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Marsing Fire stalwart to step down

Longtime chief making way for full-timer soon

When Marsing Rural Fire District commissioners decided that a paid, full-time fire chief would be needed, it meant that Brion Showalter would be without a job.

With the district, at any rate.

Showalter will keep plenty

— See *Marsing*, page 5A

County budget

Growth part of sharp rise in revenue

Owyhee County's tax levy will draw in 6.7 percent more revenue in Fiscal Year 2021 than it did for the current fiscal year.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$14.164 million budget on Monday after a public hearing in which no comment was offered.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said the commissioners opted to raise the levy by three percent as is allowed by Idaho Code, but the rest of the more than \$200,000 increase in

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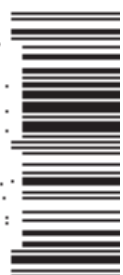
Above: Teachers, including (from left) Jan Silva, Teri Uria and Laura Eubanks, move past Homedale Elementary School principal Tate Castleton (left) and district superintendent Rob Sauer in a joyful rush to check out the new classrooms. **Below:** With Sauer and Zone 4 Trustee Shelley Shenk looking on, Castleton uses a pair of small scissors to cut the ribbon to open the new addition.

Gleeful start to HES year

Teachers rushed through to the other side Thursday to christen the new Homedale Elementary School addition.

Second-year principal Tate Castleton bent low and, with a pair of child's scissors no doubt commandeered from a nearby classroom, snipped the red ribbon to signal the end of a months-long project that created four new classrooms

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Contractor breaks ground on fairgrounds RV park

Electrical installation, pre-fab restroom among delays

Nampa-based Thueson Construction started the long-anticipated Owyhee County Fairgrounds RV park project last week.

Ground preparation began Aug. 16 in the large dirt lot north of the fairgrounds. The RV park will be located in the same place that fairgoers parked their trailers and campers earlier this month for the 75th annual county fair.

Originally, officials had hoped to have the project completed before this year's fair and rodeo. The project is expected to finish up this fall, although project engineer Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics said there's a chance the job could stretch into the spring.

"They might end up finishing the pavement this fall, or they might just wind up putting in all the gravel and finish up the paving next year, depending on where they're at," Cook told county commissioners at an Aug. 16 meeting.

"It's most likely going to be this fall."

An Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant will cover \$680,000 of the project's \$910,741 price tag. Owyhee County's 25 percent match-

ing total (\$227,688) will come from the local government's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) fund.

A crew began excavation of the north-south access road running west of the Owyhee Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., and past the Tumbleweed Theatre and the show arena.

The area where the RV park will be located is also being excavated, and Cook told county commissioners during their Aug. 16 meeting that phase should be done in two weeks.

After excavation, Thueson crews will begin pipe work, which Cook said will last approximately four weeks. Electrical work will follow.

Cook said he is currently working on an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality application to punch a well. He and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi were recently at the site to find an appropriate drilling site.

The Marsing resident also said the county is waiting on the completion of a survey for a septic system, but the analysis company is two months out on scheduling work. Once the work is completed and the survey and plans submitted to



A Thueson Construction crew began excavation of the roadway along the west side of the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on Aug. 16.

DEQ, he figures the state agency will file its response in November or December.

"When the weather breaks, they can get moving on that and get the roadway fixed back up," Cook said.

Not everything has gone smoothly with the project. Cook said it has been more than a month since he heard from Idaho Power about electrical connections that will feed the RV park. He was supposed to hear back by the end of August.

"They were planning on having it done by the end of Au-

gust, so that's probably still the plan. But maybe the ball got dropped by somebody there a little bit," he said. "They might be scrambling."

Also, the CXT bathroom/shower combo was supposed to be constructed and delivered to the site by mid-August, but Cook has yet to receive the plans from the Nampa company building the structure.

The CXT pre-fabricated bathroom carries a price tag of \$231,400, more than one-quarter the total of the project.

"(The building) can just be

there waiting, Thueson is not worried about that," Cook said. "It is good that we have all fall to do it."

Beyond the water and sewer lines, and electrical service, other details of the project include:

- Installing sub-base, base, and asphalt for the RV spaces
- Building gravel roads between the rows of paved spaces
- Installing the CXT building pad (the building will not be placed by Thueson)
- Installing an RV dump station

— TK

Eastern Owyhee library seeks program director — again

After-school offering may hinge on finding a new coordinator

The past year has been a challenge for the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View.

Between COVID-19 restrictions and personnel changes, director Tammy Gray said it has been hard to develop consistent programming for the area's youth and, yes, adults.

"It is frustrating to not be able to have regular programming," Gray said.

But Gray is hoping things will change

in the wake of the library's summer reading program. As always, that program ended with an awards ceremony and community potluck.

The big event also marked the end of the line for the library's program director. Sanjuana Zaragoza, who had been in the position since May, launched a successful summer reading program despite a busy life.

Gray said the program director gave her notice because she was juggling two jobs and changing schedules.

Zaragoza came on board after former program director Kathy Chick retired for a second time in September.

With school back in session, Gray is

busy looking for a new program director and is hoping for a fast job search.

"I hope we can hire someone soon so we can get our after-school programs back up and running," she said. "We'll see if we can get someone who is really motivated and willing to work with us to get some great programming going again."

Ideally, she'd like to have someone in place next month.

There were no programs at the library in the spring because of COVID-19 restrictions and the program director vacancy. That all looked like it would change when Zaragoza arrived.

Gray wants to relaunch an adult book club in January, but the future of that

offering is dependent on securing a program director.

The quest for a program director has been an ongoing challenge.

In her eight years as library director, Gray has seen five program directors — including Chick holding down the job twice.

Gray said wage increases and added hours over those eight years don't seem to sweeten the deal.

"It's just tough to find qualified applicants who are only interested in part-time employment," Gray said, adding that while the job has pay "well above minimum wage" there are no benefits because it is a part-time job.

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Two-thirds of voters must approve Homedale bond measure Tuesday

Voters in the Homedale School District will head to the polls on Tuesday to cast ballots in a bond election.

Patrons in the Homedale area and in the Canyon County portion of the district will be able to vote at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., near the fairgrounds.

The North Marsing polling place will be at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W.

The absentee ballot location is the county courthouse in Murphy.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The joint school district seeks a 15-year, \$14 million general obligation bond to build new facilities and upgrade existing facilities at the high school.

With about \$1.8 million in interest over the 15-year bond, the total cost would weigh in at about \$15.8 million.

The State of Idaho would kick in a \$3.8 million equalization payment, which would

lower taxpayers' obligation to \$12 million.

The bond must receive 66 2/3 percent of the vote to pass.

School officials said that, if passed, the bond will cost property owners \$212 per \$100,000 in net assessed value (the valuation after exemptions) per year.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said the bond wouldn't affect the current property tax charge because the plant facility levy would be adjusted to keep the overall charge at \$377 – the same amount as this year's district tax bill. The current bill includes \$276 for the plant facility levy, \$100 for the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency levy, and \$1 for the district tort levy.

The plan is to use bond revenue to finance improvements and new construction at the high school and its athletic facilities.

Among the planned projects:

- A second auxiliary gymnasium so one of the buildings could be converted to focus on

fine arts. The second building could be built on the former softball field to the north of the main gymnasium, Sauer said.

- Additional classrooms and renovations to existing classrooms
- New restrooms
- Renovation of the existing gymnasium and construction of an auxiliary gym
- Upgrading heating, cooling and alarm systems
- Lighting upgrades
- Replacement of the track at Deward Bell Stadium and athletic field improvements

Not all work outlined in the board's June 14 resolution may occur. Sauer has said that there is more work to be done at the high school that falls outside the scope of the bond's focus, too.

All polling locations — including for patrons living in Canyon County — will be located in Owyhee County.

Canyon County voters, as well as voters in the North Homedale and South Homedale precincts, will cast ballots at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., at the fairgrounds.

— JPB



Past presidents put in for preserving public land multiple use

Paul Nettleton (right) fills out a raffle ticket for the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association's annual ATV raffle during the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City last month. Each year, rodeo association director Vern Kershner (left) goes to different events in Owyhee and Malheur counties selling chances to win with proceeds being split between the public land multiple use defense funds of the OCA and the Malheur County Cattlemen's Association. Tickets for the 2021 raffle are \$5 each or \$20 for five. Kershner and Nettleton are past OCA presidents.



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The delivery and compaction of dirt for the East Idaho Avenue roadbed in front of Bette Uda City Park began Monday.



Knife River crews aim to pave Idaho Ave. before Labor Day

Sidewalk, curbing work ongoing on south side

You’re not supposed to wear white after Labor Day.

Construction officials want blacktop on East Idaho Avenue before the holiday.

Paving on the south side of East Idaho Avenue should commence in the next two weeks.

The Idaho Transportation Department issued a progress report last Wednesday after the weekly construction meeting at Bette Uda City Park.

The Idaho Avenue reconstruction project’s third phase is scheduled to enter its paving portion before Labor Day, according to the report generated by project spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez.

With asphalt not expected for a couple weeks, there is still construction going on in the Homedale High School zone, and the school year began Monday.

Officials ask motorists to slow down and pay attention to the construction markings (cones and barrels) as well as the increased pedestrian

traffic created by the start of the school year.

Students attending classes at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency’s Regional Technical Education Center in Wilder will still board their bus at South 2nd Street East at Bette Uda City Park, Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer has said.

East Idaho Avenue is still a two-lane road on the north side of the street, creating the possibility for congestion around the school zone and eliminating safe on-street parking.

Knife River Corp., construction crews are concentrating on sidewalk and curb work on the south side of Homedale’s main thoroughfare between 4th Street East/Industrial Road and Main Street.

Concrete pours will be carried out in the construction area, and folks are asked to be mindful of the fresh material.

Once the third phase of the project is completed, all that is left in the complete overhaul of Idaho Avenue is the deconstruction and rebuilding of the south side of West Idaho Avenue from Main Street to 4th Street West.

— JPB

HHS students return; roadwork riles routine

Homedale High School students and staff returned to class Monday, making adjustments from summer vacation and for the ongoing Idaho Avenue construction.

While Knife River Corp., crews put down roadbed Monday, students were settling into a routine that undoubtedly will be unusual until the south side of East Idaho Avenue is paved.

Part of the issue is the lack of direct access to Bette Uda City Park where students like the bus to Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency classes in Wilder.

Many of the students’ favorite lunch spots also are on the south side of the street.

Students who drive to school can still access the parking lot by the main gymnasium because two-way traffic is flowing at construction zone speed on the completed north

side of the main drag.

“It looks as though it hasn’t had as much of an impact as I had thought at first,” HHS principal Matt Holtry said.

“I think the most difficult situation right now is not having the crosswalk available for students. That is a concern I have, and we will be monitoring that closely.”

Tom Murray’s hot dog stand — a popular lunch spot for students and adults alike — and the COSSA shuttle stop are now located along East Wyoming Avenue.

Holtry urges motorists to pay attention for pedestrians because many existing signs are inoperable during work.

“We will still have kids out and about before school, at lunch time, and after school,” Holtry said. “Please drive safely through the school zones and through the construction areas.”

— JPB

Correction

The incorrect publication date appeared on both sections of The Owyhee Avalanche last week. The correct date, of course, should have been Aug. 18, 2021 (not Aug. 11, 2021). The publication date was correct on all inside pages of both sections.



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✓ Marsing: Showalter will hang around in advisory role as necessary

busy with his successful construction company based in Marsing, but with the decision to hire a new chief, his time as the man on top is nearing its end.

Commissioner Jake Astorquia said he and his cohorts interviewed three applicants last Wednesday and will make a decision on a new fire chief soon.

Astorquia also said the commissioners have an external candidate from West Virginia that was screened via phone, but they would like to meet him in person before a decision is made.

“We are coordinating some travel with him,” he said.

Showalter said he has been Marsing’s fire chief “somewhere shy of 20 years” and has been with the district since 1976. He has been a fixture at the fire station longer than many of his fellow volunteer firefighters have been alive.

“When I started, we didn’t even have turnouts or helmets or anything,” Showalter said. “We just showed up in our work clothes.”

He said that the job as chief has been more demanding in recent years, and it will be beneficial to have someone



Fire chief Brion Showalter (right) took part in the grand opening for the Marsing Rural Fire District’s new Canyon County substation on May 1, alongside commissioners Jake Astorquia (left) and Jeff Percifield. Showalter will retire from the post when a new full-time chief is hired.

who can devote full attention to the position.

“It’s easy to fall behind on all the paperwork we have to do,” he said. “Plus applying for grants, keeping up with all the latest requirements for firefighters, dealing with the state and the insurance companies, just a big pile of work. It’s a big job that probably needs someone full-time.

“We need someone more out in the public than there is now.”

To add to the demands of running the firehouse on Main Street, a Canyon County substation was completed at the intersection of Marsing and Walker Lake roads, east of Riverside Road last year. The new station was needed to serve the community but comes with more demands and more responsibility.

“Things are changing so much that I think after the new fire chief, they will start having a few other paid peo-

ple plus all the volunteers,” Showalter said. “It’s changing all across the country — all these volunteer fire departments are facing the same choices.

“It may be a while, but it’s going to happen.”

Showalter and his wife Sue, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next spring, have run Showalter Construction since 1978. Running a successful business makes assuming the position of full-time fire chief a non-starter for the 70-year-old.

Although he has no part in the hiring decision, Showalter was present for the interviews last week. The commissioners will definitely lean on him for his insight and experience, Astorquia said.

No decision had been reached by Friday, but Astorquia said a job offer might be proffered soon.

“The interviews went well,” Astorquia said. “It will be a difficult decision, for sure.”

Showalter said that the position is needed and was planned for when the district put together its Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Initially \$75,000 for total compensation was set aside for a new chief, but Astorquia said the budget may have to be opened and adjusted depending on the cost of benefits.

“We also did approve a plan to initiate some ‘compensation’ for the volunteers — same as what Homedale has been doing for a while,” Astorquia said. “I think it’s pretty cool for them.

“(The compensation) is essentially some incentive or reward for participation that goes into an IRA (individual retirement account).”

Showalter grew up in Kuna and moved to Marsing as a teenager, graduating from Marsing High School. He and Sue raised four children in the little town on the Snake River.

He said that he will help out with the district as needed, offering advice if requested.

“They’re going to have their new guy who is going to do his thing, and I don’t want to interrupt that,” Showalter said.

He has put in his time, however, and doesn’t plan on stepping into any turnouts any time soon.

“No, I won’t be doing that,” he said. “Let the young guys take care of that.” — TK

✓ Revenue: Raised twice since February, salaries could go up after study

tax revenue from FY 20 will come from a bump in the solid waste fee and a jump in new construction in the county.

“New construction had quite a bit of an increase,” Barkell said.

New construction was valued at \$20 million, but the county was only able to levy on 90 percent of that figure.

The county will receive nearly \$3.3 million in tax revenues, but that includes \$400,000 generated by increasing residents’ and businesses’ solid waste fee. That fee, which finances contracts with two garbage companies, is paid as part of property owners’ tax bills every year, so the revenue is categorized as such.

Another bump in revenue comes from American Rescue Plan Act funds, which will be placed into a “capital project fund.”

Barkell pointed out that changes in the way budgets must be reported led, in part, to the creation of the capital project fund. Money in the fund includes Payment In

Lieu of Taxes receipts, which used to be placed in a trust for commissioners to draw down for capital improvement needs. Now, the money in trusts must be recorded each year, so the funds appear in the budget — even though they may not be spent in FY 21.

The share of the county budget dedicated to payroll looks a little different this year, too.

Commissioners had to create a “27th payroll” line in many departments. Barkell explained that was because every 10 years or so, there is a 27th pay period in the fiscal year that must be funded.

Payroll will increase as well because the county is adding some positions.

The commissioners approved one of two new positions Sheriff Perry Grant requested. While denying a new detention deputy pay line, the BOCC did sign off on more than \$40,000 to pay a new patrol deputy that will help the sheriff’s office fulfill its expanded contract with the City of Marsing.

In FY 22, Marsing will

pay \$100,000 for its law enforcement services, an increase of \$65,000 over the value of the current contract.

A new human resources position — with a pay line of \$35,000 — has been added to the county commissioners budget.

Former court clerk and prosecuting attorney’s office employee Rachelle Fahey will start in the HR job on Sept. 13.

“We needed somebody. There were a lot of things that were kind of falling down around our ears,” BOCC chair and Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said.

There are several tasks Fahey will tackle, including serving as the point person in discussions with a company commissioners have hired to conduct a wage study.

Fahey will make sure county employees are current on workplace conduct training as well as keep track of policies, procedures and the county’s personnel manual.

“Angie is the risk manager, and she doesn’t have 40 hours

a week to make everything happen,” Merrick said.

Fahey will report directly to the commissioners.

“Twenty years ago we didn’t need this position, but things have just changed over the years. Things have just grown,” Merrick said.

The BOCC has commissioned a wage study for the first time in 15 years. Commissioners expect the study to be done in February.

“What we’re trying to do is to get these employees’ salaries to the wage level they need to be according to our county’s size, what they do, and what their responsibilities are, and try to get them paid equitably along their pay lines,” Merrick said.

“We’re going to go with the wage study to get everybody on an even playing field basically.”

The commissioners’ professional services budget was increased 20 percent to \$60,000 to help finance the wage study, Merrick said.

The general fund reserve line was increased \$165,000 to

\$265,000 in anticipation of the need for any mid-year increase is salary and benefits after the study is completed.

The commissioners utilized extra revenue from the state in February, giving department heads a four percent increase in their payrolls and directing them to use it as they saw fit.

“We kind of gave (the department heads) the responsibility to be fair with their employees, and I was disappointed in some of them,” Merrick said.

Another two percent across-the-board pay increase was figured into the FY 22 budget, although the sheriff and commissioners didn’t take their raises, Barkell said.

Grant didn’t take his raise to help clear up a compensation oversight for a patrol deputy who had transferred out of the jail.

— JPB

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Ensure home-canned products remain safe

With produce coming on strong, many home-canners are busy in the kitchen as they harvest, prepare and preserve the garden's goodies! One thing that is commonly encountered in home canning is where to begin, and boy can this be easy! The National Center for Home Food Preservation can provide access to many research-based recipes that are free for access! Check them out here: <https://nchfp.uga.edu/>.



Suriñe Greenway

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends to store home-canned products for no longer than one year. While this recommendation is heavily linked to the nutritive value of the food, it also lends to the safety of the food that has been canned. With the fall season coming and some individuals looking to store for longer-term, keeping a tracking system of your pantry and freezer items can be extremely useful for knowing what is on-hand. In addition, having a tracking system can assist with menu planning and rotating your food supply.

When we consider home food preservation, it is important to note that improperly preparing or preserving foods in the home can create the ideal conditions for botulism spores to survive, grow and produce toxin. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does investigate foodborne illnesses that occur, and they want to be clear with consumers: Botulism toxin can be colorless, odorless and tasteless, but consuming even a small quantity can cause serious illness, or even be fatal.

If you have canned foods in your home that show signs of broken seals or have bulging or leaking food, please dispose of these. It is never recommended to taste a food to confirm signs of spoilage. If you suspect your foods are spoiled, great care should be taken to properly

dispose of these items. Swollen cans or suspect jars with lids intact should be placed in a heavy-duty garbage bag, then closed and placed with regular trash or taken to a landfill. Please note it is important to keep these suspect jars away from humans and animals.

Any cans or jars that are leaking, unsealed or open should be treated with a detoxification process before being thrown out. The National Center for Home Food Preservation recommends placing the suspect containers on their sides in a large pot and carefully adding water until the containers are covered at least an inch. Cover the pot and heat the water to boiling and then continue boiling for 30 minutes. Cool and discard the containers, lids and contents in a heavy-duty trash bag and then into the trash or a landfill. Always use disposable rubber or heavy plastic gloves when dealing with suspect cans or glass containers because botulinum toxin can enter through any openings in the skin.

Once you dispose of the canned goods, you should clean the area with a solution of one part liquid household bleach to five parts water. Wipe or spray the bleach on the area and let it sit for 30 minutes before wiping the area down with paper towels. Dispose of those towels in a plastic bag before placing them in the trash. Finally, wash your clothes you wore during this process using bleach.

If you have questions regarding food preparation or food preservation, please the Owyhee County Extension Office so we may assist you at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu.

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Calendar

Today

Food distribution

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

Ladies coffee group

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

Story Time

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

Thursday

Exercise class

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

Food bank distribution

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Saturday

Fall Health Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Health information and resources

Free lunch

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

Sunday

Catholic Mass

1 p.m., Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church, Silver City. (208) 466-7031

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.

Tuesday

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

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

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Thursday, Sept. 2

Exercise class

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

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

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting

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

Yoga class

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

Teens & Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

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

Friday, Sept. 3

Adrian Community Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., park next to Succor Creek Coffee, Adrian. jada@ishidafarms.com

Saturday, Sept. 4

Free lunch

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

Monday, Sept. 6

Story Time

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

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

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

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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Death notice

HELEN LOUISE SCHULER CHADEZ, 93, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale

Obituary

Adam Richard Crockett

Service notice

Graveside services for **CHANE BARNARD**, will be held at 10 a.m., MDT on Aug. 28, 2021 at the Wilder Cemetery. Following the service, family and friends are welcome to a Celebration of Life at the home of Tony and Kelly Burns, 17636 Garnet Rd., Wilder, Idaho starting at 1 p.m., MDT. Bring a chair. Bring your stories and/or memories.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Full congregate lunch schedule has resumed
Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk and roll available each day
Aug. 25: Tuna a la king, egg noodles, broccoli
Aug. 26: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets
Aug. 31: Stir fry chicken and vegetables, rice
Sept. 1: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots

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)
Aug. 25: Tuna salad sandwich, 3 bean salad, tropical fruit
Aug. 27: Chili baked potato, green beans, apples and berries, juice
Aug. 30: Breaded chicken, country gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and onions

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Dine-in lunch available from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Thursdays
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery available Tuesdays and Thursdays
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible beginning at 7 a.m. to place your curbside order or RSVP for dine-in
Aug. 26: Broccoli and beef stir fry, salad bar, wild rice pilaf, egg roll, peaches, cottage cheese, cook's choice soup
Aug. 31: Chef salad (ham, turkey, cheese, hard boiled egg, green salad), fresh fruit, pudding

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Adam Richard Crockett passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021, from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle accident on highway 78, between Nampa and Grand View, Idaho. Services will be held at Rimrock High School in Grand View, Idaho on August 28th at 11am. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Adam held many beloved titles such as son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. Adam taught us all the true meaning of unconditional love. Adam was born in Mountain Home, Idaho on May 8, 1977. He was the oldest of two children to Dick and Marcy Crockett. He spent his whole life in the Grand View area. Adam was a proud graduate from Rimrock High School. At which time he excelled at rodeo, roping and bronc riding.

Adam met the love of his life, Tommie, while they were both working at Simplot Land and Livestock. They were married on September 16, 2011. Through Tommie, Adam found the family of his dreams within his three stepchildren, Christian, Naya, and Tatum,



whom he loved with all his heart.

Adam spent his life farming and ranching. He was a literal “jack of all trades”, exceptional at farming, ranching and mechanical work. He spent many years farming and ranching around the valley, designing cattle pens and pasture irrigation systems, bottle feeding calves and breaking horses. Eventually, he and Tommie started their own trucking company, 5C Trucking, and there working with his daughters and friends he found his true passion.

Adam was an avid hunter, spending countless days scouting elk and deer with his dad and his sister, and later with his daughters Naya and Tatum.

Some of his proudest moments were watching Tatum get her prize-winning bucks year after year. Adam also enjoyed helping his dad, Dick, guide friends and family through the hills to fill their hunting tags, though he always hid the biggest bucks for Tatum.

Adam was a true cowboy at heart, and embodied all the traits that come with that; he was exceptionally hard-working, truly strong inside and out, a fiercely loyal friend to everyone, the life of the party, and the first one to jump in and lend a helping hand in any situation. Those who were close to him were truly blessed to be able to get through the tough exterior and enjoy the tender, kind-hearted, sincere person he will always be. His joyous smile, contagious laugh, and famous big hugs will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Adam is survived by his wife, Tommie Crockett, their children Christian, Naya and Tatum. His parents Dick and Marcy Crockett. His sister Sarah Crockett and her children Maddi and Tilton. As well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many more that loved him very much.

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Marsing health fair focuses on well-being, hosts bike rodeo

COVID-19 vaccinations available, suicide prevention seminar set Saturday

The Owyhee Health Coalition has organized a Fall Health Fair, which will be held Saturday at the Marsing School District HUB, 205 8th Ave. W. The health fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The coalition put together the event to share health information and offer community members access to resources to improve their lives.

Several local agencies will be on hand to assist and educate folks interested in improving their health situation and to help them understand where they can turn for help.

Planned activities and resources include:

- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations administered by Terry Reilly Health Services will be offered. A second shot will be available from TRHS 21 days after Saturday’s initial dose.

- Health screenings
 - Local resources and health education
 - Youth and adult gardening
 - Food vendors
 - A bike rodeo
- University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Suriñe Greenway, representing the health coalition at the fair, will offer food safety education and give out spin-the-wheel prizes.
- Other health fair participants include:
- **U of I Owyhee County Extension Office** — 4-H coordinator Madi Anderson will provide information about the youth development organization.
 - **U of I Canyon County Extension Office** — Educator Nic Usabel, a Marsing native, will share information about adult (Master Gardener) and youth (Junior Master Gardener) gardening programs, including land-

- scaping and gardening resources.
- **Southwest District Health** — Health education specialist Hailee Tilton will offer information about tobacco and vaping, and will also feature a spin-the-wheel game. Emily Straubhar will provide resources for mental health and suicide prevention.
 - **Homedale Farmers Market** — Information about the Homedale Farmers Market and Homedale Community Foodstead
 - **Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging** — Information about aging services and resources
 - **University of Idaho Excite** — Lindsey McConnell-Soong and Jackie Amende will provide immunization education and vaccine access resources.
 - **Western Idaho Community Action Partnership** — Jonathan Gonzalez will share WICAP community resource information.
 - **U of I Extension 4-H Healthy Habits and Eat Smart Idaho** — Extension educator Maureen Toomey

- will offer tips on health eating.
- **Idaho Public Television** — Florina Ruvio will discuss resilience, circle of care, and fun ways to stay healthy.
 - **Insight Counseling/Project Aware** — Marsing School District counselor Carrie Patterson will share information about mental health and the district’s program initiative to meet the needs of all students.
 - **Terry Reilly Health Services** — Nancy Paz Heredia will provide health screenings, including checking blood pressure and blood glucose.
 - **Sources of Strength** — Ali Shields will provide a one-hour suicide prevention training for parents from 11 a.m. to noon in the HUB.
- Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart will coordinate a bike rodeo, which includes bike safety and skills. There will also be some basic bike maintenance instruction.
- Stewart said that he will be giving out a few bicycle helmets, as well.
- TK

Military vets clear up what airspace optimization really means

Air Force training plan could actually diminish impact of low-level flights on livestock range

Discussion at last week’s joint meeting of county advisory committees tried to clarify the Air Force’s plan for training airspace in Owyhee County.

The Natural Resources Committee and Sage-grouse Local Working Group gathered Thursday in Courtroom No. 2 in the county building in Murphy. Other members joined via the internet.

The two committees gathered, in part, to formulate recommended comments for the Board of County Commissioners to submit by the Sept. 22 deadline for public input on the Mountain Home Air Force Base Airspace Optimization Plan’s draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Natural Resources Committee chair Jim Desmond, a retired Vietnam-era Army helicopter pilot, opened the meeting by trying to clear up misconceptions about the airspace optimization plan that had been voiced by some Oreana residents in recent letters to the editor published in The Owyhee Avalanche.

“There is a belief that the reduction to 100 feet for subsonic (flight) was going to be a change for Owyhee County. This is not the case. We’re already at 100 feet,” Desmond said.

“There was a belief the lowest altitude was 100 feet for supersonic. (But) 5,000 and 10,000 feet are in the alternatives for supersonic. It’s 30,000 feet now.”

Desmond also reported to the committees that the Board of County Commissioners support a supersonic flight floor of 10,000 feet, but are against any flights below that threshold.

In a letter to the Board of County Commissioners, Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Oscar Evans, a former Navy pilot, also tried to put the proper perspective on the Air Force’s proposal.

“My view of the proposal is that it will actually lessen or decrease the number and frequency of low-level flights in Owyhee County as the airspace to the south and west becomes

available for the same type of training,” Evans wrote in an email prefacing correspondence he had sent to the OCA board of directors trying to provide clarity for those ranchers.

Evans was careful to provide his own view of the plan — not the OCA board’s perspective — and he pointed out in his letter to the directors that the organization hasn’t taken a specific policy stance on the issue.

Evans didn’t attend the joint meeting.

A handful of people were in the courtroom, including Desmond, former OCA president Paul Nettleton, Governor’s Office of Species Conservation species program manager and policy advisor Josh Uriarte, LWG chair Donna Bennett, University of Idaho’s JD Wulfhorst, Dist. 2 county Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, and rancher John Romero.

Several others attending the meeting through Zoom.

Nettleton, owner of the Joyce Ranch, said low-flying fighter jets caused a buckaroo to lose his mount when a horse was spooked.

“We had some problems in Silver City at one time,” he said. “It seemed like on a weekly basis we would have fighter planes going right above the town of Silver City and rattling some of the windows.

“And actually I think they may have even broken them.”

Nettleton said the sorties 200 or 300 feet above Silver City ceased after a retired Air Force colonel visited Silver City to recreate, experienced the phenomenon, and made some calls.

Generally, Nettleton said he favors optimized training.

“The more training our boys can get the better, but I do know that sometimes there are going to be possible conflicts with moving cattle if they’re flying that low,” he said.

Desmond reiterated Evans’ point that

fighter jets already fly at the altitudes outlined in proposal and that the Air Force’s new plan would spread those flights out over a larger range.

“They’ll be flying less when they open other areas to 100 feet subsonic,” Desmond said.

Romero, another Owyhee County rancher with military flight experience, wants restrictions on where the 100-foot floor would be allowed.

“I’m not against low-level flights, but I think we need to put sidebars on it,” he said. “Where are the best places to fly at 100 feet, if need be? We should designate places where we don’t want 100 feet.”

Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologist Rachel Curtis said there have been now specific studies published on the effects of low-level flights on sage-grouse, but there have been some papers on how background noise from natural gas drills discourage the birds from using nearby leks.

Sage-grouse LWG secretary Karen Steenhof, a retired wildlife biologist, suggested the BOCC’s comment should include the recommendation of a monitoring system to study effects on sage-grouse.

“If the commissioners and (Romero) and everyone are comfortable with the 10,000 feet level, but not the 5,000, maybe it would be good to suggest that (Air Force officials) put in a monitoring program to monitor sage-grouse responses and hold off on the 5,000-foot (level) until we’re satisfied there is no effect,” she said.

Curtis and Steenhof — along with rancher Stephen Miller — participated in the conversation remotely.

Desmond closed the Air Force plan portion of the meeting by saying the county commissioners won’t finalize their official comment until their Sept. 20 meeting, two days before the comment deadline.

— JPB

Classified deadline

Monday noon the week of publication

Legal notice deadline

Friday noon the week prior to publication

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Schools get support to provide fruits, veggies

Some students in Owyhee County will receive free fruit and vegetables through state-administered grants. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grants from the state Department of Education originate with the federal Department of Education. Schools are reimbursed for providing the fresh fruits and vegetables to all students within the school day, at a different time than the school meal programs operate. Local schools include:

- Homedale Elementary School, \$35,250
- Homedale Middle School, \$14,025
- All Marsing schools, \$33,525
- Grand View Elementary School in the Bruneau-Grand View School District, \$5,250

The program provides children in participating elementary schools with a variety of fruits and vegetables during the school day. Under the National School Lunch Act, schools with the highest enrollment of students identified for free and reduced-cost meals are given priority for participation. Schools were awarded the grants through a competitive application process. The grant period runs from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and all grants are contingent on the availability of USDA funds.

Courthouse report

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

- Aug. 17**
Abderrahmane Baffou, Aldan, Pa. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Aug. 16**
Samuel Stephen Cannon, West Palm Beach, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Eric Murwanashyaka, Columbus, Ohio — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Joel Perez Guzman, hometown not available — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations: Serious logbook violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Khushdeep Singh, Westminster, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations: Serious logbook violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Shane J. Vonderheide, Caldwell — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license: \$26 in fines, \$165 in court costs
Muhammadzair Yusupov, Philadelphia — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Aug. 15**
Harvinder Singh, White Plains, N.Y. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Aug. 13**
Jordan L. Robbins, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 4 years in state prison (suspended; 2 days served), 3 years felony probation, \$500 in fines (suspended), \$735.50 in court costs
Brandon J. Roberts, Antioch, Calif. — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 3 years felony probation, \$735.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Joseph M. Schneider, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 3 years probation, \$832.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Brian Scott Besst, Pendleton, Ore. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Nicholas Heimgartner, Pendleton, Ore. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Aug. 12**
Yosbel Cuni Pimienta, Miami, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Aug. 11**
Semen Lanin, Crystal Lake, Ill. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, lamps violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Yasser Mendez Hernandez, West Palm Beach, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Aug. 4**
Lyle Scott Brenner, Homedale — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): \$452.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs
William Torno, Caldwell — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$102.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs
Kenneth Eugene Williams, Nampa — Misdemeanor consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage open container by driver: \$112.50 in fines, \$187.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation
- Aug. 2**
Norma Leticia Sanchez, Santa Maria, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, failure to maintain prior 7 days of logs; misdemeanor suspension violation, axle positioning part broke, loose, missing or out of proper alignment: \$205.50 in fines, \$485.50 in court costs
- July 28**
Ruben Vazquez-Ricardo, Chula Vista, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, exceeding highway load limit: \$623.50 fines and court costs

School menus

- Homedale Elementary**
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites or cereal, yogurt, pears **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables
Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or biscuit and jelly, or cereal, sausage patty, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

- Homedale Middle**
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables
Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Crispito, buttered corn

- Homedale High**
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg; vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or tornado (egg/sausage/cheese) **Lunch:** Crispito with rice, or cheeseburger with potato wedges, or roast beef sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** English muffin sausage sandwich **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza with fries, or PB&J sandwich with chips, or Buffalo chicken wrap with chips, or southwest chicken salad with breadstick
Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage or Pop Tart **Lunch:** Rib-B-Que sandwich or garlic French bread pizza with tots, or Italian sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick
Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Beef tacos with Spanish rice and refried beans, or chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich with fries, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick, or chicken Caesar wrap with chips

- Marsing**
Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit and vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Yogurt Cold Grab-n-Go: English muffin breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie Cold Grab-n-Go: Turkey bacon ciabatta
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich, cheese stick **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-Go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, French fries Cold Grab-n-Go: Chef’s salad with breadstick
Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites, cheese stick **Lunch:** Hot Grab-N-Go: Mozzarella-filled breadsticks, potato tots/gems Cold Grab-n-Go: Roast beef sub
Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles, yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans Cold Grab-n-Go: Southwest chicken wrap

- Bruneau/Grand View**
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Biscuit and jelly **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli, chocolate chip cookies
Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli
Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Little Smokies, whole wheat roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans

The Legend of the Goat Lady, Part I

It's Thursday! This is the day I kill you!

Bernice Birmingham was on the phone and with an extremely nervous voice, she told me that her neighbor had just informed her of her coming demise, with the words: "It's Thursday. This is the day I kill you!"

I was the City of Marsing supervisor at the time, and the ornery neighbor, Donna Quintana, was the one speaking the words. Her draconian threat was because Bernice's husband Rich, who had once been the town mayor, had done some maintenance. There was an irrigation ditch dividing Bernice and Donna's two properties, and Rich had sprayed the ditch banks a couple of years previously with herbicide.

Later, Donna had been stricken with a form of a problem, perhaps arterial sclerosis, that affected the circulation causing her lower legs to turn a slight purple color. She was convinced it was because of Rich's

herbicide, and his attachment to "government" meant he was undoubtedly one of THEM. It was very unlikely that her problem was caused by the herbicide because this malady is often caused by diabetes. Rich had passed away the next year, adding to her suspicion.

She decided to seek vengeance on Bernice.

Donna was a fairly attractive woman about 5 feet, 3 inches tall and squarely built. She appeared to be of Latino heritage although some speculated that she was part Gypsy. She often appeared in public wearing heavy makeup with crimson lipstick. She wore her hair in a turban, which was popular at the time. For those who remember the girl in the advertisement called Chiquita Banana, Donna seemed to have been inspired by that image. It is not known when she thought THEY were after her, but maybe she had some paranoid schizophrenia.



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
John
Larsen

My mother was a census taker in 1980, and when she tried to interview Donna she refused to give out much information. My mother was a college graduate and had taught school and lived in Marsing since 1942, but Donna let it be known that she thought Mother was a CIA agent. She seemed to think she was another of THEIR spies.

Mother also interviewed Emeterio Quintana when she

was taking the 1980 census. He also went by Emmet. She interviewed him as he was a wealthy rancher who owned large tracts of land. Mother inquired about Donna's claim of being his wife. Donna said he had purchased the house that she lived in which was in her name. She claimed the name Quintana and evidently considered herself as a common law wife. Emmet did not verify this claim. A check with county

recorder shows she acquired the property in 1978 and that she went by the names of Donna, Quintana, Baca and Carrillo. Janice Bicandi, who was the city clerk at that time, and the girls at City Hall said her real married name was Baca and she had never got a divorce from that first husband. It is a Spanish custom to have your mother's maiden name as your last name, so that would explain the name Carrillo. Mother, the census taker, came away with the impression Emmet did not claim her as his wife and did not really want to discuss the subject.

—This is the first installment of former Marsing resident John Larsen's serial about Donna Quintana, who was known as The Goat Lady. Next week, find out why townsfolk called her The Goat Lady. Larsen, a Marsing High School graduate and former longtime resident, now lives in Montana.

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88° 57° Mostly sunny	85° 54°	83° 55°	81° 51°	86° 49°	91° 50°	88° 49°
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96° 63° .00	83° 53° .00	78° 52° .00	82° 52° .00	84° 52° .00	79° 59° .00	83° 50° .00

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 18 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 59 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 134 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 132,231 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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





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Trout Unlimited, DeLamar agree to study habitat impacts

The company analyzing gold and silver deposits on Florida Mountain and at the DeLamar Mine appears to be looking out for the future of the area around Silver City, too.

Among recent developments for Vancouver, B.C.-based Integra Resources Corp., is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Trout Unlimited to evaluate potential future habitat reclamation projects within the Jordan Creek watershed.

Integra also has contracted with Boise-based Warm Springs Consulting to collaborate with the mining firm’s engineers on a pre-feasibility study, which should be completed in the final quarter of 2021.

Another development is collaboration with Seattle-based CleanTech Alliance to advance clean technologies. Integra vice president of corporate affairs and sustainability will serve on the CleanTech Alliance board of directors.

The Trout Unlimited MOU is aimed at making a positive impact on habitat for species such as the Redband Trout.

“Collaborative efforts with mining companies like Integra can represent tremendous opportunities to improve fish habitat, particularly in areas like the Jordan Creek watershed where it is difficult to secure funding to reclaim environmental damage from long-ago mining operations,”

Trout Unlimited western water and habitat program director Warren Colyer said.

In its press release, Integra acknowledged that historic mining districts such as Jordan Creek have been impacted heavily by antiquated mining practices of the late 19th century and early 20th century.

The Integra press release said that the partnership with Trout Unlimited complements Integra’s commitment to minimizing unnecessary impacts within the DeLamar Project boundaries and seeking opportunities to offset them with positive habitat impacts in the surrounding areas.

“This partnership also highlights the importance of collaboration when cleaning up legacy abandoned mine land sites in the West given the complicated mixed land ownership of former mining districts,” the release stated.

“The overarching goal of this project will be to holistically look at upper Jordan Creek to identify potential projects that will improve the environmental health of the watershed.”

Potential future projects could include road crossing improvements, aquatic organism and fish passage barrier identification, reclamation and revegetation of lands impacted by mining, source reduction of pollutants from historic mills, and in-stream habitat improvements.

Don’t panic: higher assessments don’t necessarily mean higher taxes

Property taxes won’t be finalized until levy rates are locked after budgets set

Assessments have skyrocketed, but property owners shouldn’t push the panic button about possible higher tax bills just yet.

There is still a long process before the total tax burden is finalized, Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert said last week.

All the different taxing districts in the county must complete their budget process and then submit paperwork to establish their levies.

The process has begun with public hearings on Fiscal Year 2022 for the county’s three municipalities — Homedale, Marsing and Grand View — held on Aug. 11.

Other public hearings are scheduled in the coming days for fire districts, highway districts, library districts, and the Owyhee County government’s budget.

Once those budgets are finalized, each board clerk will submit a document called an L-2 to certify the levy rate for the year.

Levy rates — not property valuations — drive total property tax revenue.

The levy rate is determined by dividing a given taxing district’s budget total by the sum of all property values within the district. That figure is then multiplied by the property value of each parcel in the district to arrive at the individual property tax burden.

Idaho Code limits taxing districts to an annual budget increase of no more than three percent plus the value of new construction.

This system actually protects property owners from wild swings in tax burdens, which can occur in systems that are tied directly to property value changes.

Generally, tax levies decrease when property values go up, Dygert said.

Final assessments, established with adjustments such as the homeowner’s exemption, are multiplied by the levy rate for each district that serves a particular property to establish each property owner’s tax obligation.

Dygert said what the actual property tax bills will look like around the county won’t be clear until each district’s L-2s are accepted. The county has to certify each district’s levy rate by the third Monday in October each year. That’s Oct. 18 this year.

After certification, Dygert’s office staff goes to work on mailing property tax bills. The bills must be mailed by Nov. 20.

Property owners have until Dec. 20 to pay all or half of their bills. If someone elects to pay just half of the bill in December, they must pay the balance by June 20.

Dygert suspects the levy rates for Owyhee County and the City of Homedale will look much like they did last year.

Both governments decided to take a one-time tax reduction afforded by CARES Act money distributed by Gov. Brad Little’s office. That money allowed Owyhee County and Homedale to maintain a lower levy rate.

“I think it’s going to be pretty comparative,” she said, emphasizing that no one will know for sure until the FY 22 levy rates are finalized in October.

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Jackson library's dinosaur program gets rescheduled

After the stories, the children will have a chance to make a pasta dinosaur and hunt for dinosaur eggs.

The planned dinosaur-themed event at the Opal Nash Story Time has been moved to Monday.

At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, the postponed “Dinosaur Babies” and “We Don’t Eat Our Classmates” will be read for Story Time.

Library hours are 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 library is closed on Sunday.

√ **HES:** New construction opens door to district's plan for all-day kindergarten

Castleton took the opportunity to create a team-building exercise for the HES teaching staff which helped bridge the gap between the old classrooms and the new classrooms.

Homedale School District superintendent and Zone 4 Trustee Shelley Shenk stood nearby while on the other side of the ribbon — in the old part of the elementary school wing — teachers watched and waited.

"We've been down these halls a lot," he said.

The new classrooms have allowed the district to start all-day kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year.

“Thanks to the (school board) for making it happen,” Sauer said. “We have some amazing leaders who volunteer to serve on the board.”

“Write what you love about their room and leave it on their desk,” he said.

For once, passing notes in class was allowed.

The school's open house followed the ribbon cutting.

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Probation ordered in three felony cases

County PA reaches plea deals with defendants

Three people were placed on felony probation following the disposition of separate felony drug cases on Aug. 13. All three defendants received sentencing before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney inside a Murphy courtroom. All three also entered plea agreements with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips.

• **Jordan L. Robbins**, a 21-year-old Homedale resident, was arrested on April 28 and charged with felony methamphetamine possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

Courtney suspended a state penitentiary sentence of up to four years and gave Robbins credit for two days she served in Owyhee County Jail.

According to court records, Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge stopped Robbins on South 1st Street East with knowledge that she was driving on a suspended license. After Officer Danny Zenor's K-9 partner Ruger alerted on the presence of narcotics, the officers found syringe needles, including one with a substance that later tested positive as meth.

In addition to felony probation, Robbins' sentence includes \$500 in fines and \$735.50 in court costs.

• **Brandon Jeffery Roberts**, 23, of Antioch, Calif., received three years felony probation and must pay \$735.50 in court costs. He was sentenced after reaching a plea deal on one felony count of drug possession.

As part of the agreement, Phillips dropped another felony possession charge and misdemeanor counts of drug possession and paraphernalia possession. According to court records, Roberts was arrested on April 30 after a traffic stop and subsequent vehicle search near the Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 interchange west of Marsing. An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy pulled over Roberts after the man made an illegal lane change while merging from U.S. 95 to eastbound Idaho 55.

Marijuana and the tablets that later tested as the drug MDMA, commonly known as Ecstasy, were found in the car and also on Roberts. The sheriff's deputy report states that Roberts tried to tell authorities that a tablet wasn't his because he shares his pants with his brother. In all, deputies and jailers found 23 pills and four grams of pot.

• **Joseph M. Schneider Jr.**, 40, of Caldwell was put on three years felony probation and ordered to pay \$832.50 in court costs during his sentencing. Schneider was arrested on Nov. 3 after a sheriff's deputy stopped him for failing to signal while turning twice in Homedale. During a search, the deputy located 5.9 grams of methamphetamine and a glass pipe, according to his affidavit of probable cause. Marijuana weighting 4.7 grams was also recovered.

Phillips dropped misdemeanor charges for drug possession and paraphernalia possession as part of a plea agreement.

— JPB



HHS grads gather for diamond jubilee reunion
Homedale High School's Class of 1961 came together for its 60th reunion banquet on Aug. 6 at the Caldwell Elks Lodge. Front row, from left: Marlene (Dillon) Pugsley, Carol (Jordan) Dash, Glenda (Watterson) Uranga, Donna (Jorgenson) Rookstool, and Louise (Egurrola) Lizaso. Back row, from left: Bill Purdom, Bob Kushlan, Joan (Jesenko) Noe, Linda (Zittle) Ekren, and Willis Titmus. Submitted photo

Homedale honor graduate receives Realtors scholarship

A recent Homedale High School graduate is among six students to receive Idaho Realtors Award scholarships. Ainslee Evans, who is now a freshman at the University of Idaho in Moscow, was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

"Idaho Realtors is proud to offer scholarship support to these exceptional students," Idaho Realtors Association president Cindy Hunter said. "Their pursuit of higher education will positively impact not only their future but that of their families and their communities. We at Idaho Realtors wish them the very best in all of their future endeavors."

A 2021 HHS honor graduate, Evans is the daughter of Oscar Evans and Clara-Leigh Evans.

Her father is a Realtor. Ainslee plans to study business management with a minor in economics. In addition to being an honor graduate, Evans was senior class president, was active in several sports, and served as an FFA chapter officer for two years.

Other scholarship recipients include: • **Martha Smith, Kooskia** — The Clearwater Valley High School valedictorian earned the Realtors association's top scholarship at \$2,500.

Receiving \$1,500 scholarships are: • **Taci Rouse, New Plymouth** — She'll enroll in the University of Idaho. • **Grace Hanigan, Payette** — The former class valedictorian will attend the University of Idaho as a junior in the fall. • **Dexter Capps, Filer** — He plans to attend The College of Idaho. • **Joe Sparano, Lenore** — The Orofino Jr.-Sr. class valedictorian will attend the University of Idaho.

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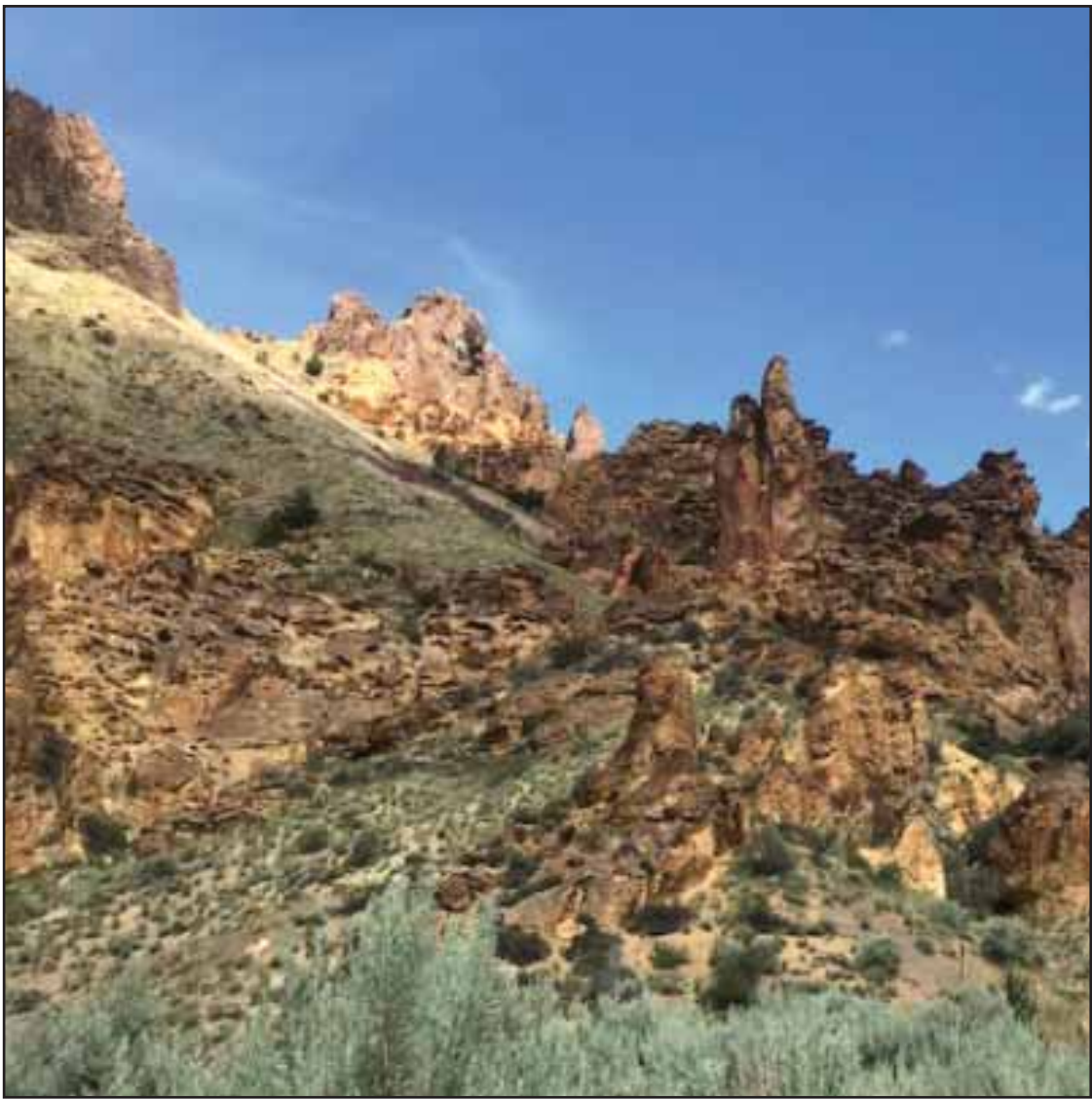
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Leslie Gulch lightning strike

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Leslie Gulch was named for the man who owned the first “photograph gallery” in Silver City. He became a cattleman in the 1870’s. In 1882, Leslie and two other riders, Marion Philpot and George Speed, were moving cattle on the south side of the river when a thunder storm came up. A sudden bolt of lightning struck all three men from their saddles. Two riders were only stunned but Leslie lay unconscious beside his dead horse. After moving Leslie to shelter of some over-hanging rocks, it was decided Philpot should ride for help while Speed stay with the stricken man. Dr. Peters, from Silver City, arrived at the scene at daylight, 36 hours after the accident.

Leslie was carried by horseback 17 miles, placed in a wagon and taken to Silver City. He recognized his wife, who had followed the rescuers, and also his children upon reaching Silver City. He was struck May 25th and died May 31st. The *Idaho Avalanche* called it a “Case for Scientists,” after a post mortem examination had been held by Dr. Peters and Dr. Belknap.

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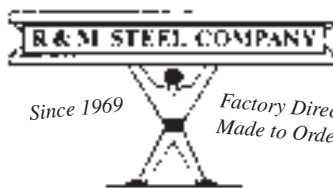
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Grounded HHS hopes to get more air in football this year

Holtry seeks more balance, same ol' defense

Hayden Kincheloe is ready to shoulder the load again.

Homedale High School's hard-nosed senior has recovered from off-season shoulder surgery and returns to the Trojans as the reigning conference Player of the Year.

With that, Homedale's quest for a fourth consecutive appearance in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game starts on the ground.

"We feel good about our run game coming back this season," 13th-year coach Matt Holtry said.

Kincheloe is just the tip of the spear when it comes to the skill players coming back after taking an 8-2 ride to a third consecutive state final appearance.

Junior Jaxon Dines is back at quarterback, and he'll have the same triumvirate — junior Mason Strong and seniors Josh Brown and Eli Heck — running passing routes.

Junior Trenton Fisher

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Assistant coach Randy Lyons (left) holds on to a pad and runs Emilio Cuellar through a blocking drill during a break in the Red and White Scrimmage on Aug. 14.

New football coach enthusiastic about Rimrock's senior core

All-WIC players try to build on 2020's late momentum

After making strides late last season, Rimrock High School football players will try to hit the ground running with a new coach Friday.

First-year teacher Sam Ward will make his high school coaching debut Friday when the Raiders travel to Dietrich.

Ward succeeds Mark Martell, who compiled a 10-24 record in four years at the Rimrock helm.

"I accepted the varsity coaching position because I love football, and I hope to help my athletes enjoy the sport as much as I do," Ward said.

"Another reason is because of the level of support I received from the administration even before I even accepted the position."

Ward grew up in Broadus, Mont., a small town of 450

— See *Rimrock*, page 4B



Sam Ward

Familiar face accepts clipboard for Homedale volleyball

Seasoned players mixed through grade levels

This may be Heidi Nash's first season running the varsity team, but she's no stranger to the Homedale High School volleyball program.

Or Trojans athletics in general.

The 1991 HHS graduate was setter on the Trojans' varsity squad and years later watched as her daughters played soccer, softball and volleyball at Homedale.

Tori played libero in 2013 and 2014, and Sophie was setter between 2016 and 2018.

Mom served as an assistant coach when Sophie played. Gabby played soccer.

"After our youngest daughter, Sophie, graduated from high school, I just assumed that the coaching chapter in my life was closed, and it was time to do something else," Heidi Nash said.

"I got into coaching (softball, basketball, and volleyball) when our girls were young because there was a need, and I love sports and kids, so it was a good fit. I've always enjoyed it and never really got it out of my system even after I stepped away."

Although she pitches in as

— See *Volleyball*, page 3B



Heidi Nash

Huskies could be strong in trenches

Huskies open with Valley for second year

Solid line-play on both sides of the ball figures to be a key to the Marsing High School football team's success in 2021.

The Huskies open the season at 7 p.m., on Friday at Valley High School in Hazelton, taking on a team that is entering just its second season in 11-man football. Marsing beat the Vikings, 39-14, in last season's opener.

Marsing will not play at home until the team's third game of the season, a Sept.

10 non-conference clash with Payette of the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Marsing, which lost five consecutive games to finish the 2020 season 2-5, brings back a talented group of seniors that second-year coach Mike Nunnelee believes could

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Sports

Inexperienced Huskies hit the volleyball court

Scrappy, athletic squad looks to push into districts

After losing a few key components to its 2020 roster, the Marsing High School volleyball team has brought in new talent, including the return of a libero, in the hope of pushing the group into the 2A District III Tournament.

The girls ended their 4-10 campaign last year with a loss to Compass Charter in the district play-in match.

The Huskies open the 2021 season at 6 p.m., today on the road at Liberty Charter in Nampa. The team's first home game will be 6 p.m., Thursday versus Payette.

Third-year coach Amy Chadez and her group of assistants saw 24 girls show up for fall tryouts, guaranteeing that Marsing will have three squads on the court. In addition to the varsity team, the Huskies will have two junior varsity teams.

Last year, the Huskies opted to play without a libero, a sort of additional defensive specialist that plays only on the back line. This year, freshman Raylynn Vanosdall has stepped into that position.

"We have four returning varsity players, (and) two of

those joined mid-season last year," Chadez said. "We will be inexperienced at the varsity level.

"However, these girls are scrappy, coachable, and are open to the new roles some of them are taking this season."

Chadez hopes the team's hard work will pay off during the season.

"We are working hard to be a tough defensive team and to play smart offensively," she said.

Key personnel losses after last season, according to Chadez, were middle blocker MarDee Hall, who moved to Utah, and outside hitter Delaney Percifield, who graduated in May.

The 2021 squad is comprised of:

- **Lexi Loucks (sr., setter)** — "Returning setter, provides stability to our offense ... offers a lot of energy," Chadez said.
- **Emily Thoene (sr., OH)** — "Team player, coachable ... a strong hitter and server."
- **Mila Astorquia (jr., OH)** — "Highly competitive and leads by example ... strong hitter and server."
- **Emily Vanosdall (jr., right side hitter)** — "Athletic and versatile in how she can fill multiple roles as a hitter or an accurate passer ... also a strong server."

- **Llee Loucks (jr., middle blocker)** — "Coachable, positive, and (I am) excited to watch her develop into her role."
- **Anna Gluch (jr., MB)** — "Provides a solid block ... strong server."
- **Abby Percifield (jr., defensive specialist)** — "Will be a go-to passer for us."
- **Raylynn Vanosdall (fr., libero)** — "She can pass, hit, and serve. We look forward to her leading our defensive passing but also offering us offense through back-row attack and serving."

Chadez expects the usual suspects to be the cream of the crop in the conference, with private-school teams (Nampa Christian, The Ambrose School, and Cole Valley Christian) being strong again.

Her expectation is for Melba to lead the way again. The Mustangs topped the conference in 2020 and made it to the 2A state semifinals, losing to eventual tournament champion West Side.

Megan Astorquia will assist Chadez on varsity, while Brandi Chadez, in her third year coaching, will head up the JVA team, and 2017 Marsing graduate and former player LeAnn Garcia will lead the JVB squad.

— TK



Junior outside hitter Mila Astorquia is back for her third varsity season with the Marsing High School volleyball program.

MARSING HUSKIES

Football
Mike Nunnelee, 2nd season
Assistants
Justin Freeman, 6th year
Pat Liskey, 2nd year
Hudson Sauer, 1st year

Volleyball
Amy Chadez, 3rd season
Assistants
Megan Astorquia, 1st season
Brandi Chadez, JVA coach
LeAnn Garcia, JVB coach

Cross country
Clint Thomas, 2nd season

This week's Sports Schedule

Volleyball Varsity
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26, home vs. Payette, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31, home vs. Centennial Baptist, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26, home vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31, home vs. Centennial Baptist, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Football Varsity
Friday, Aug. 27 at Valley, Hazelton, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Aug. 27 at Valley (two quarters), Hazelton, 5 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Aug. 26 at New Plymouth Invitational

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Sports

Marsing cross country opens season in New Plymouth



Sal Mattivi, shown competing in Marsing High School's home meet last year, is back for the Huskies cross country team.

Drawing a large number of cross country athletes has been a bit of a struggle for Marsing High School for the past few years, and this year is no exception.

The team heads into the season with some uncertainty, but the addition of extra summer activity should help the squad achieve some success.

The Huskies open the season Thursday at the New Plymouth Invitational.

Second-year coach Clint Thomas has seven athletes currently, but he's hopeful more will show up soon.

He said the team has shown



Clint Thomas

improvement from last year with the addition of off-season workouts, suggesting the squad is in better shape for the start of the 2021 season.

"We were a young group that did not have much experience," he said. "As a group, we learned that we needed to do more activity over the summer to improve our times in the fall."

Thomas thinks a few athletes will have good performances this year:

• **Sal Mattivi, sophomore** — Mattivi was the top girls' runner last season. "Sal brings a competitive spirit to our team ... She hopes to make it to State this year after missing it last year," Thomas said.

Mattivi's personal record on the 3.1-mile course is 23 minutes, 52 seconds.

• **Josue Espejel, junior** —

Like Mattivi, Espejel consistently led the Marsing boys in 2020. "Josue hopes to better his time for his second season ... He brings a lighter side to the team."

• **Dylan Harris, senior** — Harris is a newcomer to the Huskies' squad. "He hopes to make it to State after a strong track season last year."

Thomas said that it's difficult at this point to guess how his team will fare this season.

"It's hard to tell," he said. "We added workouts this summer, so the kids are looking good, and we hope to place as many kids (at the state meet) as we can."

"The kids have been working hard to start the season (and) have had a positive attitude and are looking forward to the first meet." — TK

✓ Volleyball: Group of passionate, competitive returners thrills new coach

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an administrator with husband Ryan's Owyhee County Judo, Nash said she missed coaching her own clubs.

"Honestly, I spent a lot of time praying about it, and strongly believe I was supposed to get back to doing what I love and feel called to do," she said.

The management side of the varsity position may come naturally for Nash, who works as the College of Western Idaho's assistant director of adult education. She's accustomed to program improvement and change management in her day job.

Those skills may come in handy in her new gig, too.

"Staying focused on our goals and working hard day in and day out will be the key to our success," Nash said. "We have some weeks where we are going to have to grind during late September with a lot of travel and tough competition."

"It will be important that we work on staying healthy, well-rested, and focused."

The tough competition starts early: The Trojans visit reigning 2A District III champion Melba, which finished fourth in the state tournament last year, in their season opener tonight.

"Melba is always a

powerhouse. They are a well-coached team with a tough defense and a big offense," Nash said. "We scrimmaged them this summer, and we look forward to getting back on the court with them and kicking off our season."

On Tuesday, the Trojans are on the road again for a tri-meet in New Plymouth against the Pilgrims and 1A, Div. II state champion Tri Valley. New Plymouth qualified for 2A State last season.

Nash takes over from Evonne McGuire, whose final HHS squad included seniors Kaitlyn Missamore, Kenzi Miller, Ainslee Evans, and Kenna McKay.

There are three seniors on the 2021 team, including defensive specialists **Amaia Aberasturi** and **Belisia Larzelier**, and middle blocker **Laney Swallow**.

• Also back this season is 5-foot, 10-inch junior **Jacy Parker**, who is returning to her middle blocker role after suffering an injury late last season.

"Jacy has a competitive spirit, and is great at fueling the team with her passion. She gets excited and is a vocal leader and encourager," Nash said. "She has the mentality of a middle blocker which will help her be

dominant on the court."

Returning starting setter **Olivia Asumendi** (5-8) figures to continue her crucial role as a sophomore.

"Olivia is battle-tested in highly competitive situations and knows how to handle pressure," Nash said. "She is a tough, talented, deceptive setter, and she will bring fire and passion to the team."

At 5-10, Swallow also brings height and a ton of varsity experience to the front row. This is her third season with the big club.

"She is hard to read as a hitter, and will give opponents trouble. She brings leadership and maturity to the team, and she brings a lot of fun," Nash said. "She knows how to work hard, and she knows how to bring levity — which is really valuable."

Nash knows what she's getting with Swallow and Aberasturi, having coached them on the junior varsity team.

Aberasturi is a three-year varsity athlete in multiple sports, and that experience and honed competitive edge will only help on the court, Nash said.

"She reads and reacts quickly, and it will be great to have her speed and agility on

the court," Nash said.

Larzelier brings similar attributes.

"She's a great passer who reads well. She's got speed on the court, pursues every ball, and she doesn't wear down," Nash said. "She leads her team by example, and is always working to improve."

The other returning starter is outside hitter **Katie Christoffersen**, a 5-7 junior.

"Katie is really athletic and has the ability to make every ball better," the new coach said. "She's a selfless team player who works hard and wants to compete."

Three of four newcomers will focus on offense:

• **Zayne Hall, 5-9, so., hitter** — Even though her 5-9 height suits her well for the roles of outside hitter and right side hitter, Nash said Hall has the chops to contribute in the rotation as a defensive specialist.

"She's athletic with a great vertical, and we are excited to see where she can help this year," the coach said. "She has the potential to be a great player and a dynamic threat."

• **Jocelyn Roseborough, 5-5, so., outside hitter** — Like Hall, Roseborough is penciled in for some time at defensive specialist, too. She was a

middle blocker for the JV squad last season.

She can be a sparkplug, too, Nash said.

"She's great at celebrating on the court, and we are excited by her attitude, work ethic, and willingness to pursue the ball," the coach said.

• **Olivia Smith, 5-10, jr., middle blocker, right side** — The coach said Smith is still learning angles on her spikes, but she has great potential with a long reach and the ability to set a "great" pin block.

"It's going to be fun to see and deadly when she puts it all together," Nash said.

• **Sydney Davis, jr., defensive specialist and setter** — Nash says Davis is fearless and a hard worker with a great attitude.

"She's an athletic player with a tough mindset," the coach said. "She reads well and has the mentality of a defensive specialist."

"She's not afraid of anything and brings great hands to the back row."

Nash is excited about the product that's building for the court.

"We will be fun to watch," she said. "We will be a scrappy, tough-serving team with an up-tempo offense."

— JPB

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Sports

✓ Huskies: Returning seniors have big shoes to fill with Arriaga gone

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be pivotal.
“Our strength will be our line, which will be anchored by returners Ryan Orndorff, Kail Wyman, Jonathan Ineck, and Mikey Acosta,” Nunnelee said.

Senior James Hance, who was the primary backup to Isai Arriaga last season, also returns to the defensive line, while starting at running back on offense.

“Our weakness will be a lack of experience and numbers,” Nunnelee said.

The coach expects about 30 players on the varsity roster.

While Nunnelee expects the big boys up front to be the strength of the team, the graduation of several key players causes a dearth of leadership. But the absences can also create opportunities for those left behind to step up.

The team will miss the leadership and solid contribution of Arriaga, an All-2A Western Idaho Conference first-team running back who was also recognized as a second-team linebacker.

Austin Pool was also an important piece in the Huskies’ season as a second-team all-conference wide receiver and defensive back.

Cody Floyd was an honorable mention running back and linebacker.

Nunnelee’s key returners this season include:

• **Hance (sr., running back/defensive line, 5 feet, 10 inches, 195 pounds)** — “He is a smart runner and aggressive D-lineman who also



Isai Arriaga was a force for the Marsing High School football team last season both as a running back and a linebacker. He graduated in the spring and plans to wrestle for Eastern Oregon University.

brings leadership to the team,” Nunnelee said.

• **Orndorff (sr., OL/DL, 5-9, 220)** — “He was the main reason Isai had holes on the left side of our line last year ... very strong on the (offensive line) and usually drives his defender out of the play.”

• **Ineck (sr., C/DL, 5-10, 155)** — “Extremely fast off the ball on both (offense and defense) ... regardless of his size, he is a playmaker due

to speed, aggression, and desire.”

• **Wyman (so., OL/DL, 5-10, 215)** — “He started as a freshman last year and was a bit green but has gained 25 pounds and picked up strength and speed ... He looks amazing this summer and did much damage in camp.”

• **Trayton Jacobi (sr., RB/LB, 6-2, 210)** — “Trayton was injured for much of last season, but when healthy he

was a huge force at the linebacker position ... he pursues and attacks very fast.”

Nunnelee also expects good things from a few newcomers:

• **Cash Hance (fr., RB/LB, 5-8, 175)** — “He will start on the varsity squad as a freshman ... has the feet and skills of a varsity player right now.”

• **Carlos Morales (sr., OL/DL, 6-3, 225)** — “Carlos hasn’t played since middle

school due to work but was an absolute beast then ... a large and strong player, and we hope he picks up the aggression as shown in the past.”

• **Acosta (jr., TE/DL, 6-2, 210)** — “Mikey played some varsity (last season) and showed huge improvement weekly ... He made some major receptions last season and stood strong at defensive end ... With increased speed and experience, we expect big things from him.”

The expected starting lineup this season includes Jordan Blas (jr., QB, 5-8, 155); James Hance; Cash Hance; Colton Brown (sr., RB/LB, 5-7, 160); Acosta; Clayton Shoffner (jr., WR/DB, 5-9, 155); Orndorff; Wyman; Ineck; Morales; Mason Archer (sr., OL/DL, 5-8, 165); Jacobi; Aaron Robles (sr., RB/DB, 5-8, 145); and Braeden Davis (jr., WR/DB, 5-8, 140).

Nunnelee said that his defense will alternate between 4-4 and 4-3 configurations. On offense, the team figures to run a wing-T.

He suspects that the 2A WIC will likely shape up in a similar fashion to last season with Melba finishing as top dog in the conference. The Mustangs, led by former Rimrock coach Juan Colunga, were unbeaten in conference play last season.

Nunnelee is assisted on the sidelines by Justin Freeman, who is in his sixth year on the coaching staff, Pat Liskey (second), and Hudson Sauer (first).

— TK

✓ Rimrock: New coach takes over Raiders roster that seems to on the rise

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people in the southeast corner of the state. He played football and basketball at Powder River County District High School in Broadus and moved on to Montana State University in Bozeman.

Majoring in Health Enhancement Education with a minor in History Teaching, Ward graduated in May and accepted a position at Rimrock.

Although he didn’t play college football, he observed how a program was operated during one season as the Bobcats’ equipment manager.

“I was able to be a part of that atmosphere and to see how a football program can be run,” he said.

Ward inherits a team that lost just one senior — first-team All-1A Western Idaho Conference player and El Korah East-West Senior All-Star Michael Nanney.

The team finished 2020 on an upswing, crushing Greenleaf Friends Academy, 68-6, then knocking off Wilder, 58-20, for the first victory against the Wildcats in Martell’s tenure.

One of the key seniors this year, Pedro Varela caught a

crucial touchdown from Nanney in the win over Wilder.

Varela was a first-team all-conference defensive back and an honorable mention wide receiver as a junior.

Another standout entering his senior season is Gus Black, who was a two-way first-teamer in 2020 at defensive end and running back. He switched to the front line from linebacker earlier in the campaign.

Black led the team with 69 tackles, including 53 solo stops and 16 tackles for loss. He also piled up a team-best 586 yards out of the backfield, scoring

five touchdowns.

Honorable mention linebacker Alex Martinez will provide more senior leadership.

“This year, I have a great group of seniors who are passionate about the game and have a desire to lead their teammates, which I hope will develop into a continued culture of leadership in our program,” Ward said. “Each year, I will continue to focus on fundamentals and grow from there.”

First-team all-conference linebacker Aden Aquiso returns for his junior season.

As a rookie coach, Ward is

focusing on foundation.

“I am concentrating on building the players’ grasp on the fundamentals of football and focusing on the mental side of the game as well, specifically on mental toughness, grit and accountability,” he said.

Ward understands that the Raiders program is in the midst of a long-term rebuild, and that includes getting players game-time reps.

“During the season I’m going to be working on getting as many of my athletes involved in the game as possible,” he said.

— JPB

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Sports



Trainload of tradition

Homedale High School’s current football team begins the season in search of the program’s fourth consecutive appearance in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game. As mapped out on the freshly painted boxcar at Deward Bell Stadium (right) another trip would mark only the second time in history that a Trojans team has played for the state championship in four consecutive years (1984 to 1987). Homedale is looking for its fourth straight 3A Snake River Valley conference title. The conference title box car (left) shows that Homedale teams have won multiple strings of championships, including 16 straight from 1973 to 1988, seven straight from 1997 to 2003, and three consecutive titles from 1958 to 1960 and the present streak that started in 2018.

✓ HHS: Stopping run, finding offensive balance between air, ground key

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returns as a flex option in the offense, and senior Willie White will share backfield time with Kincheloe.

The key to the offense, the coach said, is the passing game emerging to keep opposing defenses honest.

“We feel confident in the knowledge of our scheme, and the development in our passing game should help keep teams balanced through the season,” Holtry said.

A ton of talent returns to a 4-2-5 defensive scheme, too.

“The defensive staff all returning this season gives us consistency in the program and the kids understanding of what we’re trying to accomplish on the defensive side of the ball,” Holtry said.

Returning seniors Obed Palacios and Willy Haun anchor the defensive line just as they will on the offensive side of the ball.

“Key starting defensive linemen in Haun and Palacios along with starting linebacker Willie White will be key to our success in stopping the run,”

Caldwell recommends football fans wear masks

Administrators from both high schools battling in Friday’s Homedale-Caldwell season-opening football game remind spectators there are COVID-19 protocols in place.

The game will be played at 7 p.m., at Caldwell High School.

Fans and parents are advised to park in the southwest parking lot at the high school, 3401 S. Indiana Ave.

The game will be streamed on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) website for a fee.

Masks are highly recommended for fans, and hand sanitizer will be available for spectators. Attendees are reminded to wash their hands regularly.

Parents and fans are asked to stay home if they have come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Holtry said.

Just as they will try to fire up the Trojans’ offense, Heck, Brown and Strong will attempt to douse opposing passing games.

The Trojans’ focus on defense — and the season for that matter — is clear.

“We will continue to focus on stopping the run games that we face throughout the season,” Holtry said.

“Knowing what we have to prepare for as we attempt to make another run in the playoffs will be helpful in our preparation as well.”

The Trojans open the season Friday on the road against Class 4A Caldwell. The non-conference Cougars — who used to be coached by current HHS assistant Matt Strong — have lost or forfeited 16 consecutive games and 39 of their past 43 games dating to the 2016 season.

The Cougars’ season was cut short last year as the team was forced to forfeit games because of injuries and poor grades.

The teams haven’t opened the season against one another since 2013 when Homedale squeaked out a 22-21 victory on the road. The Cougars beat Homedale, 26-20, at Deward Bell Stadium to start the 2012 season.

The Trojans’ 2021 season features three straight home games in the non-conference schedule — Ontario, Ore. (Sept. 3), Baker, Ore. (Sept. 10) and Sandpoint (Sept. 17) — before opening the 3A Snake River Valley conference season on the road against McCall-Donnelly on Sept. 24. “As we always feel, the SRV is one of, if not the best conference in the 3A, so we

have to prepare each and every week as such,” Holtry said.

“McCall will be much improved this year, and Weiser and Fruitland are always going to reload.”

Holtry enters the season as the third-winningest coach in Trojans history.

His 13 seasons tie Jim Macmillan (1982-1994) for longest tenure.

With an 82-37 career record, Holtry stands 10 wins from tying second-place Daryl Kellum, who posted a 92-13 record between 1973 and 1981. Macmillan holds the program record with 125 victories between 1982 and 1994.

Holtry has led the Trojans to winning records each season since 2013. The eight consecutive seasons above .500 is second on the HHS list to Kellum, who had winning seasons in each of his nine years as boss.

The Homedale program has 533 victories since 1939, including 491 since Deward Bell took over the program in 1955.

— JPB



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Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo



The Pee Wee boys' division all around championship was split between three cowboys (from left) Reece Carson, Myles Macedo, and Blayze Painter. Submitted photos



Ivy Jo Stoddart took home the buckle for the Mini Mite Division girls' all around championship.

Saturday's results

Championship buckles by Tres Rios Silver

Open Team Roping

1. Meg Eiguren and Tayler Eiguren; 2. Kasen Post and Quintin Moffis; 3. Jace Grenke and Alex Williams; 4. Stetson Mackenzie and Willy Jepsen; 5. Tayler Eiguren and Birch Eiguren

Senior Girls

All Around — Deonna Barnard

Breakaway roping — 1. Tayler Eiguren; 2. Chantry Brackett; 3. Ella McConnell; 4. Cassidy Crockett; 5. Ava Collins

Barrel racing — 1. Georgia King; 2. Deonna Barnard; 3. Laramie Richardson; 4. Ellie Brunko; 5. Isabella Johnson

Pole bending — 1. Deonna Barnard; 2. Jessica Young; 3. Ellie Brunko; 4. Georgia King; 5. Isabella Johnson

Boys

All Around — Kase Schaffeld

Calf roping — 1. Jace Grenke; 2. Coy Schaffeld

Breakaway roping — 1. Quintin Moffis; 2. Kase Schaffeld; 3. Kasen Post; 4. Birch Eiguren

Cow riding — 1. Ryker Layne; 2. (tie) Kase Schaffeld; Ian Evers; 4. Jace Grenke; 5. Mateo Delgado

Junior Girls

All Around — Ella McConnell and Kinlee Post

Goat tying — 1. Hazie



Tayler Eiguren, open team roping champion with partner Meg Eiguren.



Georgia King, barrel racing, Senior Division



Jace Grenke, calf roping, Senior Division



Kinlee Post, barrel racing, Junior Division

Woodland; 2. Ella McConnell; 3. Mesa Mackenzie; 4. Josie Showalter; 5. Paisley Pearson

Barrel racing — 1. Kinlee Post; 2. Audry Winkles; 3. Ella McConnell; 4. Lily Schwabauer; 5. Quincie Hafen

Pole bending — 1. Kinlee Post; 2. Quincie Hafen; 3. Ella McConnell; 4. Mesa Mackenzie; 5. Josie Showalter

Boys

All Around — Willy Jepsen

Breakaway roping — 1. Willy Jepsen; 2. Colt Byrd; 3. Brogan Gebauer; 4. Colby Carson; 5. Hunter Metcalf

Flag race — 1. Colby Carson; 2. Willy Jepsen; 3. Trevor Burdick; 4. Pace Bruce; 5. Hunter Metcalf

Calf riding — 1. Colt Crock-

ett; 2. Stetson Mackenzie; 3. Colt Byrd; 4. Ryker Layne; 5. Cal Johnson

Pee Wee Girls

All Around — Oakley Mackenzie

Goat tail tying — 1. Oakley Mackenzie; 2. Karlee Smith; 3. Jocelyn McConnell; 4. Baylee Harris; 5. Rhenlee Noble

Barrel racing — 1. Oakley Mackenzie; 2. Carlee Mackenzie; 3. Cadee Carson; 4. Baylee Harris; 5. Hallie Jo Rhoades

Pole bending — 1. Cadee Carson; 2. Karlee Smith; 3. Oakley Mackenzie; 4. Hallie Jo Rhoades; 5. Mya Piquet

Boys

All Around — Reece Car-

son, Myles Macedo, Blayze Painter

Goat tail tying — 1. Cash Miller; 2. Reece Carson; 3. Cooper Rheuby; 4. Clancy Clemons; 5. Myles Macedo

Flag race — 1. Blayze Painter; 2. Case Crockett; 3. Myles Macedo; 4. Reece Carson; 5. Clancy Clemons

Pole bending — 1. Myles Macedo; 2. Blayze Painter; 3. Reece Carson; 4. Hudson Christenson; 5. Kelton Mackenzie

Mini Mite Girls

All around — Remi Estep and Ivy Jo Stoddart

Goat tail untying — 1. Remi Estep; 2. Bailey Smith; 3. Blake Lequerica; 4. Bryndle Smith; 5. Ivy Jo Stoddart

Flag race — 1. Ivy Jo Stoddart; 2. Mylee Macedo; 3. Dylann White

Barrel racing — 1. Jetta Steele; 2. Remi Estep; 3. Ivy Jo Stoddart; 4. Mylee Macedo; 5. Oaklee Heithecker

Boys

All around — Kash Mackenzie and Klay Lequerica

Goat tail untying — 1. Kash Mackenzie; 2. Cord Burlile; 3. Royce Noble; 4. Klay Lequerica; 5. Calyn Leedom

Flag race — 1. Klay Lequerica; 2. Cord Burlile; 3. Kash Mackenzie; 4. Luke Richards; 5. Rhett Kozisek

Barrel racing — 1. Klay Lequerica; 2. Kash Mackenzie; 3. Royce Noble; 4. Jaxon Bruce; 5. Stace Stringer

Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo



Stetson Mackenzie of Rockville finished second in the Junior Division boys' calf riding with a 58-point ride.



Left: Homedale's Karlee Smith was runner-up in the Pee Wee girls' pole bending with a 25.477-second performance.
Right: Ellie Brunko of Homedale took third place in the girls' senior pole bending, clocking a 24.82-second run.



Marsing's Clancy Miller competed in Junior Division boys' events, including the flag race.



Mesa Mackenzie of Rockville was third in the Junior Division girls' goat tying in 14.22.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Visiting dogs

When I hear a truck pull up in front of the house and the pandemonium of dogs barkin’ that would wake a hibernating mastodon, I relax. It’s only my neighbor, D. K., come to borrow something of his back.

He doesn’t get this ferocious reception because he’s on the canine list of unsavory visitors or because he has the reputation of annoying domestic animals on a regular basis. It’s because his two dogs usually accompany him on his rounds.

My dogs even bark at his pickup when he drives in anticipating that his dogs will be in the back. On those rare occasions when he comes “undogged,” my dogs give him a withering glare and stomp off. It’s like they are disappointed.

After all, what else have they got to do? Watch the sheep through the fence? Go to the pasture and check the cows? Sneak up on the creek in hopes of scaring the urea out of the ducks?

I watched them the last time I went to D. K.’s to borrow his brush hog. My dogs were leaning out the side already clearing their throats as we neared his place. I deliberately drove by the first turn-in. Both dogs jerked their heads around and glared at me through the back window. I could see Hattie mouthing the words, “Hey, turkey, ya missed it!”

I turned in the second drive, and we were met with the raucous sounds of a rabbit let go in a dog kennel. I pulled to a stop as D. K.’s dogs surrounded the pickup barking at the top of their dog lungs.

My dogs were leaning out over the side like seasick fishermen returning in kind, bark for bark. It was deafening.

But I noticed D. K.’s dogs never got quite close enough to touch noses, and mine knew just how far to lean to avoid actual contact.

One might think it was all for show. Protecting their territory, as if his were shouting, “Don’t you dare get out,” and mine were screaming, “No way we’re lettin’ you jump in this truck!”

Or they could just be visiting like old folks at a reunion, “HOW ARE YOU, TEX! I HEAR YOU GOT A NEW HEARING AID! WHAT KIND IS IT?”

“QUARTER TO FOUR!”

I’ve gotten to where I don’t worry about it much. Dogs like to bark. It’s in their job description. It probably doesn’t irritate the dogs near as much as it does us humans. They just communicate at different decibel levels. It’s part of nature. It’s possible even aphids bark at each other and we just can’t hear it. But it must drive the ants crazy.

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

Letters to the editor

All voters, not just parents, should support quality education

All the information we need to know about the upcoming school bond election can be found in last week’s *Avalanche* or on the school district’s flier at www.homedaleschool.org. The need for these improvements is undeniable. We, as a community, need to prepare for growth. Either we create more space or we will be overcrowded.

There are those who no longer have children or even grandchildren in our district. They may feel they have no stake in this venture, but I would like to remind all of them, myself included, that many times in our community’s history others in that same position have stepped up and supported our children. Even though they no longer had children

in the district, they felt the need to have a positive influence for all the children.

Homedale has so many who have dedicated themselves tirelessly, both as employees and volunteers, to the success of our kids. Homedale has great parents and kids who can be commended for our successful graduation rates. Let’s give our community a high school of which we can all be proud.

I encourage each and everyone to turn out on Aug. 31 at the Homedale Community Center and cast a “yes” vote for the continued success of Homedale kids!

Mil Nash Shanley
Homedale

Bond means revitalized high school for revitalized Homedale

We don’t have to tell you our Homedale community is experiencing new growth. There’s new shops in town, new businesses in the area, new houses being constructed, new friends all around, and new students in our schools.

It’s exciting to see the revitalization happening in our town. Our schools are a huge part of this. We have excellent teachers and staff, a modern middle school, and a recently improved elementary building.

With the upcoming bond election, you can vote yes to make much-needed updates, and additions to our high school facilities.

Thankfully our Homedale school board has made sound budget decisions over the years that can make

this happen. We have a unique opportunity to pass a bond that in of itself will not raise our taxes, and will have a portion paid for by the State of Idaho if it passes now. Talk about a win-win situation.

Our family has around 35 past and present Homedale students. We love this district and will continue to support it for our kids and for yours. All patrons of the Homedale School District will be using the same polling place for this election.

Please join us and vote yes on Aug. 31 at the Owyhee County Community Center located at the fairgrounds.

Kristie and Gary Garrett
Homedale

Community rises up when Marsing woman falls down

I am the 82-year-old woman who fell on Main Street in Marsing on July 22, 2021.

I want to thank the three young men who ran to help me. Both of my elbows were broken, and the left arm has even more fractures. I am now healing at home with my daughters helping me.

One of the young men called for the ambulance while one put my package back in my car and the other put my purse safely on my tummy.

My daughter in Meridian asked to have me taken to St. Luke’s Hospital on Eagle Road. On the way, the Marsing ambulance blew a tire on I-84 near Ten Mile Road, so a Nampa ambulance came and took

me the last few miles.

I want to thank everyone for all of their help. I did not get any of their names except Betty, who rode with me in the ambulance. I could not have been in better hands anywhere. My compliments to the mothers, who raised those handsome young men! One wore a uniform, may have been a deputy or a police officer.

I spent time at St. Luke’s, Meridian, then was taken to Aspen Rehab on S. Eagle Road. Everyone was wonderful and I thank them all!

Eileen Barayasarra
Marsing

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse COVID vaccine is our best shot at keeping kids in school



Idaho students are back to their classrooms — a welcome transition for students and families across our state.

Our main defense in ensuring the new school year is entirely in-person — free from outbreaks and quarantines — is the COVID-19 vaccine.

The highly contagious Delta variant is circulating in our communities, and hospitals are filling up again with COVID patients. This time, though, the patients are almost entirely unvaccinated people.

Our students need to be able to learn in their classrooms with their teachers and peers. We can give our kids the best chance at a normal school year if more Idahoans choose to receive the vaccine.

Just over half of Idaho’s adult population is

vaccinated, with the greatest share of those vaccinated over the age of 65. I want to thank the close to 800,000 Idahoans for choosing to protect yourselves, your loved ones, our economy, and our students by making that choice.

I understand there are many who simply will not receive the vaccine under any circumstances, but there are also a lot of others who are on the fence about receiving the vaccine.

To those friends and neighbors of ours waiting to receive the vaccine, the time to get the vaccine is now — when our students are going back to school.

We can minimize or eliminate disruptions in

— See *Vaccine*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Tenants are making it difficult to sell rental property

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have a rental property in South Carolina we want to sell. The current renters' lease is up in December, but our property manager tells us the renters won't let anyone in the home, not even just for photos to post online, because of COVID-19. How do you think we should handle this situation?

— Tracy

Dear Tracy,
I don't know much about current COVID-19 restrictions in South Carolina, but this sounds suspicious to me. I'm also thinking your property manager is kind of a wuss, but I have the spiritual gift of

cynicism.
I'm old school, and if I own a house, I'd like to go in it any time I want — within reason, of course — if renters are in there. They have the legal right of quiet enjoyment, meaning I don't get to show up at all hours and harass them. But I'm not letting them stiff-arm me and use COVID-19 as an excuse. I mean, tenants thinking they have the right to give the landlord and owner zero access? Maybe places like the Socialist Republic of California allow this kind of crap, but most states have common sense, plus reasonable tenant and landlord protections. Yeah, the whole feel of this makes me think



there's something very wrong going on inside this house. I can imagine your frustration, Tracy. It makes me angry just thinking about it. If they've

got a sick child or adult in the home, or someone's out of work but actively looking for a job, then I'll show a lot of compassion and back off a little. I'll try to work with them to resolve things in a way that's good for everyone. But if they're just playing games or misbehaving and using COVID-19 as an excuse on top of that, I'd have no problem removing them.
I think you need to dig a little deeper on this one. Check the current laws in South Carolina, especially any laws concerning a possible eviction moratorium, and get in touch with a good real estate attorney. There are times when we're called upon to be

understanding and generous. But I have very little tolerance for someone who tries to take advantage of me.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and 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.

✓ Vaccine: Idahoans can do part to keep economy, schools open

From Page 8B
the delivery of education, as well as sports and extracurricular activities during this school year, if more Idahoans choose to get vaccinated.
Our younger population — children under age 12 — cannot receive the vaccine, and they need us — the adults — to make the right decision now so they can stay well and have a productive, successful school year.
Parents of 12- to 17-year-olds are also encouraged to have your children vaccinated. Your child's pediatrician can help if you have questions about the vaccine.
Two hundred million Americans have received the vaccine safely. The risk of death or serious injury is extremely low. By comparison, the risk of death or hospitalization from the COVID-19 disease is much, much higher, and it's growing.
While dysfunction persists in the Biden White House at the national level — with failed approaches on the border crisis, Afghanistan, and the pandemic — Idahoans here at home can control what happens in our schools and our communities by choosing to receive the vaccine and giving students our best shot at keeping them in school.
Now is the time to choose to receive the vaccine!

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

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:
• E-mailed to jon@owyheecalifornia.com
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

From Washington

Making saving for retirement easier

The pandemic put a great deal of economic stress on workers and retirees, and some had no choice but to withdraw money from their retirement accounts to make ends meet. As the economy continues to bounce back, we have a chance to build on the success of the Setting Every Community up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act of 2019 in a bipartisan way to help make it easier for Idahoans and all Americans to save for retirement.



Mike Crapo

In 2019, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law the SECURE Act to improve opportunities for Americans to save for retirement. The law improves access to multiple employer plans (MEPs) that enable small employers to work together to obtain more favorable and less expensive pension investment options. The law provides for the creation of a tax credit of up to \$500 per year to employers to help with startup costs for new retirement plans that include automatic enrollment. The law also better enables long-term, part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans and more.
Private retirement savings and retirement security are issues in the Senate Finance Committee's jurisdiction that have a history of bipartisan cooperation. I serve as Ranking Member of this committee that recently held a hearing to discuss how Congress can build on that bipartisan track record.
In 2015, under then-Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), I co-chaired the Finance Committee's "Savings and Investment Tax Working Group" with Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio). That working group examined a host of proposals to increase access to retirement plans, increase participation in plans and preserve retirement savings. Many of the findings from the working group — including open multiple employer plans and provisions to help long-term, part-time workers — were the precursor to the Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act (RESA)

and ultimately the SECURE Act.
The range of ideas put forth in Congress to build on these past laws and improve the retirement system are all important, but my focus is on three points that are the most pressing for Idahoans and Americans across the country:
• First, Congress should enact policies that encourage workers to save so they can enjoy a secure retirement. One survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor found that while 71 percent of civilian workers had access to retirement benefits, the participation rate for that same group was only 55 percent. This survey was conducted only months after the SECURE Act was enacted, so I will be interested to see updated studies and surveys in the future. But, the concern remains about whether enough workers are saving for retirement.
• Second, I frequently hear from small business owners in Idaho who tell me how expensive and cumbersome the rules are to offer their employees a retirement plan. These employers want to provide retirement benefits, but it is just not economically feasible. I am interested in considering what Congress can do to make it easier and cheaper for the smallest businesses to offer retirement plans for their employees.
• Third, our economy is constantly evolving. People are working longer, workers are changing jobs more often and the number of 'gig workers' is on the rise. Our retirement system must adapt with this changing landscape so every worker has a chance to save for a secure retirement.
There is no better time for Congress to consider further retirement legislation that will meet these needs. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress as we consider steps to increase retirement savings opportunities for Idahoans and all Americans.

— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 28, 1996



Flippin’ burgers

Tim Lowry (back to camera) was one of the volunteers cooking hamburgers Saturday night at the Helen Chenoweth fund-raiser at Givens Hot Springs. Overseeing the operation is Chris Salove, who with Jerry Hoagland, organized the event.

Superintendents oppose Proposition One

Fearing large-scale budget reductions, implementation problems and loss of local control, the Owyhee County school superintendents are lining up against the one percent tax initiative Proposition One.

The superintendents, who were briefed on the proposal at the statewide superintendents meeting on Aug. 8 by the Idaho State Tax Commission, all said that the proposed tax cut would cause problems for their districts.

“Proposition One will be disastrous,” said Marsing superintendent Dan Arriola.

Proposition One, which will appear on the ballot in November, intends to end property tax hikes by limiting the tax to one percent of the assessed value. The initiative also proposes to end all funding for education with property taxes.

That means \$228 million in lost revenues for education and \$70 million to city and county governments.

Council agrees to give library more funding

In a move that will give library employees more hours and allow them to take vacations, the Homedale city council agreed to increase the library budget by \$3,000 on Thursday night.

Council agreed to the budget change after library board chairman Eloise Dexter and director Margaret Fujishin complained that library employees have not been treated fairly by the city.

“I kind of feel like we are the ugly step child that has been pushed aside,” said Dexter standing before the council members.

“We don’t have any money for repairs and upkeep. We always have to work on a contingency fund that we have to work around.”

Mayor Paul Fink replied that council originally denied the request because a library representative was not present at the budget hearing in August. He added that he supported the increase and wants to insure that the library doesn’t lose any staff members.

Two honored by employers and school

Two Marsing residents were honored by the University of Idaho Cooperative Education Program.

Alayna Malmberg, a junior chemistry and veterinary science major, was nominated by Northwest Trek Wildlife Park; and Barry Malmberg, a senior in chemistry and chemical engineering, was nominated by Boise Cascade.

50 years ago

August 26, 1971



BEEF ON THE HOOF drew the spotlight at the Owyhee County Fair as judges looked over the entries of these young showmen. Terri Swinney, 12, below, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Swinney, shows off her champion steer. Terri is a member of the Better Beef and Bacon 4-H club of Grand View. Photo by Bette Uda

Historical society “burns mortgage” on museum

The Owyhee County Historical Society achieved its goal and the new addition to the museum was completed debt-free with a small amount of money remaining in the treasury.

This was the good news announced at the bi-monthly meeting Friday night by President Al Walradt. Julie Hyslop, museum director, asked for help in placing shelves, part of which will be donated.

Dr. Merle Wells, director of the Idaho State Historical Society, was guest speaker and discussed activities of Indians who roamed the area in the early days.

The usual social hour was held after the meeting at the museum with Mrs. Irene Peer in charge of refreshments.

Joe Nettleton discussed pioneer cemeteries and the need for their upkeep and maintenance. A committee will be named to undertake this work and assist Mr. Nettleton.

Bronze Star given to Oreana soldier

OREANA – Army Spec. 4 James F. Hopson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hopson, Oreana, recently received the Bronze Star medal near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Spec. Hopson received the award while assigned as a mechanic in Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry of the 23 Infantry Division’s 11th Infantry Brigade.

Wayne Thawley tops cowboys at Owyhee rodeo

A Caldwell top hand, Wayne Thawley, was named all-around cowboy after the final night of competition at the Owyhee County Rodeo Saturday. He joined with Jim Rutledge, Boise, to score a 26.27 in team roping to win the event.

Tom Eddy, Meridian, and Lonnie Wright, Nampa, were second; Bob Basey, and Tom Conroy, Homedale, third; and Butch Coulter and Don Dixon, Nampa, fourth in team roping.

Other final standings were: Calf roping – 1. Darrell Sewell, Lucille, Idaho, 25.92 for two calves; Steer wrestling – 1. Bob Monroe, Buhl, 15.49 for two steers; Bareback bronc – 1. Larry Brown, Gooding, 117 points for two horses; Bull riding – Bill Hubben and Marlin Kennedy, Nampa, tie with 63 points each; Saddle bronc – 1. Dennis Manning, Burley, 130 points for two horses; Wild horse race – 1. Ron Rookstool, Parma; Barrel Racing – 1. Karen Crowder, Boise, 36.34 for two barrels; Kids calf riding – 1. Gheen Christofferson, Homedale, 61 points.

155 years ago

August 25, 1866

A YEAR IN OWYHEE.—The past twelve months have worked vast changes in Owyhee county. At that time the mills were four in number, and of the aggregate capacity of twenty-seven stamps; now, there are ten mills of one hundred and two stamps. There was but one sawmill; now there are five — and business for all. Then there were but two mines yielding pay ore; now there are at least six, and a score more just awaiting further development (which is going forward) to be placed on the list. This estimate of mines leaves Flint out of the question, which district has received much attention and decided improvements — among which we may note a quartz mill, many new discoveries, and satisfactory tests of old ones. Then we had but an indifferent road to and from here; now, we have three: an excellent one down Jordan Creek to Baxter’s Ranch, connecting with the Overland roads to California; an equally good one leading to Flint District, and via Hall’s Ranch to the Jordan Creek road, and is being extended to Ives’ Cañon on the Humboldt route; and the old one down Reynolds Creek greatly improved. Then we had but one uncertain and unpaid mail communication; now we have three tri-weekly routes over which the mails are carried with dispatch, and by which we are placed in close communication with San Francisco. Then we were lucky in getting letters or freight from below in twenty days; this week we received a lot of freight in just *six and one-half* days after shipment at San Francisco, via the Idaho and Chico Stage Line. Ruby has increased in size one-third, and Silver is more than two-thirds larger than in August 1865. Three banking houses and as many assay offices have been established. Business houses of all descriptions, it is needless to say, have more than kept up to the public requirements. There are, at this time, buildings — some fire-proof — going up on all sides. Society has not improved with the same rapidity as our towns and population. As yet there is little sociability — each man and woman being too intensely absorbed in business to give much attention to a better organization of society. However, some progress has been made. A very creditable church has been erected in Ruby, and is as well-filled each Sabbath as we’ve ever seen in a new mining camp. A move is now on foot, with fair hopes of success, to erect Catholic and Protestant Churches in Silver, showing that the average tendency of our citizens is to a higher standard of civilization. We have no reason to doubt, and many to believe, that another year will exhibit greater improvement. Next year’s labor may not appear so great to the superficial observer, but will be of far greater value than that of the past. We have every reason to expect a prosperous future for Owyhee.

FRED’S SALOON! !

...and...

SHOOTING GALLERY!

Cellar room, McGeery’s Building, SILVER CITY, Washington Street.

NOW, IF YOU WANT THE TOP DRINKING OR SHOOTING

Entertainments, go to Fred’s. He has laughed and grown fat and can teach the art to others. Lessons every day and night. His liquors, wines, lager and cigars are the best, and as a mixologist he stands unrivaled. The room is large, airy, neat, and everything inviting. He always Subscribes himself.

Yours respectfully,
C. F. DOLBERG, Proprietor.

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

Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
CEMETERY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Cemetery District 30073 Hot Springs Rd. – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 position) – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District 4410 Cemetery Rd. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term		
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District 239 Morning Sun Drive – Nampa, ID Commissioner District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner District #2 – 4 year term		
Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho St. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year terms		
CITY POSITION ELECTIONS		
City of Grand View 425 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
City of Homedale 31 W Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Mayor – 4 year term Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms		
City of Marsing 18 Sandbar Ave. – Marsing, Idaho Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms		
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Fire Protection District 31286 Highway 51 – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Zone #1 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 720 Roosevelt Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 2 year term		
Homedale Rural Fire Protection District 19 East Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term		
Marsing Rural Fire Protection District 303 Main Street – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Owyhee Co. Zone – 4 year term Commissioner Floater Zone – 4 year term		
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District 17104 Tumbleweed Ln. – Murphy, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 position) – 4 year terms		
Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365 39678 State Hwy. 78 – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Homedale Joint School District #370 116 East Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term		
Marsing Joint School District #363 209 8th Ave. West – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term		
Melba School District #136 520 Broadway Ave. – Melba, Idaho Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term		
Pleasant Valley School District #364 28026 Juniper Mountain Road – Pleasant Valley, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1) – 4 year term		
Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416 864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (2) – 4 year terms		
Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. All Political Subdivision forms are available at the addresses listed above.		
08/25,09/01/2021		

Public notices

**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Homedale School District No. 370 Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, that a bond election will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, in the Homedale School District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho (the “District”), be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing improvements to Homedale High School, including (i) additional classrooms, new restrooms and classroom renovations, (ii) renovation of the existing gym and construction of an auxiliary gym, (iii) equipment upgrades to heating, cooling and alarm systems, and (iv) lighting upgrade, running track replacement and other improvements to the athletic fields, together with all equipment and facilities necessary to operate such improvements, such bonds to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board, the final installment of such bonds to come due not later than fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board on June 14, 2021? The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue is 1.60% per annum. The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$12,037,000 consisting of \$14,000,000 in principal and \$1,841,000 of interest, totaling \$15,841,000, less \$3,804,000 in estimated bond levy equalization payments. The term of the bonds will not exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond levy is a tax of \$212 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. As of August 31, 2021, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$0.00.” Said election will be conducted pursuant to *Title 34 Idaho Code*.

Owyhee County polling locations for the August 31, 2021 Homedale School District No. 370 Bond Election:

- Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale
 - Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
- Precincts 003 – North Marsing
 - Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
- Precinct 013 – Absentee
 - Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650

For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office at 208-495-2421.
All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curb-side voting shall the voter need assistance.
8/18,25/2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Marsing Ambulance District will meet on the 7th day of September, 2021, at 10:45 a.m., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, for the purpose of considering and fixing a final budget and making appropriations for the 2022 Fiscal year, at which time any taxpayer may appear and be heard upon any part or parts of said budget. And that the following table sets forth the amount appropriated for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT FY 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	
REVENUE:	
2021 PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$ 133,984
PRIOR YEAR COLLECTIONS	6,000
SOLAR REVENUE	<u>2,103</u>
TOTAL:	142,087
EXPENSE:	
CONTRACT FOR EXPENSES	\$ 142,087
2020 Expenditures:	\$ 121,711
2019 Expenditures:	\$ 89,919
Dated this 19 th day of August, 2021	
Marsing Ambulance District Board of Commissioners 08/25/2021	

Public notices

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS ELECTION
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 370,
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, STATE OF IDAHO

August 31, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, place an X in the square at the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF." To vote against GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, place an X in the square at the right of the word "AGAINST." If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho (the "District"), be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing improvements to Homedale High School, including (i) additional classrooms, new restrooms and classroom renovations, (ii) renovation of the existing gym and construction of an auxiliary gym, (iii) equipment upgrades to heating, cooling and alarm systems, and (iv) lighting upgrade, running track replacement and other improvements to the athletic fields, together with all equipment and facilities necessary to operate such improvements, such bonds to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board, the final installment of such bonds to come due not later than fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board on June 14, 2021?

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As of August 31, 2021, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$0.00.

IN FAVOR OF issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$14,000,000
for the purposes stated in the question above.....

AGAINST issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$14,000,000
for the purposes stated in the question above.....

08/25/2021

NOTICE OF TAX SALE
Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, and pursuant to the Tax Deed recorded with the Owyhee County Recorder on April 26, 2021; Owyhee County will offer for sale on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, the following properties:
Property known as **TAX 4B 34 3N 4W, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.** Said property was taken by tax deed, April 26, 2021, from **Michael G & Jenell A Rice**, parcel **RPB00000346401**.

A minimum bid of **\$6,170.12** is required which will include delinquent taxes, late fees, interest and costs, plus current year's taxes and all other accruing costs.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, and pursuant to the Tax Deed recorded with the Owyhee County Recorder on June 28, 2004; Owyhee County will offer for sale on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, the following properties:

Property known as **TAX 35, 34 3N 4W, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.** Said property was taken by tax deed, June 28, 2004, from **Dorothy and Baltazar Mendez**, parcel **RPB00000345250**.

A minimum bid of **\$509.63** is required which will include delinquent taxes, late fees, interest and costs, plus current year's taxes

and all other accruing costs.
Owyhee County offers the above properties for sale without warranty or representations of any kind and is sold "as is", "where is" without warranty or representations as to marketability, fitness for a particular purpose or representations concerning compliance with any Federal or State regulations. Owyhee County offers above properties for sale subject to any rights limitations, claims, easements, or rights of way that may exist.

It is the responsibility of prospective bidders to inspect the sale properties and to make themselves aware of any issues or potential issues concerning the sale of the properties.

The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time of the sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier's check.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or offers.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2021.
/s/ Joe Merrick, Chairman,
Owyhee County Commissioners
/s/ Angela Barkell, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
08/18,25,09/01,08/2021

**NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE
CITY OF HOMEDALE,**

IDAHO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That the general election to be held in and for the City of Homedale, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. The election will be held for the purpose of electing the following offices for the specified terms:

Mayor
Four (4) Years
Councilmember
Four (4) Years
Councilmember
Four (4) Years

Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning:

at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate's primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate's voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate's declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by **one** of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 **or** (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk's office. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 3rd, 2021

at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
08 / 23 / 21
08/25/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change filed by Rosie Cortinas & George Duenaz requesting that the City of Homedale change the zoning from Industrial to Residential at 100 N 4th St. East, Lots 9-12, Block 105, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
08/25,09/01/2021

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The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Justin Rickelman requesting that he be allowed to build a second residence on his property to be used at a mother-in-law quarters. The address is 233 E Colorado Ave., Lots 15 & 16, Block 85, in the City of Homedale.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
08/25,09/01/2021

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for the following City of Marsing positions must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 pm Friday, September 3, 2021 (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code). Such Declarations are available at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, ID 83639, and at www.cityofmarsing.org or at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net.

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Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate's primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate's voter registration must match the residence address provided on the

candidate's declaration and the candidate must have resided in the City for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee for \$40.00 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the County Clerk's office.

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate have until 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019 to submit their Declaration of Intent to the City of Marsing City Clerk (Sec. 34-1470, Idaho Code).

Jolyn E. Thompson
Aug. 20, 2021
08/25/2021

NOTICE OF ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 for a term of three (3) years, one Director from Division 4 for the term of three (3) years one Director from Division 5 for the term of three (3) years of the Gem Irrigation District, will be held on November 2, 2021 from the first of January 2021, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least (12) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Sherry Maxwell, Secretary of the District, 118 S. 1st Street W., Homedale, Idaho. (Petition due date is September 22, 2021)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated August 17, 2021

G E M I R R I G A T I O N DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell
Secretary
08/25,09/01/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
CASE NO. CV37-21-00299
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES RANDALL McCOY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of August, 2021, SANDY McCOY filed in the above entitled court a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative.

Hearing on this Petition has been set for the 21st day of September, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the courtroom of the above entitled court before the Honorable Shane Darrington, at which time objections to the Petition will be heard.

DATED this 16th day of August, 2021.

WHITE PETERSON
/s/:Marc J. Bybee
Attorneys for Petitioner
08/25,09/01,08/2021

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for the following City, Cemetery, Fire and School Trustee positions must be filed with the political subdivision clerk / secretary no later than 5:00 pm. Friday, September 3, 2021 (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code). Such Declarations are available at the political subdivision office address listed below, or at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net.

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate have until 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021 to submit their Declarations of Intent to the political subdivision / secretary (Sec. 34-1407, Idaho Code)

CEMETERY DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Cemetery	Commissioner - 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, ID 83604
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery	Commissioner Sub-District #1 Commissioner Sub-District #2	4 Years 4 Years	4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, ID 83639
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery	Commissioner District 1 Commissioner District 2	4 Years 4 Years	239 Morning Sun Drive Nampa, ID 83686
Riverside Cemetery	Commissioner - 1 Position Districtwide	4 Years	645 Idaho Street Grand View, ID 83624

CITY	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
City of Grand View	Councilman – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	425 Boise Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
City of Homedale	Mayor Councilman – 2 Position Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, ID 83628
City of Marsing	Councilman – 2 Positions	4 Years	18 Sandbar Ave. Marsing, ID 83639

FIRE DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Fire Protection	Commissioner Zone 1	4 Years	31286 Highway 51 Bruneau, ID 83604
Grand View Rural Fire	Commissioner - 1 Position District-Wide	2 Years	720 Roosevelt Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
Homedale Rural Fire	Commissioner Sub-District #2	4 Years	19 E. Wyoming Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing Rural Fire	Commissioner Owyhee Co. Zone	4 Years	303 Main Street Marsing, ID 83639
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire	Commissioner Floater Zone Commissioner – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	17104 Tumbleweed Ln. Murphy, ID 83650

SCHOOL DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Grand View #365	Trustee Zones 1, 3, & 5	4 Years	39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, ID 83604
Homedale #370	Trustee Zones 2, 3, & 4	4 Years	116 East Owyhee Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing #363	Trustee Zones 1, 3, & 5	4 Years	209 8 th Avenue West Marsing, ID 83639
Melba #136	Trustee Zone 5	4 Years	511 Broadway Avenue Melba, ID 83641
Pleasant Valley #364	Trustee - 1 Position Districtwide	4 Years	28026 Juniper Mtn Road Jordan Valley, OR 97910
Three Creek #416	Trustee – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	49909 3 Creek Road Rogerson, ID 83303

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Eastern Owyhee County Library District will be held on the 30th day of August 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in said library district at 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, ID at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operations budget for the forthcoming year. This special meeting is called pursuant to Sec. 33-2713-A IC as amended.

BUDGET
EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY
OCTOBER 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

REVENUES	2019-2020	2020-2021
Property Taxes	44,225.00	46,208.00
Personal Property	350.00	350.00
Sales Tax	7,740.00	9,500.00
Equipment Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Gifts, Grants & Fundraisers	30,000.00	20,000.00
Petty Cash	1,000.00	200.00
Cash Forward Balance		5,000.00
		10,000.00
TOTAL	90,931.00	88,874.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	30,000.00	32,073.75
Books	8,500.00	8,500.00
Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
Program Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Technology	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contingency	2,968.00	5,905.66
Equipment	700.00	700.00
Insurance	1,443.00	1,688.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	1,200.00	1,200.00
Operation of Plant	7,500.00	9,204.00
Fixed Charges	3,800.00	4,782.59
Grant Expenses	30,000.00	20,000.00
Travel & Training	500.00	500.00
Property Tax	120.00	120.00
TOTAL	90,931.00	88,874.00

Dated this 17th day of August 2021
Eastern Owyhee County Library
Leslie Field, Chairman of the Board
Tammy Gray, Clerk of the Board
08/25/2021

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: ZOHEY MARIE
LYNNE THRASHER
CASE NO. CV 37-21-296

A petition to change the name of ZOHEY MARIE LYNNE THRASHER, a minor, now residing in the city of Grand View, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Zoey Carothers. The reason for the change in name is: She wishes to have the same name as her sister.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock a.m. on September 20, 2021 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: August 10, 2021
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 25, at 7 p.m., at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2021– 2022 Fiscal Year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Terri Uria-Secretary/Treasurer

**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
Publish Aug. 18 and 25 in Owyhee Avalanche Post: Aug. 12, 2021**

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022</i>
Balance Carryover FY 2020 - 2021	600,000.00
Agricultural Replacement / Personal Property Replacement	3,514.00
Highway User Funds	700,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees	4,500.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	12,000.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00
Property Tax	100,696.00
Rental Income	2,000.00
Transfers and Adjustments	- 16,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,407,210.00

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	
Advertising Expense	1,000.00
Commissioner’s Salary	16,680.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	4,000.00
Engineering Fees	1,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase	150,000.00
Equipment Rental	2,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	35,000.00
Insurance [General]	7,000.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	8,000.00
Materials/Construction Expense	640,530.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	35,000.00
Health/Dental Insurance	29,000.00
Phone Expense	3,000.00
Professional Fees: Audit	5,500.00
Professional Fees: Legal	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools	25,000.00
Salaries and Wages	175,000.00
Signs	2,500.00
Utilities	4,500.00
Weed Control	20,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation	7,500.00
Training and Education	500.00
Ending Fund Balance	200,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,407,210.00

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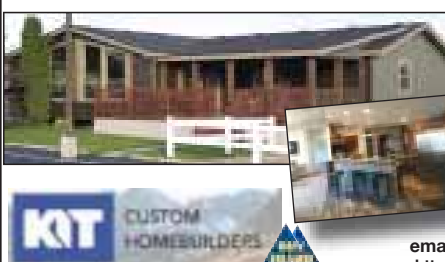
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Sports

Young Homedale runners greet new cross country coach

Would-be top seniors
have taken on other
athletic pursuits

David Gummersall must lean on his underclassmen in his first year as Homedale High School cross country coach.

“They’re young, but I told them they will be the ones to build this program,” the high school’s new English and Speech teacher said.

The Brigham Young University-Idaho graduate began his Trojans tenure with knowledge that two of the program’s best runners wouldn’t return to the fold.

Christopher Aguilera, Homedale’s only 3A state meet qualifier a year ago (placing 25th), transferred to Caldwell High School, Gummersall said. Now a senior, Aguilera is playing soccer for the Cougars, the coach said.

Ryker Johnson, another athlete who

would have been a senior leader this year, elected to compete in swimming, Gummersall said. Johnson finished last season with a personal-best time of 22 minutes, 17.29 seconds in the 3A District III championship meet.

The good news for Gummersall is a strong nucleus of returning runners including sophomores Liam Koon, Katie DeVice, Brock Johnson, Alex Zamudio, Elliot Larzelier, Trinity Neeser, and Bobby Christensen.

There are no juniors on the squad and four freshmen — Jack Decker, Timmothy Whitfield, Rhyllie Harris, and Evelyn Koon.

“I’m already impressed with the quality of character and work ethic that my athletes have shown,” Gummersall said. “I’m genuinely blessed to be able to work with such an amazing group of young men and women.”

Gummersall knows a little something about the unique animal that is a cross country and distance runner. He competed in cross country and track in

middle school and high school before graduating from Middleton in 1997. After earning the school’s track and field athlete of the year award as a senior, he moved on to compete in the 4x400-meter relay and 800 meters for Boise State University.

“Most sports use running as a punishment or use it for conditioning between teaching skills and fine-tuning techniques,” Gummersall said. “In cross country, however, running is the sport. It is self-chosen punishment for the reward of literally chasing down a goal.

“I think that in order to have a successful program, you have to build runners from the inside out. This requires making the mind run the body and not the other way around. To do this, practices have to be varied, challenging, fun, and always attached to an individual goal that the athlete can work toward.”

Gummersall inherits a program that Sean McCrackin piloted for two seasons. He plans to build on the good qualities left behind.

“From my brief time with the cross country team, it is already apparent that Coach McCrackin did a phenomenal job with them. They are a great group of runners, and I want them to know that they are the foundation and core of our team,” the new coach said.

“My job as a coach is to help them set goals and to guide them towards achieving them.”

Even though his athletes have the inherent practice habits of a lonely runner, Gummersall says he still can play a hand in helping ramp up the routine and, subsequently, rewards.

“The biggest challenge for a first-year cross country coach is learning where there are some great routes to run. This is a unique challenge to have, since every other sport has an established set of boundaries to practice and play in, no matter where you go,” he said.

“Cross country is the one sport where you make your own boundaries and find fun, yet challenging courses to test yourself.” — JPB



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Football
Matt Holtry, 13th season
Assistants
Tony Uranga, assistant head coach, defensive coordinator
Josh White, JV head coach, varsity assistant, 3rd season
Randy Lyons, 6th season
Darren Uranga, 6th season
Cam Long, 4th season
Angel Cardenas, 4th season
Terry Moore, 3rd season
Matt Strong, 3rd season
Chad Packer, 3rd season
Charlie Shepherd, 2nd season



Volleyball
Heidi Nash, 1st season
Assistants
Kaylee Brown, JV head coach
Amber Fouts, frosh-soph coach
Erica Dines
Diana Asumendi
Amanda Uranga
Amaia Black



Cross country
David Gummersall, 1st season
Assistant
Machele Randall

This week's Sports Schedule

Football Varsity
Friday, Aug. 27 at Caldwell, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Aug. 26, home vs. Caldwell, 6 p.m.

Volleyball Varsity
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Melba, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26 at New Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31, home for tri-match vs. New Plymouth and Tri Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Melba, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26 at New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31 at New Plymouth tri-match vs. New Plymouth and Tri Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Aug. 26 at New Plymouth Invitational

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