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BOCC's backing airspace uniformity

Air Force extends public comment period to Oct. 25

Owyhee County Commissioners have thrown their support behind the Air Force's plan to make training airspace in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region uniform — as long as the military launches studies on how flights may affect sage-grouse.

The Board of County Commissioners issued its comments in a letter dated Sept. 20, which would have been two days before the public comment period was to end.

However, the public comment period on the Mountain Home Air Force Base Airspace Optimization Plan was extended for a second time as last Wednesday's deadline approached.

With a second 30-day extension on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, interested parties and stakeholders have until Oct. 25 to supply comments.

The comment period originally opened for 45 days back in July.

In their letter to the company handling the public comments, county commissioners reiterated support for certain alternatives, echoing their scoping comments from late November 2019.

The commissioners write that they understand and agree with the reason for creating a minimum low-level subsonic flight floor consistent across all parts of the Mountain Home AFB training range.

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Above: Gayle Russell, a West Owyhee Avenue neighbor of Tom Murray, places an arrangement at the memorial set up to remember the hot dog vendor near his spot at Bette Uda City Park. **Below:** Folks whom Murray touched attended his Celebration of Life and remembered his love of family, the Boise State Broncos and Rams professional football on Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale.

Homedale community mourns “Hot Dog Man” Tom Murray

One of at least 3 locals claimed by COVID-19

Community members remembering a favorite food vendor and jovial Homedale resident contributed to a

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Toddler dies after accidental shooting

Sheriff urges safe storage of firearms

A 2-year-old boy died last Wednesday in an accidental shooting when his 4-year-old brother got hold of a gun.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines confirmed the incident to The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday.

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GV water hearing moved

Council seeks judicial confirmation for repair bond

Citing social distancing concerns, the City of Grand View will move next month's planned public hearing to provide more space.

The public hearing is required before the council passes a resolution to seek judicial confirmation to establish a \$2.1 million bond to upgrade the water system.

The public hearing, which is scheduled for 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 13, will precede the regular monthly city council meeting by an hour.

Originally scheduled for

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Homedale High School athletic director Casey Grove provided this map to illustrate the Homecoming parade route (highlighted in yellow) that class floats, the marching band, the football team and royalty candidates will traverse Thursday afternoon.

Idaho Avenue construction forces route modification

This year’s Homedale High School Homecoming parade will begin and end in the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot on Riverside Drive.

The parade begins at 2:50 p.m., on Thursday.

- Parade floats will head west on Riverside Drive and turn south onto North 2nd Street East.
- From North 2nd Street East, the route turns west onto East Montana Avenue.
- The floats will turn north onto North 3rd Street West and then west onto West Washington

Avenue to pass in front of the elementary school.

- The route turns south again at Railroad Avenue near the end of West Washington Avenue.
- Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents won’t be left out: The procession will turn from Railroad Avenue east onto West Owyhee Avenue and proceed across town.
- The final leg of the parade comes when entrants turn north onto North 2nd Street East and travel to the terminus at Deward Bell Stadium.

Homedale church to launch yard sale

Another yard sale is planned Saturday at the Homedale First Presbyterian Church.

The fundraiser will stretch from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., as organizers try to sell overflow merchandise from the first sale as well as new items.

The church grounds at 320 N. 6th St. W., (corner of 6th Street West and West Washington

Avenue) will be filled with furniture and other items, including:

- Two dressers, including one with a mirror
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A free lunch of hot dogs and all the fixings will be served beginning at 10 a.m., so parents are encouraged to bring their children and shop.

HHS Homecoming finds another gear

Bowling and bonfire slated tonight

The schedule has been shuffled, but things are still getting intense for Homedale High School’s Homecoming.

Tonight will feature the class bowling competition at The Bowling Alley as well as the annual bonfire and Snake Dance in the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot.

The bonfire and Snake Dance is scheduled to take place at the conclusion of the volleyball team’s match against Fruitland, which was rescheduled from Tuesday because of a lack of game officials, HHS athletic director Casey Grove said late Monday.

Originally slated for today, the powder puff football games were shifted to Tuesday after deadline.

The dress-up theme at school today is Farmers Day, and Thursday is Spirit Day when students are urged to dress in school colors — red and white.

Thursday’s schedule includes more class spirit games and the parade, the route for which will be altered because of final-stage paving on Idaho Avenue.

Homecoming royalty will be honored beginning at 6:20 p.m., on Friday prior to the start of the Milk Jug Game against Parma at Deward Bell Stadium.

The football game kicks off at 7 p.m., after the Homecoming king and queen are crowned and the attendants introduced.

The bowling competition begins at 5 p.m., today at The

Bowling Alley at the corner of West Owyhee Avenue and North 1st Street West.

The games to decide which class owns the Spirit Stick for the upcoming year continue inside the school’s gymnasium at 12:45 p.m., on Thursday.

Class competitions will include boys’ volleyball, tug-o-war, relay and a dance contest.

The Homecoming parade starts at 2:50 p.m.

The route has been altered drastically compared to previous years because of the ongoing construction on Idaho Avenue.

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

The cross country team will compete in Thursday’s Gary Ward Invitational at Lakeview Park in Nampa. This is a change from the original meet scheduled for Friday in Baker City, Ore., because the athletes don’t want to miss the football game, officials said.

The Disney-themed Homecoming dance will be held from 8 p.m., to 11 p.m., on Saturday.

Rimrock events start next week

Rimrock High School’s Homecoming Week begins Monday when — according to the schedule posted on the Bruneau-Grand View School District website — the volleyball team plays a Senior Night match against 1A Western Idaho Conference foe North Star Charter.

Idaho City is the Homecoming opponent in football. That game is set for 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 8 in Bruneau.

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Republican gubernatorial candidate visits Homedale

Ed Humphreys, one of the candidates in what is shaping up to be a crowded Republican gubernatorial primary season, met with a small group of voters at The Bowling Alley in Homedale on Sept. 21. He was the second hopeful for statewide office to visit Homedale in as many weeks after Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Debbie Critchfield visited the town’s schools on Sept. 14.

Top: Humphreys opens the meeting by talking about himself and his platform, which endorses self-determination and discourages what he called “central planning” where the



views and recommendation of experts, such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, are held in higher regard than an individual’s right to decide. “We need a party that stands for self-empowerment,” he said.

Above: Humphreys listens to former Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott’s views on term limits and other issues after opening the meeting to comments from the public.

Largest COVID quarantine of year at Marsing High School

Football games against Melba called off

Thirty-three Marsing High School students have been quarantined after a football player tested positive for COVID-19 during the weekend.

Huskies athletic director Brian Marshall confirmed the quarantine — and the cancellation of both football games against Melba.

“So far, this is the largest group of secondary students to be quarantined,” Marshall said.

Both the junior varsity and varsity football teams have been quarantined.

Marshall said the students can return to campus Monday if they have no symptoms.

“So hopefully, there will

be no impact on next week’s schedule,” he added.

There have been isolated quarantines so far this school year, Marshall said.

“For COVID, we have mainly had individual students out because of a family member being positive,” he said.

“We had a few teachers out a couple of weeks ago, and that was rough trying to keep all of the classes covered. But we made it happen.”

If all goes well, the football teams will be back in action beginning at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 7 at home for the junior varsity game against Cole Valley Christian.

The varsity 2A Western Idaho Conference contest against Cole Valley has been moved to 6 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Owyhee High School in Meridian.

— JPB



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Final paving on full length of Idaho Avenue in sight

There’s light at the end of the tunnel as the Idaho Avenue reconstruction project turned a corner this week.

The Idaho Transportation Department announced Monday that paving the entire length of the project area — from 4th Street East to 4th Street West — was scheduled to begin Tuesday and run through Friday.

The work was delayed by rain Tuesday, though.

Knife River Corp., crews have been busy with the project’s fourth phase, including storm drains, curbs, pedestrian ramps and new pavement on the south side of West Idaho Avenue.

The end-to-end paving scheduled this week will put a final layer of blacktop on the roadway, bringing the surface even with the cement borders of the new storm drains up and down Idaho highway 19 through

downtown Homedale. The ITD briefing release Friday warned that there could be reduced side-street access.

Paving should also mitigate the dip motorists experience when moving from old pavement to new pavement entering town from U.S. Highway 95.

As with previous portions of the project, ITD says business access will be maintained.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, expect delays, watch for flaggers and detours, and slow down when traveling through the construction zone.

Motorists not abiding detours have been especially dangerous at the Main Street and Idaho Avenue intersection. Some drivers have gone around the road closed sign into the opposite lane to avoid the detour rather than heading down a block or so and following the signs.

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Dispatcher steps up as victim advocate

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has recently seen more staff shuffling.

Dispatcher Paula Rhodes has assumed OCSO's victim witness coordinator role.

The personnel move — a lateral one for Rhodes pay-wise — was approved during the Sept. 20 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy.

The vacancy was created Sept. 7 when Colleen Studor became 911 coordinator.

Rhodes will earn the same hourly wage (\$17.41) in a full-time capacity in her new position, which she began last Wednesday. She has been with the office since August 2019.

A victim witness coordinator provides crisis intervention for victims, witnesses, and survivors of crimes. Rhodes will also help victims navigate the criminal justice system and may accompany them to court dates.

• Cheylah Volkers, a Melba High School and The College of Idaho graduate, has replaced Allison Wilson as district court clerk. Volkers started on Aug. 26 at an hourly rate of \$14.36.

Wilson, who started as a court clerk on Feb. 8, left county employment to become director of Vets4Success, a nonprofit organization her father started and for which her brother was director for 10 years. — TK

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✓ Airspace: Sonic boom studies sought

"We want aircrews to train as they will fight and do not want them to, due to the current differing altitude minimums, go to war with habits that are not consistent with how they will fight," the commissioners stated in a letter penned by staffer Jim Desmond, who is a retired Army officer and pilot.

"The current differing flight altitudes force crews to train for the administrative restrictions of the current airspace rules versus the realities of air combat."

Creating a uniform minimum altitude across the range would also provide the opportunity to spread flights out across the region, the commissioners wrote.

While throwing support behind the general idea of low-level subsonic training, the commissioners spoke up for the Greater sage-grouse when addressing their conditional support of supersonic flights.

The Air Force wants to lower the supersonic minimum altitude from 10,000 feet above ground level (AGL) to 5,000 feet AGL.

The commissioners want to see studies on how sonic booms and other flight-related phenomena impact sage-grouse.

The commissioners wrote that, to their knowledge, there is no specific research on the effects on sage-grouse, and

they would like to see the Air Force launch scientific studies as part of the environmental research for this proposal.

The BOCC offers the assistance of the county Natural Resource Commission and sage-grouse Local Working Group in developing those studies.

Commissioners point out their concern about sage-grouse stems from the triggers in management plans developed to keep the bird off the Endangered Species list. If those triggers are "tripped" by airspace changes, the commissioners fear the mitigation could affect ranchers who use federal lands within the training range to graze cattle.

Commissioners support other alternatives in the DEIS with the caveat that the Air Force identifies and implements season restrictions where necessary to protect wildlife and safeguard human activities.

Written comments should be mailed to: Mountain Home AFB Airspace Optimization EIS c/o Leidos, 2109 Air Park Road SE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Electronic copies of the Draft EIS are available at the project website, <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>. Public comment also can be filed at the website.

Hard copies of the document can be reviewed at 51 public libraries in the airspace area, including the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View.

The comments will be included in the Final EIS for the plan, which proposes changes to the training airspace Mountain Home AFB uses in southern Owyhee County, northern Nevada and southeastern Oregon.

The Air Force proposes adjusting training airspace to allow subsonic low-altitude flights between 100 and 500 feet AGL, depending on the alternative in the Draft EIS.

Supersonic flight would be allowed as low as 5,000 or 10,000 feet AGL.

The objective is to allow flight crews to build proficiency in low-altitude tactics and terrain masking for survival in combat situations.

— JPB



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Notice of Extension: The U.S. Air Force Invites You to Comment on the Air Force's Airspace Optimization Proposal to enhance Readiness at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Notice of Extension: On July 9, the U.S. Air Force (USAF) announced the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Airspace Optimization for Readiness at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. On August 13, 2021, the USAF announced the extension of the 45-day public comment period for an additional 30 days. Now, the USAF is announcing an additional 30-day extension of the public comment period, which will end on October 25, 2021. This extension will provide the public and stakeholders more time to evaluate and comment on the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action.

All substantive comments received or postmarked by October 25, 2021 will be addressed in the Final EIS. Comments received or postmarked after the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. Written comments should be sent via U.S. Postal Service, UPS, or FedEx to:

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Please note that personal information, such as your email or street address will not be included in the Final EIS. Electronic copies of the Draft EIS can be obtained through the project website and comments may be submitted there as well: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>. Hard copies of the Draft EIS are also available for review at 51 public libraries across the airspace. A full list of these libraries can be accessed from the project website. Inquiries or requests for additional information about the Draft EIS should be directed to Ms. Robin Divine, Mountain Home Airspace Optimization EIS Project Manager, Air Force NEPA Division (AFCEC/CZN), (210) 925-2730.

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✓ Mourns: Coroner says local storage facilities are filling up quickly

makeshift memorial early last week.

Tom Murray, known as “The Hot Dog Man” because of the weekday noontime fare he offered near Bette Uda City Park, died recently. He was 62.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines confirmed Murray was found dead in his West Owyhee Avenue home. Tines said he was awaiting test results, but the preliminary suspicion is Murray had been battling COVID-19.

News of Murray’s death spread around town after authorities found his body on Sept. 20. A day later, Erin Rhodes, manager of the Wild Lotus Coffee Shop and Boutique, created a memorial for Murray near the spot where he had parked his ubiquitous Ford SUV and Wee-Nee Wagon for years near the Sherman tank in Bette Uda City Park.

When road construction arrived on the south side of East Idaho Avenue, Murray relocated to East Wyoming Avenue near the City Park tennis courts, and his clientele followed him.

Hours after Rhodes had set up the memorial on the City

Park retaining wall, Murray’s neighbors Gayle and Paul Russell made a stop to pay their respects and leave a flower arrangement. Gayle used a soda bottle filled with water to give the plants that were on site a little moisture.

The Russells said Murray was always smiling when he took walks in the neighborhood or when he was getting supplies for his day at the park.

Murray also was known to sell hot dogs, bratwursts and Polish sausages at farmers markets in Nampa and Caldwell.

The man’s patrons remembered him for his easy smile and happy-go-lucky tone in conversation. He always showed interest in his customers’ day.

Tines said Murray had told friends that he felt sick as far back as August, and that he told them he thought it was COVID-19.

The coroner said Murray was last seen Saturday, Sept. 18. It’s believed he died on Sept. 19.

Tines, who is also a Homedale city councilman, said he will approach his elected colleagues about creating some type of permanent memorial for

Murray near the spot where he sold hot dogs to adults and high school students on their lunch breaks nearly every day during the school year.

“I think that it’s important that if we have someone that has been influential to the town that we do something to pay homage to them,” Tines said.

Tines said Murray’s passing marks at least the third person with Homedale ties to suffer a COVID-19 related death in recent weeks. Days before Murray, Tines said he was called to the death of a 39-year-old male Homedale resident, and that another former resident in her 30s had passed away recently, too.

Tines also said he was working as an on-call driver for a local funeral home during the Sept. 17-18 weekend, and 40 percent of his eight transports were COVID-related deaths.

Tines said the spike in deaths — COVID-19 and otherwise — has filled refrigeration capacity at local morgues and funeral homes.

“If Homedale (Flahiff Funeral Chapel) gets full then we transport to (Flahiff’s in) Caldwell,” Tines said. “If Caldwell is full, we transport

to Canyon County’s morgue.”

The Canyon County morgue has a refrigerated trailer in a secure location in case of overflow, Tines said.

He also said that he is working on a memorandum of understanding with a local trucking company to obtain another refrigerated trailer if necessary. That trailer would also be parked at the Canyon County morgue in Caldwell.

The lack of storage space in the pandemic’s fourth wave has been an “eye-opener” for emergency managers, Tines said, adding that during the early part of the pandemic most thought funeral homes and hospitals had enough cold storage to handle the influx of dead.

According to the State of

Idaho coronavirus tracking website, Owyhee County has reported eight deaths from COVID-19 since mid-April, and 34 total.

As of Monday’s reporting, Owyhee County has logged 1,213 confirmed cases of the virus and 172 probable cases since the state began tracking the pandemic. The seven-day moving incidence rate remains steady at 44.7 cases.

Southwest District Health’s COVID-19 statistics, culled Monday evening, reported 1,227 confirmed cases and 172 probable cases. The health district site also attributed 34 deaths to COVID-19 and reported that 1,170 people had recovered from the virus.

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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.

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Obituaries

Katharine Elizabeth Meininger Pike

Katharine Elizabeth Meininger Pike, a proud native daughter of the Owyhees, died on June 5, 2021. She was a supportive mother, a treasured daughter, a devoted sister, and an adored aunt. She was born May 26, 1948, eldest child of Ray and Margaret Meininger of Jump Creek. They precede her in death. She is missed by her survivors, who include her “two fine sons,” James H. and Charles R. Pike. James lives in Chicago with his husband, Xiao Lu. Charlie resides in Caldwell and provided unparalleled support for his mother in her final years. Her five brothers and sisters are Jeanette Drake of Herndon, Virginia; Douglas Meininger of Blythe, California; Matthew Meininger (and Linda Smith) of Nampa; Drucy Swakhammer of Cornelius, Oregon; and Daniel Meininger of Boise. Her ex-husband and favorite drinking buddy, Blaine H. Pike, lives in Hagerman. Her nieces and nephews are Brit-



tany Breyné; Bexar (married to Amanda) and Wolfe Drake; Maeve and Elke (married to Igor) Swakhammer; Alex, Michelle (married to Brian Haines), and Heather (married to Mick Savage) Meininger. Collectively, their children include Calliope, Nathaniel, Lincoln, and two very recent additions: Elliana and Jakub. She attended primary and secondary school in Marsing and graduated salutatorian from Homedale High School



in 1966. She went on to earn an associate’s degree in home economics, a bachelor’s degree in geology, and later a teaching certificate which enabled her to be a science teacher. All degrees are from Boise State University. Her formal education bolstered her autodidactic nature that lasted throughout her life. In 1986, along with Blaine, she cofounded Modtranz, Inc., a trucking company still based in the Treasure Val-

ley that operates across the western United States. She established Pike’s Opaline Mobile Home Park in 1994, which continues to offer an affordable housing option for residents of Owyhee County. She enjoyed the freedom of driving her pilot car for over 40 years. She followed the words of scientists, artists, and poets. Included among her favorites were Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Carl Sagan, Delmore Schwartz, and Mark Twain. She gazed at the stars and she examined the earth with a close eye. She was unconventional, fearless, intuitive, experimental, and often described herself as a “libertarian and a libertine.” Hers was the first hand to go up in a crowd to question what she was told and offer her own perspective. She was always informed, and often strongly opinionated, on a range of topics. Few people have shared her talent to simultaneously read a book and

drive a pickup. In the last few years she suffered from debilitating dementia, but she always knew her family and welcomed them with a big, tight hug. Her family wishes to thank all of her caregivers along the way first at Prestige Assisted Living at Autumn Wind in Caldwell, and lastly at Family Life Memory Care in Nampa, as well as the dedicated staff of Keystone Health and Hospice. In lieu of donations, her family asks you to serve her memory by taking your kid to a symphony performance, introducing a young person to a political candidate, or any other activity that nourishes the creativity, curiosity, and sense of citizenship in a child. Her sons and family are planning a celebration of life in Marsing to be announced at a later date. Her cremains will join her parents’ and become part of the vast and beautiful Owyhee Desert.

Ila Adele (Sommers) Gerdes

Ila Adele (Sommers) Gerdes, 91, of Homedale, passed away peacefully early Sunday, September 26th of heart failure. Ila was born at her grandparents’ home in Bowmont, a small community near Melba, Idaho, to parents Arthur and Nydia (Carpenter) Sommers on March 7, 1930. Ila attended schools in both Nampa and Middleton and her junior year started working after school as a telephone operator in Boise for Mountain Bell. In her youth she discovered her love for animals, especially dogs. She loved to tell the story of training the neighbor’s dog to climb a ladder, a skill that eventually saved the dog’s life. Her love for dogs never waned as she was famous for mistakenly calling grandkids by one of the dog’s names. Another childhood pastime was roller skating in Nampa. It was here at the rink that she met her future husband, Don Gerdes. Don and Ila married on August 14, 1949 at Grace Lutheran Church in Caldwell. They were married for 62 years to the day, the day Don passed away in 2012. Don was

the love of her life. To this union was born 4 children: Pam, Cindy, Sandy, and bonus baby Donnie Gerdes. It was in Central Cove, East of Homedale, where Don and Ila settled and raised their family, made their living on the farm and created many wonderful memories for kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and friends. Don and Ila dairied, raised row crops, beef cattle and later were infamous for raising the buffalo on Homedale Road. Ila was the best hired man any husband could ask for and was also a coveted ensilage truck driver by many farmers. She miraculously worked on the farm all day long and would have a nutritious meal or tasty baked goods for her family and anyone else who may show up at the house. When the milk cows left, Ila went to work as a rural mail carrier at the Wilder Post Office. She loved her job and worked faithfully through snow, fog and ice for 26 years, travelling approximately 100 miles a day. During these years she made many friends, replaced many of sets of brakes and gained



the skill of driving better with one arm from the passenger’s seat. Grandkids fondly recall the entire herd loading up in her mail van “Nelly Bell” to pick asparagus or go for a spin. Ila was an excellent driver, however not a slow driver. She taught many of the grandkids how to race, even if it meant driving through the front yard to win a race. Ila was humble, but never slow to brag that at 91 she still had never received a speeding ticket. Don and Ila worked hard to keep a tight-knit family. They strived to raise their family in the faith and love of the Lord

and instill in their children an incredible work ethic. Every occasion was celebrated with family and a meal, many times with one of Ila’s new recipes. Grandkids love that Ila could throw condiments across the kitchen with perfect aim. Their home was filled with laughter and life, nothing pretensions but always authentic. Ila decorated for every holiday and made sure their home was welcoming to all who walked through the door. Decorating, rearranging and repainting furniture was a favorite hobby. Ila was even known to knock out an entire wall by herself when Don was gone to the livestock sale. Rumor has it, that’s the reason Don feared to leave the farm. Ila was one of the original residents at Grace Assisted Living in Caldwell. She had many special friends at Grace and was blessed to consider them part of her family and support team as she faced the loss of her son Donnie, granddaughter Stacey and her keys to drive. This special team of people kept her laughing and on her toes. Ila loved to

laugh and have a good time and was always up for an adventure. She knew about the highlights and hurts in their lives and prayed faithfully for each of them. Her family will forever be grateful for the compassion, care and love the staff showed Ila. Ila was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Nydia Sommers, brother and sister-in-law Gilbert and Martha Sommers, infant brother Eldon, husband Donald Gerdes, son Donnie Gerdes and granddaughter Stacey Kelly. She is survived by children Pam (Fred Kelly), Cindy Gerdes, Sandy (Fred Sarceda), daughter-in-law Dixie Gerdes, forever son-in-law Gary Doi, 6 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, 14 great-grandchildren and a very special friend Albert Villa. Ila was an inspiration of how to be strong and independent at any age and served as a great role model for our family. Graveside services at the Wilder Cemetery by Pastor Ross Shaver will take place on October 6th at 2:00 PM under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale.

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Obituaries

Paul Dean Pearson

Paul Dean Pearson of Homedale, Idaho, passed away September 19, 2021, at the age of 68 to pancreatic cancer; just 18 days after diagnosis. At the time of his passing, he was at home surrounded by many family members. Paul was born on Friday the 13th, in March of 1953 in Preston, Idaho to Dean Lars Pearson and Harriet Jensen Pearson Ezola. At the age of 4, Paul and his family moved from Trenton, Utah to Homedale, Idaho. He attended school at Homedale Elementary until 1960 when his mother and the four boys moved back to Trenton following the unfortunate passing of his father, Dean. After returning to Utah, the boys and Harriet chose Sheridan Ezola to share the rest of their lives with and the family returned to Homedale.

Paul was an extraordinary athlete and an excellent sports-

man from an early age. He played little league baseball during summer, went fishing every chance he could, and spent plenty of fall days hunting for whatever bird was in season. When Paul entered high school, he participated in football, basketball, track, and was a coach's dream. As a freshman in 1967, Paul was on the varsity football team with his 2 older brothers. In Paul's high school athletic career, he was featured in a high school sports magazine, held long-standing records in track, and played in three championship basketball games earning 2nd place in 1967 and sweeping the championship in 1969.

After graduating high school in 1971, Paul attended BYU on a football scholarship. He played for one season but quickly learned that college was not for him. He was ready to return home to his mom's



cooking and spend more time with his buddies. Paul spent a lot of time hunting and fishing throughout Idaho and Oregon. It was in Jordan Valley, Oregon where he met Brenda Nichols. They were married in July of 1973. They purchased a house in Homedale where Paul worked for the city. A few

years later, they found a home with acreage on the outskirts of Homedale where he could have a small farm, a large garden, and enjoy the abundant wildlife. Paul worked for the city of Homedale for 9 years, then began working for G & B Ready Mix in Nampa until he retired in March of 2020. Paul was an avid outdoorsman who spent most of his free time hunting, trapping, or fishing.

Paul is survived by his wife of 48 years, Brenda. Children: Eric (Malina) Pearson, Jocelyn (Bill) Patchett, and Alisa (Jimmy) Whisenhunt. Grandchildren: Kathleen, Cole (Madison), Kaylee (Houston), Riley, Jacinta, Madalyn, Amaya, Hailey, and AJ. Great-grandchildren: Waillon, DJ, Harley, and Presley. Step-dad: Sheridan. Siblings: Blaine (Rena) Pearson, Mike (Terri) Pearson, Gerald Pearson, Mary

Ann Adams, and Julie (Robert) Hyde. Mother-in-Law: Bonnie Nichols, Brother-in-Law: Charlie Nichols, and Sister-in-Law: Amy (Chris) Thomas. Numerous Uncles, Aunts, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, lifelong friends, and teammates who are also considered extended family. He was preceded in death by his dad, Dean Lars Pearson, mom, Harriet Pearson Ezola, Father-in-Law, Clyde Nichols, and Niece Molly Claire Nichols.

Paul was a quiet, humble man who spoke few words but touched many lives. A small celebration of life was held Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Homedale. Please visit All Valley Cremation website for additional details. A private scattering of the ashes will occur at a later date.

Clyle Reece

Clyle Reece, 86, of Boise, Idaho, left his earthly body and spread his wings for heaven on September 22, 2021, surrounded by family.

In summer of 1967, he married his love, Myrna, who survives him. Clyle is also survived by his children Lanette Hopkins, Tauni Bernhard (husband Mike), Larry Reece (wife Alison), Lorian Belitz (husband Curtis), Lee Vassar (wife Sandy), Chanse Reece, Eric Reece (wife Jennifer), and Coreen Lerch (husband Tom). He is survived by his siblings, Vernal Reece, Jolene Reece, Karen Eldredge, and LaNae Gaskill.

Clyle was Grandpa and Papa to 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents Wayne and Anelda Reece, and his brother Arden Reece.



Clyle was a loving husband, father, and friend. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel at 11:00 am, with a public viewing beginning at 10:00am. Burial to follow at Meridian Cemetery.

Jamie Elizabeth Mitchell

Jamie Elizabeth Mitchell of Caldwell, Idaho passed from this life on September 17th, 2021.

She leaves behind her three children Kaidlyn Dakotah; Stetson Blaze, and Zaelynn Yvonne; her parents Allen and Marilyn of Nyssa; grandparents James and Mary Huls of Homedale; Kaidlynn and Stetson's dad and step mom with whom she had a very loving friendship with, multiple aunts, uncles, and

cousins.

Jamie was born in Riverside, California. She moved to Idaho in 1993, but always said her soul was actually born in Idaho.

Jamie was an avid horsewoman from the time she was 7 and loved the outdoors and her animals.

Her children were the pride and joy of her life.

Her cheerful smile and immense love will be sorely missed by all who knew her.



Death notice

PHYLLIS SAYERS, 96, a longtime resident of Homedale born in Tuxford, Saskatchewan, Canada, died on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 with her family by her side. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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Judith Arlene Teter Page

Born January 26, 1947 Nyssa, Or. Went traveling on the smooth road to Heaven September 20, 2021 Caldwell, Id.

She was a beautiful testimony of how much Jesus loves us. Judy loved coming alongside her family and friends to help encourage, feed, clothe, house, teach and love them into becoming better people and pointing them towards a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She loved sharing her many talents and was

an excellent example of the Good and Faithful Servant in Matthew 25:14-30.

Judy is survived by her 3 sisters: Shirlene (Jesse) Abney, Bea Maggard, Theone (John) Swartz. 2 children: Harriet (Mike) Rotter and Greg (Sarah) Chaney, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Judy's life will be held October 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with potluck to follow at Wilder Church of God, 205 A. Ave Wilder, Id.

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Obituary

Thomas “Tom” Cameron Murray

September 15, 1959-
September 19, 2021

Thomas “Tom” Cameron Murray, 62, native son of Homedale, passed away in his home on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Tom was born on September 15, 1959 in Caldwell, ID to Evelyn Louise Murray and Thomas Owen Murray. He was the fourth of five children. Tom attended school in Homedale, graduating from Homedale High School. He was married for a time to Patty Murray, in this union their daughter Tommi Jo Murray was born. After knowing each other for years, a long-lasting friendship developed between Tom and Denise Baker to which their son Jacob Owen Murray was born.

In his early years he worked for the family business Murray’s Chevron. Tom then worked for 20 years in bar management for various local businesses. Most know Tommy for being the “Hot Dog Man” as the owner of the infamous Wee-Nee Wagon hot dog cart that was parked in front of the park on a weekly basis since 1999 and at the Nampa and Caldwell Farmers’ Markets. People would come from miles around to get one of his dogs.

Tom was a pillar of the community, one-time city councilman, and will be greatly missed by many. He would always be the first to lend an ear or a helping hand. In his off time, he was an avid fisherman spending his weekends with



Jake Pierce out on the pontoon. Tom loved to cook and try new recipes, almost as much as people loved his cooking. Among the town’s favorites were his smoked Christmas hams, gluck, and fried rice. Dad was a diehard Rams and BSU fan, but you could find him attending a wide variety of sporting events. Most of all he was an amazing father, brother, and friend who always showed his love and support.

Tom is survived by his children, Tommi Jo Murray and Jacob Owen Murray, and by his siblings, Debby Grant and Randy Murray. He was preceded in death by his parents Evelyn Louise Murray and Thomas Owen Murray, siblings Kooki Nation, Connie “Red” Trunnell, and his brothers-in-law Dan Nation, Woody Trunnell, and Bob Grant.

Calendar

Today

- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Thursday

- Exercise class**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
- Teens & Tweens**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Saturday

- HHS volleyball golf scramble**
9 a.m., \$65/person, \$250/foursome, River Bend Golf Course, 18539 Fish Rd., Wilder. (208) 867-9091 to register.
- Book sale**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friends of the Homedale Library-sponsored, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Opal Nash Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting**
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Tuesday

- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m. to 11 a.m., free (no registration needed), old Marsing High School gym, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Exercise class**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Grand View Irrigation District meeting**
11 a.m., district office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.
- Live music**
11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Performed by Wilder
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
- Opaline Irrigation District meeting**
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Snake River Irrigation District meeting**
1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.
- Christian Life Club**
4 to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070.
- Grand View Fire commissioners meeting**
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

Thursday, Oct. 7

- Exercise class**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Reynolds Irrigation District meeting**
1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.
- Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
- Teens & Tweens**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.
- Owyhee County Fair Board meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
- Teens & Tweens**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Catholic Mass**
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Marsing Lions Club bingo**
6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m., regular series, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Monday, Oct. 11

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



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Timely fall forum, other UI resources address drought

The current drought is affecting livestock producers across much of the West, and Owyhee County ranchers are no exception. Limited precipitation and record-high temperatures over much of the summer have taken a toll on water availability and forage production. On-campus and Extension faculty at the University of Idaho have responded to the current situation with programs and presentations focused on drought-related issues.



Scott Jensen

The 2021 UI Rangeland Center Fall Forum “From Drought to Resilience” will be held online Oct.5-7 from noon to 1:30 p.m., each day. Presentations and discussions will focus on ideas that may give solace and strategies for survival.

Speakers Kit Kimball and Ed Galindo will lead off on Tuesday with a discussion of drought as a common reality. Included in the discussion is a look at how communities have adapted to periods of water scarcity and variability with cultural, educational and political strategies.

Next Wednesday’s session will feature a panel discussion moderated by our own Brenda Richards and focused on drought challenges and concerns. Richards is a Reynolds Creek rancher and the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership coordinator.

Panel members will include rancher Jim Hagenbarth, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service ecologist Hailey Wilmer, University of Washington ag economist John Ritten, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife manager Jason Pyron.

The Fall Forum will wrap up on Thursday, Oct. 7 with discussions focused on strategies to adapt to drought. These will include livestock management

and marketing, grass banks and rest pastures, grass response, invasive species management, tools for monitoring conditions, and grazing strategies. Speakers will include ranchers, officials from the Bureau of Land Management and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and conservationists.

UI Rangeland Center Director Dr. Karen Launchbaugh will offer closing remarks.

To register for the Fall Forum, visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events/fall-forum>.

Registration is free.

In addition to the Fall Forum, UI Extension Educators and specialists have developed a video library of drought resources for livestock producers. These videos are hosted on the University of Idaho Extension Livestock YouTube channel where they can be viewed at any time.

Videos are typically 15 to 40 minutes in length and cover topics such as strategic supplementation, early weaning as a drought management strategy, culling and marketing strategies, and ammoniating and feeding straw.

Additional videos are currently being created and will be posted as they are completed.

The link <https://bit.ly/UIDrought> will take you directly to the YouTube channel with all the available videos.

I encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming Fall Forum and the drought resources videos. I am certain it will be time well-spent, and the information will prove valuable as you navigate through the current drought.

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 10 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 79 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 110 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 72,198 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.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

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

Sept. 30: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

Homedale Middle

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

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

Sept. 30: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

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. 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

Sept. 30: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog or chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich tots, or BBQ chicken ranch wrap with chips, or chef’s salad with breadstick, chocolate chunk cookie

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. 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. 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

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: Not Available
Congregate lunch daily
Curbside pickup before 12:30 p.m.
Order ahead 208-337-3020
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Sept. 29th and Oct. 6th

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

Sept. 30: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets

Oct. 5: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables

Oct. 6: Cheeseburger, macaroni salad, California blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing City Hall

Noon to 12:30 p.m.
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Sept. 29: Pesto Alfredo spaghetti and sausage, carrots, green salad, French bread
Oct. 1: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and onions, wheat bread
Oct. 4: White chicken chili, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts, cornbread

Oct. 6: Pork roast and gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, applesauce, graham crackers, multigrain bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Dine-In lunch available from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Thursdays
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery both days.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible beginning at 7 a.m. to place order for dine-in (Thursdays) or curbside pickup

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

Oct. 5: Kielbasa, sauerkraut, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, yogurt with granola, whole grain bun

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County employees get new workplace COVID-19 guidelines

BOCC reinstates policy following SWDH lead

Owyhee County has reinstated its guidance for employees regarding COVID-19 exposures, symptoms, and confirmation of positive test results.

More than four months after rescinding the old COVID policy, county commissioners approved a new policy during their Sept. 20 meeting in Murphy.

With the reinstatement, the county is simply following guidelines laid out by Southwest District Health, County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

Under the new policy:

- Fully vaccinated staff are not required to quarantine and can continue to work in county facilities, provided they are not experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.
- Elected officials and supervisors may consider testing for fully vaccinated staff five days after last exposure to COVID-19 if they are looking to take extra precautions.
- Unvaccinated staff must quarantine for seven days after the last exposure. On the fifth day of quarantine, the employee must get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. If the test result is negative, they may return to work

on the eighth day.

- Staffers who develop symptoms must isolate and get tested immediately.

Barkell said the county’s insurance carrier will pay for the testing, or the employees can get free tests through Southwest District Health.

Owyhee County employs approximately 115 full- and part-time workers.

- “Last exposure” is defined as the last day the county employee came within six feet of a COVID-19 positive person for more than 15 minutes.
- Masks and social distancing are recommended for all exposed individuals, regardless of vaccination status, for at least 14 days after exposure.
- Someone who tests positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days after the positive test and must be fever-free for a 24-hour period without the aid of fever-reducing medications.
- Employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months and have recovered, and are subsequently exposed again do not need to quarantine or get tested, provided they do not display symptoms.

Citing vaccination success, low death rates and other factors, commissioners rescinded the original policy on May 3.

— TK

Homedale after-school church program returns

The Christian Life Club begins its 2021-22 school year run next Wednesday.

The after-school program is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The program is sponsored by the Homedale Friends Community Church, but takes place each Wednesday when school is in session at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale.

Each session runs from 4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., and includes Bible stories, songs and games and learning activities.

Parental permission forms will be available at the CLC sessions.

CLC takes time off whenever the children are out of school for holiday breaks.

For more information, contact Mary Sonke at (208) 880-7070.

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MARSING MARCHERS TAKE THIRD



Band excels in season-opening competition in Caldwell

Marsing High School’s marching band took third in its season-opening U.S. Band Caldwell Marching Showcase on Saturday at Caldwell High School. The Huskies band and color guard earned a 64.5 score from the judges — one point ahead of Homedale. Bishop Kelly won the showcase, while Jerome was runner-up.



Homedale finish fourth in same showcase

Above and below: The Homedale High School marching band finished fourth, one spot behind Marsing, in Saturday’s U.S. Bands Caldwell Marching Showcase on the Caldwell High School football field. The judges gave HHS and its “punk rock” theme 63.5 points.



MARSING COMMUNITY EMBRACES HOMECOMING



Sophomores Kimmie Loucks and James Christiansen rounded out Homecoming royalty as Duchess and Duke on Friday.



Juniors Mila Astorquia and JT Chadez stood front and center as Princess and Prince prior to the game.



Seniors Jonathan Ineck (left) and Lexi Loucks were named Marsing 2021 Homecoming King and Queen prior to Friday's football game.

Candidates Mikey Acosta and Anahli Montes roll up for the Marsing Homecoming royalty announcement on Friday.



The seniors' trippy hippie Volkswagen bus representatives of the 1960s finished runner-up to the juniors' covered wagon representing the 1860s in Thursday's Homecoming parade down Main Street.



Students are silhouetted by the traditional bonfire, which was lit late Thursday night behind the old gymnasium. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for more Homecoming photos.

Marsing Homecoming winners

Float decoration — 1. Juniors; 2. Seniors; 3. Sophomores; 3. Freshmen. **Hallway decorations** — 1. Seniors; 2. Juniors; 3. Freshmen; 4. Sophomores. **He-Man Volleyball** — Freshmen/seniors beat sophomores/juniors. **Powderpuff football** — Sophomores/juniors beat freshmen/seniors. **Tug-of-war** — 1. Juniors (beat seniors after broke-rope SNAFU); 2. Seniors; 3. Sophomores; 4. Freshmen. **Dress-up days** — Pajama Day (Monday): Seniors; Tropical Tuesday: Seniors; Frat/Sorority Day (Wednesday): Seniors; Blue and Gold Day (Thursday): Juniors. **Pep rally games** — Paper airplane folding: Seniors; Waddya have?: Juniors. **Hidden Spirit Log** — Found by sophomores. **Note** — The cheerleaders brought back this older tradition, according to teacher Mary Beth Prince.



Boys from all four grade levels had a chance to show off their athleticism (and some interesting form) during the He-Man Volleyball tournament.



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Clockwise from left: Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael, Madelein Galaviz Pellegaud, Josie White, Carmen Jacobs, and Betty McBride make wall art with pizza boxes.



Ismael Vega (left) gives his pizza box skee-ball project a whirl during Thursday's Teens & Tweens program.



Kelsey Tooke (left) helps out an aspiring engineer with his robot project during the STEM activities on Friday morning at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.



Jaired Riddle (left) gives Kris Slawson a hand with his double-layer wind-powered car at the STEM event on Friday.

Teens & Tweens are playing games at Homedale library

Friends of Homedale Library book sale set Saturday

Thursday is game night during the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library's Teens & Tweens program.

Both video games and card games will be available during the event, which starts at 5 p.m., at Homedale's city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The boys and girls, ages 10-17, will split into two groups and rotate between

video games like Nintendo 1,2, Switch and card games such as Spoons.

- On Saturday, the Friends of the Homedale Library semi-annual book sale will be held between 10 a.m., and 2 p.m.

There will be a large selection of books and DVDs to browse.

Prices are not set, but people can purchase items by

donation.

Proceeds fund programs, supplies and other needs for the library.

- Fall will be celebrated during the Opal Nash Story Time, scheduled for 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the library.

Stories will include “Ruby’s Falling Leaves” by Rosemary Wells, and “Don’t Blink” by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.

The latter book is a new story at the library.

After the reading, the children on hand will be able to make a fall leaf sun catcher.

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.

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Lynn Tredeau



Wayne White

Snake River Concert Series returns to Owyhee County

Lynn Tredeau, Wayne White featured in fall performance

Tickets are available now for the next Snake River Concert Series installment.

The home concert series always features pianist Lynn Tredeau, and the Saturday, Oct. 9 performance will include guitarist Wayne White.

The show is scheduled to run from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at a private residence on the Snake River in Owyhee County.

Admission is free and there are only 40 tickets available.

An address for the concert venue will be provided after tickets are reserved by RSVP at <https://snakeriverconcert-oct2021.eventbrite.com>

The award-winning musicians lined up for the Oct. 9 show will perform compositions and share stories behind the original music.

Donations for the artists will be accepted, too.

Light appetizers will be provided, and patrons are welcome to bring their favorite beverage.

The intimate concert setting allows the opportunity to mingle with the artists. Concertgoers also can take the music home as a souvenir

as CDs and sheet music will be sold.

Idaho-based Tredeau composes music about life's journey.

She has produced seven solo piano albums, a collaborative album and many singles since her debut in 2015.

Her fifth and sixth albums were selected as Best Solo Piano Album of the Year at Zone Music Reporter. Other nominations include the People's Choice, Best New Artist, Album of the Year and Best Solo Piano Album.

She collaborated with flutist Monica Williams on a 2019 album that reached the Billboard charts.

Critics have praised Tredeau. "Many of her pieces have a quiet hymn-like quality," Kathy Parsons of Mainly Piano wrote.

Steve Sheppard of the United Kingdom-based One World Music Radio recently said: "She has a style that is gentle and artistically clever."

Tredeau's music can be heard on Pandora, SiriusXM, and Spotify and is featured on many radio stations around

the world.

More information can be found at www.lynntredeau.com.

White received his first guitar at age 12, and within five years he had recorded two studio albums.

He won the 2010 Utah State Instrumental Championships for Fingerstyle Guitar and is well-known at many Treasure Valley venues.

Facing a crossroads when he found himself unchallenged by the singer/songwriter role, White discovered a genre of guitar playing that said more without lyrics than he'd ever experienced.

Fingerstyle guitar combines all components of a band into one arrangement, and like a painting, it gives you only a title, allowing the listener the freedom to choose their own adventure without being given direction lyrically.

One song could include the combination of a cascading melody, imaginative and sometimes percussive accompaniment, and alternate and open tunings. There are no pedals, no overdubs, and no vocals. Just White's playing.

More information about White is available at www.waynewhite.net.

Homedale man's co-defendant receives federal drug sentencing

Local resident faces November trial date

A Homedale man faces a November trial on federal drug charges.

James Donovan Conour, 43, is scheduled for a jury trial on charges of methamphetamine distribution and controlled substance possession with intent to distribute.

Indicted by a federal grand jury on March 10, Conour will go on trial on Nov. 15 inside the Boise federal courthouse.

According to a press release from the U.S. Attorney for Idaho, Conour is co-defendant in a case involved 26-year-old Jessica Renae Green of Caldwell.

Earlier this month, Green was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison. She entered a guilty plea in June to the charge of possession with intent to distribute meth. She also was indicted on March 10.

Green was indicted a week after selling 4½ grams of heroin to another person.

Because of the parole status of Green and Conour, law enforcement officers gained access to a house where a 25 pounds of meth and 3½ pounds of heroin were located.

Officials also recovered one pound of cocaine, thousands of fentanyl pills, more than \$10,000 in cash, a digital scale and packaging materials.

Green was convicted of drug possession in 2017. She will be placed on supervised release for five years after serving the new term.

Acting U.S. Attorney Rafael Gonzalez credited the cooperative efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration; Nampa Police Department; Meridian Police Department; Canyon County Sheriff's Office; Idaho Department of Correction Probation and Parole; and the City-County Narcotics Unit, which led to the charges.

Green's case was prosecuted by the Special Assistant United States Attorney hired by the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with funds provided by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program.

HIDTA is part of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. It provides assistance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. Idaho is part of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA.

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McCall-Donnelly linebacker Cole Burtenshaw (1) can't keep his grasp on Jaxon Dines as Homedale's junior quarterback streaks into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns.

Preparation

Long road trip just another rout for rough-and-ready Trojans

Matt Holtry's aggressive words reverberated around the football field nestled in the pines with such urgency that fans had to double-check the scoreboard.

Homedale 49, McCall-Donnelly 7.

OK, so the Trojans won their 3A Snake River Valley conference opener.

They captured their fifth consecutive victory to start the 2021 season.

They had survived a bus ride and triumphed to end a week that had all the makings of a trap game for the state's top-ranked Class 3A football team.

So why was Homedale's 13th-year football coach yelling?

"I'm proud of them. They were pumped. That road trip (to McCall) is tough. It's a

different feeling up here altogether," the coach said as he stood amongst the pines, his players, his coaches and well-wishers in the cooling mountain air.

"Playing the (junior varsity) game before our game throws your timing off. It's just a different feeling."

The Trojans (5-0 overall, 1-0 in conference) endured early mistakes — with the defense rising up to prevent catastrophic results.

The Vandals' only score came on Cole Burtenshaw's 90-yard kickoff return after Homedale had taken a 14-0 lead on Jaxon Dines' 13-yard quarterback keeper in the first quarter.

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Huskies lose games to Maniacs, COVID

Football games vs. Melba postponed after player tests positive

Things went from bad to worse for the Marsing High School football team after Friday's Homecoming game loss to non-conference foe Orofino.

The Maniacs drubbed the Huskies, 31-0, for their first win of the season. Orofino had scored only seven points in its first three games.

The Huskies (1-4 overall) have failed to score in at least 16 straight quarters, losing four consecutive games by a combined score of 144-0.

Meanwhile, Orofino from the 2A Central Idaho League (1-3) had scored just seven points in its first three games combined.

The Huskies were still in the game late in the first half, trailing just 6-0, but couldn't muster any production.

Starting running back James Hance left in the second quarter with an apparent leg injury. The senior had just returned to the team after missing two games with a concussion.

Marsing coach Mike Nunnelee provided no statistics or other information.

The Huskies' 2A Western Idaho Conference game against Melba, scheduled for Friday at home, has been called off after one of the

— See *Huskies*, page 10B

Melba rallies to stay unbeaten in 2A WIC

Helm's serving sparks Mustangs' comeback vs. NC

It took a little extra output in the middle of the match, but Melba High School completed a season sweep against Nampa Christian in volleyball Thursday.

"The girls played with a lot of grit," first-year Mustangs coach Curtis Johnson said.

Behind the service game of Melina Helm, Melba rallied

in Games 3 and 4 against Johnson's old squad, putting away a 25-19, 25-27, 26-24, 25-23 home-court victory in 2A Western Idaho Conference play.

"We got down in sets 3 and 4, and Melina served us back into both sets," Johnson said. "Then we capitalized on that momentum and finished both sets off."

"These young ladies don't quit, and they fight 'til the end. I love that."

— See *Melba*, page 10B

Homedale 8th-grader scrambles to Vallivue victory

Locals establish several cross country PRs

Eighth-grader Morgan Nicoletti outclassed the field Friday at the Vallivue Scramble.

The Homedale Middle School athlete ran 27 seconds faster than any other competitor to win the girls' 3-kilometer cross country race in Caldwell.

"We had a great meet running

in the Vallivue Scramble last Friday," HMS coach Machele Randall said.

Nicoletti's personal-record of 12 minutes, 37.21 seconds couldn't lift the Trojans any higher than fourth place in the girls' standings, though.

Eighth-grader Gage Brown ran his fastest 3K of 2021 to finish 17th in the boys' competition in 13:27.37. Teammate Brody Johnson, a seventh-grader was .52 of a second behind Brown in 18th.

There were three other PRs in the girls' meet:

- Kelsey Parkins, 6th grade, was 22nd in 16:21.74
- Lauren Franzen, 7th, was 46th at 21:25.36
- Ashlyn Harkins, 6th, was 50th at 22:12.05
- Eighth-grader Lauren Bowen took 21st with a season-quick 16:18.69.
- Rounding out the HMS girls on Friday:
 - 28. Shelby Jakovac, 6th, 17:14.66
 - 33. Kira Manley, 8th, 18:31.64
 - 35. Cora McKerrow, 8th, 18:58.1

- 36. Ava Topmiller, 6th, 19:04.11
- 49. Breydyn Ford, 8th, 21:38.04
- Following Brown and Johnson across the finish line in the boys' race were three athletes setting new personal bests:
 - 39. Wayne Stewart, 7th, 15:44.62
 - 49. Kegan Hotchkiss, 6th, 16:56.77
 - 66. Kris Slawson, 6th, 20:05.92
- Sixth-grader Cylas Purdom finished in 21:21.22.



Morgan Nicoletti competes recently in Weiser. Photo by Machele Randall

Sports

Perfect service helps Marsing find its way vs. Compass

Ambrose offense thwarts Huskies' servers

Marsing High School split a pair of conference volleyball matches last week, splitting time between its home floor and the road.

Thursday: Marsing def. Compass Charter, 3-1 — The Huskies struggled out of the locker room at Compass Charter in Meridian, falling behind 9-1 in the first set before mounting a comeback attempt. They would lose the first set, but nailed down the 2A Western Idaho Conference win with three straight set victories, 24-26, 25-23, 25-17, 25-18.

“Homecoming appeared to be getting the best of us with low energy to start the game,” coach Amy Chadez said. “Lexi (Loucks’) serving was a momentum-changer for us.”

According to Chadez, Loucks helped close the gap in the first set by serving seven straight points. The senior was a perfect 20-for-20 from the line on the night. She finished



Freshman Raylynn Vanosdall digs out a ball inches from the floor, while teammate Mila Astorquia (10) looks for her chance to help during last week’s conference match at home against The Ambrose School.

with eight digs and 17 assists.

Chadez said she was impressed with Marsing’s (3-6 overall, 2-2 in conference at week’s end) defensive showing.

“Raylynn Vanosdall, Emily Vanosdall and Mila Astorquia

did the majority of the work in the back row, and they were covering a large amount of ground to save balls and keep volleys alive,” she said.

Emily Vanosdall had 23 digs, while Raylynn had 19. Astorquia notched 17 digs and

seven kills.

“We were proud of our girls for changing the momentum and fighting back to lose the first set close, then taking three straight for the win,” Chadez said.

“We need to use this win to

fuel our confidence as we head into a tough schedule ahead with the top of our league coming up in the next couple weeks.”

Sept. 21: The Ambrose School def. Marsing, 3-0 — The Huskies saw some improvement in a sorely needed category in a 25-7, 25-15, 25-10 home-court loss to the fellow 2A WIC Archers.

“We cleaned up our serving that has been plaguing us recently,” Chadez said. “Unfortunately, our passing game was off the mark and resulted in a lopsided victory for Ambrose.”

The team served at 91 percent with Loucks, the Vanosdalls, and Astorquia all proving perfect at the line.

“Ambrose played solid defense and made it difficult for us to walk away with kills,” Chadez said.

Astorquia recorded four kills and played solid defense at the net.

Lexi and Llee Loucks had two blocks each, and Emily Thoene led the team with six digs.

— TK

Marsing frosh records PR

Marsing High School brought a small contingent of athletes to the Payette Open last Wednesday.

Senior Dylan Harris had another excellent showing

at five kilometers, finishing in 20:07.64, good for 24th place, followed by Josue Espejel (22:27.64, 53rd), and Jack Marshall (25:08.51, 78th).

Freshman Alex Christiansen set a personal record with a 22-minute, 48.23-second performance. He finished 61st at McCain Middle School.

The Huskies had just two girls compete in Payette: sophomore Mariah Gonzalez (29:46.87, 46th) and Rosa Arriaga (34:03.85, 52nd).

MARSING HUSKIES

This week's Sports Schedule

Football
Coupe Urrutia, sr., WR/
DB/K
Moved to receiver, picked
up kicking duties in 2021

Volleyball
Emily Thoene, sr., OH
11 kills vs. Compass
Charter; 6 digs vs. Ambrose

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Sports

Homedale shows heart in tough volleyball defeat

Clutch aces send
Trojans to sweep
of Payette

Homedale High School ran out of gas on the road Thursday, losing a conference volleyball match.

Rebounding from their longest bus ride of the season, the Trojans played strong in the middle of a 3A Snake River Valley conference match in McCall.

But the Vandals shook off the charging Trojans in the fifth set for a 25-17, 25-14, 21-25, 23-25, 15-6 victory.

Homedale (1-9 overall, 1-3 in conference) couldn't keep up whatever momentum gained when the Trojans rallied from two sets down.

Senior Laney Swallow and junior Jacy Parker had big nights at the net.

Swallow led the team with 12 kills in 41 attempts, while Parker added 11 kills in 46 tries.

Junior Katie Christoffersen had a solid all-around match with six kills while leading the team with 18 digs and three aces.

Christoffersen was near perfect on serve receive, missing on just two of her dig opportunities.



Homedale's Sydney Davis (left) and Jacy Parker go up in an attempt to block a spike from Payette's Jayda Robinson during last week's home-court victory.

The entire team was active in fighting off McCall's service game. Senior Belisia Larzelier had 16 digs, and junior Sydney Davis went 8-for-14. Jocelynn Roseborough converted six of nine chances, while Parker (7-for-8) and fellow sophomore Olivia Asumendi (5-for-6)

were near perfect. The team's serve-receive had a 63.2 percent success rate (72-for-114). Davis was the dominant setter, dishing a season-high 28 assists in 136 chances. Asumendi had five assists.

Sept. 21: Homedale def.

Payette, 3-0 — The Trojans skirted the line in overpowering the Pirates in a conference home match.

Asumendi dumped an ace on the back line to close out the first set of Homedale's 25-23, 25-20, 25-12 triumph.

The 10th-grader finished the match with four aces in 17 serves. She also notched two kills and a team-high 18 assists.

The Pirates put up a fight in the first set, leading by as many as four points, 12-8, as the Trojans' serve-receive problems continued early in the match.

But Roseborough made up for her digging error at that juncture when she smacked a pinpoint ace on the back line to push the Trojans ahead, 20-19.

Sparked by back-to-back points from Swallow — a kill that glanced off the net and then a jump-stuff — the Trojans scored five of seven points to maintain momentum down the stretch in Game 1.

After another serve-receive hiccup allowed Payette to tie the game, 23-23, Payette's Sydney Denison served into the net to set up Asumendi's game-clinching ace.

The Trojans eventually solved their receiving problems, digging at a 70.5

percent clip (31-for-44) in the match and averaging 10.33 digs per game.

Roseborough (6-for-7) and Larzelier (6-for-8) wound up with six digs apiece, while Christoffersen led the defense with eight digs in 12 attempts.

Christoffersen took over the dominant serving role later in the night with three aces, and sophomore Zayne Hall also knocked in four perfect serves.

Swallow and Parker shared the offensive lead with seven scoring spikes apiece. Christoffersen chipped in five kills.

Junior varsity call-up Kinsey Blankenship, a sophomore, knocked down four kills as did Hall. Blankenship also came through with three digs in four chances.

Sept. 17-18: Mountain View Tournament — After going .500 in pool play, the Trojans' stay in the Meridian tournament ended in the single-elimination gold bracket with a 2-1 loss to perennial Class 2A power Nampa Christian.

During pool play, Homedale knocked off Vision Charter of Caldwell and Cascade and Hagerman. Losses came against Horseshoe Bend, Ririe and Nampa Christian.

Trojans JV works through difficulties to dump Vandals

It was one of those nights for the Homedale High School junior varsity football team.

Playing the front end of a 3A Snake River Valley conference doubleheader, everything seemed to go right for the Trojans in a 40-6 win over McCall-Donnelly.

Even when there were setbacks. A few plays after Snuepy Garcia's 61-yard punt return for a touchdown was called back, Alex Sotelo capped a two-pronged rushing attack with a 5-yard touchdown run.

Sotelo set up his only score of the game with a 45-yard gain on first down immediately after Andrew Marston had run four yards to convert on fourth down.

The long run put Sotelo over 100 yards (he finished with 127 yards on 14 carries).

Marston was already there, racking up 159 yards and three touchdowns on 31 carries.

The Trojans (4-0 overall, 1-0 in conference) turned the playing surface at Payette Lakes Middle School into their personal playground in their 3A SRV opener.

Marston ran for two touchdowns in the first quarter to spark the domination.



Alex Sotelo looks for some room behind the blocking of freshman teammate Caden Layne on Friday in McCall.

He raced 53 yards for the game's first score on the afternoon's opening drive then came back with a one-yard plunge to cap a 70-yard march on the Trojans' second possession.

And, like some playground scenes,

the Trojans weren't sharing and weren't playing nice.

The Vandals were unable to do anything in the first half, averaging about four plays per possession and getting 49 yards over their first six possessions.

Two of those drives ended on turn-overs with Ashton Zabriskie taking Van Vinson's second interception 35 yards to the end zone for Homedale's third touchdown.

Zabriskie led the Trojans with six tackles, including four on his own. Jayden Wutherich added five tackles.

Homedale led, 26-0, at halftime after Dillon Fine and Danny Lomeli got together on a 37-yard touchdown pass.

The only chink in the Trojans' armor showed up on the first play of the second half when Vinson caught Maddox Arnold's pass for an 80-yard touchdown.

Homedale wasted little time rebounding, though.

Fine led the Trojans on a 13-play, 74-yard march immediately after the Vandals' only score.

Marston scored on a four-yard run.

The Vandals had only four more possessions after Vinson's long TD. One ended when Brock Walker recovered Luke Hauder's fumble after McCall-Donnelly had progressed inside Homedale's 25-yard line. Two other drives ended on punts after the Vandals managed negative-3 yards. At seven plays, the longest drive was in progress when the game ended.

Sports

Rimrock DB’s TDs vanquishing enemy QBs

The defense showed up for Rimrock High School on Friday, but Wilder was able to pull out a conference football victory.

Senior Pedro Varela was one of three Raiders to notch double-digit tackle totals, and he returned an interception for a touchdown in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game played on the Wildcats’ field in Canyon County.

But Wilder scored in the final two minutes of its first conference game to snag a 12-6 victory.

The Raiders (1-2 overall, 1-1 in conference) suffered its first 1A WIC loss after blasting Greenleaf Friends Academy, 62-6, on Sept. 17.

First-year coach Sam Ward leads Rimrock into a conference matchup on Friday against Idaho City (1-3, 1-1) for the Raiders’ Homecoming game.

In Friday’s loss to Wilder, Ward’s defensive charges were up to the task

against a team that averaged 25 points per game coming into the contest.

The Wildcats have won two consecutive games, beating Garden Valley, 28-12, on Sept. 17 after suffering a 54-0 lopsided loss to Carey (Sept. 10) and losing, 28-20, to Horseshoe Bend on Sept. 3. Wilder started the season a 52-0 walkover against Salmon River on Aug. 27.

Aside from Varela’s pick-six, Rimrock was unable to capitalize on four other Wildcats turnovers.

Alex Martinez, who was co-leader with Aden Aquiso in tackles for the Raiders at 14 apiece, forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and picked off a pass. Aquiso also intercepted a pass.

Juan Alamilla had an interception to go with five tackles.

Ira Black chimed in with five tackles, while Trevor Carothers and Ronaldo Gomez had two apiece. TJ Gonzalez also made a stop.

Black was Rimrock’s leading rusher with 52 yards, and Varela led the team with 50 yards receiving. Gomez threw for 50 yards, and Black had 25 yards and an interception through the air.

Gus Black gained 45 yards on the ground and 15 yards receiving, while Aquiso tallied 19 yards rushing and 10 yards receiving.

Sept. 17: Rimrock 62, GFA 6 — Gomez threw for four touchdowns and 213 yards in the Raiders’ conference victory. Gomez also rushed for 63 yards in Bruneau.

Gus Black racked up 178 yards and a touchdown and scored seven two-point conversions.

Varela also scored a TD on offense and returned two of the four interceptions he made on defense for touchdowns.

Black forced two fumbles, and Eli Aquiso forced a fumble while notching 2.5 sacks.

Alex Martinez also made two interceptions, and Juan Alamilla logged six tackles.

Aden Aquiso had five tackles, including a quarterback sack.

Aug. 27: Dietrich 52, Rimrock 8 — Dan Meyreix returned a kickoff 80 yards and Gus Black followed with the two-point PAT for the Raiders’ only points in Ward’s coaching debut.

Playing at home, Dietrich shut down most of Rimrock’s ground game, but Ira Black picked up 88 yards and Gus Black ran for 43 yards.

Aden Aquiso had a monster night on defense with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Martinez counted a sack among eight tackles, and Gomez came up with seven tackles.

Gus Black had four tackles, including a sack, and Eli Aquiso had four tackles, a sack and forced a fumble.

HHS grads playing college football

Scott Matlock

School: Boise State University
Year: Redshirt junior
Position: Defensive tackle

Saturday, BSU 27, Utah State 3: Caught 3-yard TD pass from Hank Bachmeier for final score of game in fourth quarter. ... blocked field goal late in first quarter. ... 3 tackles, 2 assists, 1 QB sack

Season, 4 games: 11 tackles, 4 assists, 3 TFL (all sacks), 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, 1 blocked kick

Carson Brown

School: Dordt University
Location: Sioux Center, Iowa

Year: Junior

Position: Wide receiver
Saturday, Dordt 27, Doane (Neb.) 7: 2 catches, 30 yards (long of 21 yards)
Season, 4 games: 4 catches, 53 yards; 1 rush, 2 yards

Mason Kincheloe

School: Linfield College
Location: McMinnville, Ore.
Year: Redshirt sophomore
Position: Linebacker/running back
Saturday: Bye
Saturday: at Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.
Season, 1 game: Played against Simon Fraser

Melba girls 1 point off Payette title pace

Manzers make top 10 in boys’ 5 kilometers

Quality trumped quantity last Wednesday as Melba High School barely missed the girls’ championship in the Payette Open.

La Grande, Ore.’s cross country squad edged the Mustangs by one point for the team championship after the completion of five kilometers at McCain Middle School.

La Grande sophomore Emily Tubbs was the only athlete with a sub-20-minute run, winning the individual title by 58 seconds.

On the boys’ side, Reuben Manzer and Ravio Manzer were in the top 10 as the

Mustangs finished a distant runner-up to Union, Ore.

Three La Grande girls crossed the finish line before Melba’s top runner — junior Rozzlyn Cazier — took seventh in 21:40.03.

The Mustangs put five runners across the line in the top 15, but La Grande went one better.

La Grande’s scoring foursome all finished in the top 10 with freshman Cecilia Villagomez taking eighth with a personal record of 21:45.67.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley, a Melba sophomore, was next with a ninth-place time of 21:58.96. Three Mustangs finished in the next six positions, but La Grande’s strong bunch clinched the narrow victory.

Melba seniors Mazie Hansen (22:09.27) and Lacey Leavitt (22:35.14) were 10th and 12th, respectively, while junior Braelyn Scott (22:50.71) took 14th.

Other Melba girls in the race were:

- Daisee Crossley, sr., 25:11.86
- Bre Rose Carter, fr., 25:28.15
- Jaycie Hackler, so., 26:18.94
- Gracie Edwards, fr., 28:14
- Josie Hansen, fr., 28:50.7

A senior, Reuben Manzer was Melba’s top runner in the boys’ 5K, taking fifth in 18:21.66.

Sophomore Ravio Manzer also finished in the 18-minute range (18:32.63) for seventh place.

Owyhee County athlete, junior McKoy Richardson, was 12th at 19:14.06.

Other Mustangs in the mix were:

- Carsten Volkers, fr., 16th, 19:28.43
- Remington Sessions, so., achieved a personal record in 20:47.28
- Jonny Gunderson, so., 22:46.34

Bruneau Round-Up results

Sept. 18-19 at Bruneau Rodeo Grounds

All around — Jaylen Eldridge

Saddle bronc — 1. Clayton Brum, 74 points; 2. Waycee Portenier, 54; 3. Clayton Brum, 38

Ranch bronc top-five ride-off champion — Cody Catches, 86 points

R a n c h b r o n c preliminaries — 1. Levi Bendle, 76 points

Horse roping — 1. Quenton Anseth and Jim Barrett, 9.1 seconds; 2. Daxton Jim and Stephen Jim, 10.3; 3. Dalton Jim and Dirk Jim, 11.2; 4. Woody Harney and Jake Gill, 13.0; 5. Frank Tobias and Glade Hall, 26.6

Hide race — 1. Bailey Bachman and Carlee Cacopardo, 11.6 seconds; 2. Josie Thurman and Stefanie Kropf, 13.29; 3. Kelli Prow and Cassandra Folkman, 13.48

Breakaway roping — 1. (tie) Bailey Bachman, 1.9 seconds; and Kayla Tiegs, 1.9; 3. (tie) Lori Ireland, 2.6; and Carmen Buckingham, 2.6; 5. Riatta Goemmer, 3.2; 6. Jazz Bruson, 3.5

Steer riding — 1. (tie) Quido Herrera and Corbin Medley; 3. Dom Derosier

Dally calf roping — 1. Justin Parke, 21.5 seconds; 2. Dusty Easterday, 26.9; 3. Jaylen Eldridge, 32.3; 4. Rusty Gill, 35.6

Open team roping — 1. Logan Anseth and Quenton

Anseth, 4.8 seconds; 2. Chaz Cannon and Jaylen Eldridge, 4.9; 3. Jared Parke and Casey Brunson, 5.0; 4. Dusty Easterday and John Schutte, 5.1; 5. Gus King and John Schutte, 5.3; 6. Jason Ward and Ike Folsom, 5.7; 7. Teo Masterjuan and Dirk Jim, 6.0; 8. Codee Roberts and Dillon Bahm, 6.1

Wild cow milking — 1. Jaylen Eldridge and Kade Gill, 1 minute, 10 seconds; 2. Jared Parke and Rusty Gill, 2:24

Women’s steer stopping — 1. Kayla Tiegs, 2.7 seconds; 2. Candida Eldridge, 3.2; 3. Jazz Bruson, 3.3; 4. Kalena Webb, 3.6; 5. (tie) Bailey Bachman, 3.7; and Sierra Palmer, 3.7

Barrel racing — 1. Sonja Stewart, 17.27 seconds; 2. Lonna Watson, 17.49; 3. Georgia King, 17.54; 4. Sara Damewood, 17.65; 5. (tie) Debbie Pape, 17.69; and Madalyn Porath, 17.69

Wild cow riding — 1. Joe Aquiso and Cooper Prow, 38.48 seconds; 2. Jaylen Eldridge and Kade Gill, 43.0 3. Louie Rutan and Austin Hanks, 59.0

Local team roping — 1. Geramy King and Newt Arrizabalage, 6.9 seconds; 2. Matt Chandler and Jeremy Crockett, 7.5; 3. Tess Damele and Jake Miller, 8.7; 4. Dusty Easterday and Matt Tindall, 11.0

Bull riding — No qualifying rides

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Sports

HUSKIES' HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS



Marsing receiver Cache Hance deals with some heavy coverage from an Orofino defender as the ball passes just over his outstretched fingers.



Above: Senior James Hance tucks the ball in tight as he bulls through the line on Friday.

Left: Marsing teammates Ethan Freeman (left) and Braeden Davis upend Orofino's Joel Scott early in the game.

Trojans rack up personal records in replacement run

All girls in JV 5K log best marks

Running a day earlier than first planned, several Homedale High School athletes achieved personal records.

Both sophomores who entered Friday's Vallivue Scramble boys' varsity 5-kilometer event — Bobby Christensen and Brock Johnson — posted PRs in Caldwell.

The boys were several minutes behind meet champion Grady Mylander, a Nampa Christian senior, who finished in 15 minutes, 27.7 seconds.

The Vallivue Scramble stands as a replacement meet for first-year coach David Gummersall's squad. The Trojans picked up the meet after the Bob Firman Invitational was cancelled because of COVID-19 concerns.

A cross country rookie, Christensen continued his improvement, shaving nearly a minute off his previous season-best and posting a PR of 18:30.49.

Johnson was 50 seconds



Homedale freshman Alex Zamudio (left) strains as he trails a Rocky Mountain athlete during the finishing kicks of his personal-best run Friday inside the Vallivue High School football stadium. Photo by Machele Randall

behind his teammate, finishing in 19:20.44. His performance last week marked his first sub-20-minute jaunt and was a full 1 minute, 11 seconds faster than his time in the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet at Homedale Middle School eight days earlier.

Johnson's previous personal best (20:21.7) came in last year's 3A District III championships.

All four Trojans taking part in the girls' junior varsity 5K also notched PRs:

- Freshman Evelyn Koon, 25:56.33
- Sophomore Katie DeVice, 27:21.08.

DeVice was running for the first time this season after battling leg injuries.

- Sophomore Cadence Nicoletti, 28:51.75

- Freshman Rhyllie Harris, 33:27.56

In the boys' JV 5K run, Alex Zamudio finished 81st with a PR of 20:11.1, dropping nearly three minutes off his time.

Fellow sophomore Jeremiah Montes ran the fastest race of his career at 30:58.28.

Freshman Timmothy Whitfield crossed the line between his teammates at 26:24.97.

Homedale's schedule this week is also different than it was when the season began. Athletic director Casey Grove said the team dropped out of the Baker Invitational in Oregon because of the amount of travel on Friday of Homecoming Week. Now, the Trojans will compete in the Gary Ward Invitational on Thursday at Lakeview Park in Nampa.

Sports

Homedale senior running back Hayden Kincheloe pulls away from McCall-Donnelly senior linebacker Marcus Wyman during a 50-yard run that set up one of the cruising bruiser's three touchdowns Friday in Valley County. He finished with 273 yards on the ground.



✓Trojans: Holtry shines a light on the coaches — down to youth level

From Page 1B

The Vandals (2-2, 0-1) threw everything they had on the Rich Sabala Athletic Complex field at Payette Lakes Middle School on Friday — including the occasional option attack and four quarterbacks.

Save for the kickoff return, the Trojans seemed to have all the answers.

Holtry said Homedale's coaches noticed on game film that the Vandals used three different quarterbacks a week earlier in a tight 7-6 non-conference loss to Grangeville.

"Our defensive staff did a great job of charting their tendencies and making sure our players knew their check-ins," Holtry said. "The players were coached up and ready for this."

That preparedness harkens comparison to a college program.

While the Vandals spent time during the pregame pumping up as a team and claiming that Sabala essentially was their house with a Maori-like chant at midfield before the coin flip, there was nary a scream from Homedale.

"Let's go!" senior running back Hayden Kincheloe yelled as he bounced off the field before the kickoff.

That was it.

All other "get-up" material was delivered in quiet mode. One-on-one conversations, like Mason Strong's pep talk to fellow defensive back Josh Brown about discipline.

Even the coaches were fairly



Assistant coaches Josh White (left) and Tony Uranga confer on defensive schemes while analyzing information on a computer tablet on the sideline Friday.

low-key.

Line coach Randy Lyons quietly coached up a player with words of pre-snap encouragement, and he took time to mentor the underclassmen on rituals when each of the Trojans raised four fingers and let out an elongated "Four!" before the final 12 minutes of the ballgame.

"This is a Homedale tradition," Lyons said as the players moved down the sideline toward the new line of scrimmage with the quarter change-over.

"For you young bucks, this is not 'Four,'" he said, meekly holding his hand chest-high.

Then, holding his hand high in the air: "This is 'Four.'"

But besides Lyons' admonishment, the coaching staff calmly helped the Trojans do what they had been trained to do, some since third grade.

"It starts with the young guys,

and for that we have to thank Darren Uranga and Korby Garrett and Ben Roberts and Kenny Thomas," Holtry said, rattling off the community's lower-level coaches. "For the past seven or eight years, they've been teaching our language.

"The kids have a high football IQ when they are getting into our varsity system."

That consistency in thought allows the Homedale staff to install wrinkles each week specific to an opponent.

Against Baker, there was a defensive check-down called "Baker," and on Friday, the prevalent check-down was "Vandal."

Individually, the preparation helps players stay on their assignments.

In most game situations, coaches tell players from the sideline to stay focused on their job and "stay home."

Fans didn't hear that type of admonishment Friday. The players have the idea ingrained.

That's how a young player like freshman Luke Henry can come up with a crucial interception that set up Trenton Fisher's 11-yard scoring run and a 35-7 Homedale lead in the second quarter.

Facing a 3rd-and-10 on his own 7-yard line, McCall quarterback Josh Sorensen couldn't fool Henry with pre-throw gyrations.

"Luke trusted his read and trusted his assessment and didn't let the quarterback look him off," Holtry, himself a former defensive back, said.

Early in the second half with McCall threatening, senior Eli Heck punctuated another solid defensive performance by staying with his assignment.

Sorensen looked away from his primary target twice. Then he went right back to the receiver, throwing a pass that Heck never allowed to reach its destination.

The senior ran 30 yards to pay dirt, and Diego Cortez kicked the last of his seven extra points to establish what would be the final score.

"Eli Heck made a great play tonight," Holtry said. "That's a senior-savvy athlete just making his read and sticking with his read."

Heck also showed tenacity, running down running back/quarterback DJ Green on a sweep and reflecting that aggressiveness that permeates Tony Uranga defenses. Rylan

Binford also chased down running back Carter Johnson on a 3rd-and-long sweep to end another Vandals possession.

Binford picked off Sorensen near the end of the first half.

Homedale's other defensive weapon actually did his damage on offense.

Kincheloe did his best to fill the role of possession running back, but all he did was annihilate most Vandals who got in his way.

Sparked by an early 76-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard rumble that set up his own 14-yard scoring jaunt behind pulling guard Noah Bowen (for a 21-7 advantage), the reigning 3A SRV offensive player of the year stacked up 273 yards on 20 carries. Kincheloe put an exclamation on his performance with at least two head-on collisions against would-be McCall tacklers and a two-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

Homedale tallied a season-high 508 yards total offense with Strong dicing through the defense on a meandering 32-yard reception then going high to snag another ball to highlight his six-reception, 74-yard night. Dines rushed for 70 yards and two scores on five totes.

The swarming defense also included spot-on plays from Willy Haun and others that frustrated any offensive scheme Vandals' coach Lee Leslie tried to put on the field. Fisher led the defense with 10 tackles.

— JPB

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

October 2, 1996



Homedale Ambulance

Emergency Medical Technicians staffing Homedale Ambulance are, from left, Bonnie Harkins, Sherri Parrill, Helen Kettle, Nicole Lindauer, Vonnie Harkins, Shirley Howard, Stacy Gorley, Jeff Blodgett, Chuck Haynes, Tom Driscoll and Brenda Coons.

Ambulance crew “doing what has to be done”

As recently as three months ago, Homedale Ambulance found itself operating with a skeleton crew of only six people, covering an area stretching from Highway 95 to Jump Creek Road in Owyhee County, west to the Oregon border, and north to Ustick Road in Canyon County.

“We were running our tails off,” said Homedale Ambulance president Vonnie Harkins. Thanks to a mutual aid agreement with Marsing Ambulance and Canyon County paramedics, and the recent addition of eight volunteer emergency medical technicians, Homedale Ambulance is now able to run a set schedule.

The service averages between 190 and 200 calls a year. Summer and winter seem to be the busiest seasons with people out recreating and getting hurt. The service has 14 EMTs.

Recently the service changed its dispatching method. Before mid-July, someone always had to be home to answer the phone, Harkins said. Now, when someone in need contacts the service, the calls are taken by State Communications, which in turn pages the volunteers, who all carry radios.

County proposes public nuisance ordinance

In response to numerous complaints, Owyhee County commissioners are proposing a public nuisance ordinance, designed specifically to help rid the county of unsightly and hazardous conditions on privately-owned property.

About twenty people were on hand at the Owyhee County commissioners’ meeting Sept. 23, and no one was inclined to give anyone the benefit of the doubt.

“Apparently old wrecked cars have become a status symbol in Owyhee County,” said Marie Brunel of Marsing, who has taken it upon herself to wage a personal crusade to clean up the county.

“We want to clean up the county, but we don’t want to infringe on personal property rights,” said Commissioner Hal Tolmie.

Triad members volunteer for neighborhood watch

Homedale Triad members Thursday formed a block watch program, to be called Owyhee S.A.F.E. (Seniors Aiding Families and Elderly). Barbi VanderBoegh presented the initial training session. VanderBoegh, her son Matt, and a Homedale Police officer will conduct training sessions on home security and neighborhood watch.

Several seniors volunteered to answer phones and provide dispatch duties for the police department on weekend nights, starting Oct. 11. The program will be chaired and instructed by Homedale resident Ervin Gifford, a retired Boise Police officer.

50 years ago

September 30, 1971



NEW HIGH SCHOOL teachers this year include, seated, from left, Sara Cornell, business education; Duane Root, high school principal; Sonia Huyck, shorthand and advanced typing. Standing, Dan Pumphrey, elementary and secondary instrumental music; Garry Matlock, boys P.E., American Government, basketball coach and U.S. history; Nolan Taggart, biology and general math; and Ralph A. Cruz, library, Spanish and electronics. Photo by Bette Uda.



NEW TEACHERS at Homedale Elementary School are, seated, from left, Greta Ankeny, sixth grade; Esther Zink, second grade; Arlene Moore, fourth grade; and Patricia Dorsey, second grade. Back row, John Wood, sixth grade; and Gary Moore, junior high instructor.

Homedale Trojans take win from Payette Pirates

The Homedale Trojans were back to full strength Friday night and demonstrated the truth of the old saying, “the bigger they are the harder they fall” as they tore holes in the large but sluggish Payette Pirate defense to win a big home game 24-6.

The Trojans controlled the contest the entire first half as they picked up the majority of their evening’s total of 206 yards rushing during the first two stanzas. The big Red and White found the off-tackle hole open the majority of the evening with freshman Kirk Haylett and senior Ray Garcia carrying the mail.

It took only 6:32 for the Trojans to move from their own 20 to touchdown country. After a well-executed drive, senior quarterback Alan Echeverria took it in from the one.

Ken Kellum’s crew came right back with two more counters as Ray Garcia pounded in from the two, and Echevarria went in from the 10 on a fine play-action pattern to put the Red and White on top 18-6.

High School Events

Maxine Stansell, a senior at Homedale High School, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1971-72 National Merit Scholarship program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansell.

Solid black covers with “Trojan” in red with a Trojan helmet crossed with two spears are the designs used for the 1971 school annual.

155 years ago

September 29, 1866

LOCATION OF CLAIMS.—Again we refer to this subject. The law is faulty, but until near the assembling of the Legislators, an extended review of its defects would be next to useless. The work required to hold a claim under the present law must be performed within one year from the date of recording, and shall be “one hundred dollars worth of work for each and every claim of two hundred feet of said lead or lode; said work to consist of the following: The stripping of the lead or lode, sinking of shafts, excavating of tunnels, obtaining machinery and preparing material for working said lead or lode in good faith.” At a careless glance, the bad effects of such law are apparent. If instead, the law were plain and required a man who wished to hold a ledge show by actual labor that he had discovered a well-defined mineral bearing vein, every miner would know just what must be done, and every prospector could see such ledge, and that any subsequent claim upon it would be willful “jumping.” Under the present law, a piece of ground may be held for mining purposes without even striking a pick in the ground or removing a shovelfull of earth. It only requires an expenditure of \$100 — either in “stripping,” “sinking,” “excavating,” “obtaining machinery,” “or preparing material.” Now, a hundred dollars spent in obtaining machinery, or preparing material, or in both, or a portion of it expended in stripping &c., may be just the correct *modus operandi* of establishing title to a mining claim, but it would be difficult to so convince reasonable men. Under the present law, claims may be held as real estate and forever, too, without any evidence — except stakes and notice. Real, earnest miners will do what the law should, but does not, compel them to do, via: Open and show that a real vein of mineral rock exists in the ground claimed. In discoveries, nothing less than this should constitute a title; in extensions, men might and often do expend more labor than the discoverers, without finding the ledge. In such cases a reasonable amount of well-directed labor should establish title for a *limited* period; but a law that gives fee simple to land for mining purposes, upon which there is no *visible* evidence of mineral, is neither just to prospectors nor conducive to mineral development. It discourages the former and retards the latter.

POLITENESS. —It was a striking example of politeness in Charles the Second when, on his death-bed, he begged pardon of the company in attendance “for being such an unconscionably long time in dying;” it was certainly an instance of good manners scarcely less remarkable on the part of a gentleman who, at the funeral of his baby, apologized to the audience for presenting so small a coffin to so large an assembly! That man was a gentleman you may be sure. —*Dramatic Chronicle*.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Excuses for keeping culls



I try not to make this column too educational, but sometimes there is a need that can't be ignored. When ranchers and cowmen work their cowherd, they are often under pressure to cull cows that they have developed a peculiar fondness for. Their excuses for keepin' the ol' darlin' can be pretty feeble.

I present to you a list of excuses that can be used as a handy reference while yer standin' there at the chute.

"I always keep the roan cows. They're good luck."

"She's a good marker."

"She'll be good as new once the hair grows."

"She can see just as well with one eye. Saw that horn off."

"We can turn her out on the J.P. That'll wear of those long toes."

"My sister had a C-section, and we didn't ship her."

"It just takes a little time for a knocked-down hip to heal."

"I read Playtex has a new cross yer heart veterinary bra for swing bags."

"So she's a little thin ... it's just the Jersey comin' out in her."

"I admit her head's not too feminine, Ma, but that never kept you from settlin'."

"Since when do you have to have all yer teeth to be a good mother?"

"She weaned the biggest calf on the place in '14."

"My horoscope told me 10 was my lucky number, and she turned 10 last spring."

"I know she's slunk her last two calves, but this year might be different."

"She's always had a snotty nose and watery eyes. I think it's hay fever."

"You can't cull one just because she can't walk as fast as the others."

"Her mother was a good cow."

"If she had brucellosis, I'd know it."

"You gotta admit she knows the range."

"She's not weak, just gentle."

"So what? Even I have arthritis."

"But she was Wava Dean's first 4H project."

"I say as long as three out of four work, she's worth keepin'."

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Communities that care



The past few weeks have been rough for the caring community members scattered across Owyhee County. But personal and community loss often brings out the best in people.

And there are always people in the area who will step up and contribute just for the sake of maintaining a close-knit community.

To be sure, there have been far more rays of sunshine than rainclouds lately, and the reasons are numerous.

It makes the dedication of Homedale High School's 1971 yearbook — "To our deserving community and its people whose helping hand has led us in our search for a better tomorrow" — just as relevant 50 years later.

The community rose up to raise more than \$12,000 for Russ Erwin's family after the Bruneau livestock producer died.

The community came together to pay respects to Tom Murray when Homedale's "Hot Dog Man" passed

away last week. Once Erin Rhodes set up a memorial at Bette Uda City Park, several people flocked to the spot where Murray peddled his hot dogs and brats and Polish sausages to place flowers and share their memories of the man with the great spirit and easy smile.

Now, people have started talking about creating a permanent memorial for Murray at the park. City Councilman Aaron Tines plans to bring up the concept at the next meeting of elected officials (Oct. 13).

Other memorials give community members an opportunity to keep the memory of dearly missed citizens alive with the younger generation.

On Saturday while his two older children played football at Deward Bell Stadium, Homedale High School principal and football coach Matt Holtry took time to lift his infant son Maverick high toward the memorial panels on the scoreboard to explain what

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The United States is experiencing record price increases and rising inflation, and Americans are rightly concerned. A recent poll said that when Americans are asked to name the top economic problem facing their family today, rising prices and the cost of living are overwhelmingly the top issue. Economists on both sides of the aisle have warned excessive, non-productive spending could put us in this position.

Now, Democrats are advancing an additional \$3.5 trillion in spending that will balloon the federal government even more.

On Aug. 11, we voted against the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion reckless tax-and-spending spree after Republicans forced the Democrats to separate this partisan wish-list spending spree from the Senate-passed hard Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and we will continue to fight and vote against it. Democrats are coupling runaway spending with job- and growth-killing tax hikes to form their reckless tax-and-spend policies.

- **Business Taxes:** Democrats plan to hike the tax rate paid by all types of businesses, including corporations, ignoring the fact that a significant portion of this tax burden is paid by workers. As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce notes, most corporations are small businesses, with 84 percent having fewer than 20 employees. A recent nonpartisan analysis suggests the majority of revenue raised from a corporate rate hike next year would come from people earning less than \$500,000 a year, and that the increased burden borne by these taxpayers would grow over time.
- **Small Businesses and Family Farms:** Today, family businesses passed down at death are only subject to estate tax and not an additional income tax. Instead, a business' tax basis is increased or "stepped up" to fair market value, sparing the next

— See *Economy*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Zero-based budget gives every dollar a name and a job

Dear Dave,
I have a good job and make pretty good money, but I'm tired of always worrying about my finances and being strapped for cash at the end of the month. I've heard you talk about getting out of debt and living on a zero-based budget, but what exactly is a zero-based budget?

— Edward

Dear Edward,
The concept of a zero-based budget is simple: Income minus outgo equals zero. If you bring home \$4,000 a month, you want everything you spend, save, give and invest to equal \$4,000. That way, you know where every one of your dollars

is going. Not knowing where the money's going is what kills lots of people's financial dreams. They think they know how much they're spending and where it's going, but they really don't.

Here's how you do it. List all your income sources for the month. Your income should include paychecks, small-business income, side jobs, residual income, child support and so on. If it's money that comes into your household's bank account, write it down and add it up.

Next, list every single expense you have each month. Rent, food, cable, phones and everything in between. Your expenses vary from one month to the next, and this is why



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you make a new budget each month. Your giving budget might be high in December when Christmas rolls around. The car budget will spike

during months when you pay insurance or renew your tags. Focus on one month at a time.

Now, subtract your expenses from your income. Ideally, this number will be zero. It might take a few months of practice, so don't worry if it doesn't balance out immediately. If it doesn't, it just means you need to do something to bring one of the numbers up, the other one down — or both. If you're spending more than you make, you need to make some cuts in your spending. If you need to generate more money, get a part-time job or sell a bunch of stuff.

The deal with a zero-based budget is this: Every dollar must have a name. That means

every dollar has a designated job to do. If you fill out every item in your budget and come out \$100 ahead — meaning you have nothing for that \$100 to do — you haven't finished your budget. You have to find a job for that \$100. It's your decision what it does, but if you don't give it a name and purpose, you'll end up blowing it and wondering where it went.

Good luck, Edward!

— 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.

✓ Care

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Mike Matteson meant to the community.

As seen elsewhere on this page, Homedale Senior Center coordinator Sandra Ledford is pleased with the community's support of the organization's two-day yard sale. The sale was held on Sept. 10-11 and raised money for the operation of the senior center, which has taken some revenue hits because of the loss of the Buckaroo Breakfast fundraiser for a second consecutive year and smaller congregated meal crowds.

Although the recent community activism shouldn't come as a big surprise, there seems to be a bit of a shift — at least judging by Homedale-related social media sites — in the compassion.

Amy Fossette was one of a handful of people who became fed up with the sniping and overall bad attitude and behavior on one Facebook page created — purportedly — to “serve” Homedale's small-town tendencies. (Tarah Uranga also has helped devise page guidelines for the new endeavor.)

Paula Andrus has kept a tight rein on the conduct on the Marsing Community Awareness page, helping provide information and unity to that small town.

Maybe the new Homedale page will have a similar impact.

Since the second “community awareness” page has

launched, there seems to be less vitriol and disrespect (and profanity) on the other page.

But the rise of the second page shouldn't surprise anyone because Fossette is known for putting her heart where her mouth is.

She has been active in Homedale Youth Sports for years, and at the start of the school year she started a campaign to paint several dozen fire hydrants in town that are in need of some TLC and fresh looks.

Community members and schoolchildren have come together to help Fossette with the project. The adults are donating supplies, and the schoolchildren are coming up with design ideas.

Fossette also has artists lined up to carry out the visions.

Then on Saturday, those same children of Homedale — at least three of them — started a campaign of benevolent doorbell ditch.

Resident Richard Todd said he heard his doorbell ring but found only a plastic bag filled with goodies on his stoop.

He spotted “three little faces poking from around the corner” like a scene out of a Little Rascals episode.

When he inquired about the mysterious bag, the children told him they were conducting “reverse Halloween” by leaving candy instead of Trick-or-Treating.

Sure, those kids will probably be out when the Safe-n-Sane Halloween hits Homedale's business corridor, but at least they've logged a little candy karma.

Things like that and the other goodwill we're witnessing does for me exactly what Todd said after the children visited his home.

“My faith in humanity is restored a little bit.”

Letter to the editor

Homedale Sr. Center grateful

The Homedale Senior Center would like to thank everyone who supported us in the yard sale: Mary Ann for her donations, workers who did a fantastic job, the folks that donated to the bake sale and all who did the shopping.

We would also like to thank the people who make cash donations to the center.

All support is greatly appreciated.

Sandra Ledford
Coordinator
Homedale Senior Center

✓ Economy: Biden administration proposes several job-killing policies

From Page 8B

generation a large capital gains tax bill. Democrats want to create a double death tax by eliminating the benefit of this step-up in basis, including for small businesses, farms and ranches passed down from one generation to the next at death. The Democrats' plan would tax these businesses on simple inflation, sticking them with the bill for reckless inflationary tax-and-spend policies.

• **Capital Gains Tax:** For decades, Republicans and Democrats have recognized the importance of encouraging people to save for future goals, including starting a business, saving for retirement, achieving financial independence, or buying a home or a car. Members of both parties have long supported a lower tax rate on long-term capital gains to help all Americans achieve these goals. Democrats want to sharply increase this tax rate to the highest in decades. This supersized tax hike would hit small businesses,

savers, retirees, entrepreneurs and innovators and negatively impact all Americans regardless of their financial circumstances or goals.

• **IRS Funding and Bank Monitoring:** The Biden Administration has proposed nearly \$80 billion in additional Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funding. The administration's proposal would force financial institutions into reporting deposit and withdrawal flows on their customers' accounts with inflows and outflows of greater than \$600 in value, drag-netting law-abiding Americans, exposing sensitive data to future breaches, burdening financial institutions, and encouraging growth of shadow banking.

These are just some of the many negative impacts of the Democrats' reckless proposals they are trying to rush through Congress without full and open debate. We are among Senate Republicans demanding a transparent process to rigorously examine and debate reckless tax-and-spend proposals in the

committees.

The Democrats' unprecedented, far-reaching and highly disruptive legislation should be fully vetted and afforded appropriate opportunity for debate, especially with trillions of tax dollars at stake.

We will continue to fight and vote against the president's \$3.5 trillion spending spree coupled with job-killing tax proposals and press for building on time-proven, pro-growth policies.

— Republicans Mike Crapo and Jim Risch are Idaho's U.S. senators. Crapo is the state's senior senator and is in his fourth six-year term. He has served in the Senate since 1999, and was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman prior to that. Risch began his third six-year term as Idaho's junior U.S. senator earlier this year. He previously served as Idaho's governor and lieutenant governor and was a state legislator.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Annexation and Zoning filed by Rodney Fedie requesting that his property be annexed into the City of Homedale and be zoned Industrial for a self-storage unit facility. The address is 3947 Pioneer Rd. Homedale, ID 83628, parcel RP0M0100150000.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
09/29,10/06/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance

Please take notice that a public hearing before the City Council of the City of Marsing will take place at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho to consider amending the subdivision code to require that the cost of the provision of services be a factor of consideration.

All persons desiring to be heard concerning the proposed amendment should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, October 8th, 2021 in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Grand View
Equipment Auction October 18, 2021

JBS Auctions will be the on-line auction service. All auction items can be viewed/bid on-line at www.jbsauctions.com. Items to be auctioned off include but are

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE HEARING
MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO
October 13 at 6:55 pm
District Board Room “The Hub”
205 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing

The Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, has proposed to increase the fees listed below effective October 14, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year. The proposed fee increases are outlined below:

Lunch Price Increases:	Current	Proposed	Percent
Adult Lunches	\$4.00	\$4.35	8.75%

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The Hearing will be held on October 13, 2022 at 6:55 pm at the District Board Room “The Hub” located at 205 8th Ave. West, Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

Lorraine Simonson, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District #363
Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Idaho
Posted: Thursday, September 16, 2021
Publish: Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
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not limited to the following:
580 Case Super K Construction
King Backhoe, 2004 Chevy Silverado, Lawn mowers, generators, a snowplow with plow harness, and an ME-50 International Tractor. All items will be sold As-is. If you have any questions, please call JBS auctions at (541) 212-3278.

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NOTICE OF LETTING
Idaho Project No. A021(890), in Owyhee County, Key No. 21890; for the work of work of constructing turn bays at the intersection of SH-78 and SH-167, MP 59.780; SH-78.

Sealed proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD. Bids may also be submitted electronically through Bid Express (www.bidx.com). All bids must be received by two o'clock p.m., on October 19, 2021.

A D D I T I O N A L INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER JEFF RYAN at (208) 334-8960 for any design related questions.

Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications must be downloaded for a fee of \$15.00. Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632

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General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

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LIEN SALE
Unit M-1, Joel Contreras, 503 Selway, Homedale, Idaho 83628, containing Craftsman Tool cabinet and tools, grill, and misc household items.

Sealed bid auction will be held on 10-02-2021 at 1 pm, at The Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, Idaho 83628. All sales are final and cash only. Unit can be viewed during regular business hours from now until is sold. Purchaser will need to empty the unit of all contents and sweep

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:	2020-2021	2021-2022
ITEM	BUDGET	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:	2020-2021	2021-2022
ITEM	PROJECTED	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
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-21-00299
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RANDALL MCCOY, DECEASED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SANDY MCCOY was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after

the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: Sept. 21, 2021
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✓ Melba: Mustangs carve out first five-set victory of season vs. Cole Valley

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Helm carded five aces and dug nine balls for Melba (9-2 overall, 5-0 in conference at week’s end).

Keylee Wilson led the squad with 15 kills and 22 digs while serving four aces.

Sept. 21: Melba def. Cole

Valley Christian, 3-2 — The Mustangs showed grit to rebound and hold on for their first five-set victory of the season.

After extra points decided the first three sets, Melba rallied in Game 5 of a 26-24, 26-24, 24-26,18-25, 15-7

conference triumph.

“It was not pretty at times, but the girls pulled out our first five-set match of the year,” Johnson said.

“The girls responded really well in the fifth set.”

The Chargers put pressure on the unbeaten 2A WIC leaders

after coming away with a narrow victory in the third set.

But Melba wouldn’t let Cole Valley maintain momentum.

“One thing about this team is they always seem to find a way when their backs are against the wall,” Johnson said. “I love

the way they responded in the fifth set.”

Meya Young led the Mustangs with nine kills, while Ella Stosich and Hallie Arnold each spiked eight points.

Stosich led the defense with 22 digs, and Arnold chipped in two blocks.

✓ Huskies: Homecoming spoiled

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Huskies tested positive for COVID-19 during the weekend.

Thirty-three football players must quarantine, forcing the postponement

of both Friday’s varsity game and Thursday’s junior varsity game, which was scheduled for Melba’s field.

Huskies athletic director Brian Marshall said this is the largest

group of secondary school students to quarantine this year. The students are scheduled to return to school on Monday.

Marsing is scheduled to return to the field to face 2A WIC opponent Cole Valley Christian at 7 p.m., on

Saturday, Oct. 9 at Owyhee High School in Meridian.

The junior varsity game will be played at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 7 on the Huskies’ field.

— TK

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City of Marsing is seeking a full-time combination Water and Wastewater Operator/Public Works and Code Enforcement employee. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Maintaining the City water system – maintaining and repairing pumps, water distribution system, chlorine system, valves, hydrants, flushing water lines, etc. • Maintaining the City sewer system – cleaning and maintaining wastewater bar screens, settling chambers, sewer collection systems, chlorine system, etc. • Maintaining the City parks – irrigating, trimming, mowing, dumping trash, cleaning bathrooms, spraying and pulling weeds, trimming trees, fertilizing lawns and trees, etc. • Maintaining the City roads – patching potholes, flagging, etc. • Maintaining the City irrigation system – repairing irrigation boxes, cleaning lines, repairing or replacing lines and boxes. • Animal control – catching or trapping dogs and other wild or domestic animals, etc. • Building, grounds, and vehicle maintenance – repairing building plumbing, electrical, concrete, structural parts, sweeping floors, cleaning shops, etc., picking up trash, repairing fences, etc., changing oil, minor repairs on vehicles, etc. • To enforce the City's ordinances. • Customer service skills are crucial along with the ability to handle conflict, dogs at large, & computer and phone skills are helpful. • Interact with Sheriff Deputies and attend possible court appearances. • Duties otherwise assigned. Benefits include: PERSI retirement plan • 10 paid holidays • Paid vacation and personal leave • Clothing allowance • Possible vehicle to drive to and from work. Please contact Marsing City Hall at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, 208-896-4122 or office@marsingcity.com or view the full job description online at www.cityofmarsing.org. We are also advertising and taking applications on Indeed.com.

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Sports

Trojans volleyball golf fundraiser slated Saturday

A golf scramble organized to help the Homedale High School volleyball program takes place Saturday outside Wilder.

The tournament at River Bend Golf Course has a shotgun start of 9 a.m., and players can check in beginning at 8 a.m.

The entry fee is \$65 per person or \$250 for a foursome. There will be prizes for the top three teams.

First-year Trojans coach Heidi Nash also has been soliciting hole sponsorships for the tournament. The levels are \$250 for gold, \$100 for silver, and \$50 for bronze.

To register, contact any volleyball player or call Nash at (208) 867-9091.

Nash is also the contact for anyone who wants to buy a sponsorship.



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Raiders rev up their times ahead of hometown Rusty Fender meet

Loyd Boren ran his fastest race of the season last Wednesday to finish ninth in the Payette Open cross country meet.

The Rimrock High School sophomore crossed the line at 18 minutes, 51.22 seconds during a meet held at McCain Middle School.

The Raiders finished seventh — a point behind La Grande, Ore. — as senior Juan Alamilla picked up a top-35 spot with a 31st-place time of 20:43.47.

Three sophomores competed for the Raiders in the girls' race, including Annakay Winnings (31:35.98) and Samantha Elizarraraz (34:12.26), both of whom established personal records.

Goya Lemus was the first Rimrock girl to finish the race, taking 35th in a season-best 26:28.41.

Rimrock will compete in the Gary Ward Invitational at Lakeview Park in Nampa on Thursday then play host to the Rusty Fender on Oct. 7.

Junior Julio Alamilla established a personal record with a 22:57.28 in the boys' race in Payette.

The Raymond brothers — sons of coach Melissa Raymond — were 66th (junior Cooper in 22:57.57) and 69th (freshman Carson Raymond with a PR of 23:35.65).

Sophomores Garrett Kunsy and Angel Gallardo rounded out the Raiders' effort with times of 24:50.3 and 25:18.87, respectively.

Antelopes climb high at Payette Open

Two Adrian High School athletes finished in the top 25 at last Wednesday's Payette Open cross country meet.

Evelyn Nuñez was 22nd in the 56-runner field in the girls' 5-kilometer race at McCain Middle School.

The sophomore ran a 24-minute, 35.77-second race.

Senior Chase Johnston was in the top quarter of the boys' 5K, taking 23rd in 20:03.34.

Junior Sadie Wagster captured 39th in the girls' race at 27:54.59.



Homedale Trojans





Football
Hayden Kincheloe, sr., RB
273 yards, 3 TDs on 20 rushes vs. McCall-Donnelly



Volleyball
Zayne Hall, so., hitter, DS
Averaged 2.5 aces, 4 kills, 2 digs in 2 matches



Cross country
Alex Zamudio, so.
Set PR in Vallivue Scramble JV 5K (20:11.1)

This week's Sports Schedule

Football Varsity Friday, Oct. 1, home vs. Parma (Milk Jug Game and Homecoming), 7 p.m.	Volleyball Varsity Wednesday, Sept. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity Thursday, Sept. 30 at Parma, 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 30 at Parma, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, home vs. Weiser, 6:30 p.m.
Cross country Thursday, Sept. 30 at Gary Ward Invite, Lakeview Park, Nampa, 4:15 p.m.	Junior varsity Wednesday, Sept. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 at Parma, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, home vs. Weiser, 5:30 p.m.
	Frosh-soph Wednesday, Sept. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 at Parma, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

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