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Marsing examines development impact fees

Sept. 15 article incorrectly stated hearing would be for utility rate hikes

The Marsing City Council is considering changing the ordinance that guides the city's subdivision policy.

A public hearing to take input on proposed impact fees is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 13 prior to the council's monthly meeting at City

Hall.

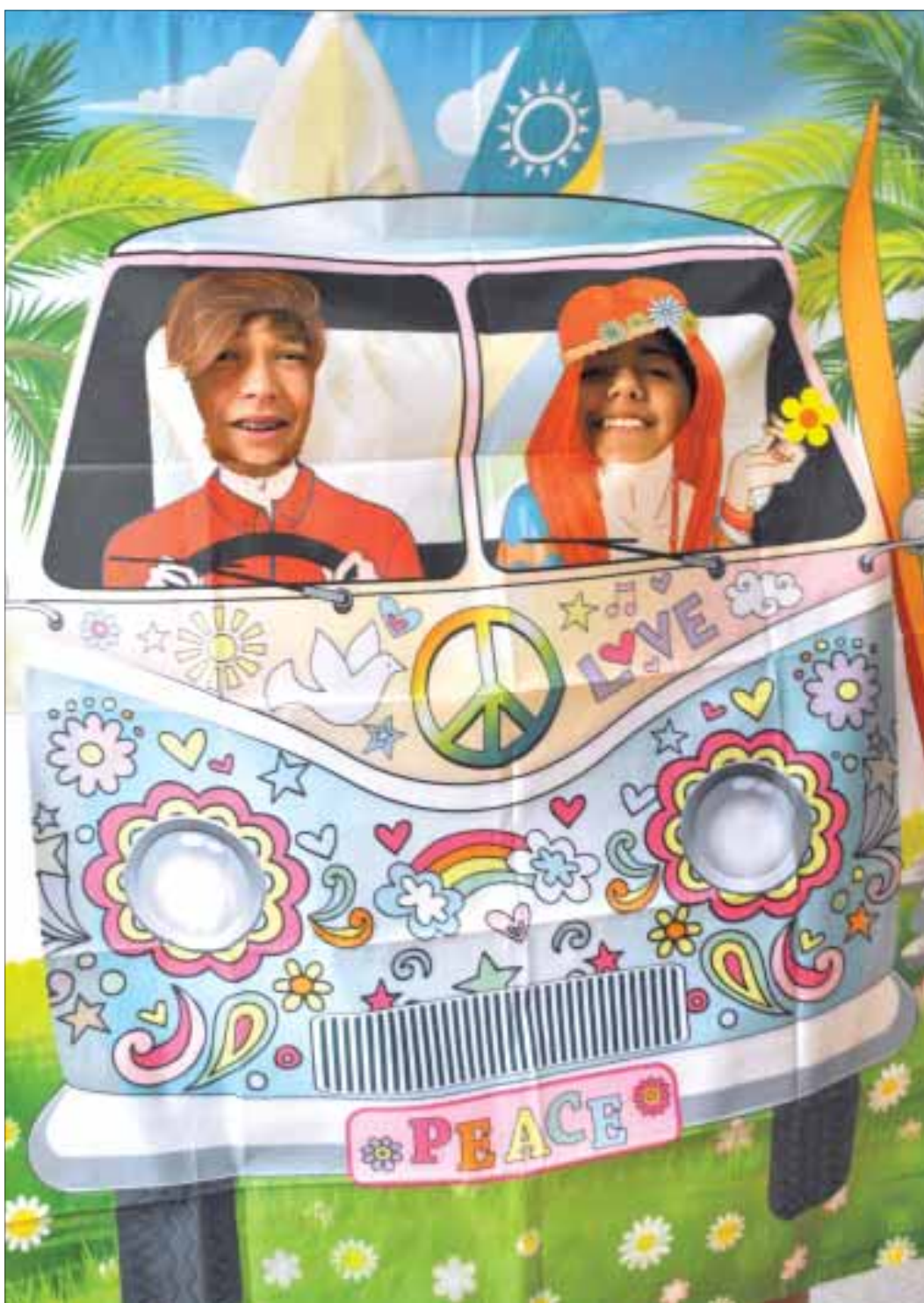
An article in last Wednesday's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche inaccurately reported the topic of the Oct. 13 public hearing would be proposed three percent increases to the city's water, sewer and garbage rates. Those

rate hikes, which can be changed by resolution according to city ordinance, were actually approved by resolution during the Sept. 8 meeting.

A public hearing is needed for utility

— See *Marsing*, page 5A

MARSING HIGH'S HIPPIE HOMECOMING



Students ham it up while decorating Homecoming hallway

Teagan Kenney (left), freshman, and Lizabeth Moreno, senior, take a break from Friday's decorating duties at Marsing High School. Kenney was helping Moreno in piecing together the senior class 1960s theme in preparation for this week's Homecoming festivities. For more on Homecoming for Marsing and Homedale, see **Page 3A**

Grand View wants judge to grant water system bond

Public hearing on judicial confirmation idea set next month

It seems the Grand View City Council is taking a page out of the City of Homedale's playbook.

Facing required repairs to its municipal water system, Grand View will ask a judge for permission to obtain a bond to help the city fund re-establishing redundancy in its well system.

According to a public hearing notice published on Page 5A in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, the city council will convene a public hearing on the proposal at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The hearing to take comment on the judicial confirmation idea is scheduled to begin one hour prior to the start of the regular monthly city council meeting.

The public will have a chance to provide input on a plan to petition a district judge to grant permission to bond

— See *Bond*, page 4A

Plan moves forward to make ID 78-167 in GV semi-friendly

ITD solicits bids to build commercial truck turn lanes

A plan to improve the truck route through Grand View is back on track.

The Idaho Transportation Department is seeking bids for a plan to add turn lanes at the intersection of Idaho highway 78

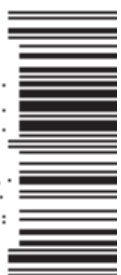
and Idaho 167 in Grand View.

The project, which is estimated to cost about \$400,000, has been on the drawing board since at least 2019 when then-Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) told Owyhee County commissioners of the plan to improve semi-trailer maneuverability and sight lines.

Now it's slated as a Fiscal Year 2022 project.

The intersection is part of the

— See *Semis*, page 4A



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For the Love of the stage

HHS junior directs this week’s production, plans to guide middle schoolers next year

Homedale High School junior Rylan Love is doing what other drama club students have done in the past, but with a twist.

Previously, students would write and direct original plays as part of a senior project, such as 2021 graduate William Hollywood’s production, which the HHS club performed last year.

Love said that he has been working on his original offering, “The Warrior Within,” for a couple years and decided to run with it this year — with advisor DeAnn Thatcher’s blessing.

Love, who is also taking on the role of Captain Eli, and the rest of his drama club mates, will take the stage at 7 p.m., on Thursday and Friday in the old HHS gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and a family pass can be purchased for \$20. Tickets are available at the door.

For his senior project during the 2022-23 school year, Love plans to coordinate and direct a play with Homedale Middle School students.

The son of Josh and Lindsey Love said that because there is no drama club at HMS, next year’s project will give students a little taste of what’s to come when they head to high school.

Thatcher said Love has been part



Homedale High School senior Tëa Uranga (left) looks for direction on how to appropriately stab from “The Warrior Within” director and playwright Rylan Love (middle). Grant Waltman awaits his cue.

of the theater family since the sixth grade and that she is thankful for his involvement.

Love said he was inspired to write and direct “The Warrior Within” because of a play performed by the HHS troupe in 2016 called “The Crazy Custard Horror Show.” The club saved money for Love’s production by recycling props and costumes because the two productions have a similar setting.

Thatcher is assisting Love in an advisory role, and Hollywood has returned to manage the stage crew.

“They can’t get rid of me,” Hollywood said.

Love said Thatcher has allowed him considerable autonomy during production.

“She pretty much lets me run things, unless she spots something that she thinks should change,” he said.

Love said theater and music — he

plays percussion in the HHS marching band — have been a big part of his life, and he wants to keep it that way, particularly with theater. After he graduates, he plans on pursuing degrees in theater and history and would like to teach at a high school.

He’s already got traveling in mind when it comes time for college.

“East somewhere,” Love said. “I want to head east of here.”

— TK

Homedale drama club to present original production

The Homedale High School drama club has put together an original production for its fall presentation.

“The Warrior Within” will be presented at 7 p.m., on Thursday and Friday inside the school’s old gymnasium,

203 E. Idaho Ave.

Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$20 for families. Proceeds will help fund future club productions.

HHS junior Rylan Love wrote the play, which follows the adventures of Princess Amelia, who wants to be a

warrior. Amelia goes on a quest with the help of Captain Eli, much to her parents’ consternation.

The play promises twists around every corner with treachery, danger, drama, and romance.

Cast and crew include:

- Sheyenne Sweet — Princess Amelia
- Rylan Love — Captain Eli
- Corilyn Husky — King
- Athena Agnew — Queen
- Catherine Decker — narrator
- Tëa Uranga — Sir Graye
- Grant Waltman — Rowan
- Heather Reynolds — Nara

- Amber McBride — Alla
- Chloe Mayers — Audie
- Solstice Johnson — Felberta “Birdy”
- Todd Thatcher and Trinity Neeser — robbers
- Paige Van Vliet and Lilly Mark — knights
- Sadie Rayne and Raquel Rich — goblins
- Emma Olson — goblin leader

- Thatcher, Neeser, Mark, and Van Vliet — peasants, knights, servants

The stage crew includes Jayden Lyman, Adam Hollywood, Alexis Hawkes, and Lucia Rojas.

DeAnn Thatcher is the club advisor with the assistance of William Hollywood, a former drama club member who graduated in the spring.

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Marsing Homecoming celebrates the decades

Parade, bonfire
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Thursday

Marsing High School's schedule of Homecoming activities started with Tuesday's announcement of royalty candidates prior to the varsity volleyball home match.

This year's queen candidates are Lexi Loucks, Lizabeth Moreno, Sadie Clover, Emily Thoene, and Arely Gonzalez.

King candidates include Zane Brackett, Colton Brown, Trayton Jacobi, Coupe Urrutia, and Jonathan Ineck.

Prince candidates are juniors JT Chadez and Mikey Acosta, while princess candidates are juniors Mila Astorquia and Anahli Montes.

Duke candidates are sophomore James Christiansen and freshman Toby Berends. Duchess candidates are sophomore Kimmie Loucks and freshman Kaitlyn Smith.

Each class has decorated halls at the school, representing particular decades as a theme.

Seniors decorated their hall

with a 1960s feel, juniors used the decade of the 1860s, sophomores 1950s, and freshmen 1980s.

Other activities include the popular He-Man volleyball game, as well as a staff vs. student game, beginning at 6 p.m., today in the gym.

The powder puff game and tug-of-war will be staged on the football field after He-Man volleyball.

The Homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m., on Thursday at Island Park and move west on Main Street toward its terminus at the high school.

Each class float will be decorated in its decade theme.

Also on Thursday, the homecoming bonfire will light up the night at 9. The spectacle will be located behind the old gym on Main Street.

The Homecoming court will be announced at 6:30 p.m., on Friday at the football field. A half-hour later, the Huskies will kick off the Homecoming game against Orofino.

The Homecoming dance is scheduled for 8 p.m., on Saturday in the district cafeteria.

— TK

HHS Homecoming coming together

Milk Jug Game vs. Parma doubles
as Homecoming matchup

School and student leaders are still hashing out the details, but the Homedale High School community is gearing up for Homecoming.

Homecoming Week begins Monday and concludes with a Disney-themed dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 2.

This year's Homecoming court will be announced and the queen and king crowned prior to the Trojans' Milk Jug Game football rivalry contest against Parma on Friday, Oct. 1 at Deward Bell Stadium.

The coronation ceremony begins at 6:20 p.m., and kickoff of the 3A Snake River Valley conference game is set for 7 p.m.

The Homecoming preparations actually begin Friday when members from the different classes will decorate floats and school hallways.

- The freshman class will decorate the Science wing.
- Sophomores will decorate the Math wing.
- The juniors are responsible for the staff lounge hall inside

the main building.

- Seniors will decorate the cafeteria hallway.

Dress-up days are still being formulated, HHS principal Matt Holtry said. Theme days will be held Monday through next Wednesday, and Thursday, Sept. 30 is Spirit Day when every student is encouraged to wear red and white.

The spirit games get going at 7 p.m., on Monday when the students take over The Bowling Alley for the first class competition.

The traditional Snake Dance through downtown and bonfire in the football stadium parking lot will take place Tuesday after Homedale's volleyball team takes on Fruitland.

The powder puff football games will be staged beginning at 7 p.m., next Wednesday at Deward Bell Stadium. The day's schedule also includes putting the finishing touches on Homecoming floats.

The Homecoming parade will start at 2:50 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 30. Holtry said the exact route is being

coordinated with the Homedale Police Department in light of the ongoing road construction on West Idaho Avenue. A final route will be announced next week.

Beginning at 12:45 p.m., though, the students will file into the gymnasium for class competitions, including boys' volleyball, tug-o-war, relay and a dance competition.

Other Homecoming Week activities include a junior varsity football game on the road in Parma at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 30

The cross country team will be in Oregon for the Baker Invitational on Friday, Oct. 1.

Rimrock

Rimrock High School's Homecoming is set for the week of Oct. 4 with a football game against Idaho City scheduled for 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 8 in Bruneau.

The Raiders' volleyball team will hold its Senior Night on Oct. 4 against North Star Charter.

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Corrections

Former Homedale city councilperson Kimberly Murray was inadvertently left off the list of candidates running for city council in the Nov. 2 election when The Owyhee Avalanche reported about write-in candidates. Murray filed nomination papers by the Sept. 3 deadline, and her name will appear on the ballot.

A front-page story in the Sept. 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported that the Marsing City Council still had to hold a public hearing to approve three percent increases in water, sewer and garbage fees. The fees were approved with the resolution passed during the Sept. 8 meeting (as is allowed by city ordinance). Next month's public hearing will address proposed impact fees to be charged when developers add to the load on the city's water and sewer systems.

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✓ Bond: Confirmation would allow water system work

for the principal amount of approximately \$2.1 million. The city's advertisement doesn't itemize what the exact work will be nor does it provide context about any interest charges that may be accrued.

In addition to attending the hearing, the public can also submit comment in writing prior to the hearing. The City of Grand View mailing address is P.O. Box 69, Grand View, ID 83624.

Or comments can be dropped off at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View.

According to a previous legal notice published in August, the scope of work will include:

- Drilling a replacement well to provide the city with two wells for service redundancy
- Installing a new ion exchange nitrate treatment system to deal with nitrate levels that are out of compliance with federal standards
- Upgrading to a new 10-inch main line in Johnson Lane and 2nd Street

Currently, one of the city's wells is out of service because of high nitrate levels and a leaky casing allowing ground water to seep into the system.

Earlier this year, Homedale obtained judicial confirmation for \$10.5 million to rebuild its wastewater treatment lagoons and replace aging pipe around town.

Homedale officials are now in talks with a financial institution on terms of the bond. Once a bond is finalized, the city will determine how the interest and principal payments and the length of the bond will affect user rates.

If Grand View receives judicial confirmation to take out a bond, officials will have to go through a similar process, and user rates may change.

Grand View is facing the dilemma of major work on both its water system and its wastewater system.

City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Brown said Thursday that city officials are still waiting to hear back from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding the proposed wastewater facility plan.

Movement toward a scope of work and possible funding avenues for the wastewater system probably won't be undertaken until after DEQ signs off on the facility plan.

— JPB

✓ Semis: Project could be completed 3 years after proposed

route used to haul hazardous waste from the US Ecology Idaho rail depot on Simco Road in Elmore County to the company's waste storage facility in Grand View.

ITD public information officer Jake Melder said turn bays will be added to improve commercial vehicle turning.

A westbound turn bay will be constructed on Idaho 78, and a southbound right-hand turn lane will be built on Idaho 167 (Roosevelt Street).

With the current configuration, large trucks must come to a complete stop at the top of an incline before easing on to Idaho 78 to either travel east toward US Ecology or west toward Murphy.

The current setup also requires a sharp turn with little visibility of oncoming traffic on Idaho 78.

ITD is accepting sealed bids from contractors until 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

In a January 2019 article in The Owyhee Avalanche, Brackett told the Board of County Commissioners that the Idaho Legislature had doubled US Ecology's tipping fee to build funding for the project.

Also in that article, it was reported that the project was supposed to start in 2020, but that timeline was delayed.

Another phase of the road improvement projects funded by US Ecology's tipping fee included work on Simco Road.

— JPB

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Weekly weather recap unavailable

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 11 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 75 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 112 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 79,655 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale has three-person race for two city council spots

Last week’s roundup omitted former councilperson’s candidacy

The municipal election in Homedale will include candidates for both the mayoral position and city council spots.

An article in the Sept. 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche omitted Kimberly Murray’s name from the list of candidates who have filed to appear on the Nov. 2 ballot to seek one of the two council seats that are available.

A former city councilperson and now a city business owner, Murray will run against incumbent Mike Aebischer and challenger Nathan Raabe in an election that will decide two four-year terms on the council.

Although a Sept. 8 article reported that Murray filed nomination papers ahead of the Sept. 3 deadline, the Sept. 15 article about the write-in candidate deadline left Murray out of the mix.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen will seek a third four-year term, and is facing a challenge from Mark Perea.

Grand View also has two city council seats on the Nov. 2 ballot, but no incumbents have filed to seek re-election.

Instead, former District 23 legislative candidate Andrea Owens and Simplot Livestock employee Terry Nielson will have their names on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Former city Planning and Zoning board member Nola Boone has launched a write-in candidacy.

In Marsing, only two people — incumbent appointee Brandy Johnson and citizen Elizabeth Wahl — have stepped forward to seek the two seats the terms of which are set to expire at the end of the year.

— JPB

W. Idaho paving a couple weeks away

The final phase of the Idaho Avenue reconstruction project includes storm drains on the south side of West Idaho Avenue.

That work continued last week as Knife River Corp., crews installed pedestrian ramps and curbs.

An Idaho Transportation Department update after last Wednesday’s weekly construction meeting reported that the final major paving on the rehabilitation project will begin in about two weeks.

The southbound lane of Main Street south of Idaho Avenue is still closed, and two lanes of traffic are being routed on the north side of West Idaho Avenue during the final phase.

Side streets along the south side of West Idaho Avenue are closed, but East Idaho Avenue is fully open for traffic.

CITY OF GRAND VIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 2021, at 5:00 o’clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Grandview City Hall, 425 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho, the City Council of the City of Grand View, Idaho (the “City”), will conduct a public hearing to consider the filing of a petition for judicial confirmation under the Idaho Judicial Confirmation Law, Title 7, Chapter 13, Idaho Code. The proposed project is to make immediate and necessary improvements to the existing water system.

The proposed petition would seek judicial confirmation of the power of the City (1) to incur an indebtedness as an “ordinary and necessary expense” of the City authorized by the general laws of the State, within the meaning of Article 8, Section 3, of the Idaho Constitution, in a principal amount of approximately \$2,100,000, for water system improvements and to pledge the City’s water system revenues for the payment of such indebtedness for a term of years.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to present comments. Comments may also be submitted to the City in writing prior to and at the hearing.

CITY OF GRANDVIEW
Owyhee County, Idaho

MRW firefighters handle five-acre blaze

Volunteer firefighters tackled a ground fire last Wednesday in the Givens area.

About five acres burned and a structure was threatened by the blaze, according to Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Capt. Louis Monson.

MRW Fire crews responded at about 12:40 p.m. with a heavy brush engine, a quick attack engine and two water tenders.

The fire was located off Mustang Lane.

Monson said the district’s emergency medical services first-responders have been busy with a variety of routine calls from lift assistance to COVID-19 patients.

The crewmembers are bracing for an upcoming motorcycle race in the area, which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3.

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✓ Marsing: Comments accepted until hearing date

rate changes only when the increase is five percent or more.

The proposed change to Title IX would require developers to pay for infrastructure costs, such as changes to water and sewer access, when they build projects.

Everyone interested in having their opinions heard regarding the proposed amendment is welcome to attend the hearing. The proposal is available for viewing at Marsing City Hall.

The city clerk must receive all written comments no later than 3 p.m., the day of the meeting, in order to become part of the record. Comments can be mailed to city hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID, 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.

— TK

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays. Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax to (208) 337-4867 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Final summer Mass scheduled Sunday in Silver City

Friends of Our Lady of Tears fundraising ongoing

The final summer Mass is scheduled Sunday at Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City.

The 19th century building overlooking the historic mining town plays host to a few religious events each summer.

Boise Diocese Bishop Peter Christensen will serve as the celebrant

for the Mass, which begins at 1 p.m., on Sunday.

The Friends of Our Lady of Tears group is holding its annual raffle to raise money for upkeep and improvements at the church.

This year's drawing will take place on Oct. 15.

Raffle prizes include:

- **10 Morgan silver dollars** — This prize has been the centerpiece of the raffle for years. This year's coins were minted before 1900, which coincides with the time period when the church was built.

- **Handmade rosary** — This item was donated by the Our Lady of Tears Legion of Mary in Meridian. This year's rosary is made of red beads and gold-tone links with a gold-tone "tree of life" crucifix. It comes with a keepsake storage box.
- **Hand-embroidered dish towels** — Altha Snell has produced these hand-crafted items, which are holiday-themed.
- **Our Lady of Tears small clutch bags** — Zippered bags embroidered with "Silver City, Idaho" and an image

of the church have been donated by the Idaho Hotel. The bags are ideal to carry a cellphone, sunglasses or a travel tissue pack. Two will be given away in separate drawings.

Raffle tickets were mailed to Friends members in the most recent newsletter.

The Friends of Our Lady of Tears group is raising money to restore the church's siding, too.

For more information about the group or to help out, write to 1515 8th St. S., Nampa, ID 83651.

Obituaries

Col. Bryan W. Brunzell

Born 27 September 1928 and raised in Murphy, Idaho - passed away peacefully 15 September 2021, surrounded by his family, in his home in Boise, Idaho, days before his 93rd birthday.

He was married to the love of his life, Margaret Brunzell, for 70 years, who passed earlier this year in July. Together they have four children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Bryan graduated from Jordan Valley High School in Oregon and then obtained a Bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho, where he met his beautiful wife. He joined the United States Air Force and their family served around the world. During his service, he obtained a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California. One of his most rewarding military assignments was as Commander of San Vito dei Normanni Air Station in Italy.

After 28 years of service, they retired to Boise, Idaho, to be near their mothers in their elder years. They built a family cabin in McCall and enjoyed spending time with their daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. While Bryan and Margaret traveled the world, they always held dear their family and history in Murphy, Boise, and McCall.



Both Bryan and Margaret are beloved and will be greatly missed by many.

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A military ceremony with full honors will be held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

A reception will follow in the Optimist Youth Sports Complex park on the corner of Hill Rd. and Horseshoe Bend Rd.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bryan's name to the Owyhee County Historical Society or the Boise VA Medical Center.

Margaret Borders Lincoln

Margaret Borders Lincoln, 88, passed away of natural causes in Caldwell on September 15, 2021 surrounded by family.

Margaret was born on the Anawalt Ranch, which belonged to her grandparents, near Jordan Valley, Oregon on July 21, 1933 to Merrill and Leona Borders. She spent most of her growing years on the ranch where she participated in ranch activities including rounding up wild horses.

She also spent time in Wilder and Nampa as a child. She graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 1951.

During her high school years she met the love of her life, Rolly Lincoln. They were married at the Anawalt Ranch on August 15, 1953. They were happily married for 54 years until the passing of Rolly in 2008.

Margaret attended The College of Idaho in Caldwell and secretarial school in Boise. After their marriage, the couple moved to Moscow. Margaret worked at the University of Idaho while Rolly attended school.

After graduating, Rolly enlisted in the Army, which took them to Fort Benning, Georgia and then Fort Riley, Kansas where son, David was born. Following his service, the couple returned to Wilder where they owned and operated a dairy farm with Rolly's parents. Their family grew there with the addition of Linda, Larry, and Dennis. In addition to being a busy mother, Margaret could be found feeding baby calves or working in her garden as well as doing other chores around the farm. She especially loved going for evening walks or reading a good book.



Rolly and Margaret had tremendous pride in their farm, especially their Registered Guernseys. They were involved in Guernsey events around the country, including 60 years showing their cattle at the Western Idaho Fair. Through their involvement in different dairy organizations they were able to travel to several places across the country as well as Puerto Rico and Ireland.

Margaret worked for the Wilder School District as an elementary school teacher's assistant for 26 years and could always be seen working with children in a kind, loving way. She loved her work and continued volunteering at the school after retirement.

Being part of the Wilder United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women was most dear to her heart. She was also a member of the TSO club in Wilder where she had lifetime friends. One of her favorite memories was recently traveling with friends to see the fall colors in New England. Margaret's involvement in her community included time she proudly served on the Wilder Public Library Committee.

Margaret and Rolly were fixtures at Wilder High School sporting events for many years and would even travel out of town to follow the teams. She also enjoyed her grandchildren's activities and sports and loved hosting family gatherings.

Margaret is survived by son David (Susan) of Wilder, daughter Linda (Glenn) Schumacher of Boise, son Larry (Mindy) of Nampa, and son Dennis (Lori) of Wilder; grandchildren Chelsea (Evangeline) Gaona-Lincoln, Anna (Tony) Swart, Austin (Corinn) Schumacher, Lance (Emily) Lincoln, Mikayla Lincoln, Mallory Lincoln, and Lemont Lincoln; great-grandchildren Gwen and Beau Swart and Rolly Gaona-Lincoln; sister-in-law Beth Beck; cousin Earl (June) Tuckness; nephews; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rolly, her parents, her brother and sister-in-law Merrill John and Jeannette Borders, and brother-in-law Bruce Beck.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lenity Senior Living and the health care workers of Canyon West of Cascadia for your warm, thoughtful care of our mother.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22 at the Wilder Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Wilder School Academic scholarships or athletics, the Wilder United Methodist Church, or to a charity of your choice. Friends can share a memory of Margaret at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com

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Obituaries

Valerie Cobb

*August 14, 1954
– September 4, 2021*

Valerie Ann Cobb, 67, of Donnelly, Idaho, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 at the McCall hospital surrounded by her husband Vern, and her daughter Angie. A celebration of life is planned for a later date and will be posted in the Idaho Statesman.

Valerie (Val) was born August 14, 1954 at Mercy Medical Hospital in Nampa, ID to Kenny and Betty Jessen. Val graduated from Boise High in 1972. She married her high school sweetheart Nick Aldape, of Boise, and they had two children, Chris & Angie. They later divorced, and in

2002, Val’s dream of meeting a cowboy came true when she met Vern Cobb. They were married February 14, 2004. Together they built a beautiful home in Marsing, ID where Val spent several years entertaining in true Val fashion. They built lifetime friendships and memories there that so many will never forget.

Val was the definition of “hostess, with the mostest” and was known for being a social butterfly. Her passion was people, and she lived by the motto “the more the merrier.” Val had a talent for making everyone feel welcome, and she loved bringing people together. Whether it was for holidays,



BSU tailgates, or just to have

fun. Val was up for it.

Val loved the outdoors but had a passion for golf. She even got a hole-in-one at a prestigious golf course in Palm Springs. If you asked her, she would tell you all about it.

Val’s true passion was her family, and she loved them dearly. She got her miles in, traveling to Denver, Utah, California, and Virginia to be their No. 1 fan. She wasn’t missing milestones, accomplishments, or even sporting events.

Val was extremely proud of her family, bragging all the time about the incredible people they were becoming. Through thick & thin, they all were her greatest accomplish-

ment.

Val had a love for animals, but she adored her barn cats, Miss Kitty and Pudge, who just passed away in July, and her Schnauzer, Daisy, who she lost in 2020.

Valerie will be missed and fondly remembered by her loving husband, Vern Cobb, her children Chris Aldape (Hannah), Angie Barnes (Greg), her grandchildren, Taylor & Bailey Ceriello, Carli & Reece Aldape, her parents, Kenny and Betty Jessen, and her brothers, Tim Jessen (Michelle), Rob Jessen (Annette). She will also be missed by several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Russell Clark Erwin

Russell Clark Erwin passed away Tuesday, September 14, 2021 with his loving wife by his side. Russell was born on October 27, 1968 in Boise, Idaho to Sidney and Judith Erwin. Russ was the oldest of three boys. His family moved to the farm in Bruneau shortly before Russ started kindergarten at Bruneau Elementary. Russ loved being on the farm. Some of his fondest memories were helping his Grandma Annabelle set water.

Russ attended Rimrock High School and graduated in 1987. He then went to the University of Idaho where he became a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He loved living in the TKE house, and he remained lifelong friends with several of his fraternity brothers. Russ met the love of his life Deidre Erwin at the University of Idaho. Russ

graduated from the University of Idaho in 1994 with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering.

Russ and Deidre were married on March 12, 1994 in Boise, Idaho. They moved to the farm in Bruneau shortly before their first child Kaitlin Erwin was born. The day Kaitlin was born was one of the happiest days of Russ’s life. He always wanted to be a Dad. Three years later, their son Travis Erwin was born. Russ loved being a dad. Kaitlin and Travis would go everywhere with Russ. Deidre started working in Mountain Home around the time Travis turned one. Russ took the kids to work with him when Deidre was working.

Russ came home to the family farm in Bruneau to run Erwin Dairy. This led to him being on the Treasure Valley DHIA board. He was then



elected to the State Board of DHIA and was State President for many years. He got to go to Arizona, Florida, Missouri and Michigan representing Idaho as the State DHIA president. During this time, he also taught Hunter’s Safety in Bruneau.

After the dairy cows were sold, Russ went to work on the Erwin Farm. He loved teaching

his kids about farming. Russ became a 4H leader because Kaitlin wanted to show goats and the Bruneau Canyon 4H club didn’t have a goat leader so Russ didn’t want to disappoint his little girl. Russ was an active 4H leader for the past 19 years. The last seven years Russ and Deidre have served as the Goat Superintendents at the Owyhee County Fair. Russ and Deidre’s 2nd son Mitchell was born 6 weeks before the family went to the Owyhee County Fair for the first time. Their youngest child Ainsley was born three years later. Russ was thrilled to have two more children. His kids where the light of his life.

Russ and Deidre started to build a cow herd and goat herd as the years passed. Russ loved working with his animals. He never met an animal that he didn’t like except for snakes.

Russ was elected to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s board of directors for the last three years. He was very honored to serve on this board.

Russ was preceded in death by his brother Ken Erwin three weeks ago and grandparents Walter and Babe Benscotter and Hap and Annabelle Erwin.

Russ is survived by his wife Deidre Erwin, his children Kaitlin, Travis, Mitchell, and Ainsley Erwin, his parents Sidney and Judith Erwin and his brother Phillip Erwin (Heather), his nephews Riley and Jackson Erwin, his in-laws Gerry and Ann Loader and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Both Russ and his brother Ken held at the American Legion Post #83 in Bruneau on Saturday, September 25 at 7 pm.

Death notices

ALTAARLINE BYINGTON, 86, a Homedale native, died on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 in Colville, Wash. A graveside service and interment took place on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 at Mountain View Park Cemetery in Colville, Wash. Arrangements: Danekas Funeral Chapel and Crematory. www.danekasfuneralchapel.com

HUGH “MAC” GAINES, 83, a 1956 Marsing High School graduate who resided in Fort Collins, Colo., died on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 in Loveland, Colo. A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at River of Life Church in Wellington, Colo., and another ceremony will be held in Thermopolis, Wyo., at a later date. Arrangements: Goes Funeral Care and Crematory, Fort Collins, Colo. www.goesfuneralcare.com

PAUL DEAN PEARSON, 68, of Homedale, died on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

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Deep water now to build up trees, shrubs, property value

Temperatures are beginning to cool, and it is a nice reprieve from the hot summer temperatures that were experienced in the Treasure Valley. Thinking of the past heat, when was the last time the trees and shrubs in your landscape received a deep watering? Fall is a great time to provide trees and shrubs in the landscape a deep soak while irrigation water is still available.



Nic Usabel

First, what is the benefit of maintaining proper tree health in our yards, subdivisions, or cities?

According to the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture, homes with trees in the landscape and near the street see about a 10 percent increase in property value and sell on average for about \$7,000 more than homes without.

Neighborhoods and homes

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that are barren have shown to have a greater incidence of violence both in and out of the homes as compared to their greener counterparts.

Trees help in shading our homes and streets, reducing temperatures by up to 10°F and breaking up “heat islands.”

Finally, trees absorb carbon dioxide, removing and storing carbon while releasing oxygen back into the air.

The importance and value of trees in the landscape cannot be over emphasized. Tree health, therefore, should be at the forefront of any irrigation regime.

For established trees, irrigate starting halfway between the trunk and the dripline and extend the watering area well beyond the dripline. For large trees, this could encompass the entire lawn. Many tree roots reside in the top two feet of soil, and it’s important that water soak deeply to this depth to reach the entire root system.

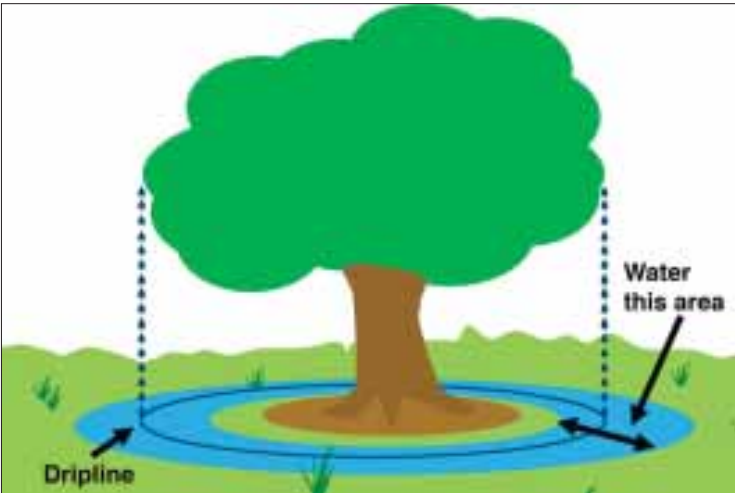
Evergreen trees and shrubs will continue to lose moisture from their needles all winter long, increasing the importance of providing a deep watering in the fall or at the end of an irrigation season.

For newly planted trees, irrigation is best concentrated near the trunk and slightly beyond the root ball to encourage roots to move out into the surrounding soil.

Shrubs can be watered in a similar fashion to ensure the roots of the shrub have received water.

Consider using four inches of wood mulch on the soil surface to conserve moisture. In addition, it will help with weed control and reduce soil temperature. Keep mulch two inches away from the trunk of the tree and base of the shrub to discourage disease opportunities where the mulch encounters the bark.

If you would like additional information on watering the



This diagram shows the proper watering area for a large tree. University of Idaho Extension

landscape or information on tree selection, reach out and I’ll be happy to provide more details.

You can join University of Idaho Extension this fall for the *U and I Together* series starting in October. View a list of classes and register at www.uidaho/together. Join me in October for classes on soil. View the flyer at <https://bit.ly/3lql5U5> or call UI Extension Canyon County at (208) 459-6003.

— Marsing native Nic Usabel is a County Extension Educator in Horticulture for University of Idaho Extension based in Canyon County serving both Canyon and Owyhee counties. His areas of focus include urban horticulture, gardening with youth and Idaho Master Gardener volunteer management. He can be reached at nusabel@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

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

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

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

Thursday

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

Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

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

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

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

DIY STEM activity
10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., ages 8 and older, call to reserve kit, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Car and bike show
9 a.m., registration, 2 p.m., awards, \$10 car

entry, free to public, Homedale Assembly of God benefit, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 412-2946 or (208) 859-6999

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Jordan Valley CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net

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Grasshopper informational meeting
5 p.m., USDA APHIS and Oregon Department of Ag coordinating, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net

Thursday, Sept. 30

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 2

HHS volleyball golf scramble
9 a.m., \$65/person, \$250/foursome, River Bend Golf Course, 18539 Fish Rd., Wilder. (208) 867-9091 to register.

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

Monday, Oct. 4

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Homedale finally pays off library contractor

Library board to convene special meeting to talk about Whitney’s replacement after councilman balks at recommendation

The Homedale City Council had no trouble opening the budget to pay off the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library construction project earlier this month.

Finding a replacement for retiring library board chair Dawn Whitney, though, was a different story altogether.

And now, the remaining library board members have called a special meeting for 1 p.m., on Monday to discuss the next step in completing the lineup.

After a public hearing that received no comment, councilmen unanimously agreed on Sept. 8 to open the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and add \$30,000 to balance the library budget.

Most of the money — about \$28,000, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram — will be used to close out the project contract with Excelsior Construction, the general contractor for the library construction that was substantially completed in November 2019.

Since then, the city has been fighting

with the contractor to get the roof fixed.

The roof was reinstalled but still leaked after heavy rain, so the city withheld the final payment until the roof was fixed.

“Have we got the roof situation taken care of?” library board member Pam Gibbens, who was reappointed to a five-year term on Sept. 8, asked during the council meeting.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen told Gibbens the roof troubleshooting had not been carried out and that library director Sharla Jensen and Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria had to come together on a day to test the roof.

The plan is to dump thousands of gallons of water from an HFD tender to make sure the roof is watertight.

Even with the council paying the final bill, there is legal recourse against the contractor if the roof fails again.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer explained that there is a four-year statute of limitations on taking legal action to

require the contractor to complete the project to the city’s satisfaction.

When the clock starts depends on whether the city will look back to the first repair or the latest repair, Fitzer said.

While the council was in full agreement on the business side of the library, the same could not be said when it came time to make decisions about the library’s governing body.

The elected officials did vote unanimously to accept Whitney’s resignation after 18 years on the board.

“She’s been instrumental with the new library, and she had some issues to deal with and she tendered her resignation,” Councilman Mike Aebischer, the city’s library liaison, said.

Christoffersen wrapped up the sentiment before the council voted:

“She’s done us a great job. There’s no question about it,” he said. “She’s been a great member of the library board and the community.”

The smooth sailing came to an end when it came time to vote on the appointment of Doris Roland as Whitney’s replacement. The library board recommended Roland for the spot, but Aebischer made a motion

to table the vote without giving a reason.

“I don’t see a reason to table it unless there’s something I’m not aware of,” Councilman Steve Atkins said after he and Councilman Aaron Tines remained silent when Christoffersen asked for a vote on the motion.

In the end, Aebischer and Councilman Jerry Anderson voted to table the issue, and Atkins and Tines voted against the motion. Christoffersen cast the tiebreaker, and the appointment question was tabled.

No decision was made after the council took up the matter in executive session.

The library board will meet at 1 p.m., on Monday inside the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., to further discuss Whitney’s replacement. A recommendation could be adopted. Vice-chair Debbie Packer will preside over the meeting.

In another routine piece of library business, the council unanimously reappointed Pam Gibbens to the board for another five years. She has served since 2017.

“She’s done a great job,” Aebischer said.

— JPB

Homedale’s Teens & Tweens ready to party with pizza

Teens & Tweens participants will celebrate pizza Thursday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The program, open to boys and girls ages 10-17, runs for an hour beginning at 5 p.m., at Homedale’s city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The group will make pizza box crafts with a choice of pizza box wall art, pizza box table soccer, or pizza box Skee-ball.

Cheese pizza will be provided as a snack.

- On Friday, the library’s anticipated DIY STEM day takes place.

The event, held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., is open to ages 8 and older.

Everyone who has registered for the event will receive a STEM kit to put together. Kits aimed at promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics include robots, cars, a Ferris wheel and more.

Kits are still available and can be reserved by calling the library at (208) 337-4228.

Parents are encouraged to attend to help the younger children with the projects.

- “No, David” by David Shannon and “A Dog Named Doug” by Karma Wilson are the featured books for the Opal Nash Story Time at the library on Monday.

The program for preschoolers begins at 10:15 a.m.

After the readings, the children can make a paper spring dog.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on library programs.

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.

Area marching bands hit competitive stride

The Homedale and Marsing marching bands and color guards will kick off their competition season Saturday at the U.S. Band Caldwell Marching Showcase.

The Trojans will hit the field first at 11:30 a.m., with the Huskies following shortly after at 12:15 a.m., at Caldwell High School, 3401 S. Indiana Ave., in Caldwell.

The Caldwell competition is the first of several judged events that the local bands have scheduled this fall.

Marsing is slated perform at the Treasure Valley Festival of Bands on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Vallivue High School, 1407 E. Homedale Rd., in Caldwell.

HHS will hit the field at the Kuna Marching Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Kuna High School, 637 E. Deerflat Rd., in Kuna. The Trojans will follow that up with a performance at the Parma Marching Band Competition on Monday, Oct. 11 at Parma High School, 137 Panther Way, in Parma.

Both bands are scheduled to take part in the Mel Shelton District III Marching Band Competition on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Albertsons Stadium in Boise. The competition was canceled last year because of COVID-19 precautions.

— TK



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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick, banana **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Crispito, buttered corn

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, yogurt, pears **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, peaches **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese. Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily

Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli

Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic French bread, green beans

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

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. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple breakfast bites, yogurt **Lunch:** Buffalo chicken nuggets with roll and potato wedges, or pepperoni pizza with potato wedges, or club sub with chips, or taco salad with breadstick

Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast burrito or mini pancakes, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak with roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, or chicken bacon ranch sub with chips, or chef’s salad with breadstick, snickerdoodle cookie

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles or bagels and cream cheese, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger or chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich with fries, or turkey bacon sub with chips, or BBQ chicken salad with breadstick

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with steamed broccoli, or Malibu chicken wrap with chips, or southwest chicken salad with breadstick, Jello

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, or chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **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

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. 22: **Breakfast:** Yogurt, tornado (egg, sausage, cheese) **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, green beans Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco, potato wedge

Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn Cold Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken wrap

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch:** Corn dog, French fries Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, French fries

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Texas toast **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans Hot Grab-n-go: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, potato tots/gems

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick

Sept. 30: **Breakfast:** Cheese stick, Pop Tart **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken pizza

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans

Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuit and jelly **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli, brownies

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Muffin **Lunch:** Little Smokies and whole wheat roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffle, hashbrown **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Sept. 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots

New fitness option for Marsing seniors

Marsing senior citizens soon will have a new means of coming together to develop physical wellbeing.

Fit and Fall Proof, an exercise class coordinated by Southwest District Health, will meet for the first time in Marsing from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St.

The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter.

The free class, led by trainer Maha Sullivan, will focus on exercises to improve balance, mobility, and strength.

Exercises will include using chairs for balance, using resistance bands and weighted balls, walking around the facility, and effective stretching.

According the SWDH website, goals for the class include improving mobility, endurance and walking gait, and improving flexibility to help older adults to reach and bend.

The overall goal is increasing seniors’ independence.

There is no need to register beforehand and the simple paperwork, which gathers information such as emergency contact numbers, will be available on-site.

Participants should bring workout shoes and a water bottle.

Southwest District Health nutritionist Jordan Seward said that the trainer and participants would be allowed to decide if they want to wear masks.

For more information, contact Seward at (208) 296-0847.

The class is similar to ones held throughout the area, including at senior centers in Homedale and Melba.

— TK

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Sept. 28: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts

Sept. 29: Tuna salad on roll, veggie pasta salad, carrot salad, chips

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Sept. 24: Lasagna, peas and onions, zucchini, green salad, French bread

Sept. 27: Crunchy tuna casserole, stewed tomatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, wheat roll

Sept. 29: Pesto Alfredo spaghetti and sausage, carrots, green salad, French bread

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Sept. 23: Chicken a la king, peas and carrots, cook’s choice soup, green salad, biscuit, mixed fruit, pudding

Sept. 28: Salisbury steak, funeral potatoes, steamed vegetables, beets, whole wheat roll, cottage cheese, mandarin oranges

Sept. 30: Hot turkey sandwich on whole grain bread, mashed potatoes and gravy, cook’s choice soup, green salad, sliced tomatoes, cottage cheese, orange

Jordan Valley meetings cover weeds, grasshoppers

Next week is a busy one for folks concerned about insect and weed control in the Jordan Valley area.

The monthly Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area meeting will be held Monday, and next Wednesday a grasshopper informational meeting is planned at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall.

The CWMA's monthly meeting will be held at the organization's office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

The group, which includes ranchers, landowners and stakeholders from industry and government, will take a look ahead to annual operating plans for 2022 and the future direction for the CWMA as well as the winter weed seminar.

Leafy Spurge treatments also will be discussed.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., on Monday.

Grasshopper meeting set

Another agenda topic is next week's grasshopper meeting headed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Scheduled for 5 p.m., next Wednesday, at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall (902 Bassett St.; U.S. Hwy. 95), the meeting will look ahead to the 2022 season for the insect.

For more information on the grasshopper meeting, contact Eric Morrison, who is also the Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator. He can be reached

at (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net. Morrison can also be found at the CWMA office, but urges folks to call ahead to make sure he's not out in the field.

Grants discussed at last month's CWMA meeting

During the Aug. 23 CWMA meeting, ranchers and landowners learned that fall is a great time to spray for invasive weeds, including leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, biennial noxious weeds, and winter annual grasses.

Oregon grant funding was discussed as well. The grant from the State of Oregon has been funded, but the CWMA is waiting on an agreement from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The CWMA patrons learned that Oregon landowners must sign the agreement before they will receive assistance.

In other Oregon funding developments, it was shared that a planned rush skeletonweed treatment on Mahogany Mountain was put on hold because of COVID-19. The work would have been funded by a 2020 Oregon State Weed Board grant.

The group discussed the annual Winter Weed Seminar, including potential topics for the 2021 event and whether Oregon regulations would force postponement or cancellation.

It was announced that Amanda Zander succeeded Gary Page at the Malheur County Weed Department. Page retired earlier this year.

Marsing Ambulance modernizes emergency dispatch link-up

District gets better deal on on-board computers

A HazMat grant to help Marsing Ambulance District interact with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office revamped emergency dispatching system will cost the county less than originally thought.

County commissioners signed off on a change in the grant Marsing Ambulance used to buy mobile data terminals (MDT) for the district's two emergency response vehicles.

The MDTs allow Marsing Ambulance personnel to tap into the same Spillman computer-aided dispatch system that the sheriff's office and Homedale Police use.

"This will provide real-time information on calls, as well as our location to dispatch and deputies' MDTs," Marsing Ambulance Service information technology (IT) officer James Ferdinand said. "This takes our crew's safety, quicker response times and communication to modern times."

Because of product availability and other factors, a better deal was found, leading to a revamping of the grant agreement during the commissioners' Sept. 13 meeting in Murphy.

The actual cost for the equipment equated to a 10.6 percent savings (\$1,341.02) with commissioners modifying the grant amount to \$11,280.35.

The grant was for \$12,615.97 when Marsing Ambulance originally received the award in April. The district had to provide \$3,000 in matching funds and make up about \$6 in difference between the total project cost and the county grant.

Marsing Ambulance purchased two Dell Latitude 7424 Rugged computers at \$3,899 each, along with mount and docking station, a 75-inch Samsung television, a pair of handheld radio batteries, and miscellaneous parts and materials. Equipment installation cost \$935.

The Samsung TV was purchased instead of a \$2,059.98 75-inch Sony, which was no longer available, saving nearly \$700. The Dell computers are the same as those originally considered but were found for \$2,800 less.

Marsing Ambulance also purchased some training equipment.

Ferdinand said that nearly all the items have been delivered.

"We are very grateful to the Owyhee County Commissioners for approving our grant request and supporting the EMS services in our county," he said.

Marsing Ambulance Dis-

trict joined Bruneau Quick Response Unit and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS in receiving HazMat funds from the county.

Bruneau QRU received a \$12,901.93 grant to purchase a Zoll Series X manual monitor/defibrillator. The agency kicked in a \$4,500 match for a purchase price of \$17,401.93.

MRW received \$3,825 to purchase an APX All Band MP mobile radio for the district's emergency response off-highway vehicle. MRW provided a \$425 match for the \$4,250 piece of equipment.

OCSO detention deputy promoted

County detention deputy Connie Peterson has been promoted to corporal, and commissioners approved her pay raise on Sept. 13.

Peterson has assumed the county jail guard position vacated when sheriff's Cpl. Travis Leedom transferred to patrol. Her pay increased from \$16.28 per hour to \$19.53.

She had been working as a deputy in the jail for a little over a year, sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Peterson's former position has not yet been filled.

Leedom's position had been vacant since June.

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Homedale High School construction timeline outlined

Construction planned for Homedale High School could be completed by the end of the 2022-23 school year.

School district officials continue to get their ducks in a row in the wake of the successful election for a 15-year, \$14 million bond.

A tentative timeline was hammered out after a meeting between school district representatives, DesignWest architects and officials from project manager Beniton Construction.

Beniton is the same company that coordinated the recent four-classroom expansion at the elementary school.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said school trustees will review a financing plan with Piper Sandler and the district’s bond attorney during the Oct. 11 regular meeting.

After trustees adopt a resolution, the bond sale will take place around Nov. 16. Sauer said the bonds are expected to close around Dec. 1.

Sauer also provided a tentative outline with construction completion dates:

- A remodel of the school’s main office and updates to the heating and cooling system and the old gymnasium should be done by August.
- The old gym will be converted into a fine arts building.
- The new auxiliary gym, which will be constructed on the former softball field to the north of the main gymnasium, will be completed by December 2022.
- New science and math classrooms, planned for the quad area between the main office and the ag shop, will be constructed by the spring of 2023.
- Bids will be sought in March for both the gym and classroom construction phases.
- Classroom renovation in the 80-year-old part of the complex will be done by August 2023.
- The fire alarm system update will be complete by the spring of 2023.
- There still is no timeline for the reconstruction of the all-weather track that rings the football field at Deward Bell Stadium.

With the bond’s passage, the board was required to approve an amended budget at last week’s meeting. Sauer said the Fiscal Year 2022 budget had to be updated to reflect accurate numbers that will be reported to the county tax collector.

In other construction news, transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi reported to the board that storm-related elementary school repairs have been carried out.

Mitigation of damage to the elementary school cafeteria roof is nearly complete. The roof has been repaired and sealed, and the only thing left is the installation of trim.

The chain link fence damaged when a tree fell on the North 3rd Street West side of the campus has been replaced.

Seamless gutters and snow cleats also have been installed.

He said the machines cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each.

Trustees get new terms

Three trustees were handed new four-year terms during the school board meeting on Sept. 13.

Board vice-chair Dwayne Fisher (Zone 3), and trustees Leslie Parker (Zone 2) and Shelley Shenk (Zone 4) were the only candidates to file for the Nov. 2 election.

With no opposition, the board extended the three officials’ tenures. No election was necessary because of only one candidate for each available position.

CARES Act funds still in play

Sauer said that the school district has about \$1.25 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds it has yet to “draw down.”

Two waves of ESSER funds were released by the federal government as part of CARES Act funding.

Part of the ESSER funds come after passage of the American Rescue Plan Act in March.

— JPB

Car show to benefit Homedale church

The seventh annual Homedale Assembly of God car and bike show is back.

Classic cars and gleaming motorcycles will be parked around Bette Uda City Park in Homedale on Saturday.

Show registration costs \$10 and runs from 9 a.m., to noon. Show and shine awards will be handed out at 2 p.m.

The public can enjoy the car show for free, and chili will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the show and a raffle by Les Schwab Tire Center will benefit the Montana Avenue church’s programs, including The Refuge youth center at the corner of West Montana and North Main Street.

For more information on the show and shine, contact Pastor Ivar Moore at (208) 412-2946 or Randy Friedley at (208) 859-6999.

Board OKs new education staffers

Three teaching staff members were hired during last week’s Homedale School District board of trustees meeting.

Debby Turner will teach fifth grade at the middle school, and trustees approved employment for elementary migrant paraprofessionals Annie Parker and Magdalena Escutia.

Mindi Gebauer, a middle school food service worker, was promoted to kitchen manager after Kelly Mikelson’s resignation was accepted.

Driver injured, HSD bus damaged in crash

No students were injured last Wednesday during a morning-time accident involving a Homedale School District bus.

Superintendent Rob Sauer reported the accident to The Owyhee Avalanche hours after it happened in the Canyon County portion of the district.

The bus was stopped near Hoskins and Agate roads when another motorist drove into the bus. Sauer said the driver didn’t see the bus because of sun glare.

The bus driver was taken to the hospital to be checked out for whiplash, Sauer said, and the district will have to rent a bus to make its fleet whole again.

The school bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift, so a similar vehicle will be rented from Western Mountain while repairs are made, Sauer said.

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COVID-19 claims OCA director

Donations sought to help Erwin family with expenses

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board member Russell Erwin of Bruneau died Sept. 14 from complications from COVID-19.

He was 52.

“It is indeed a sad time for the Erwin family and Bruneau and Owyhee County communities,” OCA board president Oscar Evans said.

Erwin and his wife Deidre have been active with the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club for the better part of the past two decades, including the past seven as leaders since Celia Tindall’s death, according to University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen. For the first decade, they were project leaders.

“Russ was a very passionate 4-H leader with strong desire to educate kids. He always wanted them to learn more about their projects than just fitting and showing,” Jensen said.

The Erwins have two sons and two daughters.

“Russ was an extremely dedicated husband, father, civic leader and community member,” Evans said. “He worked tirelessly to provide for his family while giving of his precious resources to help wherever and whoever he could including the OCA, 4-H, Owyhee County Fair, his

community and the livestock industry.”

The Erwins also served as goat superintendents for the Owyhee County Fair.

He provided “countless volunteer hours” to both the 4-H and goat superintendent positions, Jensen said.

“I jokingly called him our goat advisor to the cattlemen. I could always tell when Russ was about to give me a different side of an issue to consider because he would stare at me for an extra second or two, grin a little bigger behind his fluffy beard and start off with, ‘You know what ...,’ which I usually didn’t until he had finished,” Evans said.

“He brought a unique but valued perspective to many discussions and caused the OCA board to see issues from a less conventional perspective.”

Erwin’s ability to lobby for a good cause was felt at the fairgrounds, too.

“Russ played a key role in convincing the sale committee to include market goat projects in the junior livestock sale,” Jensen said.

“Russ was a great asset to both our 4-H program and the OCA board. He will be greatly missed.”

Evans, along with fellow OCA board members Scott Bunderson and Rex Hoagland,

understood that Erwin’s impact went beyond the cattlemen’s association and the fairgrounds.

“His hard work and dedication will be missed by the Owyhee Cattlemen as well as Owyhee County and the rural and agriculture community overall,” Evans said.

“The men and women of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association offer our most heartfelt condolences, prayers and willingness to help the Erwin family at this tragic time.”

A GoFundMe account has been established to help the family with medical expenses. By Friday morning, the page’s goal of \$10,000 was exceeded by nearly 10 percent.

The page at www.gofundme.com is titled “Help the Erwin Family with medical expenses.”

According to the narrative on the GoFundMe page, Erwin had been hospitalized for a couple weeks after falling ill with COVID-19.

The cattle producer and feedlot operator had been a six-year OCA member. He was elected to the board of directors in 2019.

His brother, Kenneth, preceded him in death by about three weeks.

He is survived by his wife and four children, parents Sid and Judy of Bruneau, and brother Phillip of Portland, Ore.

— JPB

Courthouse report

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

- Sept. 13**
Colton L. Hendrikse, Boise — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal: amended from felony aggravated DUI): 180 days in jail (3 days served, 177 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Felony destruction, alteration or concealment of evidence, misdemeanor unlawful transportation of an alcoholic beverage
- Sept. 10**
Keith Brandon Alexander, Houston, Texas — Misdemeanor motor carrier, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading and weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Johnson Antoine, Homestead, Fla. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulation, driving after being placed out of service (serious), failure to maintain prior 7 days of logs: \$307 in fines, \$318 in court costs
Jose L. Doreme-Cruz, residence not available — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulation, lamps violation, failure to have or properly maintain required emergency equipment: \$87 in fines, \$315 in court costs
Jimmy Dale Eytchison, Murphy — Felony incest (plea deal): 7 to 25 years in state prison, \$2,000 in fines, \$595.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony sexual battery of minor child 16-17 (not defined as lewd), felony rape
Ahmad Jawad, Fort Worth, Texas — Misdemeanor failure to have or properly maintain required emergency equipment: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Tafirenyika Muhera, Aubrey, Texas — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, logbook, 14-hour rule violation (serious): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Jesse A. Spencer, Boise — Felony controlled substance possession with intent to deliver 2x (plea deal: amended from felony heroin trafficking; felony methamphetamine trafficking): 5 to 20 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction), \$1,000 in fines, \$921 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

- Sept. 9**
Felipe De Jesus Bojado, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor failure to maintain prior 7 days of logs: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Oscar R. Mata Garcia, residence not available — Misdemeanor violation of trip permit or display: \$224.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Dominic Taishon Preston, Compton, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Sept. 8**
Johnny Robert Colunga, San Bernadino, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$162.50 in court costs
Levan Khutsishvili, Philadelphia — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating without a trip permit: \$122.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Dwayne Nguyen, Delhi, N.Y. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading and weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Traffic stop turns up pot, meth

Two Treasure Valley residents face multiple drug charges after their arrests early Monday morning.

The pair, including a Marsing man, was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 12:30 a.m., at the intersection of Idaho highways 78 and 45 north of Murphy.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a deputy witnessed a 2009 Ford Flex with no taillights fail to stop at the intersection.

After the traffic stop, the driver, 36-year-old Jodi Anderson of Kuna, and her passenger, Telio Kaious, 44, of Marsing, were charged with multiple counts.

Anderson has been charged with felony and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, as well as an infraction for failing to stop at the stop sign.

Kaious faces felony charges of drug possession with intent

to deliver and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession and providing false information also have been logged.

The deputy found a shotgun in the vehicle, too.

Kaious also had two outstanding warrants for failure to appear to face felony charges of controlled substance possession and domestic battery.

The arresting deputy spotted drug paraphernalia, and a total of 11.8 grams of presumed-

positive methamphetamine and a small mason jar containing 3.3 grams of marijuana were reportedly found and allegedly linked to Kaious.

Anderson allegedly was found in possession of 1.5 grams of meth and 3.3 grams of marijuana.

Both Kaious and Anderson remain in custody at the Owyhee County Jail after making their initial appearances before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Monday afternoon in Murphy.

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HOT ROD HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS



HHS Class of 1970: 50-year reunion plus one

Homedale High School Class of 1970 members reunited Sept. 11 at Txoko Ona Basque Center. **Front row, from left:** LeAnda Johnstone Uranga, Wendy Runger Keith, Trish Chadez Whitney, Toni Downing Ross, and Leora Zanks Summers. **Back row, from left:** Dan Uranga, Dave Nelson, Jeanne Lowder Nelson, Roy Eiguren, Vernon Henson, and Jerry Jackson. **Not pictured:** Larry Bauer. Submitted photo

Class reunion car show thrills HHS grads, passers-by

High school class reunions provide blasts from the past. On Sept. 11, the delayed 50-year reunion of the Homedale High School Class of 1970 provided some rumble, too. A classic car show shone in the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot as the Class of 1970 and the Class of 1971 gathered for a day of reminiscing, catching up and gawking at street rods. Larry Bauer, a lifelong Homedale resident and Class of 1970 graduate, organized the car show. Seven of the 12 cars Bauer expected came from his

family members, including younger brother Mark Bauer. But what started as Larry Bauer just picking up the phone to contact a couple local owners turned into an extravaganza of 21 cars and trucks of several makes, models and years as word-of-mouth spread. The oldest car in the group was Mark Bauer's 1919 Dodge roadster. A few cars from the 1950s were parked at Txoko Ona, but the majority of the rides were contemporary to the classmates' time cruising downtown — 1960s and

1970s. One of the vehicles on display was a 1971 Dodge Dart owned by Tom Snow and Mandie Zanks Snow. The owners said the car appeared in the movie "Breakfast of Champions," starring Bruce Willis. An extensive amount of filming for the movie took place in Twin Falls. The car show meant to thrill the old graduates even attracted passers-by who stopped in to check out the chrome and paint. — This article was composed with information provided by Leora Summers.



Car owners brought more than 20 vehicles to the show and shine and stuck around to chat with visitors about their rides.

The 1971 Dodge Dart owned by Tom Snow and Mandie Zanks Snow that appeared in "Breakfast of Champions." Submitted photos



Religious Expression
God wants you to be in Heaven

by Jack Muldoon
God loves us and wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever. To make that possible, He sent Jesus Christ into the world. Jesus, who was God in human flesh, was without sin — but on the cross all our sins were transferred to Him and He died in our place. We deserve to die for our sins, but Jesus took our death and our hell. Now we can be forgiven. Now we can enter Heaven.



“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” — Romans 5:8.
One truth God has revealed to us, however, is one we sometimes overlook: In Heaven we will have new bodies — bodies that will be free from the pain and death of this present world. They will be like Christ's body after His resurrection — somewhat like our present bodies, yet free from the limitations we now experience. Someday, the Bible says, Christ “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.” — Philippians 3:21

Is your hope in Christ, and in the glorious future He has prepared for us? Jesus said: “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's

house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” — John 14:1-3
Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” — John 14-6

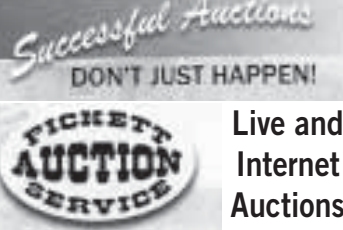
When we call Heaven the Father's house, we think of intimacy — the closeness we will share with Him and with all who are part of this one big, happy family. Someday each one of us who follows Jesus as our Savior and Lord will leave behind our flesh and bone body — and join Him in Heaven for eternity. The main reason we know Heaven exists, however, is the death and resurrection of Jesus. When He died on the cross, He erased the only thing that can keep us out of Heaven: our sin. When He rose from the dead, He guaranteed for all time that there is life after death, and that Heaven is real. By a simple prayer of faith, ask Jesus to forgive our sins and come into our lives. Then thank Him that someday we will go to be with Him in Heaven forever.

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

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Freshman Timmothy Whitfield heads toward the finish line and a personal-best time in the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet. Photo by Machele Randall For more photos from the meet and middle school results, see **Page 5B**

Trojans complete milestone home cross country meet

Middle school layout yields big 3A SRV times

Three boys running at home pulled off personal records, and Homedale High School's fourth cross country athlete posted his best time of the season. The Trojans played host to the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet on Sept. 14 on a 5-kilometer course around the middle school campus. Fruitland won the boys' meet, and McCall-Donnelly junior Jack McManus was the first to finish in 17 minutes, 43.76 seconds.

Bob Firman Classic cancelled

Local cross country athletes got an unexpected bye when organizers cancelled the Bob Firman Classic. One of the largest cross country meets in the Intermountain West, the Firman was supposed to take place at Eagle Island State Park in Eagle on Friday. Homedale's high school and middle school programs were scheduled to compete. Now, according to Athletic.net, the teams will run in the Vallivue Scramble in Caldwell on Friday. Rimrock was scheduled to compete in the Firman high school meet, too. Rimrock's next meet is the Gary Ward Invite in Nampa on Thursday, Sept. 30

- Two Homedale sophomores finished in the top 15.
- Bobby Christensen cruised to 12th place in a personal-best 19:27.92.
 - Brock Johnson ran his fastest race of the season, taking 14th in 20:31.43.

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Kincheloe, No. 1 Homedale's defense bloody 4A Bulldogs

Homedale sets tone early in battle of state-ranked squads

Like vintage Mike Tyson, Homedale High School came out swinging when the football team punched up a weight class against Class 4A Sandpoint. As Tyson did during the rise of his heavyweight legend, swarming larger opponents from the opening bell, the Trojans overpowered the Bulldogs in the first 13 minutes Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium. Building a four-touchdown lead and holding fifth-ranked Sandpoint to one first down in the opening stanza, No. 1 Homedale rode early equity to a 38-21 non-conference victory. "We have been pretty fortunate the past couple of weeks to have our kids clicking on all cylinders. They have had two great weeks of practice,

and those practices are spilling over to their games. It is just fun to watch," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "The defense actually has been a huge help to the offense in regards to advantages. Whenever you can keep the opposing offense off the field and you have more opportunities on offense, it only plays to our advantage." Homedale (4-0) undoubtedly maintained its top ranking in the statewide coaches' poll while probably knocking Sandpoint out of its rankings. Additionally, the Trojans kept pace with unbeaten Weiser, which is ranked No. 2 in the state, with a perfectly placed

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Homedale High School senior running back Hayden Kincheloe slices through the Sandpoint defense Friday evening.

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Sports

Marsing can't push past Vision Charter in battle for third

One Huskies player returns, another gets hurt

The Marsing High School volleyball team closed out a busy week with a tough five-set loss to 2A Western Idaho Conference foe Vision Charter on Thursday in Caldwell.

The Huskies (2-5 overall, 1-1 2A WIC) fell to the Golden Eagles 25-16, 18-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-13 in a hard-fought battle. The loss puts Marsing in a three-way tie for third place in conference with The Ambrose School and Vision.

Marsing benefitted from the return of senior setter Lexi Loucks, who had been sidelined with a knee injury since an Aug. 26 loss to Payette.

But another Huskies player was injured in Thursday's match.

"Lexi has been cleared and able to play tonight, which was exciting," coach Amy Chadez said. "Unfortunately, Lily Thoene went down with what appeared to be an ankle injury and missed most of the game."

Thoene had been filling in predominately as setter for Loucks.

Chadez said that the team experienced some inconsis-



Junior Mila Astorquia (10) goes low for a dig, while teammate Raylynn Vanosdall looks on.

tent serving on Thursday.

"We would go on a run with several aces but would follow it with back-to-back (missed serves)," she said.

Chadez said the team would likely have to do some rebounding and restore chemistry in their on-court performance.

"With Lexi back, our team needs to reconnect and become familiar with one another again," she said. "We

looked a little out of sorts tonight, but I know we can clean things up and play with more consistency and energy."

In her return, Loucks recorded 11 assists and five digs.

Junior Emily Vanosdall had a strong performance, serving up four aces and nine digs. She had a 94 percent service success rate.

Juniors Mila Astorquia and

Llee Loucks were good for five and seven kills, respectively. Astorquia had 15 digs.

Sept. 14: Marsing def. Compass Charter, 3-1 — The host Huskies topped the Aviators, 21-25, 25-8, 25-11, 25-18 to end a three-match losing streak.

The Huskies had a slim lead in the first set before Compass made a comeback. Marsing attempted their own strong comeback but dropped the first set.

"We made a few mistakes, missed some serves, shanked some passes, and ended up getting down and losing the first set," Chadez said. "We regained our composure and fought back to win the next three straight sets."

Chadez was especially impressed with the work of Vanosdall.

"(She) had another phenomenal passing performance," the coach said. "She is moving well to the ball and controlling her positioning to ensure she offers Lily a great pass with several options."

Vanosdall's digging was at 79 percent on the evening, but she also caused Compass trouble from the service line. She banged out seven aces.

Loucks dressed for the game but still had a brace on her leg. She spent the evening on the bench.

Thoene was still performing well in Loucks' stead, Chadez said.

"She had 17 assists tonight and was moving to the ball better and is gaining more confidence as she fills Lexi's role," she said.

Sister Emily Thoene was Lily's target most of the match. The senior outside hitter recorded 11 kills.

"Emily (Thoene) brought a lot of energy to the court," Chadez said.

Astorquia had 18 digs.

Sept. 13: Payette def. Marsing, 3-0 — The host Pirates from the 3A Snake River Valley conference sent the Huskies to their third consecutive loss to start the week.

"Vanosdall played a solid game for us," Chadez said after the non-conference match.

The junior was a perfect 16-for-16 from the service line, including six aces. She also recorded five digs.

"We are struggling with our confidence," Chadez said. "We make a mistake and are unable to shake it off, resulting in a poor second set performance."

"This is one of the challenges we must work through as an inexperienced varsity team: building confidence and fighting through adversity."

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

This week's Sports Schedule

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Volleyball Varsity Thursday, Sept. 23 at Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, home vs. Vision Charter, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity A Thursday, Sept. 23 at Compass Charter, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, home vs. Vision Charter, 6 p.m. Junior varsity B Thursday, Sept. 30, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m. (tentative)	Football Varsity Friday, Sept. 24, home vs. Orofino (Homecoming), 7 p.m. Junior varsity Friday, Sept. 24, home vs. Orofino, 4:30 p.m. Cross country Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Payette Open, McCain M.S., 4 p.m.
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Sports

Fine’s four touchdowns forge Trojans’ JV triumph

Defense sparks non-conference rout with early safety

The teams shared the football evenly Thursday night, but that’s where the equality ended in the Homedale-Melba junior varsity contest.

The visiting Trojans scored on five of their six first-half possessions and cruised to a 36-0 non-conference conquest in Canyon County.

Homedale (4-0 overall) limited the Mustangs to six first downs—all through the air and only two after halftime — and forced three turnovers.

The visitors rolled up 351 yards total offense, while holding Melba to 133 yards.

The Trojans got on the scoreboard early when a misplayed snap on Melba’s first punt rolled out of the end zone for a safety.

Homedale quarterback Dillon Fine kept up the pressure on the ensuing possession, shaking off back-to-back five-yard penalties before firing a 26-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Renteria.

After Andrew Marston and Connor McCarney stopped Melba quarterback Rylan Frank on fourth down deep in Homedale territory, Marston rambled 74 yards for a touchdown.

Marston racked up 126 yards and a score on 10 carries.

A third different receiver — Jayden Wutherich — found the end zone later in the first half on Fine’s 15-yard strike.

The Trojans led, 29-0, five minutes before the intermission when Fine found Oklin Carson for a five-yard TD pass.

Fine’s fourth scoring pass of the first half — and game — went to a fourth different receiver when Rafael Cuenca found pay dirt on a 24-yard play 81 seconds before halftime.

Cuenca was Homedale’s leading receiver with 54 yards on three grabs. Fine completed 10 of 16 passes for 161 yards.

Homedale forced three turnovers, including Danny Lomeli’s interception on the final play of the first half and fumble recoveries by Keaton Sorenson and Snuepy Garcia.

Sorenson paced the Trojans’ defense with seven tackles, including an assist on a quarterback sack and three solo stops.

Marston had a monster all-around game. In addition to his antics on offense, he notched five tackles, including three solo tackles for loss (one quarterback sack) and a pair of assists.

Ashton Zabriskie, Nate Lindgren and Brock Walker got together to account for Homedale’s other two quarterback sacks, and Brandon Reynolds forced a fumble.

Brendan Svetich was Melba’s leading ground-gainer with 74 rushing yards on 13 carries. Nate Wellington led the receiving corps, catching one of Frank’s two completions for 22 yards.

Evan Michaelson dominated Melba’s defensive stat sheet with 11 solo tackles (one behind the line of scrimmage) and an assist. Landin Stewart recovered a fumble.

✓ Homedale: Quality win over larger school bolsters ranking, confidence

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Senior Night showdown looming in Homedale on Oct. 15.

“(Friday’s win is) important obviously because it helps us on the state rankings when we can have a quality opponent on our schedule and to win the game. It’s also important just to have a playoff-caliber team on our schedule, so that is one of the big reasons we wanted to get them on the schedule,” Holtry said.

“Anytime you can play a team of that caliber and come out victorious it builds confidence in the players and the program, but it also forces you to see what areas of the game you can improve on that you might not get exposed to in other games.”

When the Trojans charged on to the field Friday night, waiting across the gridiron was a Sandpoint team with résumé looks suspiciously similar to Homedale’s.

The Bulldogs have played in every 4A postseason since 2014. Sandpoint was a state semifinalist a year ago, losing to eventual state champion Skyline from Idaho Falls, 20-0. The team roared into the play-offs on the heels of its third Inland Empire League championship since 2015.

The Bulldogs lost the state championship to Bishop Kelly in the 2015 4A Milk Bowl.

Homedale, of course, has lost the past three 3A state championship games to Sugar-Salem. The Trojans have appeared in the state playoffs each of the past eight seasons and will begin stalking their fourth consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference title



Junior quarterback Jaxon Dines dives ahead of a swarm of Sandpoint defenders to score a touchdown.

Friday on the road against McCall-Donnelly.

The Homedale-Sandpoint parallel universe ceased, however, after just four series Friday night in a highly anticipated showdown.

The Trojans’ defense put the Bulldogs on their heels early, delivering body blows that caused a pair of three-and-outs (and negative-3 yards offense) and a third punt after four plays and just nine yards gained.

In fact, Sandpoint averaged 8.1 yards in its first five possessions, and 45 of those yards came on Parker Pettit’s touchdown pass to Gerrit Cox on the first play from scrimmage after Homedale’s fourth score.

Trenton Fisher ran four yards to give the Trojans a 26-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs picked up a first down on their second play of the game, but got derailed when Homedale forced a fumble.

Homedale muddled through a penalty-tinged first possession and got on the board with

quarterback Jaxon Dines’ 37-yard scoring pass to fellow junior Mason Strong on a 3rd-and-long play.

Dines was at it again after Sandpoint’s second punt, flashing 39 yards on the first play from scrimmage for a touchdown.

He finished with 176 yards on 22 carries.

The Trojans controlled the game on the ground with Dines completing only half of his 12 passing attempts.

Pettit was sacked on back-to-back plays (first by Emario Cuellar and Obed Palacios then by Willy Haun) before Dines’ fireworks.

Palacios, Strong and Willie White converged on Cox for a three-yard loss to set the tone on Sandpoint’s next three-and-out.

Homedale led, 20-0, after Dines ended a sustained drive with a 12-yard scoring jaunt.

The Trojans were back in business immediately at the Sandpoint 17 when D’Orr Packer fell on Sandpoint kick returner

Long trip, tough foe starts 3A SRV conference slate

Homedale’s drive to a fourth consecutive conference championship begins on a charter bus.

The Trojans (4-0 overall) hit the road at 11:30 a.m., on Friday for the ride — about three hours — to meet McCall-Donnelly in their 3A Snake River Valley conference opener.

“The drive shouldn’t be that difficult in all reality,” HHS coach Matt Holtry said. “I feel as though the kids are ready for this kind of trip.”

The contest is the back end of a doubleheader. The junior varsity squads kick off at 4:30 p.m. — 2½ hours before the 7 p.m., varsity kickoff.

The Vandals (2-1) lost, 7-6, to Grangeville on Thursday. McCall won its first two games by a combined score of 77-16 (41-0 over Orofino on Aug. 27, and a 36-16 triumph against New Plymouth on Sept. 10).

“McCall is a talented group, and we will have to have another great week of preparation to start the conference schedule the right way,” Holtry said.

Coached by former Bishop Kelly state championship-winning coach Lee Leslie, the Vandals are in the 3A SRV for the second season. Leslie led McCall-Donnelly into the 2A Milk Bowl state championship game (losing to West Side) in 2019.

— JPB

Layne Dunkel’s fumble.

The turnover set up Fisher’s four-yard scoring run.

Hayden Kincheloe rang in with another 200-yard game (the first of his senior season). He scored on two- and four-yard runs.

Homedale rolled up 467 yards total offense, but only 87 through the air as the Trojans ran 64 plays and held the ball for nearly 32½ minutes.

“The reality is that you may not always have the balance in the game results, but to know you have the balance in your playbook and in your players is the key,” Holtry said. “When the

opponent takes something away from you schematically and you are able to go to the other plan is the key to success.

“The struggle comes when the opponent takes one phase away and you aren’t able to go to the other. Just so happened Sandpoint was giving us some things during that game that played into our run game ability.”

From his linebacker position, Fisher led a communal defensive effort with five tackles (three solo).

Josh Brown, Omar Rios and Haun collected two tackles apiece.

— JPB

Sports

Teamwork carries Melba girls to 2A WIC running title

Every Mustangs boy
at Lakeview Park
notches PR

Proving that you don't need an individual champion to top the field, the Melba High School girls' cross country team came out on top again last week.

Four of the five scoring athletes grabbed top-10 finishes Thursday in Nampa as the Mustangs won the 2A Western Idaho Conference Championship meet.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley ran her fastest race of the season to finish third. The sophomore was clocked at 20 minutes, 47 seconds.

Melba scored 33 points, beating runner-up Cole Valley Christian by nine points.

Junior Rozzlyn Cazier was fourth in the girls' race, posting her best time of the season at 21:10.

Senior Mazie Hansen captured sixth after the best performance of her career over five kilometers (21:28).

Rounding out Melba's top-10 showings was senior Lacey Leavitt at 21:58, her season-best time.

Other PRs came from freshman Bre Rose Carter (23rd, 24:42), senior Daisee Crossley (25th, 25:02), and ninth-graders Josie Hansen (36th, 27:35) and Gracie Edwards (40th, 27:56).

Junior Braelyn Scott ran a season-best 22:38 for 12th place, and sophomore Jaycie Hackler also posted her fastest time of the season for 21st (24:40).

The Melba boys finished third, five points behind Cole Valley. Nampa Christian took the team title.

Leading the way for the Mustangs were the Manzers, who posted the first of Melba's six personal-record times in the boys' 5K.

Sophomore Ravio Manzer was fourth, crossing the line at the 17:49 mark.

Senior Reuben Manzer was four seconds behind for fifth place.

Owyhee County's McKoy Richardson tied for sixth with a PR of 17:58.

Carsten Volkers, a freshman, took 16th with his 19:04 PR.

Sophomores rounded out Melba's PR parade: Remington Sessions (38th, 20:59) and Jonny Gunderson (50th, 22:17).

Homedale graduates continue
small-college football careers

Huskies achieve PRs
at cross country meet

Homedale High School graduate Carson Brown snagged a 17-yard pass in Dordt University's victory Saturday in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Warriors' 27-7 rout of NAIA Great Plains Athletic Conference opponent Concordia (Neb.) marked the junior wide receiver's 2021 season debut.

Brown didn't participate in the team's first two games this season.

Dordt (2-1 overall and in conference) beat Hastings College in Nebraska, 61-0, on Sept. 11 and started the season with a narrow 25-24 loss to visiting Midland on Sept. 4.

• Redshirt sophomore linebacker Mason Kincheloe has played in one game for 12th-ranked Linfield College's football team this season.

The Homedale High School graduate is a 6-foot, 210-pounder who switched to defense before the 2021 season.

He saw action in the Wildcats' 56-20 wipeout of visiting Simon Fraser on Sept. 11.

On Saturday, Linfield (2-0) crushed the College of Redlands, 51-10, in California.

The team, which plays in the NCAA Div. III Northwest Conference, travels to Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday to face the University of Puget Sound.

A year ago, Kincheloe rushed twice for five yards late in his redshirt freshman season against Willamette.

Thursday's Western Idaho Conference Championship turned into an individual endeavor for Marsing High School cross country athletes.

The Huskies were unable to field enough runners to qualify for a team score in either the boys' or girls' meet, but many runners achieved personal-best times.

A school must put five runners on the course to be eligible for team points.

Dylan Harris led the way for Marsing during the 5-kilometer race at Nampa's Lakeview Park.

The senior recorded his first sub-20 minute time, finishing his 5-kilometer jaunt in 19 minutes, 41 seconds.

Harris's 24th-place time was 25 seconds better than his previous best, set Sept. 8 at the Melba Invite.

On the girls' team, Sal Mattivi again led the way, establishing a 22:18 PR, good for a 10th-place finish among the 53 athletes on the course.

Freshman Jack Marshall also ran a personal-best time of 24:56, while junior Josue Espejel finished in 25:15 and freshman Alex Christiansen in 29:21.

Also competing on the girls' squad were sophomore Mariah Gonzalez (season record 28:29, 42nd) and senior Rosa Arriaga (PR 31:40, 45th).

HHS coaches to return to posts

High school coaching contracts for were renewed, and Homedale trustees appointed a new middle school activities director.

The wrestling coaching staff of head coach Jake Levinski and assistant Joe Egusquiza will return for another season.

Casey Grove (golf) and Bobby Christensen (track and field) will be brought back in the spring. Christensen's assistants — Amber Campos, Starla Bender, and Charlie Shepherd — will return, too. Those three also coach the middle school team.

Debby Turner will coach the seventh-grade volleyball teams again.

Middle school principal Moss Strong will now assume activities director duties at the school, too.



Bobby Christensen *Casey Grove* *Jake Levinski*

Paul Nicoletti was approved as an assistant coach for the seventh-grade football team. The football season for both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams is under way.

The next football games are planned for Tuesday afternoon at Deward Bell Stadium against McCain Middle School from Payette. The first game kicks off at 4:15 p.m.

Marsing suffers third straight shutout

Huskies on worst
scoreless streak
since 2019

tilt against winless Orofino (0-3) of the 2A Central Idaho League. The Maniacs and Huskies were set to play last year before Orofino bowed out because of COVID-19 concerns.

Marsing High School has endured three straight shutout losses since opening the football season with a 42-point victory over Valley High School on Aug. 27.

After Friday's 49-0 thrashing at the hands of Nampa Christian in both teams' 2A Western Idaho Conference opener, the Huskies have lost three consecutive shutouts by a combined score of 119-0.

The Trojans (3-1 overall, 1-0 in conference) played host to the game.

Coach Mike Nunnelee provided no statistics or information on the Huskies (1-3, 0-1).

Marsing is back home Friday for a non-conference

Orofino has scored a total of seven points this season.

The Marsing program hasn't seen three consecutive shutouts since the 2019 season when Nampa Christian (58-0), McCall-Donnelly (66-0) and Aberdeen (68-0) crushed the Huskies. That season ended with a 68-0 loss to Melba, which visits Marsing at 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 1 for the Huskies' next conference game.

The Mustangs are 2-2 after throttling Valley, 74-0, on Friday in the final non-conference tune-up for coach Juan Colunga's squad. Melba is on a two-game winning streak, having crushed Nyssa, Ore., 56-6, on Sept. 10.



Sports

Homedale eighth-grader snags fourth on home turf

Eighth-grader Morgan Nicoletti captured fourth to lead a large Homedale Middle School contingent in a home cross country meet.

Nicoletti completed the 3-kilometer 3A Snake River Valley conference meet in 13 minutes, 13.9 seconds, finishing less than two minutes behind girls' champion Mary Jane Flores of meet winner Parma.

The middle school girls, coached by Machele Randall, finished fourth as a team, too.

Shelby Jakovac, a sixth-grader, completed the 5K in 15:23.15 to take 19th.

In the boys' race, seventh-grader Brody Johnson grabbed an 11th-place showing for the

home squad, crossing the finish line at the 12:48.11 mark.

Parma' Cutler King won the race in 11:38.49, and Fruitland took the meet championship. Homedale was fifth.

Other girls' performances for HMS:

- Hailey Jakovac, 8th-grader (21st in 15:27.69)
- Kelsey Perkins, 6th (26th, 16:22.98)
- Lauren Bowen, 8th (29th, 16:51.43)
- Kira Manley, 8th (31st, 17:10.48)
- Ava Topmiller, 6th (34th, 17:57.43)
- Mariah Kiser, 8th (36th, 18:38.99)
- Cora McKerrow, 8th (38th, 18:41.97)

- Lauren Franzen, 7th (44th, 21:41.27)
- Sophia North, 7th (45th, 22:01)
- Other Trojans finishing the boys' race were:
- Gage Brown, 8th (29th, 13:28.39)
- Camden Sorenson, 6th (41st, 14:41.25)
- Tyler Stebly, 7th (50th, 15:52.28)
- Wayne Stewart, 7th (51st, 15:56.33)
- Kegan Hotchkiss, 6th (65th, 18:50.83)
- Cylas Purdom, 6th (70th, 20:04.58)
- Quade Christensen, 8th (71st, 20:09.97)
- Kriss Slawson, 6th (76th, 23:33)



Homedale Middle School's Brody Johnson (98) tries to separate himself from the pack as athletes move uphill during the 3-kilometer race Sept. 14 on the HMS campus.



Clockwise from top:

The varsity boys' race pushes off at Homedale Middle School on Sept. 14.

Evelyn Koon (right) trails runners from Fruitland and Weiser as she works on her personal-best time on the gravel road adjacent to the HMS campus.

Brock Johnson squeezes a little more energy out as he heads for the finish line in the boys' race.

Photos by Machele Randall



✓Trojans: Ninth-grader Koon trims 2:19 off PR for 23rd in girls' meet

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First-year coach David Gummersall's other two boys' race entrants — freshman Timmothy Whitfield and sophomore Alex Zamudio — also carded PRs.

Whitfield finished 30th in 22:34.28, and Zamudio was 33rd at 22:57.38. Whitfield dropped nearly three minutes off the time he posted two weeks earlier in his prep debut. On the girls' side, freshman

Evelyn Koon was the first Trojans athlete to cross the line, taking 23rd in 27:11.77. She established a new personal-best time, shaving 2:19 off her previous top effort. Parma won the team title

with Fruitland senior Emma Hillam finishing ahead of the pack in 19:22.38. Trinity Neeser was the second HHS athlete to cross the line, finishing 32nd in 29:03.46. Fellow sophomore Elliot

Larzelier was just one slot back in 33rd at 29:10.32. Rounding out the Trojans' sixth-place finish were sophomore Cadence Nicoletti (38th, 31:03.73) and ninth-grader Rhyllie Harris (43rd, 36:03.86).

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of
common sense
Feedlot Heroes



Now and then I get to thinkin' I should quit this feedlot job.
Go and ride with Buster, what's-his-name, his Texas wagon mob.
Maybe move to old Montana, wear them bat wings for a while
Or do California day work in the old vaquero style.

I get my western magazines, shoot, I keep'em by my chair
And I read'em after lunchin', sometimes wishin' I was there.
See, it all looks so romantic. All they do is brand and ride
Maybe gather up some wild ones, push'em down the other side

While the cameras keep on snappin', set against a scenic view
Lookin' picturesque and western, quintessential buckaroo.
It's not often that reporters come by here and spend a day
And the stories that they usually write are mostly exposé

And I really can't remember any artist incidents.
All the painters that I've ever seen were workin' on the fence.
'Cause nobody wants to see us cowboys dressed in overshoes
In our insulated covies on a feedlot winter cruise,

Sortin' fats in some bleak alley with the mud up to our knees,
Shovelin' bunks or treatin' sick ones, fightin' flies or allergies.
I take a little nap sometimes, in my chair there after lunch
And I dream that I am workin' for some rope and ride'em bunch

Where a roaming photo graffer lookin' for the real thing
Is dazzled by my cowboyess, the essence of my being.
And he poses me majestic by the River Babylon
Mounted on my paint caballo, conchos glistening in the sun.

But at five till one I waken with the image in my mind
Of the picture he has taken for the cover, but I find
I'm portrayed in all my glory standin' in the chronic pen
Lookin' at a scruffy lump jaw that needs lancin' once again.

I get up and grab my jacket that's the color of manure
And I head back to the feedlot, catch some horses for the shoer,
But I worry if my heroes in that cowboy magazine
Ever get a lick of work done, 'cause they always look so clean.

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

Kurt Liebich, state Board of Ed. president

Idaho education
Back to school during
uncertain times



by Kurt Liebich

The new school year began with more uncertainty than we expected because of the rapid spread of the COVID-19 delta variant strain. However, based on our overall performance and experience last year, I am confident that our local school boards, administrators, teachers and parents are ready to meet the challenge, help students recover from the pandemic-caused disruption, and do what it takes to keep them on track, learning and in school.

The 2020-21 school year was the most difficult year in the history of public education in Idaho. As a result of the pandemic, many schools had to pivot between in-person, remote and blended learning over the course of the school year. In order to deliver these flexible education models, the public and private sectors worked together to provide tens of thousands of computers and other electronic devices for classrooms and homes throughout the state. Our teachers did an amazing job of continuing to educate Idaho students during this extraordinary time.

Schools also put protocols in place designed to keep students and staff safe. As a result, most Idaho schools re-opened and stayed open last year, while schools in many other parts of the country were forced to provide online instruction for the entire school year. For that we should all be proud.

Even though the majority of our schools were able to provide in-person instruction or use hybrid models (combination of in-person and online), we can't sugarcoat the fact that many of our students were negatively affected by the pandemic. Unfinished learning is of particular concern to the State Board of Education. As we begin this school year, the State Board is focused on a few critical priorities to address the achievement gaps that were

magnified by the pandemic. Kindergarten through fourth-grade literacy proficiency, fifth- through ninth-grade math proficiency, and credit recovery for our high school students are the Board's focus areas.

The 2021 results for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) show a slight decline overall in students' proficiency in English Language Arts and math since 2019 (the 2020 ISAT was cancelled as a result of the pandemic). Overall results show students' proficiency dropped about one percent in English language arts and nearly five percent in math; however, some groups of students saw greater declines. All public school students in grades 3 through 8 and 10th grade take the ISAT.

We have seen similar results when looking at student achievement in other areas. The Board will be directing state-level education funding for COVID relief for school districts and charters to use to target these areas and help our students catch up and get back on track.

I'd also like to note that despite the disruption, school districts throughout the state made gains this past year. For instance, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, only 40 percent of K-3 students started the last school year proficient in literacy. By the end of the year, 82 percent were proficient, doubling the percentage during one school year.

That is but one example of success, and there are many more from throughout our state because of the dedicated professional educators we have in Idaho.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our volunteer school board members, administrators, teachers and staff. I'd also like to thank parents for stepping in and serving essentially as teachers at home during the times when the pandemic forced school shutdowns last year.

— See *School*, Page 7B

From Washington

Securing resources for Idaho crime victims

Crime victims in Idaho and across our country deserve full access to resources after a traumatic experience. Ensuring funds intended for helping crime victims recover are only used for that purpose is central to making progress in decreasing the impact of violent crime and supporting victims. The U.S. Senate unanimously passed H.R. 1652, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021, or

VOCA Fix Act. The U.S. House of Representatives previously passed the bill by a vote of 384 to 38; shortly after, President Biden signed this needed legislation into law. For decades, the Victims of Crime Act has provided critical funding to victims' service organizations and direct compensation to victims of crime, including those in Idaho. This new law ensures all fines, even those from non-prosecution agreements, go to help victims.

I co-sponsored the Senate

version of the measure (S. 611) along with a large, bipartisan group of 63 senators, including fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch. I also voted in favor of an amendment offered by Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) to the VOCA Fix Act that would go a step further in protecting the funds from being used for other budgetary purposes that cloud federal accounting. Unfortunately, Sen. Toomey's

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Commentary

Financial management

Use emergency fund — not credit card — for the unexpected

Dear Dave,
I have decided it's time to get control of my money. Your plan sounds workable, but I talked to some friends about it, and they think I would be better off using a credit card for emergencies. Can you explain why you advise saving a separate emergency fund?
— Leslee

Dear Leslee,
When bad, unexpected things happen, like a job layoff or a blown car engine, you shouldn't depend on credit cards. If you use debt to cover emergencies, you're digging a financial hole for yourself. My plan will walk you out of debt forever, and a strong foundation of any financial house includes an emergency fund.
Putting together a fully funded emergency fund is

Baby Step 3 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your money. Before you reach *this* point, however, Steps 1 and 2 should be completed first. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt, except for your home, using the debt snowball method.
A fully funded emergency fund should cover three to six months of expenses. You start the emergency fund with \$1,000, but a full emergency fund can range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 or more. A family that can make it on \$3,000 per month might have a \$10,000 emergency fund as a minimum.
What is an emergency? An emergency is something you had no way of knowing was coming — an event that has a major, negative financial



impact if you can't cover it. Emergencies include things like paying the deductible on medical, homeowners or car insurance after an accident, a job loss, a blown automobile transmission or your home's heating and air unit suddenly biting the dust.
Something on sale you

"need" is not an emergency. Fixing the boat, unless you live on it, is not an emergency. Want to buy a car, a leather couch or go to Cancun? Not emergencies. Prom dresses and college tuition are *not* emergencies, either.
Never rationalize the use of your emergency fund for something you should save for. On the other hand, don't make payments on medical bills after an accident while your emergency fund sits there fully loaded. If you've gone to the trouble of creating an emergency fund, make sure you are crystal clear on what *is* and *isn't* an emergency.
Also, keep your emergency fund in something that is liquid. *Liquid* is a money term that basically means easy to access with no penalties. I use growth-stock mutual funds for long-term investing, but I would

never put my emergency fund there. I suggest a money market account with no penalties and full check writing privileges for your emergency fund.
Your emergency fund account is not for building wealth. It's an insurance policy against rainy days!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ School: Here's hoping that the school year is safe and free of disruption

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We find ourselves in the midst of another COVID surge, and it is impossible for us to know what this year will ultimately look like. More than 300,000 students attend public schools in Idaho, and a handful of those schools have already been forced to close temporarily (including two of the three schools in the Bruneau-Grand View district). The State Board

of Education and local school boards throughout the state are committed to doing everything in our power to keep our schools open and kids learning in classrooms.
Let's all hope we can keep disruptions in check and have a safe and productive school year.
— Boise businessman Kurt Liebich is president of

the Idaho State Board of Education. Gov. Brad Little appointed him to the ISBE in December 2019. His term ends on June 30, 2024. To correspond with Liebich or any ISBE board member, call (208) 334-2632, fax to (208) 334-2632 or email board@osbe.idaho.gov. The Office of the State Board of Education mailing address is P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037, and the physical address is 650 W. State St., 3rd Floor, Boise.

✓ Crime: Senate continues to work on victims' assistance legislation

From Page 6B
amendment was not adopted. While more must be done to ensure this fund is not subject to federal budgetary gimmicks, enactment of the VOCA Fix Act will help ensure the funds actually go to victims of crimes.
The Crime Victims Fund (CVF) was created in 1984 as part of VOCA to ensure survivors have the resources they need to take care of expenses related to the crime they suffered. Expenses include medical bills, counseling, lost wages, funeral costs and more. The CVF provides grants to states and local communities to establish crime victim programs that can get the funding to where it is needed most.
The CVF is primarily financed by criminal fines, so funding fluctuates annually. Deposits into the CVF are historically low largely because of greater use of deferred prosecutions and non-prosecution agreements. In Idaho, federal VOCA funds for programs have dropped by around 65 percent since

Fiscal Year 2018, according to the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. This has resulted in victims' service providers in our state and across our country facing catastrophic cuts in their VOCA grants.
The enacted VOCA Fix Act addresses these issues by directing revenues collected from deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements to be deposited into the CVF, rather than the U.S. Treasury's General Fund.
Leading up to enactment of the VOCA Fix Act, I co-led bipartisan letters to Senate appropriators encouraging the use of the CVF exclusively for victims. I have also been proud to serve as the Republican lead on numerous pieces of legislation to advance strong protections of victims of violence and abuse. This includes the most recent Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization enacted in March 2013. Although the program's authorization lapsed in 2019, VAWA continues to

provide grants to states, tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations and universities to combat domestic violence.
Victims' service providers, teachers, first-responders, foster families, medical care providers, court advocates and many others working to protect and help children and others who are victims of violence, especially in Idaho, deserve praise. They are bringing healing and hope to many throughout Idaho and deserve steady support. Enactment of the VOCA Fix Act is progress in ensuring every dollar collected for crime victims is used to help them rather than used to fund other projects unrelated to crime victims' services.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 25, 1996



Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District

Volunteer firemen with the Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District include, from left, Van Polley, Larry McDaniel, Bill Hackler, Adrian Hackler, Dale Mandrel, Tim Nettleton, Paul Ver Hagen, Jason Ineck, Jim Mobray, Rod Bibbey, Randy Gray, Mike Gerdes, Lavar Young, Tom Benson and Toby Robinson.

Melba trustees to decide fate of Silver City School

Public sentiment seems to run in favor of the Melba School District turning the old Silver City School House over to Owyhee County, which would in turn lease the building to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association.

At two public meetings held last week to determine the fate of the landmark building, Melba school district patrons aired their views. About thirty people attended each meeting, with several speakers in favor of allowing the OCA to maintain the structure as a public building.

The School House has fallen into disrepair, and could never again be used as a school. Presently the OCA holds its annual meeting there, and the second floor has housed the School House Museum for 35 years.

The school district is considering several options. It can sell the property at auction, trade for equal value property elsewhere in the district, spend district funds to repair and maintain the building, or transfer ownership to Owyhee County without compensation.

Paul Nettleton said he believed Melba wouldn’t have the building today if it weren’t for the work the OCA has put into it.

“The Melba School District hasn’t spent a dime on it in years,” Nettleton said. “It’s a valuable asset to Silver City, and it should be transferred over to Owyhee County to be leased by the OCA.”

Dick Bass, Owyhee County commission chairman, said the county is willing to accept title to the building.

New band and choir teacher to outline plans

New band and choir teacher Arnold Pierce will outline his plans for the future at the meeting of the newly re-organized Band Parents Association at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in the Homedale High School band room.

Rimrock girls hold down second place

Rimrock Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Idaho City and Wilder, but lost to Nampa Christian in Western Idaho Conference A-4 action last week. The Raiders hosted all three games in Rimrock.

The two wins and a loss put the Raiders at 6-1 in conference play and 7-2 overall, which places them a game and a half behind conference leader Nampa Christian which has a perfect record of 7-0 in conference play and 9-0 overall.

Mikal Christiansen had six service points and two kills to lead the Raiders over Wilder 15-3 and 15-4 in action Thursday. Bobby-Jean Jones had seven service points in that game.

50 years ago

September 23, 1971



TROPHY WINNERS in livestock fitting and showing at the Owyhee County Fair were, from left, Elizabeth Lejardi, Marsing, grand champion fat lamb, 4-H achievement award and sheep fitting and showing award; Melody Williams, Homedale, reserve showman of Round Robin; Eric Davis, Bruneau, the coveted Round Robin championship trophy and beef fitting and showing; and John Lejardi, Marsing, swine showman. Photo by Bette Uda

School board to set date for bond election re-run

The Homedale school board will meet at noon today (Thursday), at the Washington building to set the date and other details of a proposed bond election to build additional school facilities at the high school.

Tentative date is Thursday, Oct. 28.

A reorganization of the citizens committee, to explain details of the proposed bond election, was held Tuesday evening.

Elected chairman was Lawrence Kent, with Vernon Henson, a recent high school graduate, as vice chairman, and Judy Phelps, secretary.

Meeting with the group was Neal Kolbo, Nampa architect, and a representative of the Idaho First National Bank.

Kolbo estimated that bonds of about \$435,000, (\$20,000 above the previous amount) would be needed to build basically the same facilities that were planned last spring, which consisted of a physical education facility (gymnasium), a library, and additional classrooms so that the junior high school classes could be moved to the high school.

Trojans rout Grizzlies 21-6

The Homedale Trojans made a comeback Friday night after being down 6-0 in the opening minutes of the game as Fruitland’s Grizzlies copped a quick 6 points.

The Trojans matched it with a TD of their own and scored the extra point to take a 7-6 first quarter lead, which they extended to a 21-6 at the final gun.

The Trojans’ offensive attack was stymied from time to time during the evening by fumbles and penalties. The big Red and White machine lost three fumbles and were caught by the men in the zebra suits for 75 yards.

Even with all this misfortune, the Owyhee boys pounded for 214 net yards rushing while the Grizzlies were fighting for 22. Speedy freshman, Kirk Haylett, paced the Trojans with 90 yards while sophomore fullback George Hyer was not far behind with 80.

The hometown crew of Coach Ken Kellum came right back as Hyer took advantage of a well-organized drive and pounded in from the two. Mel Campbell came on to boot the first of three successful point-after.

In the second frame, Greg Haylett pulled in an Alan Echeverria bomb and romped 45 yards.

During the final stanza, Kirk Haylett found an open hole and squirted seven yards for the Trojans’ last score.

155 years ago

September 22, 1866

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.—Now that we are well supplied with passenger and mail facilities we can omit the further discussion of them and increase our labors for the construction of a telegraph. Upon the principle that “constant dropping will wear away stone,” we base our belief that constant and honest efforts will wake up the telegraph companies to extend their lines into Idaho. We here reiterate our former declaration, that there is not so good an opening west of the Rocky Mountains for extending the telegraph profitably as now afforded in Idaho. The California State Telegraph Company would immediately realize a satisfactory profit on the cost, if it would extend its line from Star City to Owyhee. Even should it extend no further, it would pay handsomely to this point; and by stretching it one hundred miles beyond and taking in Boise and Idaho Cities, would make it equal in profit to the Company to any line it has constructed. There is no more doubt about this statement than the one that two and two make four. We have four flourishing lines of stages from California, Oregon and Salt Lake City, making daily and tri-weekly trips, and no telegraph. Where there is so much travel there is a corresponding amount of business and greater want for telegraphic aid than in older settlements. Instead of sending eastern dispatches, amounting to thousands of dollars weekly, to Salt Lake, as mostly done now, they would pass over the local to the main line; and, with trifling exceptions, mill companies, merchants, bankers, and all others engaged in any considerable business, get their supplies and have their correspondence with San Francisco. Owyhee is now producing a ton of bullion weekly, and has the most brilliant prospects of any place on the Pacific side of the Continent. The Company that first extends a line of telegraph to Idaho will secure a rich investment.

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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES August 2, 9, 16, and 23 August 2

- Set the agenda as presented.

- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the departments listed: Current Expenses \$22,917; R&B \$8,910; Dist. Court \$456; Fair \$42,800; Probation \$887; Health Dist. \$4,507; Historical Society & Museum \$734; I&C \$15,000; Revaluation \$507; Solid Waste \$7,130; Weeds \$1,226; 911 \$662; County Vessel \$24; Off Hwy Vehicles \$95; Taxing Dist. Elections \$1,500.

- Approved the 07-20-2021 minutes.

- Approved the 07-28-2021 minutes.

- Approved the FY2022 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Agreement in the amount of \$102,949.

- Approved the letter to Ms. Vicki Russell – Grant and Contract Administrator for University of Idaho – regarding a “no cost extension for project entitled ‘Socio Economic Assessment’ under award 14677 (NS2136 V210759 14677).

- Approved Planning and Zoning Director Huff’s request to hold a final Public Hearing meeting regarding Rezoning of Eagle Cove and Indian Cove to allow the public an opportunity to review the changes and make any additional comments and/or suggested changes.

- Approved Resolution 2021-15: A resolution of Owyhee County, Idaho approving increases in solid waste removal fees. All fees will be increased by \$2.00: Residential=\$63.00; Commercial=\$122.00; and for Claimants under the Property Tax Relief Program Residential=\$31.50.

- Approved the hiring of Carmela Barinaga for Road & Bridge #3 as a flagger for August 9 – August 12, 2021, at the pay rate of \$15.00 an hour.

- At 9:28 a.m. went into Executive Session. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:44 a.m.

- Discussion – Carol Malmberg-Chadwick: Mrs. Malmberg-Chadwick spoke with the Historical Preservation Society about a fence that her neighbor was installing on her property (pushing the property line over from where it actually exists) – she was told to speak with the County to find out what to do next as this is a violation of an agreement between the two property owners in 2012. Prosecuting Attorney Phillips informed Mrs. Malmberg-Chadwick that the County cannot give her legal advice and that she will need to hire a lawyer as this has become a civil matter for the breach of the 2012 agreement.

- Discussion – Syringa Network (SN) regarding internet services throughout Owyhee County; wanted to let the County know SN is available to partner with. Representatives of SN spoke about creating a loop from Notus/Parma to Melba/Kuna via Homedale and Marsing and from Mt. Home to Bruneau. Answered questions from the Commissioners: What will it cost per mile - \$130,000-\$150,000 as long as here are no snags; who owns the fiber line from Grand View to US Ecology – Not sure; Underground only or mix in towers (aerial) – it would be a mix.

August 9

- Old Business – Chairman

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2021 TO OCTOBER 31, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba, ID. 83641

The proposed Budget may be examined at the home office of Secretary Pam Howard, 116 S. 8th Ave. W, Marsing, call for appointment 208-880-9695

The following is a copy of the proposed budget including the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

EXPENSES: ITEM	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROPOSED
Insurance	\$3,660.00	\$4,000.00
L & P Fees	\$4,100.00	\$5,500.00
Maintenance	\$39,500.00	\$40,000.00
Office	\$500.00	\$750.00
Phone	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Power	\$172,360.00	\$174,000.00
Soc.Sec	\$6,590.00	\$6,813.00
Wages	\$42,000.00	\$45,000.00
Reseve Fund	\$105,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL	\$375,010.00	\$377,363.00

INCOME: ITEM	2020-2021 PROJECTED	2021-2022 ANTICIPATED
2016, 17, 18,O & M	\$2,196.00	\$2,196.00
2019 O & M	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00
2020 O & M	\$1,840.00	\$1,840.00
2021 O & M	\$253,914.00	\$5,338.00
2022 O & M	\$0.00	\$253,914.00
Office Fee	\$2,320.00	\$2,660.00
Late Fees	\$100.00	\$1,775.00
Interest	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Refunds	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Rental	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Credit/Prepay	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
LGIP Fund	\$105,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL:	\$375,010.00	\$377,363.00

Pam Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639
09/22,29/2021

Merrick initialed a corrected Letter to Vicki Russell, U of I Re: Extension of Time on Grant Project NS2136. The correction was to the beginning date, from August 15, 2021 to July 1, 2021.

- Set the agenda as presented.

- Approved the 08-02-2021 minutes.

- Approved the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission FY2022 Dedicated Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee Fund Application for a total of \$350,000.

- Approved the agreement with McLaughlins’ Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 HVAC maintenance on the County Buildings in Murphy, Idaho for a total of \$4,250.00.

- Approved the Property Use Lease Agreement with John and Catherine Romero for the use of their well and water for the construction on Reynolds Creek Road.

- Approved Resolution 2021-16: Authorize the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office to sell the referenced watercraft to Snake River Yamaha and use proceeds as credit towards the purchase of two (2) new watercraft.

- Approved the Xerox Copier Contract for the Clerk’s Office with the signature of the Chairman for the Board.

- Approved the lateral transfer of Kevin Bowen from Deed Draftsmen (Step 5) to Deed Processor (Step 7) to begin September 1, 2021 and will remain at \$16.00 per hour.

- Approved the 2021 Owyhee County Fair temporary new hires: Ashley Loucks and Brandie Campbell as fair grounds gopher at \$10.00 per hour; and Bridgette Newell as fair office help at \$14.00 per hour.

- Approved the Sheriff’s Office new hire of Chris Rowe for Waterways/Idaho Power/Court Security beginning on August 10, 2021 at the pay rate of \$17.22 per hour.

- Approved the pay increase for Travis Leedom, from \$18.15 to \$18.70 per hour, beginning August 9, 2021.

- Approved the lien on Indigent & Charity case 21-13.

- Approved the withdrawal of Indigent & Charity case 20-21.

- Approved the Sheriff’s Office purchase of three (3) AED packs from Coro Medical for \$7,150.00.

August 16

- Set the agenda as presented.

- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the departments listed: Current Expenses \$51,073; R&B \$10,009; Dist. Court \$1,195; Fair \$24,176; Probation \$1,102; Historical Society & Museum \$223; Revaluation \$334; Solid Waste \$19,072; 911 \$2,277; County Vessel \$5,478; Off Hwy Vehicles \$1,118.

- Approved the 08-09-2021 minutes.

- Approved the tax deed sales for Parcel No. RPB00000346401 and for Parcel No. RPB00000345250 on September 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2 at the Murphy Courthouse, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Cowboy’s Pastime liquor catering permit for the Bruneau Labor Day Roping on September 4, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.; for the Bruneau Rodeo on September 18, 221 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and September 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

- Approved College of Western Idaho Certificates of Residency

21-01 through 21-10.

- Approved the Lien on Indigent & Charity case number 21-14.

- Discussion – Engineer Cook gave an update on the status of some the Owyhee County Fair Grounds Projects. Beginning excavation for water and sewer lines; will begin laying pipe in about two weeks; electrical will begin in about six weeks. Pavement will be finished this fall or next spring, depending on other projects. The well placement has been finalized and the submittal to DEQ is being put together. The new septic system is waiting on a survey; hoping to have all Approved by DEQ this November or December; then will open up the project for bids; begin work spring 2022. If mud is discovered while digging water lines, will need to fill with pit run if the ground material is not useful. There is grant funding for water and sewer projects; Engineer Cook is looking into the all options. Waiting to hear back from Idaho Power about projects for Fair Grounds. CXT building is also on hold. Fair grounds maintenance will mark power and septic lines before any digging begins. On September 15, the parking lot will be seal coated again, due to provider displeasure.

- Approved Resolution 2021-28, corrected to Resolution 2021-17: A resolution to Open 2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

- Public Defense Commission – OC Public Defense Attorney Wellman gave a numbers update: the past three years and his own numbers; will share his findings and method with PDC Regional Coordinator Roark. Attorney Wellman is no longer able to receive weekend arrest reports – this is helpful for him to budget his case numbers throughout the year. County Clerk will be sending out contract renewal letters with a notice for available training funds. Coordinator Roark discussed the training opportunities she sends out statewide and the feedback she has received on some of these trainings – all of these trainings are provided free of charge to the defending attorneys and the counties; would like to see a large attendance at the public hearings in September for rulemaking to get the best rules possible for defending attorneys, counties, and indigent defendants.

- Discussion – Brecca Hipwell brought her concerns regarding the airspace that MHAFFB is trying to secure for pilot trainings in Owyhee County. Mrs. Hipwell’s two initial and main concerns were super-sonic booms at 100 feet above ground level and the potential impact this will have on farm/ranch animals and the houses. The Commissioners and Natural Resources Director Desmond were able to clarify some misinterpreted information from data heavy documents pertaining this this matter that can be found on the Mt. Home AFB website when searching this topic. The Commissioners and Natural Resource Director Desmond let Mrs. Hipwell know of a scoping letter the Board sent to MHAFFB on September 15, 2019, stating the Counties position is against super-sonic booms below 10,000 feet. Commissioner Aberasturi encouraged Mrs. Hipwell to send any questions she has to him for when he meets with MHAFFB on this matter on September 9, 2021.

August 23

- Set the agenda as presented.

- Approved the 08-23-2021 minutes.

- Approved the letter of support for the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Assessor’s Office new hire of Cynthia Reid for the full-time position of Deed Processor at the pay rate of \$14.36 per hour to start on September 7, 2021.

- Approved the BOCC transfer of Rachelle Fahey from full-time Sr. Legal Assistant in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office to full-time Human Resources Administration for Owyhee County at the pay of \$17.50 per hour to begin on September 13, 2021.

- Approved the Prosecuting Attorney’s new hire of Abby Deleon for the part-time of Legal Assistant at the pay rate of \$13.85 per hour to start on August 24, 2021.

- Approved the agreement with Earll Excavation for the company’s use of large dump trucks on the Silver City Road to haul tons of ore and / or ore tailings from The War Eagle Complex.

- At 9:32 a.m. went into Executive Session. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:56 a.m.

- Approved Resolution 2021-18: Owyhee County Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$14,164,405.00.
09/22/2021

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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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3. No improvements exist in association with the lease.
4. All auction participants

5. must register with IDL and complete all IDL registration forms and requirements prior to the registration deadline set forth above. No party will be permitted to register after the registration deadline.
5. Registration requires submitting the fully completed and executed forms to IDL at 300 N. 6th Street, Boise, Idaho; 324 S 417 East, Ste 2 Jerome, Idaho; or via e-mail at 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. 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.
6. Registrants that are legal entities must be authorized to do business in Idaho. Any entity required to file with the Idaho Secretary of State must submit a copy of its certificate of good standing with the Idaho Secretary of State to IDL prior to the registration deadline.
7. In order to be an eligible bidder, persons must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and legally competent to contract for an interest in real property in the State of Idaho. No person or entity in default of any lease or other legal obligation to IDL is eligible to bid at auction.
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 - b. If the applicant is

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 9. The successful bidder must submit the full amount of the non-refundable Premium Bid and the first year’s rent to the IDL offices identified above in Section 5 or on-line at www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing by Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 5:00PM (MDT).
 10. If the successful bidder withdraws or refuses to accept or execute the lease, IDL will retain the Premium Bid, the first year’s rent and the non-refundable application fee. IDL will then award the lease to the second highest bidder if there were only two bidders, or will reauction the lease if there were more than two bidders.
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 12. All bids are subject to acceptance by IDL at close of bidding. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 58-310(4), IDL and the Land Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids when, in their judgment, there has been fraud or collusion, or for any other reason which justifies rejection of the bids.
- 09/01,08,15,22/2021

Sports

Mustangs carry new coach past old team

Melba continues mastery of Nampa Christian

The teacher remained the master when Melba High School beat Nampa Christian in a volleyball conference opener.

With first-year coach Curtis Johnson returning to the gymnasium where he led the Trojans, the Mustangs forged a 28-26, 21-25, 25-16, 25-20 victory in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener for both clubs on Sept. 14.

“I tried to treat it like another game, but it was big for sure,” Johnson said after what he admitted was an emotion-packed atmosphere.

“To go back to my old stomping grounds and face girls that I have coached was unlike any game I have coached before.”

Johnson coached the Trojans for five seasons beginning in 2016.

In his final season with Nampa Christian, Johnson’s squad lost the 2A District III championship final to Melba. It was the first time in his five-year stint that Johnson hadn’t brought the district crown back to Nampa Christian and snapped a run of 10 consecutive district championships for the Trojans.

During his tenure the Trojans won back-to-back state championships in 2016 and 2017 and appeared in three state finals (2019 runner-up). The team qualified for the 2018 Final Eight and finished third in the state last season.

In last week’s rematch with Johnson on the opposite bench, he could have felt as if he was in no-man’s land.

But just as Johnson has embraced Melba wholeheartedly — even moving into the community — so have the Mustangs fans welcomed the new coach.

“The Melba Faithful traveled so well tonight,” the coach said after the match. “We had our biggest crowd to date for sure. The energy was electric.”

The energy fired up the Melba players apparently. Erika Hunter used the adrenaline to make the play of the night in the elongated first set.

“Erika Hunter made an amazing save,” Johnson said. “She crashed into the chairs on the bench to keep a ball alive that allowed us to win Set 1.”

After the Trojans (2-4 overall, 1-1 in conference before the Mountain View tournament on Friday) rallied in the second set to knot the score, the Mustangs (7-2, 3-0 before Friday’s tournament in Meridian) righted the ship and won in four sets.

“The girls showed a lot of resilience and composure,” Johnson said. “Every time we got knocked down, our girls responded and found a way to finish.”

Keylee Wilson piled up 22 kills and served three aces, while teammate Ella Stosich put down 11 kills.

Meya Young chimed in with eight kills, and Tayler McCoy dished 23 assists while coming up with three points on aces from the service line.

Laura Forsgren kicked 19 assists and another three aces.

“I’m very proud of the girls tonight,” Johnson said. “We still have a lot of growing to do, but they are getting better with every match and practice.”

Thursday: Melba def. New Plymouth, 3-0 — Forsgren fired five aces and dished 17 assists to push the Mustangs to another conference victory on the road.

Melba swept the Pilgrims, 25-14, 25-12, 25-13, for its 13th consecutive win against New Plymouth (3-7, 0-2 before a Saturday tournament in Parma).

“We were able to get everyone into the match tonight,” Johnson said. “Cali Sjostedt played great on the right side tonight. She had some really great digs on defense.”

The Mustangs hit .400 with Ella Stosich coming up with nine kills to go with 10 digs.

“We still need to clean things up and make less errors,” Johnson said.

The Mustangs have lost only four sets in its streak against the Pilgrims. Two of those lost games came in the match that started the winning streak on Oct. 13, 2015.

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Sports

Parma cashes in on HHS volleyball's ineffectiveness



Homedale's Olivia Smith (left) navigates to edge of the net as Parma's Lyndi Birch gets ready to deliver some defense.

Early struggles with serve receive created a difficult night for Homedale High School's volleyball team.

Visiting Parma took advantage for a straight-set 3A Snake River Valley conference victory on Sept. 14.

After sprinting to an early lead in Game 1, the Trojans were unable to maintain the momentum in a 25-11, 25-12, 25-13 loss.

Trailing 7-1 in the first set, the Panthers launched a service game to keep Homedale (0-7 overall, 0-2 in conference after Thursday's straight-set loss to Weiser) off-kilter during a 15-1 run to grab control.

Senior Laney Swallow served the first of her five aces to fuel Homedale's fast start to the match. Half of her 10 serves were unreturned. She also had two kills and a block.

Homedale never got its footing in Game 2 as Parma's Skylar Erickson notched back-to-back kills in a 7-2 start to the set.

The Panthers' Katie Compas, like Erickson a senior, caught the Trojans flat-footed more than once with quick kills just dumped over the net rather than smacked into the backcourt.

When Homedale did get a chance to return a shot, many digs went awry for side outs or to disrupt the flow of the passing game.

Homedale converted just 13 of 82 sets for assists (15.9 percent) with Sydney Davis leading the way with eight assists in 42 tries (19 percent) and Olivia Asumendi coming up with four assists in 32 sets (12.5 percent).

Jacy Parker and Katie Christoffersen served the only aces for the Trojans, and Parker led the team with five kills.

The Trojans went 13-for-79 (16.5 percent) in hitting. Christoffersen and Olivia Asumendi also had two kills apiece.

Parker also had a pair of blocks, while Jocelyn Roseborough picked up a pair of assists.

Belisia Larzelier was perfect in eight digs attempts to lead Homedale.

Roseborough went 7-for-12 (58.3 percent), but the rest of the team went a combined 9-for-27 (33.3 percent). Asumendi and Christoffersen had three digs each.



Homedale Trojans





Football
Jaxon Dines, jr., QB
163 total yards, 3 TDs vs. Sandpoint



Volleyball
Jacy Parker, jr., MB
5 kills, 2 blocks, ace and dig vs. Parma



Cross country
Trinity Neeser, so.
Neared 29-minute mark at 3A SRV meet at home

This week's Sports Schedule

Football Varsity Friday, Sept. 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m. Junior varsity Friday, Sept. 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.	Volleyball Varsity Thursday, Sept. 23 at McCall-Donnelly, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 vs. Buhl and Kimberly, quad meet, Kimberly H.S., 11 a.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Sept. 23 at McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Fruitland, 5:30 p.m. Frosh-soph Thursday, Sept. 23 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
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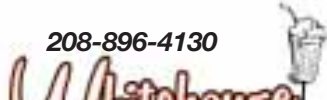
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