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## New, not-so-new hats fly into council candidacy ring

### Both Grand View incumbents among four who haven't filed

Neither Grand View City Council incumbent filed nomination papers in time to appear on the Nov. 2 ballot,

records from the Owyhee County elections office show.

The deadline to submit paperwork to get a candidate's name on the ballot was 5 p.m., on Friday. The write-in deadline is 5 p.m., Friday this week.

But as of last week's deadline neither Councilman John Morrison nor appointed Councilperson Opal Ward

had filed signatures or filing fees with election officials.

Two other council incumbents — Homedale's Jerry Anderson and Rachael Percifield in Marsing — didn't file a candidacy application by Friday's deadline.

If none of the incumbents submit write-in bids by the end of this week,

each city council will have new blood come January.

Or, fairly new blood.

Former Homedale councilperson Kim Murray is one of three people who have filed to seek one of the two seats available on the governing board of the

— See *Council*, page 4A

### Mourning and remembrance

*The U.S. flag flies at half-staff prior to Friday's Homedale High School football home opener at Deward Bell Stadium. The flag was lowered for a period of national mourning for the 13 service members lost in the Kabul airport bombing in Afghanistan. But looking forward, the lowering of the flag could also help the community mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon as well as the lives lost in Shanksville, Pa.*



## South Board water supply could creep into October

### Eells: Conservation stretched allotment

Most producers served by the Gem and Ridgeview irrigation districts on the Idaho-Oregon border have finished up their watering for the year.

That's good news for South Board of Control manager John Eells, who found out shut-off dates after last week's Joint Board meeting in Nyssa, Ore.

The shut-off date is Oct. 1 for areas in the district served by water flowing through the South Canal from the Owyhee Reservoir. But water could cease earlier.

"We will run (water) until our allotment is out," Eells said last Wednesday when there was 19,000 acre-feet left in the 2021 supply.

"We should make it into that week anyway."

On Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir had 14 percent of its usable water remaining, but with 100,783 acre-feet available, the level most certainly will drop into the five-digit range by the end of the week. Water is flowing into the reservoir from the Owyhee River at 63 cubic feet per second, and the outflow near Nyssa, Ore., is 119 cfs.

The Gem Pumping Plant will be idled on Oct. 8 (tentatively). The plant sends Snake River water into the older part of the Gem district.

Eells is confident that most producers are done watering for the year.

— See *Water*, page 5A

## Adrian superintendent, board chair: Termination about more than masks

### Purnell to receive hefty severance package

Kevin Purnell will receive more than \$52,000 in compensation after having his contract terminated with the Adrian School District.

The district's board of trustees voted to terminate Purnell as superintendent

during a special meeting on Aug. 30.

First-term trustee Eric White was the only elected official to oppose the motion to fire Purnell.

"By dismissing Kevin Purnell,

I think it caused part of the tearing apart of the community," White told OSBANews ([www.OSBA.org](http://www.OSBA.org)) in a lengthy follow-up article on the firing and the environment surrounding it.

— See *Adrian*, page 4A



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# New assessor brings different approach to office

Monahan sworn in; she plans to run for 4 years

A special county commissioners meeting last Wednesday marked one department chief's departure and a new one's arrival.

Robin Monahan took the oath of office in Murphy as the new assessor, succeeding Toni Gruenwald, whose resignation took effect on Aug. 31.

This is the second time in less than five years that the Board of County Commissioners oversaw the swearing in of an appointed county assessor.

Gruenwald took over for Brett Endicott when he stepped down in 2017 and successfully retained the office in the November 2018 election.

Monahan will complete Gruenwald's term and must seek election next year if she wants to continue in the role. Monahan intends to file paperwork next March to run for the office in the May primary.

Monahan started in the assessor's office in November 2019 as a deed processor/mapper.

"I was really an assistant to Lesli (Hinton)," Monahan said.

From that position, she moved to roll clerk then became an appraiser.

Monahan said Gruenwald approached her to discuss her decision to step down and her desire to see Monahan step into the position if the commissioners agreed.

The county's Republican Central Committee recommended the BOCC appoint Monahan.

"I don't want to say that I was the last choice, but Lesli is going to be retiring soon and (chief deputy) Paul Proehl lives in Canyon County, so



Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (left) administers the oath of office to Assessor Robin Monahan during a special meeting last Wednesday.

that wouldn't work," she said. "I had already done everything in the office, and I live in-county, so it was a good fit."

Murphy resident Tiffany Nettleton Tuttle also applied for the job.

Monahan said her No. 1 priority is ironing out issues with the Division of Motor Vehicles. The DMV has come under fire because of long lines and, particularly to local citizens, the inordinate number of out-of-county customers in Owyhee County offices.

"The assessor's office is pretty self-sufficient. They don't need me under foot constantly, but the DMV needs some streamlining so that we can serve our citizens to the best of our ability," she said. "Lesli is really good at her job, and Paul is a really good appraiser with a good working relationship with our consulting appraiser through the state."

"Chelsea Gabica, our roll clerk, is good at her job but is currently on maternity leave.

We just need to get things smoothed out in the DMV offices."

To that end, a ticket-pull system has been implemented at the Marsing DMV. Customers can pull a ticket and wait for their number to be displayed on a reader board signifying that it is their turn.

There are some kinks with the system, which was implemented the same day Monahan took office, but she is confident that it will work well.

Monahan said that between COVID-19 over the last year-and-a-half and the Idaho Transportation Department having difficulty with its GEM vehicle registration and titling system, the flow of customer service has been challenging, particularly in Marsing.

"The most important thing is we have to figure out how to get our residents served first, and everyone after that is just icing on the cake," she said.

She said that there have not really been issues with irate customers at the Murphy

DMV branch, likely because of the proximity to the sheriff's office and courthouse security. The Grand View office has had similar success.

"I cringe even mentioning Grand View," she said. "I don't want them to get discovered (by out-of-county customers)."

Prior to starting in the assessor's office, Monahan worked for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, first as a customer service representative in its call center, before becoming a self-reliance specialist doing interviews for folks applying for or renewing benefits.

She then moved into the financial department, doing state-side processing for payments for all programs.

After Monahan and her husband Morgan moved to Oreana, it quickly became apparent that the 1½-hour commute to Boise was not going to work. So she left her state job to work for the county.

Robin and Morgan Monahan have been married for 23

years and have three grown sons.

The only near-term changes Monahan can see for her office is updating job descriptions to make them more specific and detailed. She also wants to take on a more active role, especially in the DMV.

Monahan wants to spend more time with staff discussing how things are going for them individually and to appropriately communicate her expectations for each employee.

"I'm a different type of manager than what Toni was. I don't mind the paperwork," she said. "Sometimes you have to have a paper trail, especially when you're dealing with ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program)."

"It doesn't just benefit you when things go wrong, it can benefit when things go great. A paper trail means I have documentation that says, 'This person is achieving every benchmark that's expected.'"

— TK

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# Homedale High School construction bond passes easily

## Fewer than 600 voters turn out for election

Officials’ optimism paid off as Homedale School District voters overwhelmingly approved a 15-year, \$14 million bond.

The revenue will be used to fund construction and upgrades to Homedale High School facilities both on campus and around town.

A whopping 82.3 percent of the small number of voters who turned out for the Aug. 31 election approved of the district’s plan to establish a new tax levy. A super majority of 66 2/3 percent was needed, and the bond passed, 463-107.

Of the favorable votes, 292 came from Owyhee County precincts. Canyon County voters favored the bond by a count of 159-75. There were only 32 no votes in the Owyhee County balloting.

“The Owyhee County numbers were a pleasant surprise,” district superintendent Rob Sauer said. “Incredibly impressive.”

Matt Holtry, the building supervisor for the school that will

see the improvements, wasn’t surprised by the support.

“I feel like the community truly saw the need,” the HHS principal said. “If there is one thing that I have always witnessed here in Homedale is that when there is true need the support is always unmatched.”

Holtry didn’t anticipate too much resistance, although he did admit that the Canyon County portion of the vote stood out as the “problematic” factor.

“In talking with patrons and stakeholders, I found very few if any individuals that didn’t understand how important it was for our school and for our kids to see this bond passed,” Holtry said.

“I was fairly confident it would pass this time.”

A total of 570 votes were cast in the election. All 12 absentee ballots were in favor of the bond. The polling place for all voters except those in the North Marsing precinct was staged at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale. North Marsing voters cast ballots at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

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**Matt Holtry**  
HHS principal

In the run-up to the election, Sauer had said the new levy wouldn’t raise the overall tax levy paid by patrons in Owyhee and Canyon counties. Officials plan to adjust the district’s plant facility levy to keep the taxpayers’ obligation steady at \$377 per \$100,000 in net taxable value.

The tax levy will create a little more than \$12 million over the life of the bond, covering all but \$3.8 million of the bond principal and more than \$1.84 million in interest.

A state Department of Education levy equalization subsidy program will cover the \$3.8 million not charged to the taxpayers.

The district’s estimate of

the levy cost doesn’t take into consideration any property tax increases that may be triggered by rising property values, although generally increased assessments don’t directly equate to higher property taxes, Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert confirmed last month before the election.

With the bond approved, the district began meetings — scheduled for last week and this week — with architects, the construction manager and financial firm Piper Sandler to discuss the bonding and start the construction process.

More information on a timeline for the projects is expected after this week’s meetings, Sauer said.

According to a pre-election handout, the district’s plans for the bond include:

- More than \$4.2 million to construct four or five new science/math classrooms that will be built east of the school’s Vo-Ag shop and also provide updates to existing science classrooms and restrooms in the HHS foyer.

That part of the bond plan also will pay for relocation of the administrative offices to improve security and public

access. The current layout of the main building requires visitors to walk through a hallway lined with classrooms before reaching the main office.

The portion of the bond also will pay for the replacement of damaged sidewalk.

- A \$5.342 million part of the plan will construct a new auxiliary gymnasium to the north of the main gymnasium. The current auxiliary gym, commonly known as the “old gym,” will be updated for use with music and drama productions.
- Another \$3.069 million will be used to update electrical, heating, cooling and alarm systems to improve the safety and comfort of students and improve the functionality of the classrooms.
- Nearly \$800,000 is planned to rebuild the athletic track and upgrade field lighting at Deward Bell Stadium. The football stadium press box will be rebuilt, too.
- Another \$250,000 is planned to acquire fixtures, furniture, equipment and technology.
- A contingency fund of 2.5 percent (\$336,650) is also part of the bond.

— JPB

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✓ Council: Homedale to have mayor's race

county's largest municipality. Incumbent Mike Aebischer will seek re-election, and Nathan Raabe has entered the race. Gheen Christoffersen will seek his third term as Homedale mayor, and he will face a challenge from Mark Perea. Incumbent Brandy Johnson, an appointee, will seek to retain

a seat on the Marsing City Council. Elizabeth Wahl also has filed nomination papers. There are two positions open on each of the three city councils in the county, but at this point only Homedale would have an election because more than two candidates filed. Owyhee County elections clerk Audra Yoshikane told The Owyhee Avalanche after the Friday deadline that Idaho Code now allows cities to forego an election if only one person files for each open

office. If neither incumbent decides to run as a write-in candidate, the Grand View City Council will have two new members, and an election may not be necessary. Andrea Owens, who ran for a spot in the Idaho Legislature last year, and Terry Nielson have filed to run for the Grand View city council positions. Every city government position proposed for the November ballot carries a four-year term. — JPB

✓ Adrian: School board will pay Purnell 4 extra months

"I think the community deserves an explanation." OSBANews reported that the financial settlement reflects 10 months of compensation, although Purnell only has six months left on his contract. According to the Malheur Enterprise, board chair Eddie Kincade said Purnell was fired for failing to follow school board directives. The headline above the Enterprise's front-page story in last week's edition stated Purnell was fired for following Gov. Kate Brown's mask mandate, but the OSBANews article also reported that both Purnell and Kincade agreed the parting of ways went beyond mask policy. Joining Kincade in voting for the termination were fellow trustees Bobby Davis, Ryan Martin and Quinten Shenk. Purnell had served as superintendent and high school principal until last year when the district hired Billy Wortman as secondary school administrator. With the retirement of then-elementary school principal Terri Vasquez, Purnell moved to the elementary principal position (as well as the superintendent). Purnell had just begun his fourth year as superintendent. He had spent 14 years in the Adrian district. Trustees did not appoint an

interim superintendent. According to the Enterprise article, the board took input from community members during the special meeting. Trustees voted after emerging from an executive session. — The OSBANews analysis of the end of Purnell's employment and the situation surrounding it can be found online at <http://www.osba.org/News-Center/Announcements/2021/20210902Adrian.aspx> — Ed.

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# Three governing boards have no candidates yet

## Incumbents will seek re-election in school, fire and cemetery districts

After the candidate filing deadline passed on Friday, so far there is no need for taxing district elections on Nov. 2.

In a couple instances, though, appointments may be necessary if no one comes forward to run as a write-in candidate.

Prospective write-in candidates have until 5 p.m., on Friday to submit paperwork. If no applications are filed, no elections will be necessary.

According to information provided by the Owyhee

County Clerk's Office, most taxing district governing board openings received one candidate application before last week's deadline.

There were no candidacy applications, however, for the school boards for Pleasant Valley and Three Creek. The terms of two Three Creek board positions and one for Pleasant Valley will end on Dec. 31.

The other school board positions scheduled for the Nov. 2 ballot have one candidate

each:

- **Homedale** — Zone 2 appointee Leslie Parker and Zone 4 incumbent Shelley Shenk
- **Marsing** — Incumbent Jason Sevy (Zone 1) and appointees Luke Ankeny (Zone 3) and O.J. Barber (Zone 5)
- **Bruneau-Grand View** — Incumbents Gary Jones (Zone 1), Raelynn Schkade (Zone 3) and Stephen Boren (Zone 5)
- **Melba** — Kyle Moos has filed to succeed Zone 5 Trustee Susan Jaca, who cannot seek re-election because she is moving out of the zone.

Incumbents have filed for re-election to fire board elections,

although not every veteran commissioner has jumped into the ring.

There are three positions — Marsing's chairmanship currently held by Jake Astorquia and both expiring terms in the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson district (held by Glen Sevy and Angela Jensen) — that do not have candidates at the moment.

The boards that do have candidates announced for the Nov. 2 ballot include:

- **Homedale** — Ric Uria
- **Marsing** — Jeff Percifield, Subdistrict 1
- **Grand View** — Ed Col-

lett

- **Bruneau** — Bruce Lampman, Zone 1

All incumbents have filed for re-election to the cemetery boards across the county:

- **Marsing-Homedale** — Spencer McIntyre (Subdistrict 1) and Aaron Tines (Subdistrict 2)
- **Riverside (Grand View area)** — Doug Thurman (at-large)
- **Bruneau** — President Dick Strickland and vice-president Chet Sellman
- **Owyhee Pioneer** — Jerry Hoagland (District 1) and Gary Aman (District 2)

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## Gem, Ridgeview irrigation supervisors meet Tuesday

The monthly meetings for irrigation directors governing the southern portion of the Owyhee Project take place Tuesday.

All meetings are open to in-person attendance, but are still available via videoconference on Zoom.

All three meetings take place inside the South Board of Control building at 201 W. Wyoming Ave.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will meet at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation board meets at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control convenes at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in sitting in on the meetings via the internet through Zoom can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 to get a link.

Anyone who wishes to attend the

meetings remotely and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable phone can contact the office for an alternative method of attendance.

For those who want to keep up-to-date with emergency notices and other news, visit [www.southboardofcontrol.com](http://www.southboardofcontrol.com).

## ✓ Water: Another conservation project is planned for winter season

"We got everybody their water. We got all their corn grew," Eells said. "We got them through."

"We were able to deliver the water, and we got them through."

This is the worst water year since back-to-back drought years in 2014-15.

"We run them out (back then)," Eells said. "We took it down to the absolute bottom of the irrigation allotment."

It may not get any better unless the fall and winter moisture comes in.

"It just depends on what kind of winter we get and what kind of spring we get," Eells said.

Some forecasters are predicting another winter like Snowmageddon five years ago.

But Eells said that snowy winter did little to alleviate the water issue.

"'16 didn't help us. It was all down in the low ground,"

Eells said.

"The problem is if we don't get some moisture in the fall to saturate the ground to freeze then in the winter what we do get melts right into the ground. We need the fall rain, the snow, or we can take spring rains."

The former South Board watermaster said continuing conservation efforts allowed farmers to get by on their 3 acre-feet allotment. A full water year is 4 acre-feet.

"We started drip-taping this country," he said. "We've never had that before. Sprinklers give you more water. Anything you

can do to conserve.

"Lateral piping has helped us over the years."

Supply chain conditions have delayed another piping project planned on a South Canal lateral in the Hogg Road-Poison Creek Road area.

"Nobody is making pipe because (Hurricane Ida) shut down the resin plants," Eells said. "I can't even buy pipe to do the project."

Eells said the pipe manufacturer wouldn't even price material for the SBOC's only big winter maintenance project.

But Eells has an idea of the cost if bought at today's prices. The 27-inch diameter pipe that could have been purchased for \$29 per foot last year has more than doubled in price to \$68 per foot.

Two miles of lateral piping will cost \$1 million, with half the money coming from SBOC and the rest from the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service. The NRCS money is

available for two years.

Other conservation efforts have included relining parts of the South Canal periodically, including a project to rehabilitate part of the canal last winter.

"We go in and re-Bentonite them, put new gravel and new clay down and just seal them up," Eells said.

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# Homedale council ready to end library construction project

## Hearing on adding \$30K to FY 21 budget

A series of public hearings, including one to open the current budget, will start the Homedale City Council’s monthly meeting tonight.

The meeting convenes at 6 inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

During the last of the three public hearings, the council will take comment on a plan to open the Fiscal Year 2021 budget to add \$30,000 to the general fund support given to the city library.

The money, which will increase the library budget to \$117,480, was held back because general contractor Excelsior Construction Co., hadn’t yet completed the build on the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Now that the roof issues apparently have been solved, the city council is ready to move forward with closing out the expenditures.

City officials are still waiting to run a test on the roof’s watertightness, though. At the August council meeting, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen talked about working with the fire department to pour thousands of gallons of water on the roof to make sure the final product is acceptable.

The other public hearings planned tonight deal with zoning and allowed property usages.

Rosie Cortinas and George Duenaz have applied for a zoning change at 100 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. E., near East Owyhee Avenue and across from John Jackson Field.

Cortinas and Duenaz want to change the zoning from industrial to

residential, and members of the public can attend to give their input.

In another public hearing, council members will sit to hear comment on Justin Rickelman’s conditional use permit application to build a second residence on his property at 233 E. Colorado Ave.

According to a public notice, Rickelman wants to build a mother-in-law quarters on his property.

Council members are scheduled to make decisions on the budget and residents’ applications near the end of the meeting.

The council will hear regular departmental reports between the hearings and the decision-making.

Also on the agenda tonight is discussion and possible approval of City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram’s request to upgrade the government’s Caselle accounting system.

— JPB

# Marsing council revisits street vacation request

The Marsing City Council’s decision regarding a councilperson’s property will be clarified during the monthly meeting at 7 p.m., today.

Wanting to improve safety and traffic conditions on a dead-end street, Councilmember Brandy Johnson asked to vacate a section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South past Riverview Drive during the Aug. 11 meeting.

Johnson, who lives on the street, was told vacation was not possible because 1) the city needs access to utilities and 2) abandoning that section of road would put Johnson’s two lots in violation of frontage rules in city ordinance.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will help provide clarification on the council’s decision tonight.

**Youth farmers market proposed**

Resident Whitney Danos’ idea to create a mini-farmers market operated by children will be part of Mayor Chad Sevy’s report tonight. The council could discuss the proposal.

Sevy also has filed a request to add Juneteenth (June 19) as a federal holiday in the city’s personnel manual. Juneteenth is the nationally

celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States.

**Council to hear reports**

Engineer Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics will provide an update on continuing efforts to reduce sludge in the city’s sewer lagoons.

Public works superintendent Philip Gibson is expected to request the purchase of a sludge detector for the wastewater ponds. The device has been priced at \$1,080.53.

Cook is also expected to discuss the status of the Bureau of Land Management’s Owyhee Field Office construction project on South Old Bruneau Highway.

Gibson will update the council on projects his crew has completed in recent weeks and those that will be tackled over the next month.

Pipe from the city water main to the service meter at 10 1<sup>st</sup> St. S., has been repaired, and the city crew has also made irrigation system repairs.

Upcoming public works projects include working on a boat dock at Island Park.

— TK

# What exactly does inflation mean to families’ bottom line?

Inflation has eight letters, but you would think it was a four-letter word based on the type of reactions it incites from the news and just about anyone concerned about their future finances. After all, inflation is higher than five percent year-over-year. But what does that mean and how does it impact you?



Andrew Bingham

First, five percent inflation year-over-year means that the cost of living is five percent higher now than it was this time last year. So, does that mean a \$100 grocery bill last year will now cost you \$105 this year?

Not exactly.

Inflation is measured using the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which tracks the change of consumer goods and services over time. Specifically, data are collected for select utility, automotive fuel, and food items.

If you were to visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at [bls.gov/cpi](https://www.bls.gov/cpi), you will find the graph accompanying this week’s column. This chart shows the 5.4 percent increase

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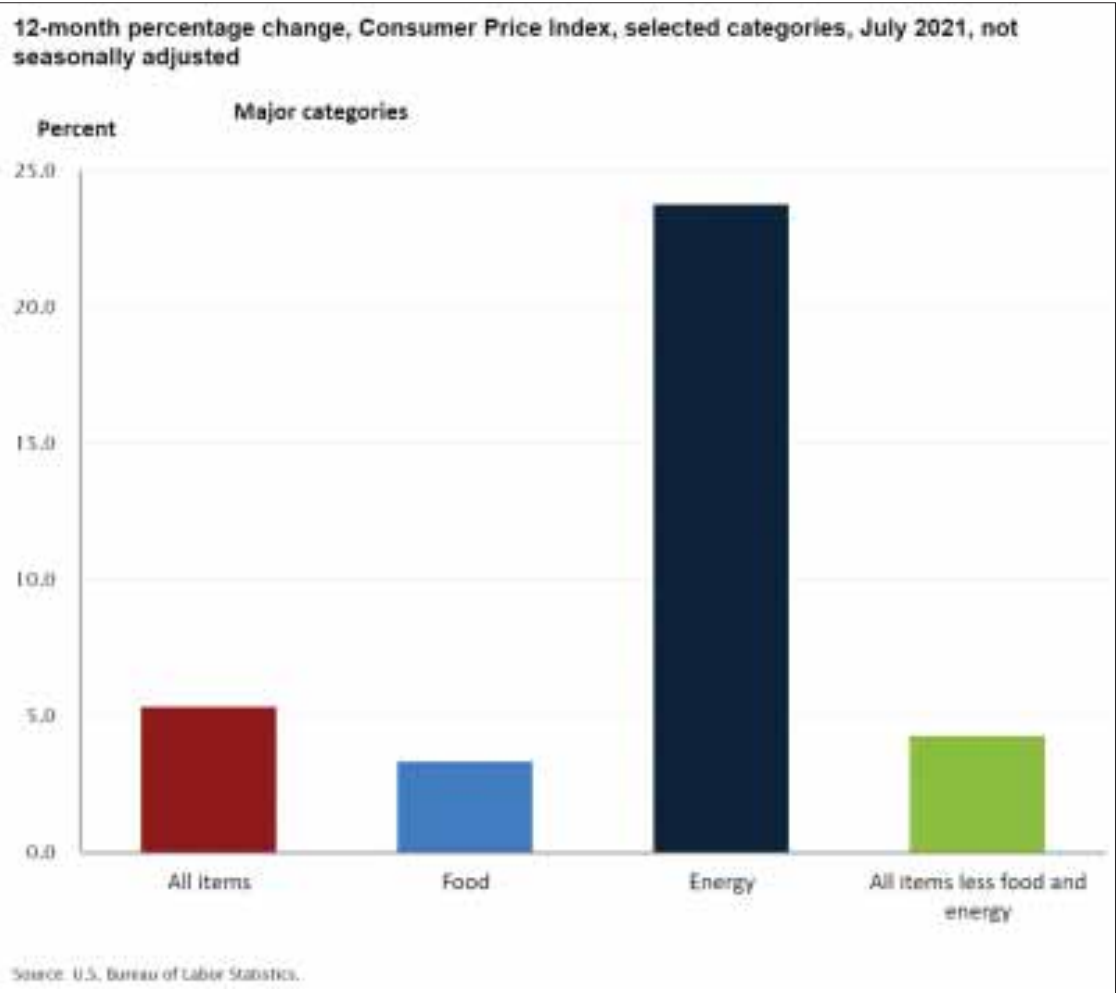
in inflation since July 2020, but it then breaks it down further. Food items have increased by 3.4 percent while energy costs have increased by 23.8 percent, and all items less food and energy have increased 4.3 percent (think services, apparel, vehicles, etc.)

The graph is interactive on the website and allows you to drill down further, showing that “food at home” rose at 2.6 percent and “food away from home” rose 4.6 percent. If the data are accurate, then we could expect our \$100 grocery bill from the previous year to increase to \$102.60 now.

Second, this matters to you for one big obvious reason: Inflation makes living more expensive. And relative to the two percent rate that is the annual benchmark for inflation — a rate that the country has frequently fallen short of in recent years — a 5.4 percent increase is significant.

To make matters more stressful, the rate may be higher than that for Idaho residents. That is because the data comprising the CPI is only collected from urban areas, meaning their calculations may not be reflective of our lifestyle.

For instance, CPI was 5.4



percent despite energy costs increasing nearly 24 percent. This indicates that CPI is calculated using a weighted average, and that energy costs are not given a lot of weight in that formula. In a dense urban setting, that makes sense; however, in rural Idaho we drive more than our urban counterparts. Therefore, that

24 percent increase in energy costs has more impact for us. An argument could be made that we save more in other areas, that we are more resourceful or frugal.

In either case, we need to be aware of inflation. It doesn’t have to be a four-letter word, and planning can go a long way to help prevent that.

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# Death notice

**NANCY MAE COOMBES RING**, 81, who was born in Owyhee County and resided in Marion County, N.C., died on Monday Aug. 30, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, in the chapel of Beam Funeral Service in Marion, N.C. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. [www.beamfuneralservice.com](http://www.beamfuneralservice.com)

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: \*Not Available due to coronavirus*  
*Congregate lunch available*  
*Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.*  
*Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order*  
*Dessert is included in curbside lunch*  
*Milk available each day*  
*Roll available each day except Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>*  
Sept. 8: Hot dog on bun, chili, Tater Tots, California blend vegetables  
Sept. 9: Ground beef and hashbrown casserole, mixed vegetables  
Sept. 14: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli  
Sept. 15: Ham and cheese on roll, potato salad, beets

## 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)*  
Sept. 8: Chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit cocktail, wheat bread  
Sept. 10: Fiesta chicken, refried beans, mixed vegetables, citrus salad, wheat tortilla  
Sept. 13: Swedish meatballs and brown rice, broccoli, cauliflower, wheat bread  
Sept. 15: Turkey Florentine, baby lima beans, apples and berries, wheat bread

## 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, too*  
*Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible beginning at 7 a.m.*  
*to place order for dine-in (Thursdays) or curbside pickup*  
Sept. 9: Lasagna, cook's choice soup, green salad, garlic bread, yogurt, apricots, cobbler  
Sept. 14: Chicken noodle dinner, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, yogurt, fresh fruit, peach cobbler  
Sept. 16: Chili dogs on whole grain bun, French fries, cook's choice soup, green salad, cottage cheese, peaches

# Adrian schools fundraiser festival on horizon

Participants are revving up their chili and their classic cars to help meet Adrian schoolchildren's needs again. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Two Rivers Park Celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Adrian. The Classics on the Grass car show returns, and the chili cook-off carries a \$200 top prize. Folks will be able to buy tickets to win raffle prizes and sample all the chili creations.

- **Car show** — Duke at (208) 452-5531
- **Chili cook-off** — Tammy at (541) 212-9503
- **Booth space** — Julie at (208) 452-5531

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# Obituaries

## Cecil J. Meyers

Cecil J. Meyers, 80, of Grand View, passed away peacefully at a care facility in Mountain Home on Thursday, August 26, 2021. A viewing will be held on September 10, 2021 at Rost Funeral Home in Mountain Home from 6-8 pm. Funeral services will be held at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School Gymnasium at 11:00 am on September 11, 2021 with graveside services to follow at Riverside Cemetery in Grand View. Arrangements were under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.



Cecil was born May 18, 1941 to Alex and Alma Brooks Meyers in Lingle, Wyoming. He had 2 older brothers. Robert and Raymond Meyers. In Lingle, the family had a dairy farm and also raised sugar beets, barley, corn and alfalfa. Cecil graduated from Lingle High School. His junior year he was voted class Treasurer. He later went to college where he studied Agriculture. Mom said he was there long enough to go through the front door and out the back. In 1959, the family moved to Grand View. Cecil, his brother Ray and his parents, Alex and Alma started farming and

ranching in Grand View which would last for years. You could always drive through town and see their pickups at the local café every morning where they would have their coffee with their friends. While in Grand View, Cecil met Ila Litke. They drove to Elko, NV on January 9, 1963 where they eloped. They had a love that lasted a lifetime, 58 years to be exact. They had 4 children: Marty, Gina, David and Tom. Anyone who knew Cecil, knew that he was a jokester. He would play a trick on his grand kids and they would get even with him by putting dirty socks in his pillow case. He wouldn't find them until the next morning.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ila Meyers. Marty (Norma) Meyers of Mountain Home, Gina (Erick) Manda of Meridian, David (Christine) Meyers of Grand View and Tom (Michelle) Meyers of Oreana. Sister-in-laws Cherry Meyers of Grand View and Joyce Meyers of Mountain Home; Brother-in-law Bruce (Becky) Litke of Hanes, Oregon; 22 grandkids, 20 great-grandkids and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Alma Meyers, his in-laws Martin and Charlotte Evans Litke, his brother-in-law Jerry Litke, nieces Cheryll Meyers and Julie Meyers Lindquist and granddaughter Heather. Memorial contributions can be made in Cecil's name to the Grand View Fire and Ambulance services. Thank you to all the people that came to the house when we needed help with his insulin shots, the home health care nurses and care givers. Without everyone's help, we wouldn't have been able to keep him home with mom for as long as we did. We truly appreciate the tight-knit community of Grand View.

## Nathan Joel Lemrick

Nathan Joel Lemrick, 43, of Wilder, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021 at his home. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 at Wilder Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 459-0833



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# Council to consider change to Homedale library board

## Chairperson Whitney ends nearly two decades of service

When the Homedale city library board meets in October, there will be a new chairperson and possibly a new director.

Longtime board member and current chair Dawn Whitney spent her final meeting at the head of the table last Wednesday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Typically scheduled for the Monday before the monthly city council meeting, the September confab was held five days early because of the library's Labor Day closure.



Janet McCornack (left) presents flowers and well wishes to Homedale library board chair Dawn Whitney near the end of last Wednesday's meeting. Fellow board member Pam Gibbens gives Whitney a round of applause. Whitney has left the board after 18 years.

Tonight, the city council is scheduled to accept Whitney's resignation after 18 years on the board as well as consider

Doris Hayward Roland, a Homedale resident who formerly worked in Marsing City Hall, has been recommended to complete Whitney's term on the board. The term lasts until October 2023.

Whitney announced her plan to step away from the board during an Aug. 9 meeting.

Also, the council has been asked to reappoint Pam Gibbens as a library board member for another five years. Gibbens is the retired Homedale Elementary School secretary.

Janet McCornack presented Whitney with a vase of flowers last Wednesday when board members gave their well wishes to their longtime colleague.

"She's the engine that keeps things running," McCornack

said toward the end of last week's meeting.

Whitney deflected any credit for the board's accomplishments over the years.

"You guys did the work," she said. "I just did the hollering."

It was revealed during last Wednesday's meeting that board member Debbie Packer, who was absent, may also resign. Nolene Johnstone and Brenda Watts were discussed as possible candidates to replace Packer, but the board made no decision on a recommendation to advance to the city council.

The library board serves as a governing body for the library and is a *de facto* advisory committee to the council.

— JPB

# Library board gets crash course on lobbying for district

## Library commission rep: Yes vote will "probably" raise taxes

Supporters of a library district in the Homedale area would have to come up with the money to pay for the election.

Kevin Tomlinson of the Idaho Commission for Libraries gave library board members a rundown on what it would take to establish a taxing district at last Wednesday's regular meeting at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Tomlinson appeared through a Zoom link-up.

With the construction of the new library in Homedale, the board has started steps toward creating a taxing district to fund operation and activities at the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library currently operates as a city library, receiving money from the City of Homedale's general fund each year. The library board also has a memorial fund from which other revenue is derived plus library director Sharla Jensen

obtains grants each year for programs, books, and other needs.

According to Tomlinson's explanation, the question of forming a taxing district would be placed on the ballot and — because library proponents want the district to encompass the boundaries of the Homedale School District — a majority of voters in both Owyhee and Canyon counties would have to approve the establishment of the district.

Tomlinson pointed out the advantages of a taxing district, including a consistent revenue stream based on property taxes. Currently, the library's budget is dependent on how much money the city council wants to appropriate each fiscal year.

Through either a taxing district or annual fees to participate in the library, Tomlinson said patrons pay for the library services they receive.

"There's no such thing as

free library service," he said. "When someone doesn't live in the boundaries of a library (service area), people will have to pay to use the library."

Tomlinson also told board members that creating a library district "will probably raise taxes."

Currently, Homedale citizens can use the library for free because part of the property taxes the city levies goes toward the operation of the library. But residents outside the city limits must pay an annual fee to obtain a library card.

If a taxing district is created, the city isn't likely to forgo the portion of its tax levy that is used for library support, Tomlinson said.

"The citizens won't be paying double taxes," he said. "It's just that the city's probably not willing to give up the revenue."

The city would probably use the money formerly earmarked for library support in other areas of its budget.

Tomlinson also said that a taxing district would create larger revenue that would al-

low diversity in offerings at the library.

"That's the biggest (reason for a district)," Jensen said. "Because there are programs we don't offer and we can't be open more hours."

Tomlinson told board members they must be prepared to answer questions from the community about why a library district is needed. The bottom line is to make sure that everyone in the area is receiving library services.

If a taxing district is achieved, the first board of trustees would be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and Tomlinson said there is no guarantee that the current crop of board members would be transferred to the district board en masse.

The library board is in the process of organizing a taxing district working group, which will include citizens that aren't part of the board. Mil Shanley, a longtime library supporter and the daughter of former board member Opal Nash, attended last week's meeting as a prospective task force

member.

"The working group should brainstorm about what additional programs and services can be offered with the new district," Tomlinson said.

The working group also must come up with ways to raise financing for the election. Furthermore, Tomlinson said, library staff cannot lobby visitors to vote for the district while they are on duty inside the library. A sign pointing out the pros and cons of a library district, however, is acceptable, he said.

Tomlinson encouraged the board to form partnerships with community leaders and organizations and even school officials to help get the word out on the importance of a full-service library.

"You have to get the message out and keep nagging people that their vote is important," he said.

"Farmers and ranchers tend not to vote for libraries, so the rural vote is going to be tough. You have to keep educating them."

— JPB

# Jackson library plans STEM fun for no-school Friday

The Teens & Tweens program is back at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, which also will have a special activity day later this month.

A do-it-yourself STEM kit activity is planned for Friday, Sept. 24 at the Homedale city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The hourlong activity begins at 10:30 a.m., and will be open to ages 8 and older. Parental help is recommended.

Library director Sharla Jensen has purchased Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics DIY kits so children can build a reptile robot, a walking robot, an aircraft car, a Ferris wheel and more.

Early registration is encouraged to reserve one of the kits, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

- The first Teens & Tweens event of the 2021-22 school year takes place at 5 p.m., on Thursday.

In a combination event to cater to boys and girls, organizers are planning a Paint Night Escape Room activity.

The participants will combine artistic talents with puzzle-solving to attain the prize, according to a press release.

An hourlong program open to youth ages 10-17 will be held each Thursday.

- Grandparents Day is coming up on Sunday, so Monday's Opal Nash Story Time will give preschoolers the opportunity to make a "Mail a Hug" craft and "Owl" Always Love You" craft to give to their grandparents.

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., and the featured books will be "Me and My Grandma" by Alison Ritchie and "How to Babysit a Grandpa" by Jean Reagan.

For more information on the library's programs, call (208) 337-4228.

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.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice*  
*PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily*

Sept. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans.

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

Sept. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, cheese stick, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs, oranges **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries

## 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*

Sept. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

Sept. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries

## 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*

Sept. 8: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, or chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with steamed broccoli, or Malibu chicken wrap with chips, or southwest chicken salad with breadstick, Jello

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans, or pepperoni pizza with tossed salad, or ham and cheese sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

Sept. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts or mini waffles, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger with fries, or pepperoni pizza with fries, or turkey bacon sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich with tots, or mozzarella filled breadstick with tots, or southwest chicken wrap with chips, or chef’s salad with breadstick

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or tornado (sausage, egg, cheese), yogurt **Lunch:** Crispito with rice, or cheeseburger with potato wedges, or roast beef sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

## 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)

Sept. 8: **Breakfast:** Texas toast **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans Hot Grab-n-go: Crispito, potato wedge

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits Cold Grab-n-go: Ham and cheese sub meal

Sept. 13: **Breakfast:** Yogurt, ultra bread slice **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots Cold Grab-n-go: Southwest chicken wrap meal

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, carrot sticks Hot Grab-n-go: Cheeseburger, potato tots/gems

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** Yogurt **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans Hot Grab-n-go: Quesadilla, potato wedge

## Bruneau/Grand View

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

Sept. 8: **Breakfast:** Biscuit and gravy **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, romaine salad/salsa, corn

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Bagels **Lunch:** Corn dog, Tater Tots, baby carrots

Sept. 13: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, romaine salad, steamed carrots

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Nachos and whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

# WEED WATCH



*Above: Can-  
ada thistle in a  
field. Left: The  
weed’s flowers.  
Photos by Clint  
Shock*

### From Jordan Valley CWMA

**Name:** Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)

**Description:** A long-lived, deep-rooted perennial can grow to five feet but more commonly under three foot locally. Seedlings quickly produce an extensive root system and will form very dense clusters radiating from an original seedling. Spreads mainly from creeping root shoots; however, also produces wind-borne seed. Seedlings are not particularly competitive. Leaves are wavy margined to lobed, up to six inches long, and armed with yellowish spines. Flower heads are urn-shaped typical of the aster family and with lavender to pink flowers. Seeds are slender, tan, about 1/8<sup>th</sup>-inch long, attached to a fine plume. One plant will easily produce more than 5,000 seeds per season with a high percentage of them viable.

**Habitat:** Cultivated fields, riparian areas, pastures, rangelands, forests, roadsides, and waste areas.

**Origins:** Native to the northern areas of Eastern Europe around the Caspian Sea. One of the earliest introduced plants in North America, at least by 1889 in Oregon.

**Control:** Canada thistle is extremely difficult to control. There are several approved insect controls; however, none have been very effective yet. Mechanical or hand-pulling has not proven an effective control because of regeneration from root fragments. Also, because of the extensive root system herbicide control is difficult and usually works best in conjunction with other control measures. Fall applications of certain chemicals can be the most effective herbicide treatments, generally after a killing frost. Any herbicides that contain Clopyralid, Aminopyralid or Picloram are highly effective but should be used cautiously. Caution: These chemistries can have a very long residual effect.

*(Modified from Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon, Gary Page, retired Malheur County weed inspector).*

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

**Jordan Valley** — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000

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

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

**Owyhee weed supervisor** — Kelly Aberasturi, (208) 249-4405

**Malheur weed supervisor** — Amanda Zander, (541) 473-5102

# COVID-19 infections trigger Rimrock school closure

## Students expected to return Monday as officials try to control spread

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School returned from the Labor Day long weekend in a remote learning environment after a handful of students tested positive for COVID-19.

New principal Tony Richard announced last week that the school would be closed to in-person classes beginning Tuesday.

According to Richard’s electronic message to parents, students and staff are expected to return to campus on Monday.

Richard confirmed four students tested positive for the virus and that another 14 students and staff members were awaiting results from tests.

The school serves 177 sixth-through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders.

“Based on our ability to contact trace via review of classroom seating charts, we have determined at this time that 47 of our students have had close contact, although the number may be greater as children are highly mobile and have considerable interaction with each other during lunch recess,” Richard said in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche.

Likewise, the impact on other schools is unknown. Younger siblings in the elementary system of course have close contact with their older brothers and sisters who

attend the secondary school.

Rimrock’s closure comes as Grand View Elementary students and staff return from a week of remote learning because of a COVID-19 outbreak at that Bruneau-Grand View School District campus.

Although no Rimrock teachers were among the initial positive cases, Richard said staffers are taking precautions.

“As a result of the high level of interaction all teachers have with students at Rimrock, all teachers are taking the recommended safety protocols to minimize interaction over the next 10 days as we work locally to crush the curve,” he said.

Switching to remote learning was smooth, Richard said, because teachers were asked to be prepared for possible

COVID-19 closures.

“At the onset of the third week of school, teachers were directed by school administration to have at least four days of lessons ready for distribution to students in case we need to close briefly,” the principal said.

“In addition, BGV SD is well positioned to continue effective instruction through distance learning, as all learners have Chromebooks to use in pursuing their studies with teacher support.”

Bruneau Elementary remains open, school officials said.

“We do not anticipate the school closing; however, we are prepared to respond in an effective manner if it becomes necessary due to transmission spread,” a collective email response from Richard and

district superintendent Dr. Todd Shumway stated.

“Our fantastic community is comprised of tight-knit families and people are highly interactive in many community partnerships, so the possibility of transmission of the virus does exist.”

Officials don’t yet expect the closures to affect the educational flow during the school year, and they said staffers are coping with the situation.

“To use an old phrase, ‘This is not our first rodeo,’ ” officials stated in the email. “Collectively our staff in the BGV SD remain committed to the children and the families in our community.”

“The overall outlook is hopeful, and we believe the challenges before us will eventually pass.” — JPB

# OCA, Marsing Ag Labor group back Decade of Ag idea

## Local groups among 60 supporting governor’s proclamation

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is one of only two beef-producing organizations in the state that have signed on to the Decade of Agriculture in Idaho proclamation so far.

Gov. Brad Little signed a proclamation on Aug. 26 becoming the first governor in the county to designate 2020-2030 as the Decade of Agriculture.

“It sets a strategic vision for the entire agriculture industry around which we can align for the overall mission of feeding a growing population, increasing our environmental stewardship, improving sustainability and efficiency with natural resources,” OCA board

president Oscar Evans said.

The OCA joins the Marsing Ag Labor Association as the only two Owyhee County-based entities on the list of supporting organizations.

A Homedale cattle producer, Evans said OCA’s involvement in the proclamation aligns with the group’s viewpoint. The directors decided to sign on in June after the Food Producers of Idaho sent out information about the proclamation.

“It wasn’t really a big discussion,” Evans said of board’s preliminary work before making a decision.

“It just made sense to everyone to sign on to the vision,

which very closely aligns with our principles and objectives as an industry and an organization.

The Idaho Cattle Association also endorses the proclamation.

“ICA is obviously statewide and the biggest representative of the beef industry overall,” Evans said.

“I suspect we’re the most active local organization associated with the beef industry ... I also believe we’re the only beef organization that is a member of Food Producers.”

Little’s announcement last month is part of an effort spearheaded by U.S. Farmers & Ranchers in Action, which calls upon leaders across the food and agriculture sector to endorse a shared vision: A resilient, restorative, economically viable, and climate-smart agricultural system that produces abundant and nutritious food, natural fiber, and clean energy for a sustainable, vibrant, and prosperous America.

According to Dairy West CEO Karianne Fallow, the economic, social, and environmental demands of a growing

global population require resilient and creative solutions. Introducing Gov. Little at a signing ceremony attended by leaders of the Idaho ag sector, Fallow said that as the backbone of the state’s economy and a national leader, Idaho agriculture plays an integral role in an economically and ecologically sustainable future.

USFRA CEO Erin Fitzgerald said the decade of agriculture requires unprecedented commitment.

“It is a clarion call to figure out how we can nourish our neighbors and do so with less resources to invest in the sector and mobilize climate-smart solutions,” she said. “We have done this before, when we have invested in agriculture after the Civil War, after the Dust Bowl, and after World War II. We unleashed unprecedented economic growth through agriculture.”

“The world is looking for solutions, and what they’re asking for is a decade of action.”

Evans said OCA members can support the proclamation

by doing what they do best — “raise the highest quality beef, promote the industry, and preserve and protect our way of life by being good stewards of all of our resources.”

“If all industry stakeholders and individual farmers and ranchers will do what we do best, we will support the proclamation every day.”

More than 60 Idaho organizations — including the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, at least a half-dozen state ag commissions, and more than 40 associations representing agriculture and related sectors — have voiced support for the initiative.

More information about the Decade of Agriculture is available at [www.usfarmerandranchers.org](http://www.usfarmerandranchers.org) and [www.dairywest.com](http://www.dairywest.com).

Evans said one of the OCA’s new directors has an idea to directly support the proclamation and the board plans to discuss the plan this week.

The importance of carrying out the vision of the proclamation cannot be overstated, Evans said.

“A healthy agriculture industry stretches from our small communities, businesses and school all the way to the Pentagon,” the retired Navy pilot said. “The Pentagon? That’s right. The ability to feed our own citizens is a central tenet of national security.”

“So from supplying or shopping the local farmer’s market to the big ranches and farms across our county and state, we all have a role to play in supporting the agriculture industry that supports us.”

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## Today

**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 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

**Story Time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

**Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

**Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting**  
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

**Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

**Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

**Three Creek School board meeting**  
7 p.m., Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson.

**Homedale Highway District meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

**Marsing School Board meeting**  
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

## Thursday

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

**Owyhee Gardeners meeting**  
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

**Yoga class**  
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale

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

**Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
6 p.m., Idaho Fudge Co., 111 Main St., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or

marsingchamber@gmail.com

**Library Board meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

**VFW meeting**  
7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

## Friday

**HHS college fair**  
6:30 p.m., to 9 p.m., free game admission for HHS students, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Avenue, Homedale.

## Saturday

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

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

## Monday

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

**Opal Nash 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

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

**Senior citizens board meeting**  
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Yoga class**  
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale

**Melba School Board meeting**  
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway. (208) 495-1141

**American Legion Post 128 meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and

Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing

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

## Thursday, Sept. 16

**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. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale

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

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

## Friday, Sept. 17

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

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

## Saturday, Sept. 18

**Two Rivers Park Celebration**  
10 a.m., “Classics on the Grass” car show & chili cook-off, Two Rivers Park, Adrian. Car show or vendor booths: (208) 452-5531. Chili cook-off: (541) 212-9503

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

# P&Z plans Oreana zoning open house

Latest in a series  
of hearings  
re-examining uses

The countywide rezoning campaign has shifted to another region.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will convene a public hearing on the next phase at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The open house style

hearing will take place inside Courtroom 1 at the county courthouse complex, 20381 Hwy. 78, Murphy. The meeting is planned to last two hours.

Comments will be taken on land use, allowed uses and possible rezoning in an area from Oreana to Indian Cove. Specifically, according to the county’s legal notice, the area stretches from southeast of Joyce Ranch Road to the east

end of Oreana Loop Road.

The open house is similar to those held earlier to receive input on how rural areas should be zoned outside three other regions in the county.

Additional information is available under the Public Hearing Documents section of the Community Planning page on [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net). For more information, call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

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# Community service, probation for neglectful caretaker

A Nampa caretaker must perform community service after being convicted of abandoning a vulnerable adult. Patricia Lynn Harrison, 20, was sentenced on Aug. 23 by Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington. Harrison entered a guilty plea to the misdemeanor charge on July 26. Darrington suspended a six-month jail sentence and ordered the defendant to serve two years unsupervised probation. She has until Feb. 23 to serve 40 hours of community service. Harrison was charged in March and accused of leaving the man for whom she cared alone without supervision in early February. According to the charging document, the woman’s dereliction of duties violated a contract. The woman must pay \$300 in fines and \$197.50 in court costs.

## Courthouse report

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

### Aug. 31

**Amanuel Abraham, Oakland, Calif.** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, logbook, 11-hour rule violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

### Aug. 30

**Martinez Andres, Marsing** — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (10 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$505 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor leaving the scene or fail to stop for damage accident, misdemeanor driving without privileges

**Derrick Bernard Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

**Macario Nerivera, San Diego, Calif.** — 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. 26

**Lori D. D’Angelo, Caldwell** — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal: amended from felony controlled substance possession with intent to manufacture or deliver): 1 to 4 years in state penitentiary (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

**Enrique Ezequiel Palacios, Homedale** — Felony sexual battery of a minor age 16-17, contact not defined as lewd (plea deal): 2 to 10 years in state prison (credit for time served), 10 years felony probation, \$5,545.50 in court costs

**Joel E. Davis, Middleton** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal: amended from felony aggravated assault): \$300 in fines (suspended), \$282.50 in court costs

**Christopher M. Grimm, Homedale** — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 to 4 years in state prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession 2x

### Aug. 24

**Muhammad Saeed Akhtar, Grand Island, Neb.** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

**Kelly Glenn Stewart, Homedale** — Misdemeanor

commercial freight regulations, general load securement violations: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

### Aug. 23

**Dwight David Childers, Reno, Nev.** — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 180 days in jail (38 served, 142 suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$302.50 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession

**Satwinder S. Gill, residence unavailable** — 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

**Patricia Lynn Harrison, Nampa** — Misdemeanor abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult (plea deal: Amended from original charge of felony abandoning a vulnerable adult): 180 days in jail (suspended), 2 years probation, \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs.

**Bahiredin Sultan Hasen, Bloomington, Ind.** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

**Justin Michael Hosea-Williams, Mobile, Ala.** — 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

**Trenton Leon Jackson, Seffner, Fla.** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

**Francisco H. Montes-Reyes, Tulare, Calif.** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, no logbook (serious): \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

**Steven L. Smith, Melba** — Misdemeanor animal livestock violation, unlawful ranging of hogs or goats in a town or settlement (plea deal): \$157.50 in court costs

### Aug. 20

**Joshua Oneal Young, Houston** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious violation): \$382 in fines, \$318 in court costs

### Aug. 19

**Cemal Cakir, Stroudsburg, Pa.** — 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

**Deon M. Powell, Amarillo, Texas** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations: False logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

### Aug. 18

**Zalin P. Arritola, Homedale** — Misdemeanor driving under the influence, second offense (plea deal): 180 days in jail (8 to serve, 2 served, 170 suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, 1 year driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container, misdemeanor carry concealed weapon while under the influence

**Jordan Ilias Glasper, Sacramento, Calif.** — Misdemeanor fail to register annually commercial, non-commercial and farm vehicle: \$300 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

**Titus L. Horton, Adrian, Ore.** — Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container: \$187.50 in court costs

**Marc Sony Joseph, Orlando, Fla.** — 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

**Scott A. Lazarus, Homedale** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal: Amended from misdemeanor attempted controlled substance possession): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

**Domenick Michael Miniero, Caldwell** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

**Noel Alex Obregon, Homedale** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal: Amended from misdemeanor controlled substance possession): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

**Eloisa Ojeda, Homedale** — Misdemeanor DUI: 2 days in jail, 1 year supervised probation, 180 days driver’s license suspension, \$202.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to expunge record after successful completion of sentence

**Ruben G. Perez, Caldwell** — Misdemeanor DUI, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 180 days in jail (1 day served, 150 days suspended, 29 days to serve), 2 years supervised probation, 180 days driver’s license suspension, \$307.50 in fines, \$400 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor unlawful transportation of alcoholic beverage by driver, misdemeanor controlled substance possession

**Matthew Alexander Renz, Marsing** — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

**Dustin Oneal Thomas, Nampa** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor unlawful transportation of alcoholic beverage by driver

**Kathleen Mary Young, Homedale** — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal): 180 days in jail (1 served, 5 to serve, 174 suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, 180 days driver’s license suspension, \$395 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs



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# Several people sentenced for drunk driving recently

## Homedale officers make three arrests

A Caldwell man has been told to write a letter of apology to his wife and children because of his drunk driving conviction.

Ruben G. Perez was one of four people sentenced Aug. 18 on misdemeanor driving under the influence charges.

The 29-year-old man was arrested by an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy after a traffic stop shortly after noon on April 18 at North Bruneau Highway and Main Street in Marsing.

Like the other people who were sentenced for DUI by Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington, Perez must enroll in a treatment program.

He also was sentenced on a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession charge. As part of a plea deal, county Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dismissed misdemeanor counts of controlled substance possession and transporting an open container of alcohol.

Perez was pulled over for an erratic driving pattern. One investigating deputy found two open beer cans and two open bottles of whisky — one empty and one half-empty — in the white Chevrolet Suburban the man was driving.

The other deputy found a marijuana grinder with pot in it as well as glass pipes and a tube with a white powdery substance.

The total weight of the marijuana was a half a gram, and the white powder tested positive for methamphetamine, according to an OCSO probable cause statement.

The man’s blood-alcohol concentration measured 0.107 percent according to a breath test, the probable

cause statement said.

Perez was also cited for speeding, distracted driving and driving left of the center line.

Perez received credit for one day he served in county jail in Murphy after his arrest. Darrington suspended 150 days of a six-month jail sentence, but ordered Perez to spend 29 days behind bars. Seven of those days must be served consecutively after which the remaining 22 days can be served on non-consecutive days as long as the sentence is completed by Feb. 18.

Perez’s driver’s license is suspended for six months, and he must pay \$307.50 in fines and \$400 in court costs.

The most unusual part of the sentencing was the order to write a letter to his family.

• A Homedale man also must undergo treatment after his second misdemeanor DUI offense in the span of 10 years.

Zalin P. Arritola, 25, was sentenced more than a year after Homedale Police officers arrested him shortly after 11 p.m., on May 2, 2020 at Badiola Arena. According to the citation, Arritola’s address was in New Plymouth at the time of his arrest.

Arritola was arrested at the arena after officers found him. A citizens’ tip to dispatch said that a man who appeared to be drunk was leaving the ExtraMile convenience store on East Idaho Avenue, and HPD began to look for a white Dodge pickup.

Once Arritola was located, officers wrote misdemeanor citations for the DUI, possession of a weapon while under the influence, and possession of an open container by a driver. According to the probable cause statement, several open beer cans were located in the vehicle.

Arritola spent two days in Owyhee County Jail after his arrested, and

Darrington ordered him behind bars for eight more days. The balance of a six-month sentence was suspended.

Arritola is on unsupervised probation for two years and had his driver’s license suspended for a year.

He must pay \$500 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs.

As part of a plea agreement, Homedale prosecuting attorney Paul J. Fitzer dropped the open container and weapon charges.

• A Homedale woman who was arrested for misdemeanor DUI when she was 17 years old, can perform 16 hours of community service to avoid two days in jail.

Now 18, Eloisa Ojeda was cited for drunk driving on Nov. 12. An HPD officer stopped the white 1999 Honda Passport Ojeda was driving near the intersection of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street West and West Owyhee Avenue.

Ojeda’s BAC was reported as .128 percent.

After Ojeda finishes her jail time or community service, she will still face a year of supervised probation.

Her driver’s license has been suspended for six months, and she must pay \$202.50 in court costs.

Darrington did file a withheld judgment in the case, meaning Ojeda can petition to have her record expunged after successfully completing all aspects of her sentence.

• Another Homedale woman was given the option of community service to avoid two years in jail when she received sentencing for DUI.

Kathleen Mary Young entered into a plea deal with Fitzer, and Darrington ordered a treatment program, too.

Young, 55, will serve two years of unsupervised probation and can’t drive for 180 days.

She also must have an Interlock

device installed in her car until Feb. 18, 2023. An Interlock requires the driver to blow into a tool that measures blood-alcohol content in order to start their vehicle.

Young was ordered to pay \$395 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs.

An HPD officer arrested Young shortly before 6 p.m., on May 9 on South Main Street after performing a traffic stop. Young was driving a maroon 2008 Cadillac DTS sedan, which matched the description of a vehicle that reportedly had been involved in a hit-and-run accident Canyon County.

A citizen who had witnessed the accident was still following Young in a white Dodge Challenger when the officer made his stop.

According to the officer’s probable cause statement, Young refused to take a Breathalyzer test but consented to a blood draw to determine BAC. Results were pending when the officer filed his paperwork with the court.

This was the second DUI for Young. She was convicted of drunk driving in 2004, according to the HPD probable cause statement.

• A Marsing man was ordered to serve 10 days in jail but had the rest of a six-month sentence suspended at his sentence hearing Aug. 30 before Darrington.

Martinez Andres was arrested on Oct. 27 by a sheriff’s deputy.

The man must serve two years of supervised probation, and he had his driver’s license suspended for six months. Additionally, Darrington told him to pay \$505 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs.

As part of a plea agreement, Phillips dismissed misdemeanor charges of failing to stop after a damage accident and driving without privileges.

# No more time behind bars for drug case defendants

## Prosecuting attorney drops meth felony against Nevadan; other prison terms suspended

A 39-year-old Reno, Nev., resident avoided the most serious charge in his drug case through a plea agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips.

Dwight David Childers won’t have to serve any more time in jail after his Aug. 23 sentencing before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

Darrington sentenced the man on misdemeanor convictions for marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession. Phillips dropped a felony drug charge as part of the plea deal.

Childers served 38 days in jail after his Sept. 16, 2019 arrest. Darrington gave him credit for that time behind bars and suspended the balance of a 180-day sentence.

Childers is on two years unsupervised probation, and he must pay \$302.50 in fines and \$347.50 in court costs.

An Idaho State Police trooper arrested Childers on a count of felony methamphetamine possession two summers ago. He also arrested Childers on the misdemeanor drug charges that eventually were in the final

disposition.

The traffic stop of a 1995 GMC Kodiak 3500 truck took place shortly before 4:30 p.m., on Sept. 16, 2019 at the U.S. Highway 95-Idaho highway 55 interchange west of Marsing.

According to the ISP trooper’s probable cause affidavit, Childers admitted to possessing marijuana and rolling papers and meth and syringes.

The trooper found a little more than 20 grams of pot, but reported that there wasn’t enough meth to get a weight, although further analysis was

planned at the state lab.

• A Caldwell woman who struck a plea deal to avoid drug trafficking felony has been sentenced to three years felony probation.

Lori D. D’Angelo was sentenced on Aug. 26 before Third District Judge Davis F. Vandervelde.

In her plea agreement with Phillips, D’Angelo saw the trafficking charge knocked down to the lesser felony of controlled substance possession.

A state prison sentence of one to four years was suspended, but D’Angelo must pay \$635.50 in court costs.

Phillips dismissed a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia

possession charge that was logged after the woman’s March 19 arrest.

• Christopher M. Grimm of Homedale received a similar plea deal and sentence when he appeared before Vandervelde on Aug. 26.

Grimm entered a guilty plea to felony controlled substance possession. In return, Phillips dismissed a misdemeanor drug charge and two counts of paraphernalia possession, also misdemeanors.

Vandervelde suspended a state prison sentence of one to four years and placed Grimm on three years felony probation.

Grimm must also pay \$635.50 in court costs.

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**HHS band opens season**  
*Homedale musicians showed off their chops Friday night during the football game against Ontario, Ore.*

**Marsing High School band sees huge influx**

*Above: The Marsing High School marching band has seen a significant increase in its participation this school year and promises to provide an exciting halftime show.*  
**Front row, from left:** color guard coach Mykayla Panchenko, drum major Samuel Withers, assistant drum major Tyson Campbell, and band director Dawn Sandmeyer; **Second row, from left:** Emily Richling, Tim Christiansen, Heston McIntyre, Sky Mattivi, Indigo Fray, Erika Frazier, Emily Whitted, and Laney Goostrey; **Third row, from left:** Katie Roberts, Amanda Tuttle, Lazarus Sevy, Wolfe Buzzard, Trinity Stimmel, Maizy Little, and Kylie Goostrey; **Back row, from left:** Hailey Andrus, Valentin Vazquez, Angela Ayala, Jack Marshall, Elliot Little, Lily Gluch, Jesse Tuttle, and Junior Hurtado. **Not pictured:** Audrey Adams, Jackie Moreno, Grace Clay, Shea Jensen, Xavier Linker, Alex Worley, Tommy O'Donnell, Zak Patterson, Nathan Madrid, and Anessa Gaddis.

**College fair for all coincides with HHS football**

This year’s Homedale High School college fair will be open air.  
Kristie Dorsey, the school’s Gear UP coordinator, is putting together a college fair for the community that will be presented during Friday’s football game.  
“(This) is for all HHS students, parents, and community members,” Dorsey said in the flier accompanying the announcement.  
“What an awesome opportunity to

meet, talk with, and ask questions about college options, degree programs, and financial aid with college reps.”  
The college fair will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Deward Bell Stadium. It begins a half-hour before the Trojans’ non-conference football game against Baker, Ore.  
Game admission is free for all HHS students, who will receive a “College Fair Passport” when they enter the stadium.

The passports will be stamped by each college representative at their respective booths, and students can turn in their completed passports at the concession stand for a free hamburger or hot dog and a drink.  
Dorsey has commitments from several institutions:  
• University of Idaho  
• The College of Idaho  
• Idaho State University  
• Lewis-Clark State College

• Northwest Nazerene University  
• Boise Bible College  
• College of Western Idaho  
• College of Southern Idaho  
• Treasure Valley Community College  
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The school district, HHS Gear UP, Integra DeLamar and TRiO student support services are sponsoring the college fair.  
— JPB

**Community asked to help injured Marsing man**

Community members have banded together to help a Marsing man who suffered a severe head injury in a July four-wheeler accident.  
Shaun Bush and his family will benefit from the Bush Benefit Dinner and Auction at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.  
Bush, who owns Marsing-based Bush Excavation, LLC, has accumulated some hefty medical bills after a three-week stay in the intensive care unit and the ensuing rehabilitation. He has not been able to work since the accident.  
To help with his medical care, a group of friends, in-

cluding Jason and Bre Montgomery, as well as Bush’s brother-in-law Richard Besendorfer, organized the dinner and auction.  
Tickets for the event are \$25 each and can be purchased at BBC Design Co., 429 Main St., and OC Coffee, 6138 Hwy. 55, both in Marsing. They are also available by calling or texting Bre Montgomery at (208) 402-3722.  
VIP dinner seating is also available for \$600. Included is reserved seating for eight people for the dinner and auction, one shirt, an unlimited drink koozie for each person, and business name, logo, and advertising on the table.  
There are only 10 tables available.

Bre Montgomery said more than 100 tickets have already been sold for the fundraising event. She also said organizers reached out to the Marsing Disaster Auction directors and were assured they would get help, but details have not been sorted out.  
A GoFundMe page has been created to help Bush, too, at [www.gofundme.com/f/for-shaun-bush](http://www.gofundme.com/f/for-shaun-bush).  
The dinner will consist of smoked brisket, pork, goat, and more, and beans, salad, and a drink. Besendorfer will smoke all the meat.  
The dinner will be followed by a live auction, which will include:  
• Gun ammo donated by Hungate Custom Hay

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• A Glitzy cooler (filled with surprise items) donated by Jason and Kelly Ineck  
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• A Scentsy basket donated by Amanda Corta  
• A gift basket donated by Idaho Fudge Co.  
• 100 gallons of propane donated by Valley Wide Propane  
• A family photo session donated by Yvonne Walker  
• A 10-wheeler load of road mix donated by Owyhee Sand

and Gravel  
Skylar and Amanda Schelhorn will raffle a Stoeger P3000 Home Defense shotgun, and all proceeds will be donated to the Bushes. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Skylar at (208) 697-1837 or Amanda at (208) 697-6626. The winning ticket will be drawn at the dinner.  
The winner of the shotgun raffle must be 18 years old and meet all Idaho laws for firearms purchase and pass a background check.  
Anyone interested in donating for the auction can contact Jason Montgomery at (541) 216-0489, Besendorfer at (208) 965-5175, or Bre Montgomery.  
— TK



# Buckaroo Hall of Fame inductees

## Former Homedale resident part of trio

Three men with varying degrees of ties to the Owyhee country were welcomed into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame in Winnemucca, Nev., during the weekend.

The three 2021 inductees are Ray E. Easterday, one-time Homedale resident Frank Maher, and Brian Morris.

Maher and Morris were honored posthumously.

Maher's daughter, Ilene Canning, was one of the family representatives at Saturday's induction ceremony. She said her father was a charter member of the Owyhee County

Rodeo Board and that between the father and daughter, the Maher family was represented on the rodeo board for 58 years.

Canning brought out even more stories about her father than were relayed in the Sept. 1 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, including the time in 1939 when he decided to rope an antelope.

The Buckaroo Hall of Fame and Heritage Museum is located at 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., in Winnemucca, Nev. The phone number is (775) 623-2225.



Clockwise at left: Frank Maher a'horseback, Brian Morris, Ray Easterday (left) with his brother Lavern. Photos courtesy of Buckaroo Hall of Fame. Above: Frank Maher roping his antelope, 1939. Photo courtesy of Ilene Canning



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Marsing runners get PRs in Caldwell

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## Rimrock athletics on hold during closure

Football, volleyball action postponed, including home-court match vs. Marsing

The latest Bruneau-Grand View School District closure also brought a halt to the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School fall athletics season.

Contests for the football and volleyball programs have been put on hold. The cross country team was able to sneak in its competition last week

before the quarantine was announced. According to Rimrock principal Tony Richard, athletic director Ashley Merrick is in close contact with fellow ADs from other schools, “thereby giving us the greatest flexibility to maximize athletic competitions (and) opportunities as we go forward into the

current school year.” He continued: “That said, we will do what we can to mitigate the impact COVID has on our athletics; however, the number of competitive opportunities we have will also be determined by the

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Junior quarterback Jaxon Dines heads for the edge against the pursuit of Ontario’s Matt Bell (8) and Austin Shephard during Homedale High School’s home opener Friday night.

## Familiarity breeds conquest Trojans tame Tigers in battle of spread offenses

Holtry achieves philosophical upper hand in Bell bashing

Friday’s home opener was a blast from the past of sorts for Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry.

The potential of Ontario’s familiar spread offense first installed by an old friend wasn’t the only fireworks that would be seen at De-ward Bell Stadium.

After a rocky couple of plays, the Trojans’ defense contained the Tigers’ version of the offensive set Erik Johnson first took across the Oregon border from Homedale in 2013.

The floodgates opened for a 54-8 non-conference victory as Homedale unleashed its own brand of the spread offense, but in a more balanced form than last year.

Sure, junior running back Rylan Binford got to eat, scoring three more touchdowns — on first-quarter jaunts of one, 14 and five yards — and rushing for 90 yards.

But the balance that Holtry always seeks from his overpowering offense showed up in the microcosmic form of junior quarterback Jaxon Dines’ arm and legs.

“I did feel like we made some strong strides this week in getting some more balance to our passing and running attack,” Holtry said. “We



HHS receiver Eli Heck drew a pass interference call on this play against Ontario’s Matt Bell.

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## Marsing volleyball splits matches

First win comes vs. first-year 1A squad

Marsing High School volleyball kicked off 2A Western Idaho Conference play with a tough road loss Thursday to The Ambrose School in Meridian.

The Huskies played strong out of the locker room, jumping out to 14-9 lead before ultimately falling to the Archers in three sets, 25-16, 25-11, 25-12.

“(The team) made a few defensive errors, (but) Emily Thoene and Mila Astorquia worked hard to pick the team up and keep everyone in the correct places, given our setting change,” coach Amy Chadez said, referring to the shuffling of Abby Percifield and Lily Thoene to setter in the wake of Lexi Loucks’ injury.

Chadez was impressed with the heart her players showed in the first set and sees a bright future after a few details are cleaned up.

“I loved the effort in the first set, and I know we can be competitive when we reduce

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Sports

Wendell wallops visiting Marsing

Marsing High School's football team found itself outmatched against Wendell on the road Friday night. One week after opening the season with a dominant win against Valley, the non-conference matchup against the Trojans seemed too much for the Huskies to handle. The host squad rolled, 49-0, in a non-conference game. Marsing coach Mike Nunnelee didn't provide statistics to The Owyhee Avalanche. Wendell and Marsing have traded wins over the past several seasons, with the Huskies winning in 2017, 2019 and 2020. The Trojans claimed a victory in 2018 and snapped a two-game losing streak in the series with Friday's victory. Against Wendell, the Huskies (1-1) were unable keep up the offensive momentum built in a season-opening 48-6 drubbing of Valley. The Huskies' first home game of the season comes Friday against non-conference opponent Payette. Kickoff is 4 p.m., a start time that was changed from 7 p.m. because of a shortage of officials, according to Marsing athletic director Brian Marshall. Marsing's first 2A Western Idaho Conference game of the season is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17 at Nampa Christian.

✓ Marsing: First victory comes at home



Mila Astorquia rises up for a spike in Marsing High School's season opener last month against Payette. She had four aces on home turf last week against Centennial Baptist.

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our errors," she said. Thoene was perfect from the service line and also knocked down three kills. Astorquia recorded six digs for the Huskies (1-3 overall, 0-1 in conference).  
**Aug. 31: Marsing def. Centennial Baptist, 3-0** — The Huskies claimed their first victory of the season, knocking off the visiting Mustangs from Caldwell, 25-7, 25-15, 25-17. Centennial has a team on the court for the first time in history, competing in the 1A Western Idaho Conference, and the Mustangs looked outmatched from the start. "Our serving was extremely competitive," Chadez said. "We have a lot of room to grow as a team with the personnel adjustments. "The girls are taking this in stride and working to support Lily in this transition." Multiple Huskies had shining moments against the Mustangs. Freshman libero Raylynn Vanosdall led the team with five aces. She also had nine serve receives and 11 digs. Emily Vanosdall and Lily Thoene accounted for five digs each. Thoene topped the squad with six assists. Astorquia had eight shots received and was second on the team with four aces. — TK



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Raylynn Vanosdall, fr., libero  
5 aces in win over Centennial Baptist



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Monday, Sept. 13 at Payette, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 14, home vs. Compass Charter, 7 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Wednesday, Sept. 8, home vs. Homedale frosh-soph, 5 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 13 at Payette, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 14, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Thursday, Sept. 9 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 13 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Football Varsity  
Friday, Sept. 10, home vs. Payette, 4 p.m.  
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# Sports

## Melba girls take gold in cross country behind Dayley’s silver

Boys second in Weiser cross country meet

Packing the top 10 helped the Melba High School girls’ cross country team win for the second time in as many outings Thursday.

Owyhee County sophomore Brooklyn Dayley was a distant second to the race winner, but her 22-minute, 17-second jaunt led five runners in the top-10 for the Mustangs at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser.

Hometown athlete Kylee Quinton, a junior, won the individual girls’ title in the Weiser Invitational at 20:51.

Melba’s boys finished second to Union (Ore.) after the Manzer brothers — Reuben and Ravio — and Owyheean McKoy Richardson finished in the top 10.

Rounding out the Melba girls’ top 10 behind Dayley were:

- Rozzlyn Cazier, jr., fifth in 22:56
- Mazie Herman, sr., sixth in 22:58

- Braelyn Scott, jr., ninth at 23:44
- Lacey Leavitt, sr., 10<sup>th</sup> at 23:46

Senior Reuben Manzer was sixth in the boys’ 5K, but he missed breaking 19 minutes and finished at 19:08.

Sophomore Ravio Manzer was six seconds back in ninth place.

A junior, Richardson finished in 19:50.

The rest of the Mustangs girls’ results included:

- Jaycie Hackler, so., 27<sup>th</sup> in 25:47
- Bre Rose Carter, fr., 28<sup>th</sup> in 27:06
- Daisee Crossley, sr., 33<sup>rd</sup> in 28:01
- Josie Hansen, fr., 42<sup>nd</sup> in 29:19
- Gracie Edwards, fr., 46<sup>th</sup> in 30:34

The boys’ runner-up status to meet champion Union also included:

- Grant Svedin, jr., 19<sup>th</sup> in 21:11
- Carsten Volkers, fr., 21<sup>st</sup> in 21:19
- Remington Sessions, so., 47<sup>th</sup> in 23:07
- Jonny Gunderson, so., 62<sup>nd</sup> in 25:06

## Sophomore leads the HHS pack again

A small contingent of Homedale High School athletes ran in the Weiser Invitational on Thursday.

Sophomore Bobby Christensen ran his second 20-minute 5-kilometer race of the season, finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in the boys’ competition at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Christensen’s 20-minute, 41-second run was more than a minute faster than teammate Brock Johnson’s 21:54 (33<sup>rd</sup>).

Christensen was less than 37 seconds slower than his personal-record time of 20:04, which he set at the Aug. 26 New Plymouth Invitational.

Another sophomore, Alex Zamudio, ran a 24:24 for 58<sup>th</sup> place.

On the girls’ side, freshman Evelyn Koon led three top-50 finishes.

She ran a 29:30 to finish 43<sup>rd</sup>, while sophomores Trinity Neeser (48<sup>th</sup>, 30:46) and Elliot

Larzelier (50<sup>th</sup>, 31:08) also broke into the top 50.

Sophomore Cadence Nicoletti was 52<sup>nd</sup> in 32:12.

The Trojans will run at home next Wednesday, tackling the familiar Homedale Middle School course for the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet.

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Sports

Rimrock endures fickle fortunes of cross country

Rimrock High School cross country coach Melissa Raymond appears to be in the midst of rebuilding one year after both teams reached the 1A state championships.

Some Raiders athletes have decided to take the season off and focus on other endeavors, leaving a group comprised primarily of sophomores and not enough runners to field a scoring team in girls' meets.

Sophomore Loyd Boren, whose

sister Ella is skipping her junior year of competition after earning a state medal as a sophomore, was the Raiders' top finisher last Wednesday in the Valley Invite in Hazelton.

Loyd Boren was clocked at 20 minutes, 23 seconds as he finished 32<sup>nd</sup> in the boys' varsity 5-kilometer race.

He was one of five Rimrock boys to compete last week. The Raymond brothers — Cooper and Carson — weren't in the lineup.

Senior Juan Alamilla, the lone upperclassman on either Raiders squad, was 37<sup>th</sup> with a personal record of 20:51.5.

Sophomore Angel Gallardo ran at 23:11.1 (57<sup>th</sup>), while junior Julio Alamilla took 59<sup>th</sup> in 23:13.2. Sophomore Garrett Kunsy rounded out the local set with a 64<sup>th</sup>-place 25:30.7.

Three sophomores ran for the Rimrock girls, including Goya Lemus (47<sup>th</sup>, 28:19.8), Lisbeth Ayala (49<sup>th</sup>,

29:30.3), and Annakay Winings (60<sup>th</sup>, 37:18). Winings improved her time over her debut race on Aug. 29 in New Plymouth.

Samantha Elizarraraz, another sophomore, wasn't listed in last week's results.

The team returns to the Dallmann Dash in Idaho City on Saturday.

Rimrock plays host to the annual Rusty Fender meet on Thursday, Oct. 7.

✓Trojans: Homedale figures to be at full strength Friday vs. Baker, Ore.

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feel like that is going to be key to our success down the road for sure."

Dines ran for 133 yards and two touchdowns (three- and 39-yard scampers in the second quarter) and threw for 110 yards and three scores in the first showcase of Homedale's offensive potential thus far this year.

The showcase will swell Friday against Baker, Ore., when five players suspended for violating school policy will return from a two-game absence. Returning from competitive exile are reigning 3A Snake River Valley conference player of the year Hayden Kincheloe (a senior), junior receivers Mason Strong and Sigmund Goode, and junior backup running back Trenton Fisher. Senior defensive mainstay Willy Haun, a linebacker who is also listed as a running back, also missed the first two games of the season for disciplinary reasons.

"We are excited to be at full strength this week with our program for sure," Holtry said. "We have a special group of players that are eager to get on the field and contribute to the team this week."

"I am excited for them as well."

Without the three front-line skill players, Homedale didn't seem to miss a beat against Ontario.

Besides Binford and Dines, sophomore Andrew Marston provided some punch with 59 tough yards on the ground. Four of his 10 carries went for first downs.

Marston also caught a 14-yard pass as Dines spread things around in the air attack.

Tight end Chase Cooper, a junior, caught a pair of touch-



Junior running back Rylan Binford heads toward the end zone for one of his three first-quarter touchdowns as lineman Michael Rose, a 6-foot, 2-inch, 212-pound sophomore, looks to block.

down passes.

His one-yarder in the second quarter sent Homedale into the halftime break with a 47-0 advantage. He caught a 17-yard pass on the team's second possession of the third quarter, and Diego Cortez kicked his sixth PAT of the game, for the Trojans' final points.

Eli Heck brought in a 10-yard scoring pass in the second quarter.

The Trojans scored on their first seven possessions and racked up 439 yards total offense.

In essence, Homedale pulled away from the larger Ontario team after Tigers senior quarterback Ruben Hernandez showed early potential of

keeping the HHS defense off-balance with his throws.

Real early. Ontario's threat didn't last long.

Hernandez completed his first two passes for 28 yards, and he sprinted for a nine-yard gain on first down on the Tigers' second possession.

But even with an offense carried forward by current Ontario coach Greg Simmons, who was a line coach when Johnson was trying to weave his magic, the Tigers couldn't keep things going.

Ontario amassed 29 yards on its first two possession, but wouldn't get significant positive yardage again until a 57-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

"I think having another week of preparation and given the fact that we had film from their jamboree last week helped us to gameplan a little better this week," Holtry said.

"It was nice to see the kids clean up some of the mental errors from last week (against Caldwell) and play a little cleaner game this week."

Holtry said the opener against Caldwell probably helped his players cope with the physical size that Ontario presented up front.

"I think that our kids did a good job of conditioning this week as well, which paid off for them after the first quarter," the coach said.

Ontario was essentially si-

lent until its final possession of the game.

Hernandez and Matteo Walker teamed up on a 47-yard pass play for the Tigers' only TD with six minutes left in the game.

Ontario managed only 87 yards total offense — 88 yards through the air and minus-1 rushing.

"Erik took a lot of what we did while he was here with us in Homedale to Ontario with him, so there are some things that the coaching staff there continues to do," Holtry said.

"That familiarity was a benefit in game planning for them as we were able to replicate it at practice this week for our defense."

Homedale's defense forced a pair of fumbles — recovered by linebacker D'Orr Packer and defensive lineman Omar Rios, both juniors — and sacked Hernandez seven times.

Sophomores Andrew Sanchez-Dominguez (two sacks) and Jayden Wutherich accounted for three solo sacks, while Packer had a pair of assists and Rios and senior Obed Palacios helped out to bring Hernandez down behind the line of scrimmage.

"I really liked the fact that our defensive line played well all night. They made some adjustments from Week 1 to Week 2 that made a huge difference in their performance," Holtry said. "I was really impressed with how they played, and in turn, how it improved the performance of the entire defense all around."

"The goal now is to see those same type of improvements each week until the end of the season."

— JPB

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# Sports

*Homedale junior Jacy Parker prepares to smash a spike past the defense of Tri Valley's Maren Hansen in last week's non-conference showdown against the reigning 1A, Div. II state champion.*



## Trojans tally set wins vs. State-caliber clubs

### Small-school champs rebound after Homedale's hot start

Homedale High School's tough non-conference volleyball schedule continued at home last week with a night of state-caliber opponents.

The Trojans (0-3 overall at week's end) held their own briefly against reigning 1A, Div. II state champion Tri-Valley even after the Titans rose up and launched a big run in the first set of a 25-9, 15-25, 25-21, 25-13 victory inside the HHS gymnasium on Aug. 31.

With junior Jacy Parker leading the way, Homedale came out strong in the opening set.

The Trojans cobbled together a 4-1 lead on Parker's two kills and a block and Tri-Valley's inability to handle sophomore Olivia Asumendi's serve.

But the Titans — who also beat New Plymouth last week — scored 19 consecutive points with senior Morgan Gibbons at the service line to take control in Game 1.

Before the big outburst, Homedale was showing signs that it could hang with a team that had caught fire last season to run to the state title.

As the 1A, Div. II District III runner-up, Tri-Valley played its way into the state tournament with a victory over District IV No. 3 Carey in a play-in game at Timberline High School in Boise.

The Titans hit the ground running once they reached the state tournament bracket.

Tri-Valley knocked off District V-VI champion Mackay in five sets then needed four sets to exact revenge on District III champ Horseshoe



*Katie Christoffersen (right) goes low to dig a ball during Homedale High School's non-conference match against 1A, Div. II state champion Tri-Valley on Aug. 31.*

Bend.

The Titans won the state title with a four-set victory over District IV champion Castleford.

Tri-Valley has qualified for the past two state tournaments. The Titans were runners-up in the 2019 tournament, which was the program's first appearance in five seasons.

Against Homedale, the Titans ruled the first set through forceful net play, both on offense with spikes and on defense with blocks.

Trailing 23-6 after Maren Hansen knocked down another kill, Homedale rallied for three points down the stretch after first-year coach Heidi Nash

had called the second timeout of Game 1.

The Trojans' brief run started when Hansen committed an unforced error on a kill attempt and included another hiccup in Tri-Valley execution and a block by Homedale senior Laney Swallow.

Amanda Uhlenkott blocked another HHS spike to end the set.

Homedale rallied to win the second set, and played tough in the third, but couldn't climb the mountain again in Game 4.

Parker had a big all-around game. She knocked down 11 kills and scored four blocks while serving four aces — all team-high performances.

Katie Christoffersen added three aces, and Asumendi and Jocelynn Roseborough fired two apiece.

Parker also powered the offense with 11 kills in 35 tries. Christoffersen had four, and Olivia Smith chipped in three.

Swallow had two blocks, while Asumendi came through with 19 assists. Sydney Davis added eight assists.

The Trojans' defense was spread around.

Amaia Aberasturi led the way with 13 digs, and Roseborough chipped in seven. Christoffersen notched six, and Asumendi and Davis carded five each.

**New Plymouth def. Trojans, 3-1** — Facing elimination after the Pilgrims' blowout second set, Homedale rallied and skimmed a win in Game 3 of a 25-14, 25-9, 23-25, 25-15 non-conference loss.

The Trojans' offense sputtered compared to the opener against Tri-Valley with Parker and Asumendi managing just four kills. Christoffersen led the HHS hitters with five spikes, while Roseborough and Zayne Hall notched three each.

Parker and Swallow were the only Trojans to get aces, tallying two each. Likewise, Swallow and Asumendi were the only HHS players with blocks.

Asumendi posted a team-high 13 assists, while Davis continued her emergence with five set balls.

New Plymouth's Eboni Shaw led all players with six kills, and Bailey Volle smoked a game-high three aces.

The Pilgrims are trying to build back their State résumé, having lost a play-in game last year in their first sniff of the state tournament since 2014.

## Marsing PR times drop in Caldwell

One Marsing High School athlete found her afterburner, setting a personal-best time by more than 45 seconds at Thursday's Caldwell Twilight 2021.

Sophomore Sal Mattivi, competing in junior varsity like the rest of her team at Brothers Park, finished the 5-kilometer run in 23 minutes, 7.29 seconds, two minutes behind Cole Valley Christian's Keelin Stewart.

Mattivi finished sixth of the 126 girls competing in JV.

Mattivi set her previous personal record at 23:52.33 in October's 1A/2A District III championship meet in Nampa.

Classmate Mariah Gonzalez finished the Caldwell race in 95<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 29:35.39.

On the boys' side, the Huskies' top performer was senior Dylan Harris, who also toppled a personal record. His 20:24.56 was more than a minute faster than the 21:31 he set at the New Plymouth Invitational on Aug. 26.

Harris crossed the finish line in 44<sup>th</sup> place among the 163 athletes.

Junior Josue Espejel finished in 83<sup>rd</sup> at 21:55.38, followed by Alex Christiansen (25:13.35, 129<sup>th</sup>), and Jack Marshall (26:18.19, 142<sup>nd</sup>).



*Marsing junior Josue Espejel strides ahead of a Kuna athlete in Caldwell on Thursday. Submitted photo*

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Hints for the hired man



- 1. If the new boss' hat isn't sweat-stained, you can pretty much figger whose will be.
- 2. Phrases like, "My dad never paid me a dime till I was 25," or "I haven't had a day off since dad's funeral in 2017," should put you on guard.
- 3. Expensive equipment doesn't guarantee you'll be paid well. That might be where the money's all gone.
- 4. This should send up a warning flag: "My son is all-state in every sport in school, president of the senior class, engaged to the banker's daughter, building a hot rod and learning to fly an airplane. He'll be helping you with the chores."
- 5. If the words "day off" or "insurance" bring a quizzical look to the boss' face, you better think it through.
- 6. You may want to reconsider when the new boss says, "I never had any use for dang new-fangled gadgets like milking machines, PTO post hole diggers or a round baler. They just breed sloth."
- 7. It should be a tip-off if the prospective employer complains that he can't keep a hired man on the place.
- 8. Be suspicious if the boss' own dogs run for cover at the sound of his voice.
- 9. If the boss himself lives in a 1999 New Moon single-wide, don't expect much from his offer of "housing furnished."
- 10. And if the term "retirement plan" is mentioned, you can rest assured it's not yours he's talking about.

But the best hired man learns that critical skill for gettin' along with a good boss — when to listen to him and when not to.

The most successful arrangement I've seen, that lasted for years, was between a couple ol' compadres of mine named George and Jake. George summed up their perfect relationship this way: "Wouldn't nobody else work for Jake, and nobody else would hire me. I've got a job for life."

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Eyes on Owyhee Memories fade, history remains



Every generation has its "Where were you?" moment.

For my grandparents, it was Pearl Harbor.

For my parents, it was the day John F. Kennedy died in Dallas.

For me, and for millions of others across many generations, it's an otherwise sunny Tuesday morning when two iconic buildings plummeted to the concrete in Manhattan, killing more than 3,000 people, and hijacked commercial airliners crashed in Shanksville, Pa., and at the Pentagon resulting in more dead Americans.

Sept. 11, 2001.

Lives were lost in all three plane crashes, but the dust, debris and falling bodies at Ground Zero captivated the nation, and those images are seared into our collective memory as the quintessential flashpoint for that dastardly and deadly day.

As relayed previously, I was walking across my living room floor when I was stopped cold by the images on my television. I'll never forget the smoke and the second airplane because I saw it. I may not have lived it. But I saw it.

That's all anyone needed to establish a horrible memory.

Saturday will mark 20 years since the terrorist attacks, and I'm afraid the only folks who will remember the shock, horror and pain of that day are the ones who lived through it, watched it on television or lined up to go after Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda in the days after the attack.

Just like after Pearl Harbor, enlistments were the answer to the attack.

Unlike Pearl Harbor, the nation's memory and prolonged unity has faded after 9/11.

Whereas Pearl Harbor and World War II were springboards to prosperous and — some would say — joyous times in the U.S., the Sept. 11 springboard seemingly has only led to an ideological and cultural quagmire.

Less than 20 years after the towers came down and President George W. Bush pledged action and spurred a collective effort, the nation is as divided as ever.

The reasons are numerous — political ideologies, COVID-19 vaccination and masking debates, Facebook fractures, and on and on.

But the biggest reason the outrage and resolve born 20 years ago is fading is that the memory and agony are fading.

The history is fading.

As reported on CBS Sunday Morning during the weekend, few states have curriculum that teach about 9/11. The graphic in the report showed Idaho was among the states that don't have it in the U.S. History curriculum.

The old saying is those who don't learn from history are bound to repeat it. Let's update that: Those who don't learn history won't know what to do when it repeats.

The old saw is that today's high school students — and the high school students for the past several years, in fact — don't have the proper knowledge of 9/11 because they weren't alive when the attacks

— See *History*, Page 7B

Utilizing Idaho's prosperity Idaho's budget surplus should be used to promote education, future successes

by Rod Gramer

What would Idaho's companies do if they had a \$1.4 billion windfall? Many would invest it to make their company more profitable for years to come.

Well, Idaho is sitting on a \$1.4 billion surplus, and it has a historic opportunity to invest that money to create greater prosperity for this and future generations of Idahoans.

There are several ways lawmakers could put this surplus to work for our students.

They could start by supporting early learning programs to get 4-year-olds ready for kindergarten. Currently, nearly six out of 10 incoming kindergarten students are not ready to learn how to read.

They could make full-day kindergarten available. Now full-day kindergarten is only available where patrons tax themselves, parents can afford tuition or where philanthropy helps.

Money is the biggest obstacle for students to attend college. Let's use the surplus to create an Opportunity Scholarship Endowment to help thousands of students



attend college or technical school. The state benefits because workers with a postsecondary credential earn \$1 million more over a lifetime than only high school graduates.

The digital divide that creates an academic disadvantage for thousands of students could be closed if we created an endowed Student Technology Fund.

Our students face a mental health crisis. We could use surplus dollars to hire more mental health professionals and get the students the help they need.

We should use surplus dollars to help students recover academically from the COVID-19 crisis. This won't be cheap or take just one year.

McKinsey and Co., reports: "The fallout from the pandemic threatens to depress this generation's prospects and constrict their opportunities far into adulthood."

McKinsey says the hit on the U.S. economy could range from \$128 billion to \$188 billion every year as the current cohort of students enters the workforce. Clearly, Idaho must invest in a recovery plan, or our economy will suffer the consequences.

Idaho has a chronic shortage of skilled workers, a problem that accelerated during the pandemic with many women leaving the workforce. Even before COVID-19, Idaho and its businesses were losing mil-

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Commentary

Financial management

Instilling work ethic in children sets them up for the future

Dear Dave,

What are your views on teaching children good work habits? Many of our friends don't require their kids to help out or work around the house, but we both strongly feel that instilling a strong work ethic early in life is one of the best things you can do as a parent for your children.

— Deshay

Dear Deshay,

I'm so glad you both feel that way. Our culture has made many great advances to ensure the happiness and well-being of children. But too many parents today are so centered on what their children want

that they have lost perspective on what their children need.

Perspective, or looking at life over time, demands that you teach children to work. Teaching a child to work is not child abuse. We teach them to work not for our benefit, but because it gives them dignity in a job well done today and the tools and character to win as adults in the future.

In my mind, children should be taught to work just like you'd teach them to bathe or brush their teeth — as a necessary life skill. An adult who has no clue how to tackle a job and finish it with pride is every bit as debilitated as an adult with body odor or green



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teeth. If your child graduates from high school, and his or her only skill set consists of playing video games, eating fast food

and believing the world owes them something, you've set up your child to fail.

Another benefit of teaching a child the wonder of work is they may grow to lose a little respect for those who refuse to work. I'm not talking about folks who lost jobs because of unforeseen circumstances and are trying to get back on their feet, or someone who genuinely cannot work. I'm talking about folks who refuse to look for, or accept, gainful employment.

My wife and I noticed that our kids, as they grew older, didn't pursue relationships with people who didn't understand the value of work

and didn't demonstrate the character traits of mature, hard-working people. And that was wonderful news to us!

— Dave

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✓ History: Remembrances, classrooms must keep lessons of 9/11 alive

From Page 6B

took place.

I wasn't on Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941, but because of history teachers like Lt. Col. Edward P. Craft (USMC ret.), I know why the United States entered World War II.

One shouldn't have to live through something to remember it. That's why we have history class. That's why we have memorials and memorial events.

Yet, outside of ceremonies that surely are planned in Shanksville, Washington D.C., and New York City, there will be few such remembrances elsewhere in

the U.S.

Certainly in few places in the West, and certainly not in Owyhee County.

And that's a (correctable) shame.

None of the local posts of the veterans service groups that responded to inquiries last week had plans for ceremonies. In fact, Owyhee County has seen just a handful of major 9/11 observances.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, then-Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui struck a gleaming American Legion bell to toll the losses of that horrible day in a memorial organized by then-American Legion Post

Cmdr. Robert Keaveny at City Park. On that same day, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene used its annual family fair at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds to salute military members and first-responders.

Since 2011, though, nothing.

Memorial observances are part of the education process, too.

But if no interest is shown, no one is going to try to keep the memory alive.

You shouldn't have to fly to the East Coast and visit Ground Zero to remember why we should all be united even now.

✓ Surplus: Invest to save on criminal justice, social programs funding

From Page 6B

lions of dollars because of the lack of childcare, a report from the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and Idaho Association of Young Children shows.

We could use the surplus to create a Child Care Tax Credit that helps working families afford quality childcare. Or incentivize companies to help provide childcare for their employees.

I hear the argument: We can't use surplus money for ongoing programs. Some investments only require one-time money. Besides, Idaho has run regular budget surpluses, and policymakers have not shied away from using surplus dollars for favorite projects.

These investments would save millions of dollars on student remediation, incarceration, and social programs. A more educated citizenry would also pay

substantially more in taxes, making these investments pay for themselves.

The question is do policymakers have the vision to see how these investments can transform Idaho, and will they grab this historic opportunity?

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

September 11, 1996



### A few of Homedale’s finest

Nine of Homedale Rural Fire District’s 18 volunteer firefighters turned out Saturday morning, from left, Tom Pegram, Tom Muir, Assistant Chief Dan Parrill, Carol Hammons, Chief Ric Uria, Scott Salutregui, Dan Aberasturi, Ron Cammack (with daughter Molly), and Kenne Metzger.

### Rural house numbering put on hold

Action on a proposed county-wide rural house numbering system has stalled due to technical problems, and a pending decision by the post office as to whether it will accept the new system, said county assessor Larry Bachman.

Bud Eaton, U.S. Postal Service address management systems administrator in Boise, said he would be meeting with Bachman Sept. 5 to look at the county’s proposed new system, to see if it is compatible with any of three systems currently in use by the post office in Idaho.

A sequential house numbering system would not only assist in mail delivery, but would also help the sheriff’s office and other county emergency services in locating addresses quickly.

### Commission adopts budget

Owyhee County commissioners Monday voted to adopt the county’s budget for fiscal year 1997, after making a minor shift in the prosecutor’s office budget, and not before one commissioner expressed his opposition to the 19 percent increase in the Sheriff’s Office budget.

Commissioner Hal Tolmie called for a roll call vote for final approval of the budget, so he could go on record stating his belief that the Sheriff’s Office “needs to learn to live within its means.”

“I’m not convinced the sheriff needs all that money to run his department,” Tolmie said. He said he believes the problem of overtime pay stems from a lack of proper management and scheduling within the department.

Funds were moved around within the prosecutor’s office in the amount of \$1,420, to cover the salaries of part-time workers in the department.

### Homedale girls crush Melba, NP

Tami Ankeny with 10 service points led the Homedale Varsity Volleyball Team in a two-game sweep of Melba last week 15-10 and 15-2 in the Trojans’ first Western Idaho Conference match this season.

In the second match later in the week, Ankeny tied with Deitra Haylett with six service points each to take out New Plymouth 15-12 and 15-5.

Volleyball Coach Brenda Reay, obviously pleased with her girls’ performance, said, “the key was serving.” She said, “We also ran a strong offense and took advantage of free balls.”

## 50 years ago

September 9, 1971



KAY SIMPKINS, Marsing, gathered an armload of trophies at the Owyhee County Fair, winning the Linda Cegnar award, the senior clothing award and the Sadie Eisenhart style revue award. Photo by Bette Uda.

### Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Kiddies Parade Sat. Homedale school band to lead procession

The annual Kiwanis Kids Day Parade and Pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 by the Homedale club. The Kids Day parade will be held at 10 a.m.

The Homedale School Band will lead the parade, followed by the walking section, the vehicle section (wagons, carts, bicycles, or anything on wheels) and the pet section.

Prizes of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be given in each division at the end of the parade at the city park. All children (through the sixth grade) that enter the parade will be treated to a swimming party from 1 to 3 at the new Homedale community swimming pool.

The pancake breakfast will be held fat the Homedale city park, with members of the Kiwanis club cooking and serving, with the help of Kiwanis members’ wives.

Committeemen are: Vic Uria and Deward Bell co-chairmen, with the following members: Les Carter, Ed Manning, food; Homer Anderson, coffee; Vic Uria, Monty Kirstine, parade.

### Freshman romps for good gains to rout Vandals

McCALL – Kirk Haylett, a fleet-footed freshman, romped for 142 yards in nine carries Friday night at McCall and swept the Homedale Trojans to an impressive 53-0 rout over the host McCall-Donnelly Vandals in the Southwest Idaho league opener.

With senior halfback Ray Garcia on the sidelines with leg problems, the job was left to Haylett. He scored on runs of 27 and 45 yards and kicked one conversion.

The Trojans went to work early as senior quarterback Alan Echeverria rambled his way to paydirt from the 12-yard line.

Before the Vandal scoreboard could bring the first stanza to a close, Haylett had galloped in from the 27 and Echeverria spotted Monte Duncan open for a 28-yard aerial to enlarge the Trojans’ lead to 21-0.

### Homedale library lists reading program winners

Making the best record in the Summer Reading Program of the Homedale public library were Ronda Langdon with 30 books read and reviewed and Lori Kubosumi with 22 books read and reviewed, according to Hazel Aldrich, librarian.

## 155 years ago

September 8, 1866

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POORMAN MINE.— In company with Messrs. Peck and Baker, we took a cruise through this mine on Thursday. We have never been guilty of “puffing” any mine, and it would be entirely useless to do so in this instance, as but few men have ever seen anything near its equal in richness and therefore receive true statements of it with incredulity. Work is suspended except on the original Poorman ground, and at present the condition of it is about this: Two shafts down respectively 104 and 114 feet – distance between, 128 feet. A tunnel extends from the bottom of one shaft to that of the other, and the workmen are stepping upwards from this tunnel which has just been completed. The shafts follow the ledge downward, and the only difference perceivable in size or richness at any point exposed either in the tunnel or shafts is that to the north there is more gold. The ledge proper will average eighteen inches; in places pinching out to a few inches, but never altogether; nor does it ever lose its distinct character or solid wall rock. The wall rock to the depth of several inches is rich in gold and silver. This added to the real ledge makes an average pay vein of fully two feet. The ledge is soft and blasting has never been required except in removing the wall rock in shafts and occasional points in the tunnel. The varieties and component parts of the ore found in this mine are too complex and would require too much space for enumeration in this article. The most that men care for is the precious metals and they are not wanting. Every part of the ledge, opened as before described, contains very large quantities of pure gold and silver — the latter predominating. The “candle-box” and “wagon-tire” reports did not emanate from our pen, but we are willing to vouch for their truth. We picked up one piece of silver the other day, among the second-class ore, that would go far towards making a “buggy” tire, and saw solid chunks of silver as large as a gallon measure, and pure sulphurets of silver studded with free gold in much larger pieces. We could not find a piece of rock with any solidity that was not either full of free gold, or partitioned off with myriads of silver sheets, or made up of sulphurets of silver and free gold. It must not be inferred from these remarks that the whole ledge is of this character of ore — but we do mean to say that it contains *tons of it*, and that so far as human sagacity can foresee, will continue its present yield of pure metal. The decomposed quartz and vein matter is very rich in free gold, some of it yielding as high as forty dollars to the pan. Visitors to the Paris Exposition of 1867 will see sights of native metal that will substantiate all we have said, and New Yorkers will soon have the evidence in their city. We’ve made no attempt to more than generalize the nature and value of this mine.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
Published on 9/1/2021 and  
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**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF IDAHO LAND  
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LEASE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article IX, § 8 of the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code §§ 58-307, -310 and -313, that the State of Idaho, Department of Lands (hereinafter “IDL”), will conduct a public auction of Mineral Lease E700049, as set forth below. **The deadline for auction registration is Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 5:00PM (MDT). The live auction will begin on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 1:00PM (MDT) and will be held in the IDL Conference Room at 324 S 417 East, Ste 2 Jerome, Idaho.** The lease will be awarded to the bidder who will pay the highest Premium Bid, as defined below. The Premium Bid payment is in addition to the annual rental payments and production royalty rates that have been established by IDL and are set forth in the lease to be auctioned. **Detailed information regarding the auction; the lease (including a specific legal description and map of the property to be leased); annual rental rate; production royalty rates can be obtained by visiting IDL’s website at [www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing/](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing/) or by contacting Mike Murphy via e-mail at [MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov) or 208-334-0290.**

**Mineral Lease E700049 is for 10 years for the extraction of sand and gravel with a leased premises of approximately 80 acres located in Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, which is more particularly described, as follows:**

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1. The auction is for the leasehold interest only.  
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- No improvements exist in association with the lease.
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  - Registration requires submitting the fully completed and executed forms to IDL at 300 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Boise, Idaho; 324 S 417 East, Ste 2 Jerome, Idaho; or via e-mail at [MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov) by the registration deadline. The forms which must be submitted are the IDL Application for Use Form and the Statement of Non-Collusion Form (attesting that there has been no interference with anyone’s right to bid in the bidding process), in addition to any applicable information set forth below. The required forms are available during the registration process at [www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing). Registration also requires a \$250.00 non-refundable application fee be paid to IDL by the registration deadline. Payments may be submitted to the IDL offices identified above or on-line at [www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing).
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  - No assignment, sublease or other transfer of the lease will be allowed or approved from the date of the auction until possession under the lease, and thereafter only in accordance with the terms of the lease.
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Sports

Trojans' big-play offense overwhelms Ontario JV

A fast start gave Homedale High School all the momentum Thursday in a non-conference junior varsity football rout.

It took the Trojans just 26 seconds to score their first touchdown in a 49-7 pasting of Ontario in Oregon.

After Elijah Renteria returned the opening kickoff 43 yards into Tigers territory, Andrew Marston took



Elijah Renteria

the first snap of the game and ran 45 yards for a touchdown.

After that, big plays were the name of the game for the Trojans (2-0 overall).

Four of quarterback Dillon Fine's pass completions went for scores, and he sprinted 70 yards for another touchdown in the third quarter.

The shortest TD of the night for Homedale was a 10-yard scoring pass from Fine to Rafael Cuenca for a 14-0 lead in the first period.

Fine threw for 184 yards, and his longest pass was an 80-yard scoring strike to Renteria

in the second quarter.

Both of Renteria's receptions went for scores as he amassed 113 receiving yards.

Fine tossed three TD passes in the second quarter as Renteria scored on a 33-yard play, and Cuenca got his second score on a 50-yard pass.

Alex Sotelo raced 60 yards for Homedale's final touchdown in the third quarter.

Fine accounted for 289 of HHS' 466 yards total offense.

Ontario ran 47 plays (21 more than Homedale) but was held scoreless until a 74-yard touchdown drive early in the

fourth quarter.

Homedale's defense didn't cause any turnovers, but gave the ball back to the offense on downs three times and made Ontario punt four times.

The Tigers managed only 214 yards, while Homedale's offense was the picture of execution.

The Trojans had only two third-down conversion chances and split their success. They were successful on their only fourth-down try.

Keegan McKay sacked Ontario's quarterback for one of Homedale's nine tackles for

loss.

Teamwork helped the offense stifle Ontario. Marston and Jayden Wutherich had two solo tackles and five assists each. Ashton Zabriskie had two tackles and four assists, while Oklin Carson lead all defenders with four solo tackles and a couple assists.

The balanced rushing attack brought 105 yards to Fine on two carries.

Marston ran for 82 yards on seven totes and teammate Sotelo had a 10-yard carry to go with his scoring gallop for 70 yards on the ground.

✓ Rimrock: Virus precautions upend volleyball team's hot season start

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COVID protocols used by the other districts in our region.”

According to schedules on IdahoSports.com:

- Rimrock's football team had a bye

last week and was scheduled to visit Glenns Ferry for a non-conference game this week.

- The volleyball squad beat Gem State Adventist on Aug. 30 and Glenns Ferry on Aug. 31, but non-conference

matches this week against Marsing in Bruneau and Richfield on the road have been postponed. The team is scheduled to start the 1A Western Idaho Conference season against Riverstone International on Monday.

The cross country team was able to compete in last Wednesday's Valley Invite in Hazelton, and isn't scheduled to run again until Saturday's Dallman Dash in Idaho City.

— JPB



# Homedale Trojans





**Football**  
Chase Cooper, Jr., TE/DE  
2 TD receptions, 3 tackles vs. Ontario, Ore.



**Volleyball**  
Laney Swallow, Sr., OH  
5 blocks, 4 kills, 3 aces in home tri-meet



**Cross country**  
Evelyn Koon, Jr.  
Ran 5K in under 30 minutes at Weiser Invitational

## This week's Sports Schedule

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Football Varsity</b><br>Friday, Sept. 10, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7 p.m.<br><b>Junior varsity</b><br>Thursday, Sept. 9 at Baker, Ore., 6 p.m. MDT | <b>Volleyball Varsity</b><br>Tuesday, Sept. 14, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.<br><b>Junior varsity</b><br>Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Marsing varsity, 6 p.m.<br>Saturday, Sept. 11 at Weiser Tournament, 8 a.m.<br>Tuesday, Sept. 14, home vs. Parma, 5:30 p.m.<br><b>Frosh-soph</b><br>Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Marsing JVA, 5 p.m.<br>Saturday, Sept. 11 at Weiser Tournament, 8 a.m.<br>Tuesday, Sept. 14, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m. |
| <b>Cross country</b><br>Wednesday, Sept. 15, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, HMS                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



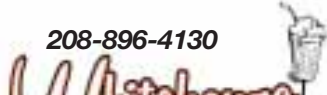
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