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## Schoolchildren salute service

*Above:* Marsing Elementary music teacher Liz Lacer leads first-graders through a rendition of "Let's Hear it for America," during the school's Veterans Day program on Thursday. *Left:* Third-graders held two versions of Old Glory during their performance.

## Idaho Power to pay less for C.J. Strike sheriff's patrols

### HPD officer hired as part-time county jailer

County commissioners have approved a new contract, so Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies will continue to patrol Idaho Power properties at C.J. Strike Reservoir.

The utility company will pay the county \$71,400 for enhanced law enforcement services. The contract begins on Jan. 1 and will run until the end of the 2022 calendar year.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the contract term was changed from fiscal to calendar year because Idaho Power wanted to have a new agreement in place for the first of the year.

"We can always change the date after the 1<sup>st</sup> if we want to go back fiscal to fiscal," Grant said.

He said the compensation for the period of Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021 is prorated, but he didn't recall the amount.

The agreement for fiscal year 2021 was \$76,625.33,

— See *Patrols*, page 4A

## Homedale holiday food drives begin

### City Hall focuses on Thanksgiving; schools focus on Christmas

Homedale community members are coming together once again to help their less fortunate neighbors during the holidays.

The annual Hands Around Homedale food drive began Monday at the town's three schools, kicking off the annual effort to make Christmas brighter for families.

Elementary school counselor Randee Garrett is the longtime coordinator for the food

drive, which will run through Thursday, Dec. 9.

Later this month, Wish Tree organizers will put up Christmas trees in Homedale businesses and hang gift tags on them. Community members are encouraged to pick up a tag and buy a desired gift for one of the families.

Garrett coordinates the list of families to be helped, and

— See *Homedale*, page 11A

## Murphy tree lights up Friday as part of museum event

The chances of snow are low, but a Friday event in the county seat will celebrate the start of the holiday season.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will play host to Old Tyme Owyhee County Country Christmas, beginning at 6 p.m., on Friday.

The museum is located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The Christmas tree lighting takes place at 6:30 p.m., and will serve as the centerpiece of the entire museum decked out for the holidays.

Hot drinks and food will be served, and the event will feature a horse-

drawn carriage, player piano and holiday music.

Homemade 15-bean soup with ham and cornbread, chicken noodle soup and barbecue beef sandwiches will be offered inside McKeeth Hall.

Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be available through the Owyhee Ex-

press Carriage Co.

• The museum will play host to its annual Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 4.

For more information about the activities, call the museum at (208) 495-2319.



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# Homedale gets interim funding for wastewater project

## City-owned property to be sold by sealed-bid auction

Just as the City of Homedale secured interim financing to proceed with the wastewater plant remodeling, the town’s sewer lift station became clogged.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith told the city council last Wednesday that both pumps in the lift station had become clogged with cloth rags.

Rags and drugs being flushed down toilets in Homedale is a primary reason the city has to rebuild its sewer lagoons.

“Pretty much soap and water and human waste and toilet paper are the only things that should go down the drains,” Smith said.

Smith also reported that the street sweeper has been deployed to keep falling leaves from getting into the storm drains and further compromising the system.

In response to resident Mike Simpson’s complaint of a clogged drain at northwest corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street, Smith said he is working on a better maintenance plan for storm drains.

Simpson complained that the drain backs up and floods the two corner buildings, including the old Tango Saloon and Homedale Drug.

“It flooded yesterday (Nov.

9), but Bret had a pump truck there and was right on top of it,” Simpson said.

He said the problem cropped in the first heavy rainstorm after Knife River Corp. completed the Idaho Transportation Department’s rehabilitation of Idaho Avenue earlier this year.

In fact, the drainage problem has existed for more than 10 years since the sidewalks, curbs and gutters were revamped as part of the Local Improvement District project.

Smith assured Simpson that the drainage problem would be addressed.

Previously, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said the drain was plugged, causing the back-up during the first big storm last month.

Near the end of the meeting, the council made a series of decisions to secure interim financing for the planned \$10.5 million wastewater lagoon and sewer pipe project.

The city was forced to seek funding from the Rural Community Assistance Corp., when Zions Bank informed officials that it would only provide interim financing after a project contractor had been selected.

RCAC will provide the start-up money for the project.

## New office assistant at City Hall

The City of Homedale has experienced some personnel changes in recent months.

The latest is Linda Gerthung becoming a part-time office assistant at City Hall.

The former Owyhee County employee replaced Debbie Marston, who retired earlier this year.

Gerthung’s first day on the job was Nov. 2, according to city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram.

Pegram also updated the public works employee roll call.

Recent high school graduate Sean Schnabele began work on Aug. 18. He replaced John Miklancic, who had left the department in mid-July.

Don Teeter also started as a seasonal employee on Aug. 18.

Christoffersen said he has heard that there is a lot of interest in both properties.

• In another real estate issue, the council unanimously approved to rezone a vacant lot on East Colorado Avenue as residential so the owners can sell it for housing development. The lot is across Industrial Road from the Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s sugar beet dump and surrounded by other parcels zoned residential.

## Foodstead kitchen could become city property

Commercial kitchen equipment now housed in the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., could become city property if the council takes Spark! Strategic Solutions up on its offer.

Spark!, the company that helped the Homedale Community Foodstead secure funding for the commercial kitchen, has offered to donate the oven, refrigerator, freezer and hood to the city.

“It’s still in the preliminary works, but (city attorney Paul J. Fitzer) has signed off on it,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said many people calling City Hall to rent the community center want to know if the kitchen is available, too.

“I think it would be a nice asset,” Councilman Aaron Tines said.

The donation comes with no other commitment, the mayor said.

“There will not be any strings attached because we will not accept it if they start attaching strings,” Christoffersen said.

— JPB

The total cost of the loan will be \$925,000, including five percent interest.

The city will pay off the interim loan once a contract is awarded and Zions issues its funding.

The city already secured judicial confirmation to bond for the work without going to the voters. But the 20-year bonds haven’t been issued yet.

## City property draws a lot of interest

The city will conduct a sealed-bid auction between next Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 17 on a couple pieces of property.

The minimum bids for the auction are the appraised values of the parcels, and that

has some people worried.

Boise resident Tim Bever, who wants to build a residence on riverside property adjacent to the city-owned parcel at 503 E. Owyhee Ave., is concerned the minimum bid will be too high for him to afford. He wants to buy the city’s parcel so he has an easement to hook sewer line into the lift station.

The East Owyhee Avenue property, which is a little more than a quarter-acre, has been appraised at \$40,000.

The other piece of property, an abandoned section of West Nevada Avenue between North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, has been appraised at \$118,500.

Homedale resident Chad Packer, who developed a couple of homes on a previously vacant lot in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue, expressed concern that out-of-state real estate speculators could place winning bids and then just sit on the properties.

One audience member asked if it would be possible to close the sale to everyone except Homedale residents.

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# Marsing completes public works supervisor transition

## Council OKs property changes

Philip Gibson’s second tenure as City of Marsing public works superintendent ended last Wednesday with the ascension of Ryan Flannery.

Mayor Chad Sevy and the three city council members present officially recognized Flannery as the new department head. Flannery had trained the past three months to take over the top spot, while Gibson will retain a spot on the public works crew.

The move ensures the city doesn’t lose Gibson’s 14 years of experience with the department. He will also be the go-to guy for all things water and wastewater.

Flannery and Gibson have also been training new employees Seth Wahl, who is splitting his time between pub-

lic works and code enforcement, and Stephen Rydell.

Three councilpersons — Rachael Perci-field, Brandy Johnson, and board president Chris Even — ensured a quorum. Marie Herman was ill.

Although the supervisory switch was acknowledged, Flannery and Gibson still tag-teamed on their report to the council, sharing details on projects undertaken in the past month.

The crew hung surveillance cameras at City Park and repaired a damaged pathway at Island Park.

Irrigation work included replacing a line at the intersection of Motzko and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

West and replacing broken and missing lids on irrigation boxes. Irrigation repairs will continue in the coming month under Flannery’s watch.

Christmas lights will begin popping up in town, and the public works crew is preparing for the snow removal season.

### Rezone just the start for potential residence

After the first of two public hearings planned last Wednesday, a rezone request by property owner Connor Pace was approved.

The 0.4-acre lot on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West where Pace plans to build an investment residence

was zoned commercial before the council OK’d his application.

Pace sought the rezone after buying the property at auction. He said the title company told him the lot was zoned residential, but he found out otherwise.

Now, Pace faces an infrastructure dilemma.

City engineer Kirby Cook said sewer lines go to the property but the water line has been abandoned, adding it would take a considerable amount of work and time to bring water access back.

Cook said the nearest available line is on the south side of Main Street, and he doesn’t know how amenable the Ida-

ho Transportation Department would be to digging a trench through the new rehabilitated highway.

The council approved the zone change after agreeing the property would likely never be used for commercial purposes because of its location so far off Main Street.

- After another hearing, the council approved a setback variance, opening the door for Rebecca Frazier to build a shed at 139 Canal St. Frazier will be allowed a 3-foot setback instead of the 5-foot setback required by city code. Frazier must ensure certain building modifications for the safety neighboring property.
- City employees — including Cook and city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney — will receive holiday hams or turkeys after council action. Elected officials are excluded from the program. — TK



Ryan Flannery



Stephen Rydell



Seth Wahl

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## ✓ Patrols: More new employees added

but the new contract amount was reduced for a number of reasons, Grant said.

“Since we are going through the salary survey and won’t have answers, I can only take the average of the employees working at their current salaries, along with the expected expenditures,” Grant said. “Using part-time employees who don’t require benefits greatly decreased the cost of the contract.”

The pact essentially serves as a renewal of the contract under which OCSO operated since the original agreement was signed in 2012. Nine years ago, Idaho Power agreed to pay \$66,860 per year.

The new contract price covers labor, equipment and materials necessary for OCSO to carry out the agreed-upon services.

OCSO will continue to provide qualified personnel for law enforcement protection for the area in and around C.J. Strike. The services will be provided from 9 a.m., to 7 p.m., Friday through Monday, but will never exceed 40 hours per week.

The number of hours worked may change slightly because of emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances as determined by Grant.

Deputies will focus their work on weekends and holidays, as has been the case the agreement’s inception.

The Board of County Commissioners signed off on the contract during its Nov. 8 meeting in Murphy.

**Sheriff takes on new detention staff**

Grant has added two more detention deputies to the county jail staff, including a jailer who will continue his work as a Homedale Police Department patrolman.

Officer Justin Herman will work part-time in the county jail beginning Monday. He’ll make \$18.08 per hour.

According to Grant, Herman received his detention certification through the College of Western Idaho and Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Jeffrey Garvey has been hired as a corporal on the jail staff. Grant said the new hire has 16 years experience as a patrol and detention deputy.

Garvey worked for the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office from 2005 to 2009, Ada County Marshal’s Office from 2009 to 2014, and Canyon County Sheriff’s Office from 2014 until he was hired by Owyhee County.

His salary was set at \$19.53 per hour.

County commissioners approved both hires during their Nov. 8 meeting.

— TK

## Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**

*Salad bar: \*Not Available due to the Coronavirus*  
*Congregate lunch available each day*  
*Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.*  
*Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order*  
*Dessert is included in curbside lunch*  
*Milk available each day*  
*Roll/bread available each day except 17<sup>th</sup>*

Nov. 17: Meat lovers pizza, macaroni and cheese, Brussels sprouts  
Nov. 18: Baked fish, fries or Tater Tots, broccoli  
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving dinner – Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes and peas  
Nov. 24: CLOSED  
Nov. 25: CLOSED - Thanksgiving

**Sandbar Community Room, Marsing**

*Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall*  
*Milk available each day*  
*Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)*

Nov. 17: Tuna casserole, broccoli, stewed tomatoes, green salad and nuts, breadstick  
Nov. 19: Turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, wheat roll, holiday dessert  
Nov. 22: Pork roast with gravy, diced sweet potatoes, green beans, chunky applesauce, wheat roll  
Nov. 24: Salmon, rice pilaf, broccoli, coleslaw, wheat roll

**Rimrock Senior Center**

*All meals are served with milk & fruit juice*  
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Nov. 18: Ham goulash casserole (ham, cheese, noodles), green salad, tropical fruit, yogurt, cottage cheese, roll  
Nov. 23: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, yams, stuffing, green beans with bacon, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie

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# Honor roll

## Marsing

### Middle School

**First quarter  
Principal’s List  
(4.0 grade-point average)**

**Eighth grade** — Wyatt Barber, Mikayla Sotelo, Alex Worley, Bailey Daugherty, Yulisa Espinoza, Brogan Gebauer, Brooklyn Jenkins, Adyson Chadez, Brooklyn Roadenbaugh, Jaxon Astorquia, Asia Carrillo-Moore, Falkon Frazier, Raleigh Lemos, Clayton Liskey, and Jose Olalde Valdez

**Seventh grade** — Maizy Little, Lily Gluch, and Kate Marshall

**Sixth grade** — Taylor Izzard, Maylee Astorquia, Naomi Lewis, Waylon Bowers, Ché Garcia, Ashlynn Needs, Daysen Frazier, Madeline Jerome, and Emmalyn Westrand

**High Honor Roll  
(3.99 to 3.5 GPA)**

**Eighth grade** — Bella Archer, 3.83; Ryan Baxter, 3.83; Zoei Anderson, 3.8; Joey Prescott, 3.8; Ana Quebrado, 3.8; Colin Sevy, 3.8; Tyler Thompson, 3.8; Morgan Cassity, 3.8; Izzabella deBelloy, 3.8; Brody Bowers, 3.8; Andrea Moreno, 3.8; Josie Showalter, 3.8; Daigen Stelzer, 3.8; Itzel Villa Lagunas, 3.8; Olivia Perez, 3.8; Jace Clover, 3.7; Mayra Alvarez, 3.6; Tracy Gheen, 3.6; Jack Floyd, 3.6; Jessy Frazier, 3.6; Kiera Gibson, 3.5; Amaya Hendershot, 3.5; Tristan Izzard, 3.5; Tristyn Maus, 3.5; and Caleb Smith, 3.5

**Seventh grade** — Jose Barroso, 3.85; Soyla Contreras, 3.8; Ian Gibson, 3.8; Carlos Olalde Valdez, 3.8; Jessy Perry, 3.8; Aidan Stoker, 3.8; Camila Diosdado Correa, 3.7; Kevin Espejel, 3.7; Karina Flores, 3.7; Jeffrey Green, 3.7; Emanuel Lemus Bedolla, 3.7; Heston McIntyre, 3.7; Marely Reynosa, 3.7; Troy Campbell, 3.6; Harlie Freelove, 3.6; Adalyn Patterson, 3.6; Job Waters, 3.6; Bobbie Freelove, 3.5; Laney Goostrey, 3.5; Mason Robinson, 3.5; and Peyton Showalter, 3.5

**Sixth grade** — Zurye Lucas, 3.8; Grady Madden, 3.8; Jackson Nelson, 3.8; Libby Padilla, 3.8; Natalie Thoene, 3.8; Hayden Wolfswinkel, 3.8; Kayla Villasenor, 3.7; Trevyn Carver, 3.6; Ana Chavez, 3.6; Peyton Morris, 3.6; Jasmine Romaine, 3.6; Abigail Heredia, 3.5; Levi Loucks, 3.5; Graci McCloud, 3.5; and Jaden Ramirez, 3.5

**Honor Roll  
(3.49 to 3.0 GPA)**

**Eighth grade** — Ayleen Gonzales, 3.4; Cesar Lopez-Solano, 3.4; Haidyn Carver, 3.2; Rosa Ramirez, 3.2; Daniel Venegas-Vega, 3.2; Juan Arriaga, 3.1; Tyson Holloway, 3.1; Diamond Linker, 3.1; Corban Loyd, 3.1; Brian Mendoza, 3.1; Minerva Oliveros-Valdez, 3.1; Joseph Floyd, 3.0; Levi Lewis, 3.0; Eliseo Mendoza, 3.0; Juan Ponce, 3.0; and Diego Villa, 3.0

**Seventh grade** — Jade Royce, 3.42; Ray Arriaga, 3.4; Ira Brackett, 3.4; Juan-Miguel Gonzalez, 3.4; Eduardo Margarito, 3.4; Lizeth Perez, 3.4; Madyson Wright, 3.4; Danylle Daugherty, 3.3; Marcos Gonzalez, 3.3; Sophia Adams, 3.2; Jordan Chlarson, 3.2; Timothy Christiansen, 3.2; Antonio Serrato Alvarez, 3.2; Mackenzie Gunderson, 3.14; Grace Clay, 3.1; Braydon Ensley, 3.1; Eduardo Rodriquez, 3.1; Juan Alvarez, 3.0; and Jasmine Chavarin

**Sixth grade** — McKynlee Archer, 3.4; Ariana Rodriguez, 3.4; Aiden Belcoe, 3.3; Jaida Chlarson, 3.3; Layne Corta, 3.3; Savannah Francke, 3.3; Wyatt Jenkins, 3.3; Shaelyn Mechling, 3.3; Benz Monter Balderrama, 3.3; Izabella Santos Garcia, 3.3; Fletcher Sevy, 3.3; Wade Sevy, 3.3; Spencer Vanosdall, 3.3; Dayael Velazquez Garibay, 3.3; Christopher Bernabe, 3.2; Karina Vazquez-Calvillo, 3.2; Emanuel Molina, 3.1; Andrea Perez, 3.1; Francisco Sanchez, 3.1; Allisson Santiago Castellanos, 3.1; Hunter Henderson, 3.0; Tyler Lessa, 3.0; German Martinez, 3.0; and Cody Rippen, 3.0

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# School menus

**Homedale Elementary**  
*Choice of milk and juice; PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily*  
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries  
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, fruit salad, pumpkin pie  
Nov. 22-25: **No School – Thanksgiving break**

**Homedale Middle**  
*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese; Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily; Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily*  
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patties, hashbrown patty, strawberries  
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie, Jello  
Nov. 22-25: **No school – Thanksgiving break**

**Homedale High**  
*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg; Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily. Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day*  
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or tornado (sausage, egg, cheese), yogurt **Lunch:** Taquitos, or cheeseburger with potato wedges, or roast beef sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick  
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** English muffin sausage sandwich, yogurt **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie  
Nov. 22-25: **No school – Thanksgiving break**

**Marsing**  
*Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & 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)**  
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** Waffle maple sausage sandwich, yogurt, cheese stick, ham, egg, cheese sandwich **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie Cold Grab-n-go: BBQ chicken salad  
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Waffle maple sausage sandwich, yogurt, cereal bar **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Popcorn chicken, French fries Cold Grab-n-go: Italian sub  
Nov. 22: **Breakfast:** Berry scone, yogurt, cheese stick, apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Mozzarella-filled breadsticks, tots/gems, pepperoni pizza Cold Grab-n-go: Italian wrap  
Nov. 23: **Breakfast:** Tornado (sausage, egg, cheese), yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy, stuffing (sage and onion), buttered corn, pumpkin pie  
Nov. 24-25: **No School — Thanksgiving break**

**Bruneau/Grand View**  
*All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily*  
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll  
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll with jelly  
Nov. 22-25: **No school – Thanksgiving break**  
Nov. 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll

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PETITION FOR JUDICIAL  
CONFIRMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho (the "City"), has petitioned, pursuant to Idaho Code § 7-1301, et. seq. to 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 the purchase of improvements to the water system of the City; (2) to issue a promissory note or other evidence of such indebtedness of the City for same, for the purpose of financing the cost of necessary improvements to the water system; and (3) to pledge the City's water system revenues and other lawfully available funds of Petitioner to the payment of such indebtedness for a term of years.  
Interested parties who wish to review the Petition may do so during normal business hours at the Grand View City Hall, Grand View, Idaho.  
Any interested party may appear by written appearance or answer to the Petition filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court at any time prior to the date set for hearing on the Petition, which has been set before the Hon. Andrea Courtney on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, at 1:30 o'clock P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Idaho 83221.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

University of Idaho  
Extension

# Learn to help others save money and to be safe with food

As the cost-of-living increases, many are wondering what measures can be taken to shave expenses as they look at their overall budget.

A key piece of cost-of-living increase can be our food bill, and many are looking to increase their food-handling, preparation, and preservation practices in the home, to avoid food price increases. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Price Outlook for 2021, it is estimated that food-at-home prices (grocery foods purchased at retailers, with food then being prepared in the home) will increase 2.5 to 3.5 percent.

These estimates project that food prices will increase again in 2022.

If you are looking to better handle or prepare foods in your home, you should consider the 2022 Master Food Safety Advisor Program offered at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office located in Marsing. This program includes lecture, demonstration and hands-on practices surrounding food-handling, food safety, and food preservation. Some of the food preservation topics covered in this class include basics of food spoilage and preservation, foodborne illness and prevention, drying and smoking foods, basic principles of home canning, high-acid can-

ning, preserving fruit spreads, canning pickled and fermented foods, low-acid canning and freezing.

Once participants complete the foundational knowledge content portion of the program, hands-on practices are applied through the safe completion of different recipes in a group atmosphere. As skills and confidence are built throughout this nine-week program, (seven weeks of lecture and demonstration content, two weeks of hands-on activities), this program then structures various volunteer events. Opportunity is created to share newly acquired knowledge, skill and confidence with others.

This program creates the ability to interact and get to know others, while also having the chance to positively help community members. Many individuals who participate in this program are looking to give back to the community, while having the chance to build their own personal skillset.

If you are interested in receiving more details regarding this program, contact Suriñe Greenway at 208-896-4104 or [surineg@uidaho.edu](mailto:surineg@uidaho.edu).

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Suriñe Greenway

# Marsing’s free movie night returns Thursday

The City of Marsing’s second free movie night apparently will have a turkey theme.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson announced the next movie with a couple of clues on social media Monday.

The movie will be shown at 7 p.m., on Thursday at Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Thompson provides clues because the city cannot actually advertise the specific movie that will be shown:

- What is the greatest turkey movie of all time?
- Who wants to go back in time and save the turkeys?

“Join us ... to see if turkeys will be off the menu forever at Thanksgiving Dinner” is the final piece of the puzzle.

Concessions will be sold during the movie.



Above: Chloe Archer (fourth from left) shows children how to build kabobs. Archer is collaborating with the University of Idaho Extension staff with the Just Grill It! program. Submitted photo

# UI Extension pilots youth life skills program locally

## Marsing, Canyon lessons under way

Marsing is the site for a University of Idaho Extension pilot program teaching life skills to youth.

Owyhee County Extension’s Suriñe Greenway, and Nic Usabel from the Canyon County Extension, are heading up the program after Greenway received American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Greenway filed the application, and the federal government awarded \$10,000 per quarter for the first three quarters of a four-quarter system for each prong of the program.

“This funding is not specific to Owyhee County, but currently both projects are only being conducted in Owyhee County, with additional sites being structured to take place in 2022,” Greenway wrote in

an email explaining the grant and programs.

Greenway’s “Just Grill It!” four-lesson youth program kicked off with its first two sessions on Nov. 9 and Thursday. Usabel is tackling a 12-lesson Junior Master Gardener program. Marsing resident Kelly Ineck has been hired part-time to assist in structuring, preparing and delivering quality educational opportunities for youth, Greenway said.

The programs aim to provide “knowledge-, skill- and confidence-building education” to boys and girls ages 5-13.

The Junior Master Gardener program, which incorporates gardening and snack preparation, will be conducted at the Marsing Afterschool Program and in the Nampa School District.

“Just Grill It!” will take place this month in Caldwell,

and other groups are forming for next year and will include a Spring Break day camp in March through the Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

The grilling program is designed to implement grilling lessons to incorporate knowledge and hands-on activities establishing cooking skills and building confidence while preparing balanced meals in the home. All lessons include knowledge, skill and confidence through the use of grilling as a cooking method.

Last week’s lesson highlighted hand-washing, and the participants created MyPlate meals with vegetable and fruit kabobs.

On Thursday, participants about the proteins food group while grilling meat.

“Sampling is the highlight for many participants,” Greenway said.

— JPB



## Grand View students hear from Air Force Academy grad

Lt. Col. Nicholas Jurewicz speaks with Grand View Elementary School students during Thursday’s Veterans Day observance. Jurewicz is the commander of the 425<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The 2005 Air Force Academy graduate flew F-15E jets stationed out of Mountain Home from 2009 to 2012 with deployments to Korea, Afghanistan and Southwest Asia. He also served as an instructor pilot at Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, N.C., among other assignments. Submitted photo

Obituary

Calendar

Darrell  
Leroy Cox

Darrell Leroy Cox, 85, died November 14, 2021 and went to be with his Lord and Savior after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A viewing will be held Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, 112 N. 9th St., Payette, Idaho from 3:00p.m., to 5:00 p.m.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Death notices

**ROSALINDAALMARAZ**, 60, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**ELENA V. DELGADO**, 60, of Homedale, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 at a local hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Rippee Island river  
work shifts gears

Snake River water levels have changed in a stretch through Owyhee County as an Idaho Power water quality project continues south of Givens Hot Springs.

Earlier this month, river flows increased between C.J. Strike Reservoir and Swan Falls as the respective reservoirs were lowered. C.J. Strike was lowered about 15 inches below full, and Swan Falls was gradually drawn down as much as three feet.

The reservoirs were supposed to reach their lowest points between Thursday and Monday. This week, they will begin to gradually refill and are expected to return to normal levels by Friday.

The flow changes were necessary as Idaho Power completed the major portion of its Rippee Island Research Project near Walters Ferry. Temporary coffer dams that have been in place to keep water out of the project’s construction area were removed, restoring regular flows to the channel between the island and the streambank.

The project is intended to narrow and deepen the channel in that stretch of the river, increasing water velocity and improving fish habitat.

Fishing and other access have remained open during the drawdown. Boaters should always be mindful of rocks and other low-water obstructions.

For more information, including current water levels, visit [www.idahopower.com/community-recreation/recreation/water-information](http://www.idahopower.com/community-recreation/recreation/water-information).

Today

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

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

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

**Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070.

Thursday

**Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**  
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

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**Military ancestry class**  
5 p.m., to 7 p.m., \$1 donation and 10 cents per printed page, bring full name of relative, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 919-8088

**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.

**Free movie night**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Friday

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

**U and I Together class**  
2 p.m., “Air Frying Family Fun,” 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. (208) 337-4228.

**Old Tyme Owyhee County Country Christmas**  
6 p.m., tree lighting at 6:30 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

**Foot clinic**  
8:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. \$15, first come, first served. (208) 337-3020

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Thursday, Nov. 25

**Community Thanksgiving dinner**  
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., free, sponsored by The Dog Spa, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Call ahead for delivery. (208) 337-4270



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Multiple use defense fund  
ATV raffle winner named

Teresa Colpitts stands near her new Polaris ATV. The Nampa resident was announced as the winner of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board's annual raffle at the start of the Jordan Valley High School volleyball team's Senior Night on Oct. 20. Proceeds from the raffle of the ATV furnished by Grizzly Sports benefit multiple use public land defense efforts by the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund and the Malheur County Cattlemen's Association. Submitted photo



Gomez (Cassity Gluch), Birch Eiguren as himself, and Morticia (Tayler Eiguren). Birch said he liked to rope. Gomez replied he did, too, and showed Birch his rope (a noose).

Photos by Tara Echave

Marsing holiday  
parade prep ongoing

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is preparing for this year's holiday parade. The organizing committee met Thursday to mull grand marshal candidates. Chamber president Brooke Lynes recently put out a solicitation for nominations. The Light Up Marsing Holiday Parade will take place at 6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 3. Apparently a grand marshal was selected Thursday, but a family member of that person said he would not be able to serve because of a prior commitment. There has been no word on

what Plan B is for the grand marshal selection. Nominations were accepted on the Marsing Community Awareness page and the Marsing Idaho Chamber of Commerce page on Facebook. Community groups are encouraged to enter a float in the parade. The route traditionally travels from the high school football field parking lot, down Main Street to Island Park, and the community Christmas tree lighting follows the parade. For more information on participating, call Lynes at (208) 800-9461.

Prescribed burn  
slated in Owyhees

The Bureau of Land Management will conduct the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Jackpot Prescribed Burn by April 30. With favorable weather, fuel and ground conditions, the BLM will set a prescribed burn over a nearly 1,200-acre area. Areas of heavy, dead tree branches, called jackpots, accrued from the BOSH project's juniper treatments will burn. The BOSH project's objective is reducing the encroachment of western juniper trees into grass and sagebrush dominated sites in the area's sage-steppe ecosystem, which supports wildlife habitat, grazing, and recreation. The primary locations of the burning are three areas along Flint Creek Road and two

along South Mountain Road. No public traffic delays are expected in the burn areas. Upon favorable conditions, fire managers expect to burn for eight to 12 days, with subsequent mop-up and patrol occurring for several days afterwards. Smoke will be visible during ignitions and mop-up. Fire managers will target weather and fuel conditions that minimize fire spread, such as snow, high fuel moistures and new grass growth. Containing the fire spread to individual tree debris zones protects nearby live vegetation and allows for faster vegetation recovery. For more information, contact the BLM Boise District fire information line at (208) 384-3378.

Jordan Valley High drama:  
Addams family accepts local boy

Actors stage  
late Halloween  
production

Pushed back two weeks because of COVID-19 related issues, Jordan Valley High School's Halloween play was held on Friday. A steak dinner prepared and served by the school's five-member drama class preceded a pre-show. The drama class includes Cassity and Kelsey Gluch, Birch and Tayler Eiguren, and Oksana Hodsdon. The Jordan Valley Po Po sponsored the pre-show. Officer Skinner (Jayden Skinner) and Officer Williams (Alex Williams) were there to serve and protect the crowd.

The newest officers of the Jordan Valley Po Po even made their first arrests during the performance, putting Todd Gluch and Doug Rutan in the Jordan Valley jail. The main play was a spoof on the Addams Family. Cassity Gluch played Gomez, and Tayler Eiguren played Morticia. Their daughter, Wednesday, played by Hodsdon, fell in love with local, normal and nearly perfect, Jordan Valley High School senior, Birch Eiguren (who played himself). The Addams family was not impressed with the normal boy, for he wasn't a cyclops, witch, skeleton or any other odd character (like themselves). Grandma (Kelsey Gluch), Grandpa (Jace Grenke), Pugsley (Shailee Rutan) and Lurch

(Lan Hawker) all questioned Wednesday's choice of boyfriend throughout the evening. The dead ancestors (Claire Collins, Kyndra Williams, and Meg Eiguren) checked out the community that Birch came from and especially Birch's parents, Mike and Robbin Eiguren. Of course, the community and the Eiguren family were too clean, too pretty and especially too nice, but in the end the Addams family decided to tolerate Birch Eiguren for the time being, giving him a chance to date young Wednesday. Chris Mackenzie rounded out the list of characters, playing Cousin It (the tree). Tara Echave and Penny Larrusea wrote the script.

Snively Hot Springs patrols increase

BLM wants  
to protect area,  
recreationists

Nighttime patrols are increasing at Snively Hot Springs east of Adrian. The Bureau of Land Management Vale District announced last week that stricter measures will be in place to protect the visitor experience and natural resources at the day-use area along the Owyhee River. "Earlier this year, we conducted patrols emphasizing education and awareness," Vale BLM Law Enforcement Ranger Stephanie Cox said. "We will continue our efforts to

enforce the nighttime closure, and those found in violation will be issued citations for trespassing and/or federal violation notices." The hot springs is closed to use from sunset to sunrise, and camping is prohibited in and around the site at all times. Increased patrols began Friday and will continue through December. Malheur County Sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police personnel will provide support. "The BLM is committed to ensuring the safety of users on public lands," Cox said. "We encourage the public to follow all rules and regulations to maintain the safety at this popular recreation site to ensure it can stay opened for

future use." Cox said the site is popular for underage drinking and drug use during the evening. Several drunken driving-related incidents also have been reported. Littering, illegal drug use (including marijuana), underage drinking, and DUI are prohibited on public lands. Other behaviors, such as nudity, can be considered causing a hazard or nuisance, according to the federal agency's press release. The agency also warned that off-season users should be prepared for inclement weather conditions, including rain or snow, high winds, muddy or icy roads and cold temperatures.



**Above:** Cmdr. Robert Warner, George VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 (pictured), and Post 128 Cmdr. Darryl Burham performed the burning ceremony Saturday after a flag folding. **Right:** American Legion Post 128 member Ron Kelly lights the fire prior to the flag retirement ceremony. Photos by Jenny Dealy



Ethan Price, the 12-year-old son of Michelle and Neil Price of Homedale (left), fastens a ninja band around the head of his 2-year-old sister, Emilia. The children were at the library with their aunt. Library director Sharla Jensen said 15 people attended the special event.

Local Legion posts retire flags

Fried Oreos on tap

at next U and I class

American Legion members from posts based in Homedale and Marsing came together Saturday to properly retire old U.S. flags.

George VanDerhoff Post 32 Cmdr. Robert Warner and American Legion Post 128 Cmdr. Darryl Burham led the retirement ceremony at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

The late-morning event was open to the public.

“Unfortunately, we were by ourselves on a beautiful, warm day,” Post 128 adjutant Kathy Barton wrote in an email.

The process started with folding of the flags to be retired before Post 128 member Ron Kelly lit the fire in a barrel.

Warner and Burham ceremoniously deposited the flags marked for retirement one at a time.

Once the flags were reduced to ashes and the barrel cooled, the container was moved to a hole and the flag ashes buried.

Thanksgiving on youths’ minds

at Gypsy Jackson library

The U and I Together series continues Friday with another demonstration on food preparation.

Suriñe Greenway will lead a class on Air Frying at 2 p.m., inside the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The library is located 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, Greenway will show class participants quick, easy and fun ways to make food in an air fryer.

She plans to make fried Oreo cookies and potato wedges.

For more information on the library or its programs, visit the library’s Facebook page or call (208) 337-4228 during regular business hours.

**Programs focus on thanks**

Several games with Thanksgiving themes are planned for the next Teens & Tweens night, which typically takes place next to the library inside the Homedale Community Center.

“The Thankful Game,” “What I had for Thanksgiving Dinner,” “Candy Corn Stick Up,” and other games will begin at 5 p.m., on Thursday.

The Teens & Tweens program, which is open to boys and girls ages 10-17, will take next week off because the library is closed on Thanksgiving.

The library also will be closed on Friday, Nov. 26.

• Thanksgiving Day Bingo is the fun activity planned for Opal Nash Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

The preschoolers will hear “Thanks for Nothing” by Ryan T. Higgins and “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Bill Martin Jr.

Afterward, the children will play bingo and make a Chicka Chicka Boom Boom craft.



More Veterans Day

honors and education

**Above:** American Legion Post 128 members Mary Ann (left) and Scott Simpson pay their respects at the gravesites of veterans Marvin Peterson (Navy) and Kenneth Rose (Army) on Nov. 9 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. **Right:** Lt. Col. Cory Callison (USMC, ret.) helps Marsing fourth-grader Jordan Ineck try on his flight gear. The U.S. Naval Academy graduate spoke to schoolchildren about more than 20 years in the service on Veterans Day.



Homedale FFA

chapter members

show appreciation

for Harvest Auction

support with dinner

Homedale FFA members Heather Reynolds (left), Dani Sitts (with tongs) and Anna Pawlak serve diners during the chapter’s annual Harvest Auction on Thursday at the Owyhee County Community Center. Submitted photo



Kenzie Silence made a statement with her thank you letter to military veterans, even adding camouflage to the military transport she drew. The daughter of Mike and Kim said her “Papa” Chester Pevler served in the Army.

# Holiday hours come to local food pantries

Homedale reschedules for Friday; Marsing HUB switches to Tuesday

The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday will change operations at food pantries in Marsing and Homedale.

The monthly Idaho Food-bank drop-off will take place at 9 a.m., on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W.

The drop-off typically takes place on the fourth Friday, but because of Thanksgiving next week, the schedule has changed.

Donations from Homedale High School student Destiny Castellanos’ coat drive also will be distributed at the Presbyterian church on Friday.

Castellanos continues to collect coats, gloves, sweaters and other warm clothing as a senior leadership project. Donation boxes are set up at the high school (203 E. Idaho Ave.), the middle school (3437 Johnstone Rd.), and the elementary school (420 W. Washington Ave.).

She is accepting cash donations to purchase winter wear, too. Call her at (208) 965-0264 for details.

- Likewise, food distribution at The HUB pantry in Marsing will have a few changes for the holidays.

Next week, food will be available on Tuesday instead of the normal Wednesday distribution because of the Marsing School District’s Thanksgiving break.

The pantry is located at 205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in the Marsing School District office building.

The HUB pantry will not be open on successive Wednesday — Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 — next month during the district’s Christmas break.

When school is back in session in the New Year, the pantry’s normal Wednesday distribution schedule will resume on Jan. 5.

# Learn about your family’s military history in Marsing

Marsing-area resident Neal Durham will help people find family members who served in the armed services Thursday at the Lizard Butte Library.

Durham will lead a two-hour

class beginning at 5 p.m., at the library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W.

Bring your ancestors’ full name, birth date, place of birth and places where they lived to help Durham launch research.

A \$1 donation and a donation of 10 cents per page that will be printed is requested.

For information, contact Durham at (208) 919-8088.

Find out  
*What’s happening*  
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in the Avalanche

### Thank You



We, Shaun and Nancy Bush, would like to express our gratitude for all who attended the Bush Benefit Dinner and Auction. Your kindness, your generous contributions/donations, and your support are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Richard Besendorfer, Jason Montgomery, and Brenna Montgomery for your time, your resources, and your love!

We feel blessed to be part of a wonderful family and community, Owyhee County Tough.

Blessings to you, Shaun and Nancy Bush

# Local woman pays it forward, brings Toys for Tots to Homedale

Community-minded Fossette accepting assistance applications

Amy Fossette jumped into the Homedale community as soon as she and her son moved here 10 years ago.

Now Fossette, whose son Cole is now 13 and just finished the middle school football season, is taking on another role as the local Toys for Tots coordinator.

Toys for Tots is sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve.

She did some research when a few “sports parents” asked if she had information on help for Christmas.

The closest location to turn into Toys for Tots applications was in Caldwell, she discovered.

“Although the Caldwell locations are amazing, they require in person applications and only accept them between working hours,” Fossette said.

“I knew this would be a hardship on a lot of the people in the Homedale/Wilder/Marsing communities as they work during those times, and taking off work is not something that is possible for a lot of the families that could use this assistance.”



Amy Fossette and her son Cole at the end of the middle school football season. Submitted photo

families, too.

“Toys for Tots will just be the icing on the cake to boost the numbers and items that we can give,” Fossette said.

Fossette will accept Toys for Tots applications until Nov. 30.

She will regularly travel to the organization’s Boise office to pick up gifts to fill the applications, “until we have all that has been requested,” she said.

There is one drawback, though. All the toys come unwrapped.

So, as she has with other community service projects such as the ongoing fire hydrant painting, Fossette is reaching out to the community.

“I will be asking the community to donate any wrapping paper, gift tags and tape so that we can personalize these presents,” Fossette said.

She already has a few volunteers lined up to distribute gifts, and hopes to have all items delivered in the three days before Christmas.

Fossette is no stranger to hard work. In addition to serving as Homedale Youth

- The Wish Tree program coordinated through elementary school counselor Randee Garrett and a group of local women to provide food and Christmas gifts for needy families.
- Voodoo Tattoo’s annual Christmas gift drive.
- L&L Meats assembles meal baskets for nominated

**Toys for Tots**  
Contact Amy Fossette to receive an application form or to donate:  
• Email: fossetteamy@gmail.com  
• Phone: (208) 713-1638

Sports secretary, she works full-time and is enrolled at the University of Idaho as a full-time online student majoring in Criminology and Sociology.

She’s on pace to obtain two bachelor degrees within the next year.

“I have been a single mother since my son was born, and we are so thankful for the village that Homedale has given us,” Fossette said. “The people and kids in this town mean more to me than words can ever explain.”

To show her gratitude, she has set a goal of helping at least 1,000 children in the Homedale/Marsing/Wilder area. Last year, according to the organization’s website, Toys for Tots helped 13,675 children in the greater Boise area, Fossette said.

“Homedale is one of those tight-knit communities that doesn’t let a fellow neighbor suffer,” Fossette said. “We rally around each other in times of need and that is why I want to bring Toys for Tots back to Homedale.”

Fossette strives to embody the saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.”

“Homedale has been my village since we moved here. As a single parent, holidays can be hard, monetarily wise. A lot of families in our area live paycheck-to-paycheck,” Fossette said.

“There have been times where I was surprised with assistance for Christmas, and this is my way of paying that generosity forward.”

— JPB



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## Scouting for Food donations fill pantries at Marsing HUB and El-Ada in Homedale

**Top:** Marsing HUB pantry coordinator Becky Barkell stands with some volunteers who helped sort food during Saturday's Scouting for Food drive. **From left:** Gini Hill, Maria Hill, Nik Hill and Barkell.

**Bottom:** The Marsing HUB pantry received 723 pounds of food during Saturday's drive. Barkell said the amount delivered by Scouts and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Second Ward in Marsing was slightly less than last year. The food drive also benefitted the El-Ada Community Action Partnership's Owyhee County food pantry in Homedale ahead of the holidays.

### Submitted photos



# Marsing volunteers ready for gift drive

The annual Giving Tree community assistance drive will start next week in Marsing.

Referrals have been sent to the Marsing School District office, and Giving Tree volunteers are preparing to set up trees with families' wish lists at several locations in town.

The tags will be made on Tuesday, and the trees will start popping up in places like the school district office, Marsing City Hall, OC Coffee and M&W Market.

People are encouraged to snag a tag, fill the wish and return the gifts back to the tree location by Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Volunteers will perform gift wrapping from 1 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 16 at

the Marsing HUB.

Giving Tree volunteers will go shopping if there are tags left unfulfilled.

The Giving Tree gifts and food baskets will be distributed between 7 a.m., and 10 a.m., and between 3 p.m., and 6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17.

A food drive to help build the care packages is planned through the schools.

Last Wednesday, the Marsing City Council approved a \$600 donation to the Giving Tree, increasing the city's contribution \$100 over last year's donation.

Council president Chris Even suggested raising the city's contribution after a discussion by the rising cost of groceries.

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✓ **Homedale:** Wish Tree activities to get going soon

several service organizations and private individuals adopt families.

The Christmas food boxes built with donated non-perishable items and fruits and vegetables from local producers will be distributed on Dec. 9.

Garrett said Diana Maxwell, one of the Wish Tree organizers, reported gifts will be delivered to families on Saturday, Dec. 18. First-responders usually help with the distribution.

While the schools' food drive focuses on Christmas, another

food drive launched Monday with the idea of providing Thanksgiving dinners for needy families.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller on Monday announced an effort to gather as many turkeys, hams and holiday fixings as possible this week.

The donations will be accepted at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., until Monday at which time the food will be distributed in time for Thanksgiving.

— JPB



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# Marsing, HHS well represented in Honor band, choir

Students from Marsing and Homedale high school bands and choirs will participate in the Treasure Valley Honor Meet at 6 p.m., on Thursday inside Northwest Nazarene University’s Brandt Center, 707 Fern St., in Nampa.

Tickets for TVHM are \$4 for students and seniors, and \$6 for adults.

Some of the singers and musicians are seasoned veterans, while some are relatively new to the art forms, but all head into Thursday’s event with excitement.

As the Husky and Trojan students prepare for a momentous highlight of their high school careers, here are some introductions:

## Marsing Band

**Elliot Little**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — sophomore  
• Instrument — percussion (two years)  
• Parents — Tim and Deidra Little  
• How long have you lived in the area — 11 years  
• Plans after high school — Pilot’s license and college (undecided on field of study)  
• High school activities — Track, basketball, and marching band  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “It’s going to be lots of fun.”



**Emily Richling**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — sophomore  
• Instrument — clarinet (five years)  
• Parents — Paula and Josh Richling  
• How long have you lived in the area — seven years  
• Plans after high school — college (undecided on field of study)  
• High school activities — Marching band and winter guard  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “Happy.”



**Jack Marshall**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — freshman  
• Instrument — trumpet (four years)  
• Parents — Brian and Lisa Marshall  
• How long have you lived in the area — one year  
• Plans after high school — Get a computer science degree and work in video game development  
• High school activities — cross country, track and field, marching



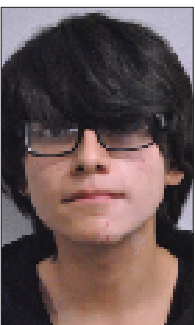
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• **Reaction to being named to Honor Band** — “I’m excited to be a member of the band.”

**Lazarus Sevy**  
• Age — 17  
• Grade — senior  
• Instrument — Flute (six years), multiple other instruments  
• Parents — Joe and Leona Sevy  
• How long have you lived in the area — lifetime  
• Plans after high school — college for acoustical engineering, learning other trades, and having fun with music  
• High school activities — First in AcaDeca at State, All-State Honor Band, All-Northwest Honor Band, All-Star Boise State University Honor Band, Treasure Valley Honor Band, Capital Scholar Award, choir  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “Getting in was ‘Meh, it’s been done before’ for me, but when I saw the music, I noticed it was similar to that which I struggled with as a freshman, and I realized how much I had learned over the years.”



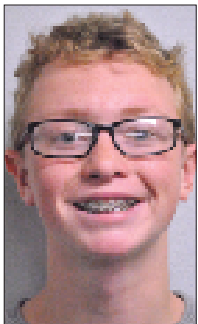
**Valentin Vasquez**  
• Age — 17  
• Grade — senior  
• Instrument — baritone sax (seven years)  
• Parents — Pamela and Bernardo Cuevas  
• How long have you lived in the area — 17 years  
• Plans after high school — Join Blue Thunder Marching Band (Boise State University)  
• High school activities — Marching band  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “I’m happy to be in the Honor band.”



**Indigo Fray**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — freshman  
• Instrument — bass clarinet (one year)  
• Parents — Lisa and Pete Fray  
• How long have you lived in the area — five years  
• Plans after high school — becoming a professional musician  
• High school activities — color guard, wrestling, marching band  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “I was so proud of myself for this achievement. I could have never done it without my friends who are loving and supportive.”



**Choir**  
**Alex Christiansen**  
• Age — 14  
• Grade — freshman  
• Vocal range — tenor 2  
• How long involved with choir — three years  
• Parents — Aaron and Julie Christiansen  
• How long have you lived in the area — seven years  
• Plans after high school — “A scientific topic.”  
• High school activities — Cross country and track  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Choir — “Happy.”



**Amanda Tuttle**  
• Age — 16  
• Grade — junior  
• Vocal range — soprano 1  
• How long involved with choir — since elementary school  
• Parents — Jennifer and Bradley Tuttle  
• How long have you lived in the area — since first grade  
• Plans after high school — a career in art  
• High school activities — color guard, winter guard, and Dungeons and Dragons  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Choir — “Excited.”



**Homedale Band**  
**Sadie Rayne**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — sophomore  
• Instrument — alto saxophone (six years)  
• Parents — Elayne and Bart Rayne  
• How long have you lived in the area — 15 years  
• Plans after high school — take a gap year, then go to college and open a bakery  
• High school activities — marching band and drama club  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Band — “I was really surprised and proud of myself. I can’t wait to play with a big band and to play the music we’re playing.”



**Catherine Decker**  
• Age — 16  
• Grade — junior  
• Instrument — clarinet (six years) and tenor sax (three years)  
• Parents — Jocene Skinner and George Decker  
• How long have you lived in the area — 12 years

• **Plans after high school** — become a child psychologist  
• **High school activities** — FFA treasurer, band, football manager, honors English  
• **Reaction to being named to Honor Band** — “I am glad that I am able to participate.”



**Choir**  
**Kolby Fisher**  
• Age — 16  
• Grade — junior  
• Vocal range — bass 2  
• How long involved with choir — three years  
• Parents — Lyndsie and Scott Fisher  
• How long have you lived in the area — lifetime  
• Plans after high school — Go to cosmetology school  
• High school activities — marching band and drama club  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Choir — “I was really excited being this is my first Honor Choir.”



**Kahlilia Mark**  
• Age — 14  
• Grade — freshman  
• Vocal range — alto 1  
• How long involved with choir — three years  
• Parents — Jedediah Pershall and Rachel Mark  
• How long have you lived in the area — four years  
• Plans after high school — None currently  
• High school activities — drama club and choir  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Choir — “I jumped out of my seat, I was so excited.”



**Grant Waltman**  
• Age — 15  
• Grade — sophomore  
• Vocal range — bass 1  
• How long involved with choir — two years  
• Parents — Shilo and Mike Waltman  
• How long have you lived in the area — seven years  
• Plans after high school — veterinarian  
• High school activities — marching band, drama club, choir  
• Reaction to being named to Honor Choir — “Shocked and excited.”





Command has transferred from Daniel Carlson (left) to Luke Hayward, but the VFW Samuel C. Phillips Post 11065 is still selling tickets to raffle a Kimber American 1911 .45 caliber pistol.

# Change of command at local Veterans of Foreign Wars post

## Afghanistan veteran signals push to include a younger membership

For the first time in eight years, a local veterans organization has a new commander.

Wilder resident Luke Hayward recently assumed the top job after a change of command at Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065.

Immediate past post commander, Dan Carlson, will remain in a leadership role, but he's pleased to see Hayward step forward.

Carlson had been post commander since 2013 after serving as post chaplain for a couple years.

"I was only supposed to serve one year," Carlson said.

"I'm glad because (Hayward is) younger, and we need the younger generation to start taking over."

A 26-year U.S. Army veteran, Hayward served six tours of duty in Afghanistan. Nearly 20 years ago, the Star native was a company commander leading a strike force of Afghan guerillas.

"I look forward to serving our community with the VFW," Hayward said.

Carlson said he is glad to see the younger generation taking over for the post. The majority of the 43 members are veterans of Vietnam, Korea and even World War II (94-year-old Houston Garnett of Wilder).

"We're the only protection that's left for the veterans because if we lose our post in Owyhee County, there will be no one here to represent the veterans," Carlson said.

Post 11065 encompasses Wilder, Parma, Notus, Marsing and Homedale.

Hayward is the new generation who served in the nation's Middle East conflicts. Carlson said other veterans who were enlisted during the Iraq and Afghanistan era are also considering joining.

He spent half of his time in the Army as an infantryman and he spent 13 years as Green Beret special forces soldier. Besides his tours in Afghanistan he had tours in other regions of the world, too.

One of Hayward's first duties as post commander came when he provided the Post 11065 gun raffle winner with his prize prior to the Homedale Fourth of July parade at Riverside Park.

The winner, Idaho State Police Lt. Jens Pattis, immediately returned the Kimber American 1911 .45 caliber pistol to Hayward's possession. He wanted the VFW to raffle it again to raise more money for its building fund.

The gesture left Hayward stunned, speechless and nearly misty-eyed.

The next raffle is underway, and tickets are available for \$5 each. Proceeds from the raffle will help the Post 11065 members replace the roof on the Wilder VFW hall.

Raffle tickets are available through Post 11065 members.

Carlson is a life member of the VFW, having started his association with the veterans'

group in 1998 in Fallon, Nev. He served as the Lawton-Silva Post 1002 quartermaster before moving to Idaho.

He became the post commander at the Wilder-based unit in 2013 and he will continue as senior vice-commander.

The Post 11065 namesake, Homedale resident Samuel C. Phillips III, was killed in action in Vietnam.

"I'll stay active in VFW," Carlson said. "I'll be senior vice-commander, and I'll still be involved in the executive board as someone to back up Lake that had experience."

Although he is legally blind, Carlson has been active in leadership roles not only with the local post, but he's in his third year as junior vice-commander for District 4.

"I'm just proud of all the years I served, and I tried to do (it to) the best of my ability," Carlson said.

"My main backup was actually (Post 11065) Quartermaster Harry Schumacher because he was the one what made sure we got to every place that we needed to be."

A Navy veteran, Carlson served a tour in Vietnam between June and December of 1968. He was stationed at Cam Ranh Bay in Khánh Hòa Province and was in-country during the Tet Offensive.

"I was a photographer's mate and also a journalist, but not because that was my trade," Carlson said. "They just volunteered me."

The Idaho native served as airborne reconnaissance from 1965 to 1973 when he received a medical discharge. — JPB

# Judge allows community service for DUI punishment

A Marsing man can perform community service to avoid further time behind bars for a drunk driving conviction.

Henry Castellon-Martinez was sentenced on Nov. 3 by Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

Darrington ordered the defendant to serve five days in jail, but gave Castellon-Martinez the option to provide 40 hours of community service.

Castellon-Martinez spent one day in jail after his March 2 arrest. Darrington suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence.

The man was placed on two years supervised probation, and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

Darrington also suspended \$702.50 of a \$1,000 fine. Castellon-Martinez also must pay \$245.50 in court costs.

## Courthouse report

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

- Nov. 8**  
**Elicia Morgan Spreadbury, Nampa** — Misdemeanor petit theft (plea deal: Amended from felony forgery, passing or publishing fictitious bills, notes or check-making): 180 days in jail (2 days served, 178 days suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$842.50 in fines (\$1,000 suspended), \$307.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony forged check possession
- Nodir Djalolovich Kamolov, Brooklyn, N.Y.** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Nov. 6**  
**Alfredo Mercado-Hernandez, hometown not available** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at inspection station or respond to directional signals or siren: \$237 in fines, \$315 in court costs
- Nov. 5**  
**Chrystian O. Salguero Zazueta, hometown not available** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating without a trip permit: \$122.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Bron Daniel Unruh, Buhl** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Nov. 4**  
**Rafael Iturbide Hernandez, Nampa** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Nov. 3**  
**Henry Castellon-Martinez, Marsing** — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 180 days in jail (1 day served, 9 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$1,000 in fines (\$702.50 suspended), \$245.50 in court costs
- Donald Lee Kenyon, Marsing** — Misdemeanor reckless driving (plea deal: Amended from misdemeanor DUI, second offense): 180 days in jail (3 days served, 7 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, \$999.50 in fines (\$600 suspended), \$347.50 in court costs

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# HOMEDALE STUDENTS TACKLE STEM ISSUES

## Middle school team designs for the future

Regional competition set for January

Time is growing short for the Homedale Middle School team to finalize this year's Future City entry.

During a class-time work session last Wednesday, advisor Kim Portwood pointed out that the seventh- and eighth-graders have only four weeks of school left to get their essay, oral presentation and virtual city model put together.

The group plans a workday on Friday, Dec. 3, but with the Thanksgiving break and Christmas vacation there are precious few days left before the regional competition on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Boise State University.

This year's task presents more problems to be solved through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics than in previous contests, Portwood said.

For starters, the 2022 National Engineers Week Future City guidelines require the construction of a city that pro-



*Future City advisor Kim Portwood (left) helps Stella Heck determine the right shade of paint to illustrate the changing water quality for river to stream as teammates Morgan Nicoletti and Claire Salutregui search for photos of rivers to help with the authentic look of the model.*

duces no waste.

Everything generated must be reused, Portwood said.

To accomplish this, the team is designing a recycling center that will be built under the city. All waste from the city's residents will head to the recycling center where the items will be separated into organic and non-

organic categories.

Portwood said the science in the STEM project is more pronounced this year as the students research ways to sort organic and non-organic items. One thought is the use of a carbon scanner or somehow determine the molecular structure of an item to further help

with the separation.

A spectrometer could be used to further help separate items, and the recycling center could also melt down metal and separate plastics.

The guidelines ask the student teams to use the engineering design process and project management methods

to create a city of the future (at least 100 years from now), and this year's big challenge is "A Waste-free Future."

There are five aspects for the project, and smaller groups of the HMS team are focusing on some of those:

- An essay describing how the city uses the three principles of a circular economy to achieve a waste-free environment.
  - A scale model built from recycled materials and incorporating at least one moving part.
  - A video presentation about the city
  - Preparation to answer questions from judges about the city and the waste-free future challenge
  - The creation of a project plan to organize the creation of the team's virtual city
- The team members are receiving help on the project from a couple Homedale residents. Don Vander Boegh is a civil engineer, and team member Stella Heck said George Decker is lending his landscaping expertise to help add authenticity to the model.
- JPB

# Trobots knock the rust off, look to start new season

Homedale High robotics team back to innovation after 18-month hiatus

For the first time in nearly 1½ years, the Homedale High School robotics team — the Trobots — are preparing for face-to-face competition.

The team is conjuring up ideas and innovation again after taking part in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Idaho Invitational in Pocatello last month.

The new FIRST robotics season kicks off on Jan. 8, when teams will receive a new challenge, receive a new parts kit, and commence design and construction of an entirely new robot.

The Idaho Regional competition will be held March 30 to April 2 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. The team is also working toward attending the Utah Regional competition April 6-9 in Salt Lake City.

The team currently consists of seniors Jacqueline Rosas Perez, Zane Highland, Ben Gentry, Colton Hicks-Daniel, and Daryl Ramirez-Sanchez; junior Kaden Tomevi, and

sophomores Alizeya Zaragoza and Megan Mendoza-Rodriguez.

HHS math and science teacher Mark Thatcher, who once again is the robotics team mentor, said the team is looking to add more members to its roster.

Held Sept. 10-11, the Idaho Invitational was an offseason event and did not count as a qualifier for nationals.

COVID-19 had put the kibosh on all robotics competitions since March 2020.

Thatcher said some of the teams were able to use their 2020 robots in competition for the first time.

"The team competed well, ending with a 7-5 record for the tournament," Thatcher said. "(The robot) proved to be consistent and durable."

Sixteen teams competed in the invitational, including squads from Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, California, and Idaho.

— TK



*Above: The Trobots put in a little work on their robot at the Pocatello competition. From left: Alizeya Zaragoza, Kaden Tomevi, Megan Mendoza-Rodriguez, Ben Gentry, and Colton Hicks-Daniel.*

*Left: The 2021 Trobots squad, from left: mentor Mark Thatcher, Zane Highland, Kaden Tomevi, Alizeya Zaragoza, Jacqueline Rosas Perez, Megan Mendoza, Ben Gentry, and Colton Hicks-Daniel. Submitted photos*

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## Adrian School District to fight COVID-19 penalties

Oregon OSHA levies mask mandate fines

The Adrian School District is appealing fines levied for enforcing the State of Oregon's mask mandate.

Portland television station KGW reported on its website Thursday that the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OHS) has imposed an \$11,000 fine after the state agency investigated complaints.

Malheur County media outlets also reported on the fines earlier in the week.

The Argus-Observer reported that district interim superintendent Raeshelle Meyer confirmed

last Wednesday that the district will appeal the citations.

The complaints centered on masks not being used at the school, which runs contrary to Gov. Kate Brown's mask mandate. Brown's order requires students to wear masks indoors.

OSHA's investigation uncovered four violations, the TV station reported, including two related to COVID-19 and two regarding OSHA standards.

The mask violations amount to \$10,500 of the total penalty, KGW reported.

A new superintendent joined the district last week. School trustees fired former superintendent Kevin Purnell in August, partly because of his refusal to defy the mask mandate.

## Adrian High School senior stages blood drive

A blood drive is planned next month at Adrian High School.

Folks can donate to the American Red Cross as part of Walter Griffin's senior leadership project.

The blood drive will be open from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m.,

on Friday, Dec. 3 inside the school's old gymnasium.

Registration is available at the high school office during school hours.

For more information, call Griffin at (541) 216-3098 or Michelle Dudley at the high school, (541) 372-2335.

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## McClellin close to becoming Huskies' next coach

Board action all that remains to cinch football's big hire

Shea McClellin is coming home. The most successful football player

in Marsing High School history has agreed to try to bring success back to his alma mater's football program. McClellin, a Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots and former first-round pick in the NFL Draft, has been hired as the Huskies' next coach.

The 2007 Marsing graduate announced his new job on his Twitter feed Friday night, about the same time the school's athletic director, Brian Marshall, posted an announcement on the school district's Facebook page. Although the announcement was later removed from the district's social

media page, McClellin's announcement remained active. McClellin's return home happened quickly. Marshall said he was interviewed Thursday, just days after Mike Nunnelee — See *McClellin*, page 4B

## Huskies take hustle to heart

Swanson's culture shift obvious as 2<sup>nd</sup> year begins

"Hustle and Heart set us Apart." The rallying cry for the Marsing High School girls' basketball team was on full display Friday night in the season opener. Second-year coach Mike Swanson's road to rebuilding hit a new milestone as Marsing came from behind to beat Vision Charter, 30-26. The Huskies wasted little time to show off the season's motto even as they struggled in the first half against the Golden Eagles from Caldwell. Marsing players like senior Lexi Loucks and junior Mila Astorquia went all-out after loose — See *Huskies*, page 2B

## Melba overcomes mistakes, drops Parma in opener

Owyheean leads the way for reigning state champs

Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley's all-around game sent the reigning 2A state champions to a season-opening victory Saturday. But Melba High School's 38-35 win over 3A District III girls' basketball champion Parma didn't come without a shock to coach David Lenz's system. "We made just enough free throws down the stretch, and Parma missed a 3 at the buzzer that looked good from where I was standing," Lenz said. Returning after an All-2A Western Idaho — See *Melba*, page 10B

### 3A SEMIFINAL: SUGAR-SALEM 16, HOMEDALE 7



**Top:** Mason Strong hauls in Homedale's only touchdown in Saturday's semifinal loss. **Above:** Senior running back Hayden Kincheloe gives junior quarterback Jaxon Dines an emotional hug after the seniors walked the field for the final time.

## Seniors' sweet success tempers bitterness of another Sugar loss

Coaches: Legacy of winning will continue

The streak may have ended, but Homedale High School football is still winning. Nearly a half-hour after Sugar-Salem had dashed another Trojans season with a 16-7 victory in the

3A state semifinal, coach Matt Holtry was conducting the obligatory — and no doubt painful — postgame interviews, giving a post-mortem on a game and a season that wasn't supposed to end the way it did. Then Steele Bullard walked up. Whatever clouds may — See *Trojans*, page 8B



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# Sports

## ✓ Huskies: Swanson Ball in full swing during first action of the season

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balls in the first half to give a glimpse of the culture Swanson is constructing.

The Huskies won their 2021-22 opener after going 3-15 last season. The 2020-21 Marsing squad split its final four games after starting the season on a 10-game losing streak.

Loucks snagged rebounds on both ends of the floor in the first 2½ minutes of Friday’s game and charged to the far sideline to corral the ball as it bounced away. Astorquia chased down a loose ball in the corner of the front court later in the first quarter.

Even after Vision Charter built a 10-5 halftime lead with a 10-1 rally over the opening half’s final 11 minutes, Marsing’s players remained engaged.

“Our girls played hard and responded well to the needed adjustments to get a win tonight,” Swanson posted on the team’s Facebook page.

“The bench, crowd and coaching staff stepped in and supported, which helped energize the girls.”

The engagement was obvious from the beginning of the game.

As was the case last year, Swanson yelled out a code word for an offensive set followed by an echo from the Huskies’ bench.

Another aspect of Swanson Ball is quite audible communication on defense with players calling out switches and assignments (“I got help!”) while staying trained on the ball movement.

“Our phrase for the year is ‘Hustle and Heart set us Apart,’ ” Swanson wrote on Facebook. “They sure showed it tonight, and I’m very proud of our team tonight.”

Marsing played a Vision Charter squad that seems to be in the same situation Swanson found when he arrived last season.

The Golden Eagles, who will play a junior varsity schedule during the 2A Western Idaho Conference season, had just eight athletes in uniform Friday. Coach Nic Marmon’s squad got off to a rocky start with turnovers and few shots before the run to close the first half.

The Huskies, though, were aggressive and quick. Loucks and Astorquia both flew after loose balls.

Junior Emily Vanosdall, the Huskies’ lone all-conference pick last season as an honorable mention, rushed through the lane for a layup and Marsing’s first points of the season 17 seconds into the game. Loucks hit a running jump shot for a 4-0 lead 97 seconds into the game after Vision Charter’s second turnover.

Loucks is the only senior on the squad this year, so Swanson’s building blocks are still young with growing experience. Six 2020-21 players — Fallon Wasson, Mazzi Roper, Jade Wainman, Johanna Margarito, Delaney Percifield, and Alana Larrusea — graduated in the spring.

Other starters Friday night included Astorquia and fellow juniors Mikalia Gonzalez, Emily Vanosdall and Llee Loucks. All are returners except Gonzalez.

Rounding out the roster are junior Anna Gluch and freshmen Ariel Ingersoll, Raylynn Vanosdall, Kaitlyn Smith, and Lily Thoene.

— JPB



Marsing junior Mila Astorquia puts up a mid-range jump shot against the defense of Vision Charter’s Brooklyn Coles during Friday’s season opener on the Huskies’ floor.

# MARSING HUSKIES

## This week’s Winter Sports Schedule



**Athlete of the Week**  
Girls’ basketball  
Llee Loucks, jr., P  
Started her second varsity season Friday

Girls’ basketball  
Varsity  
Thursday, Nov. 18, home vs. Rimrock, 7:15 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 19 at Vision Charter, Caldwell, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Payette, 7:15 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Nov. 18, home vs. Rimrock, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 19 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Boys’ basketball  
Varsity  
Monday, Nov. 22 at Melba Jamboree, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.  
Frosh soph  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling  
Saturday, Dec. 4 at East/West Duals, Wendell

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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

November 20, 1996

### Maybon fights for position

Homedale senior Lisa Maybon fights for position in last week’s mini-game with Parma. Homedale played two 16-minute periods, one against Parma and one against Middleton. Other teams participating in the Jamboree hosted by Homedale were Melba, Fruitland and New Plymouth.



### School district ponders future growth problems

Growth in the Homedale School District is inevitable, according to superintendent Bob Lisonbee, and the district building committee has been meeting for the past several months pondering various options to address overcrowded conditions. The committee, comprised of district patrons, staff and board members, has come up with five options it believes will allow for such growth: double sessions, year-round school, building a new elementary or middle school, adding on to the existing elementary and secondary schools, and consolidation with a neighboring school district such as Wilder or Marsing. Lisonbee said he favors the construction of a new middle school, and said he’s optimistic patrons would support a bond either to build a new school or add classrooms at existing facilities.

### SRBA judge presents first water right decree

Snake River Basin Adjudication Judge Dan Hurlburt came to Murphy Wednesday to personally present the first Owyhee County partial water right decree as a demonstration of the court’s desire to move as rapidly as possible to settle 175,000 stock water and irrigation claims statewide. Shirley Cox Murdoch, a rancher from Oreana, is the first county individual water right claimant in Water Basin 57 to receive a partial decree. The decrees are considered partial because an individual decreed water right represents only a small portion of the future SRBA decree. Murdoch’s decree is one of 7,800 domestic and stock water decrees Idaho water users will receive by mail between now and the end of the year. Hurlburt was joined at the Owyhee County Courthouse by Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and new Adjudication Bureau Chief Dave Tuthill. The officials are meeting with claimants in various water basins statewide to answer questions and address concerns.

### Football awards for Percifield, Showalter, Salazar

Marsing athletes were to receive awards last Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the school’s fall sports award banquet. Quarterback Adam Percifield received the “Coaches Award,” Beau Showalter received the “Back of the Year” award, and Manual Salazar received the “Lineman of the Year” award. Receiving awards for varsity volleyball were Brandie Cegnar, “Fire Up,” Katie Grant, “Serve to Kill,” and Tara Percifield, “Set to Kill.”

## 50 years ago

November 18, 1971



HOMEDALE JUNIOR HIGH’S unbeaten football team captured the Southwest Idaho Junior High League title for the third straight year with a 5-0 record. The Trojans beat New Plymouth 72-16, Middleton 28-0, Parma 22-6, Fruitland 40-6, and Kuna 34-6. First row, from left, Larry Toston, Lonnie Rudd, Larry Landa, Kevin Henson, John Waite, Kelly Aberasturi, Tom Murray, Mark Lootens, Rick Cox; second row, Mgr. Carson Blackman, Dan Auker, David Cook, Tim Sayers, Marc Kubosumi, Clint Moulton, Paul Zamudio, Steve Corta, Dan Ferguson, Perry Chadez; third row, Coach Rocky Bridges, Matt Bright, Gary Daniell, Clarence DeGeus, Bryan Zatica, Rob Frye, Danny Parrill, John Demshar, Mike Stimmel, Mgr. Ricardo Uria, Coach Nolan Taggart; fourth row, Mark Vanderhoff, Lester Boren, Rocky Curtis, Ken King, Jim Ferguson, Ray Gonzales, Kim Kubosumi, Jeff Thatcher, Dick MacKenzie, Mgr. Ken Bahem.

### Swimming pool benefit nets good return to fund

A total of \$2,314.60 was realized from the auction held Tuesday night by the Homedale Community Swimming Pool committee. Sales totaled \$2,134.60 and cash donations added another \$180, Norman Tolmie, co-chairman with Tony Miyasako of the auction said. Additional funds are still to be realized from the sale, he said. Tolmie said the money, together with \$1,058.78 presently in the treasury, will permit the corporation to make its yearly payment which is set at \$3,673.00, although their account still lacks nearly \$300 of this amount.

### Highway district to elect 2 at Dec. 6 voting

The Homedale Highway district will hold an election Monday, Dec. 6, to elect two commissioners. Balloting will be at the office in Homedale. The terms of Elmer Prow in sub-district No. 1, and Lewis Cegnar in sub-district No. 3 have expired. Both are candidates for new 4-year terms, according to Mrs. Iris Parker, board secretary. Donald Townsend in sub-district No. 2 is holdover commissioner.

### Adrian girls’ hockey team defeats all comers

Adrian girls won the Treasure Valley Hockey Tournament hosted by Caldwell, Nov. 2. They defeated Nampa, Caldwell and Capital for the championship trophy. This made an 11-0 season for them, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> straight season with no losses or tie games in regular league play. Adrian was by far the smallest school at tournament. Other members playing were Borah and Bishop Kelly. There are only 70 girls in AHS grades 9-12 and 43 of them are playing hockey. Each girl gets to play in at least one game per week, plus all the practices. This completes 10 years of coaching for Miss Schultz and a 10-year record of no regular league defeats — 4 years at Wilder and 6 at Adrian. She has had 2 teams defeated in tournaments in those 10 years.

## 155 years ago

November 17, 1866

### Stage Attacked by Indians

EDS. AVALANCHE.—It again becomes our painful duty to chronicle another Indian outrage, resulting in the immediate death of one man and severely wounding of two others. On the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., about 10 o’clock, A.M., the Humboldt stage, on its way to Virginia, when within four miles of the Owyhee Ferry, was attacked by Indians. There were six persons onboard — Wash Waltermire, driver; Jas. McRae, guard; and four passengers, J. M. Holland, P. Casey, D. Harrington and W. Wilcox. They did not suspect danger near, when they were fired into by a party of Indians concealed among the rocks and behind a fortification they had erected so as to completely screen themselves from sight of those in the stage. Wash put his favorite mustangs down to their greatest speed, and would have succeeded in reaching the Ferry without more injury than what was caused by the first volley but another party of Indians on horseback, further along, kept shooting at them and striving to head them off and surround them, while the party that first fired were coming up behind. With steady nerve Wash ran his horses while McRae fought back until one of the wheel horses was shot dead and two others badly wounded. This, of course, stopped the stage. When the first volley was fired, Wilcox, who was sitting on the front seat inside the coach, received his death wound by a bullet that also struck Wash in the side, inflicting a slight, though rather painful wound. Wilcox exclaimed, “Oh, my God, I’m killed,” and his head sank over and rested on Harrington’s knee, where he breathed his last. Harrington was shot in the left hip, but the wound is not considered dangerous. It is a fact to be lamented that the passengers were not armed. They all concur in bestowing great praise upon the driver and guard, by whose presence of mind and unflinching bravery the remaining lives of the party were, in all probability, saved. W. J. HILL, Ferryman. Owyhee Ferry, Nov. 9, 1866.

FINES AND PUNISHMENTS—Esq. Lynam has materially increased the County School Fund during the week by imposing fines on parties for boisterous conduct, such as fighting in saloons, making use of obscene and ill-bred language on the streets, &c., &c. One man of respectable appearance betrayed said want of proper breeding on Sunday morning by appearing on the street and making use of the most foul and disgusting language in utter disregard of all decency, and got himself in jail for his pains. Officers St. Clair and Gilmore have had their hands full all week. Acting Sheriff Springer, also, took a hand in keeping the peace on several nights of this week. The town was disturbed on Tuesday night by the howls of drunken men, and a bloody row prevented by the timely presence of Springer, who disarmed several and took one to jail.

DONOVAN & THOMAS LEDGE—We are informed that the owners of this ledge are at work sinking a shaft on the vein, and are already down forty feet. The vein in the bottom of the shaft is four feet wide and shows good casings. Several tons of ore are piled up near the top of the shaft, which appears to be rich with the metal. The proprietors don’t seem inclined to “bond” their property and fall back on the basis of a paper millionaire for a few months, but take hold and endeavor to make a proper showing at home. This is an exemplary method of treating quartz while in its infancy.

# Sports

## HMS girls’ basketball teams knock off Fruitland

### B squad avenges early-season setback

The push to what is hoped to be another 3A Snake River Valley conference championship began last week for Homedale’s eighth-grade girls’ basketball team.

The middle school conference expanded to seven teams this season, creating an unbalanced schedule, Trojans A team coach Benji Sorenson explained, so the first four games of the season didn’t count toward seeding the post-season tournament.

Homedale won three of those first four games, but started the six-game “conference” campaign Nov. 9 with a narrow 36-34 win over visiting Fruitland.

“Shout out to our HMS cheer squad, our student body, and the parents and community who showed up big-time and created an incredible atmosphere for our game with Fruitland on Tuesday,” Sorenson said last week.

“The energy created was a huge lift in a pivotal back-and-forth game against a team we are very familiar with.”

Homedale (4-1 overall, 1-0 3A SRV) overcame poor shooting (20 percent on field goals)

to edge the Grizzlies (2-2, 0-1).

Sorenson said the team used defense and clutch free throws at key stretches to pick up the crucial victory.

“It may not have been pretty, but I would call it a gritty win,” Sorenson said. “The girls kept battling through some rough patches, and at the end of the game they made the plays necessary to close it out.”

Kierstley Roseborough wrapped up an 8-for-10 day on the free-throw line with two foul shots with 71 seconds left in the game to give Homedale the lead for good.

The game paid off on the anticipation of a showdown between the conference’s top two squads.

Roseborough’s free throws quieted Fruitland’s final comeback. The Grizzlies had scored four straight points to knot the score.

Roseborough and Tiana Sorenson scored eight points apiece to lead the Trojans.

“It doesn’t show up on the stat sheet, but Kynna Soland-Pfiel was a key part of the win with her defense, especially in the second quarter when we needed her to guard Fruitland’s best player,” Benji Sorenson said.

“We have a great group of girls who are willing to go out there and do whatever it takes

to get the win.”

After grabbing a 10-6 lead, Homedale suffered what the coach called a “lull,” and Fruitland surged to a 27-23 lead after three quarters.

“Even though we struggled in the middle quarters, I felt our effort was there,” Sorenson said. “We just struggled with execution at times.”

The Trojans stormed out of the quarter break and quickly tied the game 17 seconds into the final period.

After Karlie Kildow’s “beautiful” pass set up Bailey Hymas for a contested layup, Belen Asumendi stole the inbounds pass and got the ball to Roseborough, who drew a foul.

Roseborough sank both free throws to tie the score, 27-27.

Stephanie Quezada’s foul shots tied the game again, 30-30, with five minutes left.

Fruitland created a turnover on the perimeter and seemed headed for a wide-open layup when Asumendi showed what Sorenson called his players’ “no-quit mentality.”

Asumendi raced in and blocked the layup, and teammate Stella Heck snagged the carom and pushed downcourt.

Taking a pass on the run, Quezada put in a layup for Homedale’s 32-30 advantage.

Asumendi got another steal in the backcourt, and Tiana Sorenson’s pull-up 15-foot

jump shot gave Homedale a four-point edge with 3½ minutes left.

Roseborough logged 10 steals, while Heck and Asumendi stole seven balls each.

Asumendi scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds, second on the team behind Roseborough’s 10. Quezada had six boards.

Heck knocked down a three-point goal and finished with five points.

The new conference makeup now includes Payette Lakes of McCall for the second year and Ontario, which skipped the 2020 season. The conference season will last six games followed by the 3A SRV tournament.

**B team**

**Nov. 9: Homedale 29, Fruitland 28** — The Trojans avenged their only loss of the season by handing the Grizzlies their first defeat.

“Coach Mike Frank and those girls have done a tremendous job, and the improvement from Game 1 where we lost 30-17 to Fruitland was very evident,” Benji Sorenson said.

Breydyn Ford led the Trojans (4-1) in scoring once again.

“Ava Wilson did a great job running the point guard position and managing the game,” Sorenson said.

The coach also said Mila

Binford continues to “soak up the game of basketball.”

She’s on a mission, Sorenson said, coming to almost every practice and open gym for the past couple years.

“She played very well in this one with several key plays on both ends of the court helping the Lady Trojans to victory,” the A team coach said.

Perimeter defense from Hailley Jacovak and Mia Badiola frustrated Fruitland for much of the game.

Parma transfer Taylor Phelps provided “good minutes” at the wing position,” Sorenson said.

“She is another who has been eager to learn, soaking up all the coaching she can get,” the coach said. “Her attitude has been a great addition to the team.”

Daila DeWitt provided key minutes off the bench, and newcomers Andrea Vega and Naomi Paul also played key reserve roles.

The bench play was important because of the absence of Avery Ross, Aurora Dillon and Jackie Martinez.

“Every one of the girls has worked so hard to just get better every day, and we are to the point in the season where you start to see the cumulative effect of that daily work,” Sorenson said. “It is fun to see.”

## ✓ McClellin: 2006 Marsing grad served as Cole Valley’s OC this fall

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had resigned after two years of leading the Huskies.

In what seems like a formality, the only thing standing between McClellin and his taking the reins of the program is the blessing of the board of trustees, which probably will take place

during the Wednesday, Dec. 10 meeting.

The big-time hire could be what the Huskies need after several mediocre seasons.

Perhaps the powers-that-be are hoping McClellin makes a splash similar to his debut as a varsity running back in

2005 when he rushed for 306 yards and five touchdowns on 41 carries in a 44-28 win over Valley of Hazelton for then-coach Don Heller.

McClellin has returned to his hometown in the past to run a youth football camp, but he cut his teeth in high school coaching at other locations.

Last season, he was an assistant coach at Cole Valley Christian.

The Chargers beat the Huskies, 28-0, in Meridian with the Marsing alum running the offense.

McClellin played his college ball at Boise State University after a standout stint at Marsing and ended his career as a Super Bowl champion and a veteran of six NFL seasons with the Chicago Bears and New England Patriots.

At Marsing, he earned 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year honors on both offense and defense while playing linebacker and

fullback.

He rushed for 2,915 yards and 33 touchdowns and led the Huskies’ defense from his linebacker position. He had seven touchdowns on defense and also sprinkled in a few TDs on returns.

During his senior season, McClellin led the Huskies to their first playoff win since 1989.

McClellin elevated his game while moving to defensive end at Boise State.

With the Broncos, McClellin notched 130 tackles and 20.5 quarterback sacks. He scored two touchdowns and intercepted four passes. He was a two-time All-Mountain West Conference first-teamer.

His exploits on the Blue caught the attention of NFL teams, and the Chicago Bears made him the 19th pick of the 2012 NFL Draft.

McClellin made a splash in Chicago, including a sack of Aaron Rodgers in a

nationally televised game in 2013 that knocked the Green Bay Packers quarterback out of action for seven games.

McClellin’s Monday Night Football performance led to an NFC Defensive Player of the Week award. The hit was one of three sacks McClellin had in the game.

After the 2015 season, McClellin signed as a free agent with the New England Patriots and was part of the team that won Super Bowl LI to close the 2016 season.

McClellin retired after the 2017 season. He started his pro career as a defensive end, but switched to linebacker during his time with the Bears. He played both seasons at linebacker for Bill Belichick in New England.

In six NFL seasons, McClellin logged 202 tackles and 8.5 quarterback sacks. He caused a fumble and recovered three others.

— JPB

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Sports

HMS cheer squad ready to compete, give away money

50/50 fundraiser  
raffle returns

Homedale Middle School’s cheerleaders will try to build on a runner-up finish and top cheer award when they return to the Two:ThreeO Cheer Competition.

This year’s contest takes place on Friday, Dec. 17 at Nampa High School, 203 Lake Lowell Ave.

Coach Heidi Lawler’s team finished second out of the five squads in its division last year, and won best cheer in the 12-team meet.

“The judges awarded more points for their cheer in their routine over all the other middle school squads there,” Lawler said.

Now, the 2021 team is practicing five days each week in preparation for this year’s contest.

The team is entered in the show cheer category in the small, all-girl division.

“They are working so hard, and they are all so excited to represent Homedale,” Lawler said.

Lawler said this competition



**Standing, from left:** Jazmyne Mercado-Fernandez, Joanna Love, Diana Mendoza, and RyLee Stills. **Kneeling, from left:** Claudia Cortes and Baylee Johnson. **Sitting, from left:** Co-captains Scottie Beaver and Hannah Thornton. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

is a chance for cheerleaders from all over Idaho and some out-of-state squads to showcase their skills and abilities.

Three judges will grade the teams on a variety of categories — crowd leading, skill incorporation, pyramids, tumbling, jumps, dance, and overall impression.

The competition is operated under the Idaho High School

Activities Association’s strict safety rules.

In the days before the competition, the HMS cheerleaders have been selling tickets to a 50/50 raffle as a fundraiser.

Tickets cost \$5 each, and half the money raised will be put into the prize fund. Contact Lawler or any middle school cheerleader for your chance to win.

Last year’s inaugural raffle, which Lawler initiated, resulted in an \$858 prize after \$1,715 in tickets were sold.

“This year’s pot looks to surpass the previous year’s,” Lawler said.

After the first week of ticket sales, the prize pot had grown to a point almost equal to last year’s.

Tickets will be sold until

Tuesday, Dec. 7. The winning ticket will be drawn at halftime of the eighth-grade girls’ basketball game that day against Weiser.

Lawler and assistant coach Selena Moyer are in their second year leading the middle school cheerleaders.

Lawler also helps coach the high school squad along with Jessie Kerbs. — JPB

MARSING GIRLS’ COACH SETS FOUNDATION



In-season skills camp stokes fire in younger prospects

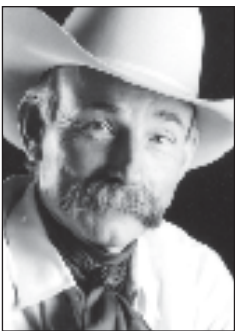
Second-year Marsing High School girls’ basketball coach Mike Swanson and a handful of his players led third- through sixth-graders in a skills camp Saturday inside the town’s elementary school gymnasium. **Left:** The campers launch jump shots in unison at the end of one of the drills. **Right:** Swanson directs one of the campers on the finer points of dribbling past a defender (junior Emily Vanosdall) and into the lane to pop a jump shot. Other instructors at the camp included varsity players Llee Loucks, a junior, Lily Theone, a freshman, and junior varsity player Katie Roberts, another ninth-grader.

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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Team ropin’ conversation



“There’s only one thing worse than eating next to a left-handed person, and that’s heading for him. It’s like trying to screw the male end of a garden house into the matching threads on your stock tank drain,” so spoke Bob to Allen, two fair-to-middlin’ team ropers, both fives, in the prime of their addiction. The equivalent of two-pack-a-day ropers.

“Yeah, team ropin’s gone to hell,” answered Allen. “Used to be one guy had an arena and 12 guys came to his place to rope. You got in good practice, lots of pretty good ropers. It was a social occasion, too.

“Nowdays, everybody’s got an arena, and nobody comes. You have to rope with your wife, and she’s learning to barrel race. Fair is fair, so now all my rope horses run barrels, too. And, of course, she isn’t interested in learning to heel, so you have to.”

“Right.” Said Bob, “Denny Gentry ruined everything. USTRC has made team ropin’ so popular every horseshoer, ex-vet and dairyman thinks he’s Alan Bach.”

“I know,” said Allen, “It’s also attracted so many social ropers with money that I’m embarrassed to buy a new trailer. Used to be the best ropers pulled to ropin’s in their 12-year-old stock trailer with recaps and rust holes for ventilation. There wasn’t enough money in ropin’ to cover the cost of gas.

“At ropin’s today there’s so many duallies and three-horse slants with dressing rooms, it looks like a Arab horse show. And the guy can’t even throw a rope!”

“I know what you mean,” said Bob, “I’ve got a motley hanful that come to my arena. I get to head, but it’s a rare occasion they ever catch. I’m always havin’ to offer constructive criticism or advice. It’s like a continuing team ropin’ clinic for the ability-deprived. There’s only one left-handed guy that goes through horses like an Amish trader. He still thinks it’s the horse’s fault! But I’m lucky I’ve still got a few traditional heelers that come by. You know, fresh-divorced, ridin’ a horse that’s for sale and pullin’ a ’92 Hale two-horse rig. A real roper that gets there after you’ve wrapped the hons and drinks your beer. But at least I feel like I’m practicin’ ropin’ and not just practicin’ practicin’.”

“Yeah, they’re in demand,” sighed Allen.

Bob continued, “I’ve even fenced off an area in the arena for kids. Swing set, ropin’ dummy and park bench with some shade. Sort of day care when they have the kids on weekends.”

“Day care ... I like that,” mused Allen.

“Yup,” said Bob, “If you’re gonna have your own arena, you gotta learn to compete.”

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Help wanted



“Community news” has been discussed in this space before.

Not to get too cliché, but it takes a village to put out the type of newspaper *The Owyhee Avalanche* strives to be each week.

It takes a village to produce the type of newspaper I’ve been proud to pilot for the past 16-plus years.

And now is a chance for that village to step up and help me keep this paper at the top of its game.

In the classified section of this week’s *Avalanche* is yet another help wanted ad. This time, though, we put it there.

After four years, reporter Todd Kleppinger is moving on, leaving the second chair in the *Avalanche* newsroom unoccupied.

Rather than fill the position from outside, we’ve decided to look within — the village — for the next news gatherer.

Or news gatherers.

The idea is to build a corps of community reporters in the Homedale and Marsing area. We’re looking for people who like to write and take photographs and are passionate about their community and the goings-on within it.

Maybe we should call them news specialists because one possibility in this concept is finding a different person to cover each aspect of the community, such as the Marsing school board or Marsing city council or the highway district or the high school sports teams,

rather than having a single reporter tackle the entire Marsing beat.

And, although I use the county’s second-largest city as an example, we’re looking for correspondents to share news from all over Owyhee County — Grand View, Oreana, Murphy, Bruneau and all points in between.

Of course, we’re looking for folks who want to report on the human interest side of our communities, too. Know someone in Homedale or Marsing (or elsewhere in the county) who deserves a little pat on the back for their service or their accomplishments? Want to write that interesting tribute? Give me a call at (208) 337-4681, ext. 102, and we can talk about how to get it done.

It goes beyond writing, too. On the scene of some breaking news such as a traffic accident, or maybe you attended a benefit auction or bake sale? Snap a high-resolution photo and email it to me at [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com). You could also encourage the organizers to send information on the event to include in the caption.

Our community reporters wouldn’t be on their own. Anyone interested can call and chat with me about the possibilities, and we can go over expectations, deadlines and how they can help the *Avalanche* keep our communities informed.

I have often heard, “I’ve always wanted to write for a newspaper but never could get up the nerve.”

Well, here’s your chance.

Inquisitive minds, inquire within.

## From Washington Idahoans deserve full vetting of reckless tax-and-spend legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives is preparing to vote this month on an updated version of the Democrats’ reckless taxing and spending bill, despite many Americans—and Members of Congress—being left in the dark about what exactly is being considered and the likely resulting effects. Legislation as expansive and unprecedented as this should be fully vetted and afforded appropriate opportunity for review and debate, and demands full transparency on any possible budget gimmicks to understand the true cost.

New estimates from Penn Wharton Budget Model at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business show that if all the taxing and spending proposals put forth by the White House and congressional Democrats are made permanent, it will cost nearly \$4.3 trillion, more than double the Democrats’ advertised cost. The Penn Wharton Budget Model also finds the tax provisions and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funding proposal intended to “pay for” their bill only amount to less than \$1.6 trillion--much lower than previously reported. Subtracting out phantom budget “savings” from the IRS funding scheme pulls that down to less than \$1.4 trillion. That gap would show up as deficits and debt that could be as much as \$3 trillion, accounting for spending gimmickry.

I joined Senate Committee Republican leaders in raising these issues in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York), calling for scores, hearings and markups with votes. Proper

**U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo**  
*Republican (term expires 2022)*

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assessment of the impacts this massive bill will have on the federal budget requires official cost estimates from the nonpartisan budget experts at the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation. It also deserves full committee consideration and debate, including the opportunity to publicly question the experts, and to offer amendments and hold votes.

An initial assessment of what we have publicly seen suggests hastily-pasted together tax hikes that will stunt our economic recovery, further impede

— See *Reckless*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Keep it friendly but businesslike when renting to a buddy

**Dear Dave,**  
I own a duplex that has an opening for a tenant, and an old college buddy wants to rent the apartment. He has always been a good friend, but I'm a little worried about the possible effects on our friendship if business is brought into the picture. Do you have any advice?  
— Justin

**Dear Justin,**  
You can make this work, but you'll both need to be careful. It's going to take a lot of honesty and maturity from you both.  
Doing business with friends always comes with the risk of running into a situation that can

damage the relationship. Am I saying never do business with friends? Of course not. I do a lot of business with friends. I just make sure all the specific requirements and expectations of the business relationship are laid out in clear detail, *in writing*, and fully understood by both parties before a deal is struck.  
Sometimes friends have unrealistic expectations when it comes to doing business together. The friend who's renting may think the friend who is the landlord will give him a pass if the rent is late, and on a dozen other things. The friend who is the landlord may think the renter will be a perfect tenant, because they're



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friends, and find out the hard way his buddy's a slob who doesn't respect and take care of the property. All these things

should be ironed out ahead of time and *before* the agreement is signed.  
You might want to make sure, too, he understands the need to come talk to you if a situation arises where he may be late with a payment, or not be able to pay the rent one month. Most issues like this can be worked out, but he needs to understand — and it's your job to tell him ahead of time, in a kind-but-firm manner — you're not running a charity.  
Just be friendly, straightforward and businesslike. If you have to enforce the rules, do it consistently and with fairness. Likewise, if a situation pops

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

✓ Reckless: We need details of Dems' plan to ensure transparency

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labor markets, and punish low- and middle-income workers while doing nothing to dampen ongoing inflation, supply chain damages, or price hikes on everyday goods and services, just as our nation attempts to recover from the pandemic. Spending into heightened inflation to secure partisan footholds on policies is reckless and risky. Tax hikes in early phases of a recovery are malpractice. It is a blueprint to recklessly tax and spend our country into fiscal ruin and will do long-term damage to our economy.  
Failure to secure details on the true cost of these spending proposals and offsets, and to hold full, open committee markups, only serves to erode the American people's trust in the Senate as an open and effective institution. We cannot substitute a secretive process behind closed doors for a public dialogue, nor rhetorical scores for true economic impact.  
It is beyond reasonable to expect a full and transparent legislative process that enables complete disclosure of the cost of the Democrats' unprecedented, far-reaching and highly disruptive legislation. Idahoans and all Americans deserve to know the details of the legislation being considered and the likely resulting effects. The potentially \$4+ trillions of tax dollars at stake compound this need. I will continue to fight against this reckless spending spree coupled with job-killing tax proposals and press for building on time-proven, pro-growth policies.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Letter to the editor  
Owyhee County interests lose after legislative redistricting

I don't know who the redistrict committee people are, but they screwed Owyhee County. Right after the next session we will have no representation unless some conservative folks step up. We have 7,600 square miles of territory and are thrust with 40,000 people we don't know from Ada and Canyon counties.  
Years ago, when I was involved, all the way to the Republican State Central Committee, we had a deal with Canyon County. We got one representative and they got two. We had Walter H. Yarborough, state senator, and a really good one.  
I don't know who thought up this redistricting committee, but when the Republicans control the legislature by 80 percent it should be better than 50-50.  
Hopefully a hardcore person in Owyhee County will step up to represent our 7,600 square miles and win when the odds are 12-40.  
P.T. Rathbone  
Marsing

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

**Contacting elected officials**

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Sports

3A SEMIFINAL: SUGAR-SALEM 16, HOMEDALE 7

✓Trojans: Diggers control the clock, stymie Homedale’s offense

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have been hanging around Homedale’s uber-optimistic 13<sup>th</sup>-year coach parted when the HHS senior provided an unsolicited “atta boy” for the past four years, the 29-game home-field win streak that had just ended and the pride that Holtry, his coaching staff, and his players have rekindled in the school and community.

“Ya know, that one caught me off-guard, and it really means the world to me as the principal and as the football coach,” Holtry said.

“It is honestly one of the things that you hope for when you start to build a program. You hope that the student body, the community, and the whole town find happiness and pride in what the football program is able to create.

“These players and this staff have done an amazing job of continuing the rich football tradition here in Homedale, and to see the community and students like Steele acknowledge it this past Saturday, it sure helps swallow that loss a little bit easier. Knowing that the journey is about far more than just a state championship.”

It certainly isn’t a “Mission Accomplished” moment after a fourth consecutive season ended at the hands of the Diggers, but in the Big Picture the few seconds that Bullard spent showing his gratitude is just another example of how Holtry’s long view for the Trojans program has materialized.

Even if the most successful group of HHS seniors to don pads in a generation was left emotionally drained and disappointed at the end of a 29-game Deward Bell Stadium winning streak.

“I don’t know that it feels much different because losses at the end of the season oftentimes hurt much the same,” Holtry said. “However, I would say that knowing what these players have accomplished over the past four years helps with the healing, and knowing what the status of the program is as a whole helps with that healing as well.

“The Homedale football tradition is alive and well here in Homedale. This journey is only going to continue to grow and become more exciting in the years to come.”



**Above:** Homedale athletic director Casey Grove (right) presents the third-place trophy to a group of Trojans, including seniors Eli Heck (14), Willy Haun (56), and Willie White (20). **Below:** Haun’s pressure wasn’t enough to prevent Sugar-Salem quarterback Daniel Neal from getting a pass off.

One-by-one, assistant coaches said as much as players knelt sobbing in the east end zone after Saturday’s heartbreaking setback.

Josh White, whose son Willie is one of this year’s seniors, and whose other son, Brodie, has two more years in the program, called it the best four years of his coaching career. Another assistant coach, Randy Lyons, echoed the sentiment: “These have been the best four years of my life.”

“Look at what you’ve developed,” Lyons continued. “We expect to be here. Other teams dream about being here. We expect to be here. There are kids that can’t wait to wear the Red and White because of you.”

But, as always, Holtry (with a little less emotion than exhibited after the three 3A Milk Bowl losses) summed it up:

“Gentleman, you have re-established what Homedale football is,” he said. “We’ve got a good streak coming, but it wouldn’t be where it is if it weren’t for you and the legacy you created.”

The legacy was celebrated Saturday with “The Tunnel,” allowing the seniors one last walk down the sacred 100 yards by the Snake River



with parents — and now former players and community members — on either side giving hugs and thanks.

“It’s honestly a great feeling to know how the spirit of a community can be lifted through sport,” Holtry said. “You see it in collegiate athletics all the time, and sometimes even pro sports, but when your hometown team can unite a community and bring that sense of pride it’s pretty special.”

The pride, just like the Trojans’ fight, was evident

until the very end Saturday.

And it was there in the beginning when it looked like the top-seeded Trojans (10-1) were finally ready to bury the Diggers’ dominance.

After Sugar-Salem (8-2) deferred on the coin flip, Homedale accepted the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in seven plays to score when Mason Strong slid across the end zone to snag fellow junior Jaxon Dines’ 20-yard touchdown pass. Diego Cortez kicked the PAT.

Dines completed a 30-yard pass to junior Rylan Binford, and senior Hayden Kincheloe started the march with a 10-yard burst.

But Sugar-Salem set the tone for the rest of the ballgame with a 16-play drive that chewed up the rest of the first quarter. After holding the ball for 8 minutes, 25 seconds, the Diggers scored on Wyatt Harris’ 10-yard sweep.

Homedale maintained the lead, however, when Kyle Brunson missed the point-after kick.

But the bigger Diggers shut down every aspect of the Trojans’ offense for much of the rest of the contest.

Sugar-Salem controlled the tempo and held the ball for more than 30 minutes.

The momentum seemed to shift on a 4<sup>th</sup>-and-9 situation from the Diggers’ 24-yard line when Strong was stopped short of the first down on what looked to be a promising Trojans’ drive.

“We missed on a couple of opportunities, and they made some big plays on key downs,” Holtry said.

Homedale’s next possession started on its own 4-yard line, and the Trojans were unable to get out of the shadow of their own goalpost late in the second quarter.

Sigmund Goode uncorked a 36-yard punt, but Sugar-Salem’s Jonah Schulthies returned the ball to Homedale’s 24-yard line.

Sugar-Salem quarterback Daniel Neal hit Cooper Butikofer with an 11-yard pass on 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-10 then bulled his way into the end zone from two yards out to give the Diggers the lead.

“They got the first downs when they needed them,” Holtry said.

Homedale came out in the second half on a mission.

After the defense stopped Neal on a 4<sup>th</sup>-and-1 at the Homedale 6, Kincheloe started to gash the Diggers’ defense. He picked up 31 yards on back-to-back runs and then run through an otherwise stout Sugar-Salem defensive front to convert a fourth down at midfield.

Sugar-Salem’s defense stiffened, though, and the drive ended there.

Two possessions later, the Diggers’ Kyle Brunson knocked through a 21-yard field goal to make it a two-score game.

Kincheloe was held to 90 yards on 17 carries, and Dines completed 13 of 28 passes for 176 yards. Strong was Dines’ favorite receiver, hauling in five balls for 59 yards. Like Kincheloe playing his final game for the Trojans, Eli Heck caught three passes for 40 yards. Binford had three receptions for 51 yards.

White led the team with 10 tackles, including eight solo stops. Heck had nine tackles (seven solo), and he and Trenton Fisher came up with tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Another senior, Josh Brown, made eight solo tackles.

— JPB

# Public notices

**INVITATION TO BID**  
City of Homedale will receive separate sealed bids for the “Homedale Wastewater Improvements Equipment” at the office of Great West Engineering, 3050 N. Lakeharbor Ln suite 201, Boise, ID 83703 until 2:00 pm local time on December 8, 2021.

**The project consists of the design, furnishing of equipment, and startup assistance to support the installation of wastewater improvements. The Procurement Contract will be assigned to the Prime Contractor after the final project has been awarded. Applications for Payment will be processed through the Contractor. The project includes:**

- New Blowers and Lagoon Aeration System
- New Nitrification Reactor Bed

**The upgrades shall be constructed within the existing lagoon site, with the proposed lagoon volumes, depths and surface areas. The equipment will be selected as part of the treatment preselection phase and will be incorporated into the design of the project.**

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.greatwesteng.com](http://www.greatwesteng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the “Current Projects Bidding” tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, Inc., located at 3050 N. Lakeharbor Ln suite 201, Boise, ID 83703, phone (208) 576-6646 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required deposit is \$50.00 per set, which is not refundable.

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:  
Idaho Association of General Contractors Plan Room  
I Squared Foot Plan Room  
ARCH Document Solutions – Idaho Plan Room

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier’s Check, or Bid Bond payable to Buyer, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from Rural Development (RD) and must meet all American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements.

Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from the funding agencies. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 14.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to

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waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

City of Homedale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
11/17,24/2021

**SEALED BID AUCTION**  
City of Homedale will be auctioning off the property located at 503 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho. Auction will be conducted by sealed bids only, mailed to City of Homedale, P O Box 757, Homedale, Idaho or delivered to Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. Bids effective upon receipt not effective upon dispatch by December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Potential buyers may contact City of Homedale at 208 337 4641 to view the property.

Minimum bid to be \$40,000.00. Sealed bids will be opened; December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming, Homedale.

Winning bidder shall be notified by phone by December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Closing date will be determined between the City and the Buyer.

Sealed bid should contain – Bid (dollar amount in US Currency), Name of person or persons submitting bid, contact information including phone number to contact if submitted bid is winning bid, a loan qualification letter from a qualified lender if a loan is to be secured or a copy of bank statement showing proof of funds for a cash purchase.  
11/17/2021

**SEALED BID AUCTION**  
City of Homedale will be auctioning off the property located on the Vacated Street of Nevada between North 3<sup>rd</sup> St. West and North 4<sup>th</sup> St. West, Homedale, Idaho. Auction will be conducted by sealed bids only, mailed to City of Homedale, P O Box 757, Homedale, Idaho or delivered to Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. Bids effective upon receipt not effective upon dispatch by December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Potential buyers may contact City of Homedale at 208 337 4641 to view the property.

Minimum bid to be \$118,500. Sealed bids will be opened; December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming, Homedale.

Winning bidder shall be notified by phone by December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Closing date will be determined between the City and the Buyer.

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11/17/2021

**CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2023 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).  
Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at

the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on February 1, 2022 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

/s/:Faith K. Olsen, Finance Specialist/Board Clerk  
11/17,24/2021

**HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 2009 Thomas/Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDT69CAD2030).

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$7,250.00 for the 2009 Thomas/Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDT69CAD2030). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on December 7, 2021 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of November 9, 2021 and December 6, 2021 (excluding weekends and holidays).

/s/:Faith K. Olsen  
Finance Specialist/Board Clerk  
11/17,24/2021

**NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: JACOBY SANCHEZ CASE NO. CV 37-21-379**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Name Change filed herein on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by Jessica Gonzalez, will come on for hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, at 10:30 o’clock a.m., in the Magistrate’s Division of the District Court, Owyhee County Courthouse, at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID via zoom 990-5549-4548 pass code 575186.

Plaintiff/Defendant requests oral argument, and the right to cross-examine Defendant/Plaintiff and/or his/her witnesses at such hearing.

Date: October 18, 2021  
Signed: s:/Jessica Gonzalez, on behalf of plaintiff  
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the

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Attorney for Plaintiff

**SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV42-21-2941**

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ROMAN CAMPBELL and  
MAYRA PEREZ,  
Defendants.

**ANOTHER SUMMONS**  
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: ROMAN CAMPBELL AND MAYRA PEREZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

The nature of the claim against you is for monies due.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff’s attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above named court at: Twin Falls Court Clerk, Twin Falls County Courthouse, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0126; Telephone: (208) 736-4025.

DATED: 9/29/2021  
KRISTINA GLASCOCK  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By /s/ Amy Israel  
Deputy Clerk  
10/27,11/03/10/17/2021

District Court  
10/27, 11/3,10,17/2021

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**  
In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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# Public notices

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday December 7, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Grand View Fire Station, 720 Roosevelt Ave, Grand View, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider adjusting the Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 2021 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amounts will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Additional revenues (Grant Funds and Donations) and cash carryover will be used to cover the additional expenditures.

| Revenues        |         | Expenses                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Property Tax    | 187,358 | Maintenance & Repairs    | 40,000  |
| Cash Carry-Over | 71,777  | Supplies                 | 17,500  |
| Other Income    | 11,900  | Rent                     | 30,000  |
|                 |         | Utilities                | 16,500  |
|                 |         | Fuel                     | 2,500   |
|                 |         | Payroll Expenses         | 20,700  |
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|                 |         | Insurance                | 9,200   |
|                 |         | Taxes                    | 1,600   |
|                 |         | Capital Expenditure Fund | 45,000  |
|                 |         | Tools & Equipment        | 69,500  |
|                 |         | Training                 | 2,100   |
|                 |         | Miscellaneous Expenses   | 3,235   |
| Total-          | 271,035 | Total-                   | 271,035 |

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Conference sophomore season, Dayley scored 16 points in a home opener in Melba's narrow 38-35 win over the Panthers.

"We struggled in a lot of areas," Lenz said. "... and had a lot of turnovers, but we played great team defense and made plays when we needed to."

“(Saturday) night’s game was a little rough,” Lenz said. “We have six girls who are playing varsity through the state tournament to a 22-4 record after losing the district championship game to Cole Valley Christian.

The Mustangs also opened the season without the services of two 2021 graduates — two-time 2A Western Idaho player last season, Wilson scored 13 points and snagged six rebounds in Saturday's opener.

school's career scoring record with more than 1,400 points. Parma's leading scorer in the opener was Aadyn Harris.

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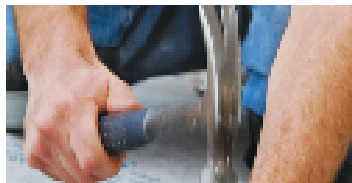
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Sports

Young yet seasoned, HHS girls eye turnaround

New coach has returners who have been through lean years

The cupboard isn't bare for the Homedale High School girls' basketball team, but the slate is clean. New coach Monica White saw the Trojans in regular-season action for the first time Tuesday night, and the education process — for coach and players — has begun.

"Learning how to win again is always a challenge," White said prior to the season opener against Emmett on the road. The game was played after The Owyhee Avalanche's press time.

Several players on this year's squad have endured part or all of a difficult past two seasons.

White is the third person to lead the program since the start of the 2019-20

season, following HHS alum Kortney Ford, who took over just a few games into Clay Hatfield's first season as coach two winters ago.

The Trojans have experienced long droughts in that time — a 14-game losing streak to end the 2020-21 campaign, and a 12-game skid to the close of the 2019-20 season.

Homedale was a combined 3-39 over those two seasons with a pair of winless 3A Snake River Valley conference finishes.

The Trojans' last winning season came in 2018-19 when now-HHS boys' basketball coach Cam Long took the team to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament after a runner-up finish to Parma in the 3A District III Tournament. Homedale went 13-12



Olivia Asumendi

that season.

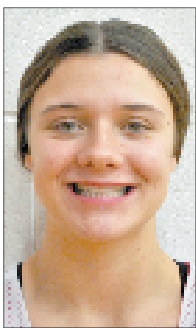
But White arrives with a relatively young group of talented players ready to right the ship.

The team's top scorers — sophomore forward Olivia Asumendi, and do-everything junior Jacy Parker — are scheduled to lead the squad. Parker, however, is coming off a twisted ankle that ended her volleyball season.

She and Asumendi were all-conference honorable mention picks last season, the only postseason accolades for the Trojans outside of Mayci Cline's participation in the District III senior all-star game.

A guard, Cline graduated in May along with forward Ainslee Evans and guard Mackenzie Miller.

White, who has coached basketball



Jacy Parker

for 13 years, also hopes to get a full season out of 5-foot, 8-inch senior Téa Uranga. The post's 2020-21 season was cut short by an injury.

Another key returner is 5-2 senior guard Amaia Aberasturi.

Also returning to the floor are sophomore forward Zayne Hall, who will provide some height, and seniors Laney Swallow and Belisia Larzelier.

A top newcomer is junior Sydney Davis, who is coming off a breakout volleyball season.

Sophomore guard Arlett Quezada returns after playing a reserve role last season.

Senior Kaydence Stansell and Emma Criffield join the team on the wing. Neither played varsity ball last season.

Rounding out the roster are sophomore wing Carlie Moore and junior post-wing Kambell Garrett and sophomore wing Kinlee Garrett, who are sisters.

— JPB



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Girls' basketball  
Varsity  
Thursday, Oct. 18, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Oct. 18, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Frosh soph  
Thursday, Oct. 18, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball  
Varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 6 p.m.  
Frosh soph  
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

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Girls  
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