epitome of her favorite quote: "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Of course, she was involved in dual-credit courses while at Rimrock, and — yes — she participated in the National Honor Society.

Ali skipped the seventh grade and began taking extra classes through the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance as an eighth-grader. Her online courses were administered by the College of Western Idaho, Boise State University and the College of Eastern Idaho.

By her sophomore year, she had enough credits to be a junior in high school.

Ali said she chose the accelerated path because she discovered she was learning

material quickly and needed more of a challenge.

"I did it so I could be more challenged and have the physical college experience," she said.

The college experience will come at a school chosen because of its smaller size and proximity to a larger city, which will provide more research and internship opportunities, she said.

Ali also played basketball at Rimrock and was active in TRiO.

Her best high school memory stems from chemistry class: "Taylor broke a glass in chemistry by turning the hot plate all the way up."

She spends her free time reading, watching Netflix and hanging out with friends.

Like Ali, Jorge is a native of the Rimrock area. The Class of

2021 salutatorian is the son of Jorge Alcantar and Luz Maria Alcantar.

"I find it a proud moment because as a first-generation student, earning any leadership position proves the kind of person I am," he said of his No. 2 honor graduate position.

He finishes his high school career with a 4.0698 GPA.

Jorge plans to obtain a Bachelor's degree in sociology or hospitality management.

Jorge has been heavily involved in school activities and community service.

He served on the Student Council and was active in Rimrock's chapters of Future Hispanic Leaders of America, Idaho Drug-Free Youth (IDFY), and the National Honor Society.

He has found time to tap into his humorous side.

Jorge's favorite quote is from Robin Williams: "Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

And his best high school memory is something that could have been tragic but his friends now laugh about.

"When our class went to the Rimrocks to swim and I almost drowned Emma," he said. "This is my best high school memory because it was almost a life/death experience, but we ended up laughing for a long time afterwards."

"Looking back at it now makes us laugh hysterically."

Jorge spends his free time hiking or listening to music or looking at real estate.

His community service projects have included helping at the Grand View Food Bank and cleaning up along Idaho highway 78.

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ADRIAN HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Adrian

From Page 10C
daughter of Tom and MaryJane Pierce and Mindi and Ben Gowers.
She has lived in the Adrian area for six years.
While at Adrian High School, Pierce compiled a 3.94 GPA and earned Higher and Highest Honors.
She'll attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg. After serving her mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pierce will return to BYU-Idaho to complete her education as a Certified

Registered Nurse Anesthetic.
Pierce is proud of her performance under the pressure of tight deadlines to present a speech on peaceful protest and also produce videos of veterans who recently received their high school diplomas.
She wrote the speech only two days before she presented it.
"I was really nervous about it, but I spoke it well and was told that my speech was great," Pierce said. "I felt pretty proud about it."
She was asked to make veterans video just a day before

the presentation was planned.
"I was told, after the videos were present, that they were well done, and the families really enjoyed them," Pierce said.
Her community service went beyond the video production. She volunteered at the local food pantry each week during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also raked leaves at her school and helped bag potatoes.
Pierce has been active in school athletics, competing in basketball, volleyball and track and field. She also was a member

of the school's drama club and served on the Student Council.
She said her trip to Seaside, Ore., as part of the Adrian Leadership Class and Student Council stands out as her top high school memory.
"I had so much fun on the nine-hour ride over, bonding with my classmates," she said. "I really enjoyed meeting with so many people all around Oregon."
"I loved going and looking at the ocean and finding seashells and sand dollars in the sand."
Pierce embraces a wide

range of activities. She enjoys playing the piano and is in the process of learning French.
Her favorite quote comes from Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh: "I often think that the night is more alive and more richly colored than the day."
Other pastimes include listening to music and singing ("Not very well, though," she adds), playing with her dog and hanging out with friends.
She also enjoys swing dancing, playing sports, acting, welding, photography and baking macaroons.

JORDAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Jordan Valley

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His four years at Jordan Valley were packed with achievements and activities.
"It's impossible to choose a favorite high school memory," Collins said. "Looking back now, I loved every second of it."
"I will miss this school, along with my friends and teachers."
Collins played basketball and competed in track and field.
He also served as Student Body president and junior class president and was active in FFA chapter and district events as well as the Oregon Invitational Mathematics competition and

the Chief Science Officers organization.
His FFA endeavors produced what he sees as his proudest high school moment — winning the district championship in extemporaneous speaking.
Collins enjoys playing guitar in his free time, and that musical inclination may have something to do with his favorite quote, which is actually a lyric from a Beatles song written by Paul McCartney:
"And when the night is cloudy, there is still a light, that shines on me, shine until tomorrow, let it be."
Collins also likes to spend time with his friends.

Community service has included assisting food distribution at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, numerous town cleanup projects during his high school career, and a church mission trip to Puerto Penasco, Mexico.
This year's salutatorian, Tina Gammett, is the 18-year-old daughter of Will and Brett Gammett.
Gammett built a 3.98 GPA at Jordan Valley while participating in volleyball, track and field, drama, and FFA.
She also was active in student government.
"Tina is a beautiful young woman who works hard and

treats everybody with respect," Gammett's English teacher, Tara Echave, said. "She will be surely missed at JVHS."
Gammett said her proudest achievements are earning salutatorian for the Class of 2021 and winning election to become FFA district treasurer.
Gammett was born and raised in Rockville, and she moved to the Jordan Valley school system after completing seventh grade at Rockville Elementary.
Now that she has graduated, Gammett is focused on studying Early Childhood Education at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.
Gammett has been involved

in town cleanups and she also helped facilitate a Thanksgiving community food drive.
She showed off her artistic side by creating murals in the high school restrooms.
Gammett enjoys hanging out with her friends, and that bond may have something to do with her favorite quote:
"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."
She counts senior skip day as her best high school memory. The seniors took a trip to Three Forks.
"We went fishing, and I caught the most fish," she said.



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Jordan Valley seniors receive scholarships

Four Jordan Valley High School seniors have received college scholarships from local organizations.
Tina Gammett, the Class of 2021 salutatorian, has earned scholarships from both Integra DeLamar Mine and the Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo.
Quinton Collins, who is Jordan Valley's valedictorian this year, received the other \$500 scholarship presented by Integra Resources, the company operating the DeLamar Mine Project outside Silver City.
This is the second year of the DeLamar scholarship program.
"The purpose of this scholarship is to identify and reward local high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to their academ-

ics, community, and to themselves," Integra DeLamar community affairs manager Emily Hendrickson said.
"Investments into our youth are investments into the sustainable development of our local communities. Integra DeLamar is eager to help local students further their education and then encourage them to invest the skills and knowledge they gain back into their communities."
Gammett is one of three Jordan Valley seniors to receive \$500 each through the Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo scholarship program, too. She joins Abby Green and Kiana Quintero.
Lindsey Smith of the Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo announced this year's recipients in a Facebook post last week.

HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Homedale

From Page 2C

Mayci Ellen Cline

After getting a 3.988 GPA at Homedale, the daughter of Brenda Caldwell and Dee Cline wants to become a dental hygienist.

She plans to study dental hygiene at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Roberto Angel Salazar

The son of Angel and Esmeralda Salazar has his sights set on a mechanical engineering degree from Montana Tech.

He attained a 3.977 GPA at Homedale.

Madison Grace Miller

One of two graduates who are daughters of Kiley and Walter Miller, Madison put together a 3.95 GPA at Homedale.

She'll strive for an Ag business degree at the University of Idaho and plans to work in the agricultural industry.

Mackenzie Michael Miller

Kiley and Walter Miller's other daughter graduating this month, Kenzie will be entering the work force, according to information provided by the HHS student support office.

She compiled a 3.927 GPA at Homedale.

Kaydince Maree Turner

The daughter of Mike and Malorie Turner will be heading to Hastings College in Nebraska on a wrestling scholarship, just like her sister Savannah.

Kaydince, who posted a 3.91 GPA at Homedale, is set to pursue an Ag business degree in preparation for work in the horticulture industry.

Xiomara Berenice Gomez Pacheco

The daughter of Antonio Gomez and Maria Pacheco put up a 3.895 GPA at Homedale.

She plans to enroll in the University of Idaho's animal vet science program with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

Savannah Renee Turner

Mike and Malorie Turner's other daughter will study animal vet science at Hastings College, and she wants to become a vet.

She had a 3.875 GPA at Homedale.

Dawson Michael Fox

The son of Randy and Lindsey Fox was nominated to the Air Force

Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. But he will attend the University of Nebraska.

Fox still has the dream to be an Air Force pilot. He'll study electrical engineering at Nebraska.

He amassed a 3.856 GPA at Homedale.

Giovanni Aguilera

The son of Alma Corral and Miguel Aguilera has plans to attend the University of Idaho.

He wants to study computer science and become a cyber-security technician.

Aguilera had a 3.852 GPA at Homedale.

Emma Paige Parker

The daughter of Andrea and Gavin Parker wants to follow her grandmother's example and become an elementary school teacher.

Parker, who posted a 3.817 GPA, will study Elementary Education at the University of Idaho.

Her grandmother, Leslie Parker, retired from a teaching career at Homedale Elementary School and now serves on the school board.

Kylee Elaine Bauer

The daughter of Josh and Jessica Bauer will attend the Idaho Medical Academy.

Having compiled a 3.805 GPA at HHS, Bauer will enter the academy's program to become a medical assistant.

Erik Hernandez

The son of Justo Hernandez and Lorena Perez will study to become an auto mechanic.

He plans to enroll in an automotive mechanics program at a technical college.

Hernandez posted a 3.787 GPA at Homedale.

Barton Roy Strack

The son of Leroy and Jacklyn Strack wants to open his own mechanics shop, so he'll serve an apprenticeship to learn business and mechanics.

He pulled a 3.773 GPA at Homedale.

Isabella Rochelle Smith

The daughter of Faydra Given and Corey Smith has her mind set on starting her own business, so she will seek an apprenticeship out of high school.

She posted a 3.771 GPA at HHS.

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MARSING HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Marsing

From Page 5C

2019-20 school year. In her freshman, sophomore, and senior years she medaled at the AcaDeca state competition and received a District IV gold medal for Interview, and third place overall, at the national competition.

“My proudest achievement would be not only competing on the national level for Academic Decathlon but earning the gold medal in Interview,” she said. “I never imagined competing at such a high level, much less winning one of the events.”

She is currently the two-year vice-president of the Marsing chapter of Business Professionals of America. She competed in BPA in her sophomore, junior, and senior years.

She is National Honor Society Marsing chapter historian.

Christiansen has completed more than 250 hours of com-

munity service during her four years of high school, most notably with Grace Lutheran Church and the school district.

Perhaps as a way to mirror her success to this point in her life, as well as her future plans, Christiansen’s favorite quote is by Marvel’s Stan Lee, who has famously said “Excelsior!” which is Latin for “Ever upward!”

She said that some of her most unforgettable and favorite high school memories happened every year during Homecoming week.

Christiansen loves outdoor activities, including hiking, kayaking, and biking.

“I wish the best to all upcoming seniors,” she said. “It can be difficult to prioritize everything in your life, especially with all that comes at you during this last year.

“Keep striving for what you want out of life.”

Karla Salazar, salutatorian

Karla is the daughter of Leopoldo and Beronica Salazar. She has lived in Marsing for three years after moving from a larger school in Oregon.

“In the middle of my freshman year, second semester, I had to go to this fast-paced school in their third trimester,” she said. “I felt a year behind, and I really was because I was put into advanced sophomore classes.

“So little freshman me had to grow up fast and climb to the level of a junior.”

Karla then faced another challenge when she moved yet again, this time to Marsing. She said the courses changed drastically and she felt a little overwhelmed, like she wasn’t

going to be able to catch up.

“After that journey, I still managed to keep my motivation to finish second in my class,” she said. “Being able to show myself I am able to adjust so quick and be mature enough to take on a challenge bigger than me and still be able to compete is what I am most proud of.”

The 17-year-old coped well, building a 3.98 GPA.

Karla plans to attend The College of Idaho in Caldwell to be a cheerleader and major in computer science.

In high school, she has been involved in cheer (three years), softball (three), volleyball (two), National Honor Society (two; currently chapter vice-president), student council (two years as vice-president), and Business Professionals of America.

She was also involved in

Feed the Ride Idaho, providing meals for the scores of participants in the annual bicycle trek through 355 miles of Idaho roads. The group stayed at Marsing’s Island Park in 2019.

She has also volunteered to serve free community church dinners.

Karla said that her fondest memories of her time at Marsing High was cheering at basketball games with her friends in the crowd, those cheering by her side, and the boys’ team trying their hardest to go to the state tournament.

“I came here sophomore year and never once did I feel like I was an outsider,” she said. “Marsing was so welcoming and kind to let me in their tight community.

“I am proud to say I am from Marsing.”

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