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Primary brings rare contested county office races

No county coroner candidates yet

The May 17 primary election will be a rare event in Owyhee County as two county-level offices will see contested races.

Only Republicans have filed to seek

county offices. In fact, there are no local Democratic candidates on the primary ballot. According to records provided by the county elections office at Friday's candidate declaration deadline, no Democratic committeepersons filed for precinct positions either.

The District 3 county commissioner election will be a three-person contest.

Incumbent Joe Merrick will face challenges from Grand View residents Andrea Owens and Wyatt Frederick.

The other contested election comes for county assessor. Appointee Robin Monahan will face off with Murphy resident Tiffany Nettleton.

Nettleton also applied for the job when Monahan was appointed to finish

Toni Gruenwald's term in office.

Not every county incumbent has filed to seek re-election.

Homedale resident Aaron Tines did not submit nomination papers before Friday's 5 p.m., deadline. The incumbent county coroner faces a

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Festive fundraising run

Escorted by Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold, 83-year-old Bob Hulse makes his return trip on a four-block jog to celebrate his birthday and raise money for the senior center. See story, **Page 8**

Marsing principal moving to Adrian's top job

Nick Ketterling, who has worked in Homedale and Marsing schools, has been chosen as the next Adrian School District superintendent.



"I have always heard positive things about the Adrian school district and community," the current Marsing secondary school principal said Monday.

— See *Adrian*, back page

Owyheeans run for state legislature

Crowded, exclusively GOP fields for House seats

Two Owyhee County residents will seek the Republican nomination for District 23 legislative positions.

Former Grand View mayor, city councilperson and city clerk Tammy Payne has jumped into the crowded primary election for the Idaho House of Representatives Seat 23A.

Homedale's Gene Winchester declared his candidacy for Seat 23B.

There are no Democrats entered in the May 17

primary, meaning that the next two District 23 representatives will emerge from a GOP primary that features five candidates in the Seat A race and four in the Seat B race.

Current legislator Rick Youngblood from Nampa withdrew his candidacy Thursday. There is no incumbent in the Seat A position who would become District 23-eligible under the redrawn reapportionment boundaries.

In addition to Payne, other Seat A candidates include:

- Melissa Durrant of Kuna

— See *Legislature*, page 3

Marsing Zone 4 trustee appointed

Athletic concessions building on horizon

Marsing School District has a new trustee after a narrow vote in a recent special meeting.

Sean Rowley took the oath office during last Wednesday's regular meeting.

By a 2-1 vote during the Feb. 23 special meeting,

— See *Marsing*, page 8



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County commissioners urge safe, respectful backcountry recreation

With inflation affecting the price of gas, Owyhee County Commissioners are expecting more recreationalists and being proactive about asking those folks to respect trails and natural resources.

“We are expecting a lot more use in the Owyhee Front with the current inflated price of gas,” Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) said.

“The last time gas prices got near or over \$4 a gallon, there was a huge increase in close recreation rather than travel to longer-distance sites.”

The commissioners also saw an influx of activity when COVID-19 triggered stay-cations in the summer of 2020. Plus, just the sheer number of new residents is putting pressure on recreation hot spots.

“Since the extreme growth in the Treasure Valley, it is going to be overwhelming this spring and probably into summer,” Hoagland said. “People want to get out, and we’re close.

“We just hope they ... respect our county.”

In last week’s widely distributed press release, officials pleaded with would-be recreationalists to stay off muddy trails and roads, practice prop-

er trail etiquette, stay on designated trails and follow rules in Bureau of Land Management travel management plans.

With the spring thaw unlocking moisture from winter’s grip, trails will become muddy, and motorized use will only cause ruts and otherwise compromise the travel surfaces. That could force BLM to close trails for rehabilitation.

“When Ridge to Rivers tells people to stay off muddy trails in the Boise Foothills, people often come out here in the Owyhee Front and look for trails and roads to ride as an alternative,” Hoagland said.

“But it’s just as important to avoid tearing up the trails and the land in Owyhee County as it is anywhere else.”

County ordinances are in place that make destruction or reckless use of public roads misdemeanor offenses.

“People see trucks ripping up the landscape on TV ads, and it sets a bad example,” Hoagland said. “But when I see them ripping up our roads and lands, it feels like they’re poking their thumb in my eye.

“It’s definitely not cool to do that out here at any time.”

Hoagland urged out-of-area

recreationalists to research before hauling out to the Owyhee Front.

“It’s really important that people do their homework before they come here to know where it’s appropriate for them to recreate and do it responsibly,” he said.

For more information, go to <https://owyheecounty.net/responsible-recreation/>

Some big concerns:

- Mountain bikers practicing proper trail etiquette on non-motorized single-track trails in the Wilson Creek area to avoid spooking horses and jeopardizing safety.
- If mountain bikers encounter horseback riders, they must step off the trail, talk to the riders so the horses know you’re human, and let the horses pass by before resuming their ride.
- Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) are not allowed on BLM 50-inch trails.
- If you encounter cattle on trails or roads, slow to walking speed, and proceed slowly to allow cattle to move off the trail.
- Open and close gates on BLM roads. The gates keep cattle in grazing pastures. Open the gate, pass through and close the gate behind you.

Museum events slated

MRW chili contest coincides with bazaar

The rest of March will be a busy time for the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo will lead another presentation about the RMS Titanic from 12:30 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday inside the museum’s annex building.

“Luxury, Iron & Ice: The Story of the Titanic” comes less than a month before the 110th anniversary of the ocean liner disaster in the North Atlantic on April 15, 1912.

Several pieces of replica maiden voyage memorabilia will be displayed during Saturday’s presentation, including first-class china, soap used on board the ship, telegrams and ship models of all sizes.

An actual piece of coal from the Titanic also will be available for inspection.

Three-dimensional modeling will allow attendees to see details of the “unsinkable” ship and see areas of the vessel never seen before.

The fate of the Titanic’s White Star Line sister ships, the RMS Olympic and RMS

Britannic, will be discussed.

The museum and bookstore, 17085 Basey St., are open from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Spring bazaar slated

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society Spring Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 26.

The spring bazaar features craft vendors in McKeeth Hall and around the museum.

The museum also will be open for visitors to check out the exhibits.

The 11th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & EMS chili cookoff will coincide with the spring bazaar.

Sponsored by D.L. Evans Bank, the cookoff takes place on the museum lawn.

Cooks are encouraged to enter the contest with the first recipe costing \$20 and additional entries costing \$10 each.

There will be first-place prizes in five categories and a People’s Choice award.

Entry forms, rules and more information are available by emailing info@mrwfire.org or calling (208) 495-2154.

Public tasting opens at 11:45 a.m., and a donation of \$5 is requested (\$4 for senior citizens), while children 12 and younger can sample for free.

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Homedale seeks summer pool workers

Anyone who wants to apply for a summer lifeguard job at the Homedale City Pool must get certified.

City clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram announced on social media that the required certification can be obtained through classes at the Treasure Valley YMCA or Nampa Rec Center.

The city will reimburse anyone who is hired for the cost of the classes.

Pegram said the classes could begin as early as Spring Break (next week) and slots usually fill quickly.

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Marsing claims ties to three gubernatorial candidates

Three people with Marsing connections are running for governor.

Marsing native Cody Usabel is one of eight people who have registered for the Republican primary. Usabel now lives in Meridian.

Chantyroise Davison is the Constitution Party's gubernatorial nominee.

The only Democrat in the race is Marsing resident Stephen Heidt.

The primary elections take place on May 17.

Other gubernatorial candidates in the Republican primary include:

- Gov. Brad Little
- Steven Bradshaw of Cocolalla
- Ben Cannaday of Boise
- Ed Humphreys of Eagle
- Ashley Jackson of Preston
- Lisa Marie of Eagle

- Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin from Idaho Falls

The Libertarian Party has two men running for its gubernatorial nomination — John Dionne Jr., from Boise, and White Bird's Paul Sand.

Ammon Bundy of Emmett will appear on the general election ballot in November as an independent candidate for governor.

Emmett resident Pro-Life, formerly known as Marvin Richardson, is a Constitution Party candidate for lieutenant governor.

Terri Pickens Manweiler of Boise is a Democratic candidate.

There will be a three-way Republican primary race for lieutenant governor between state legislators Scott Bedke of Oakley and Priscilla Giddings of White Bird, and Placerville resident Daniel Gasiorowski.

Other constitutional office candidates include:

- **Secretary of State** — Republicans Phil McGrane, Boise; Dorothy Moon, Stanley; and Mary Souza, Coeur d'Alene; and Democrat Shawn Keenan of Coeur d'Alene
- **Controller** — Boise Republican Brandon Woolf (incumbent), Democrat Dianna David of Meridian, and the Constitution Party's Miste Gardner of Meridian
- **Treasurer** — Boise residents Jill L. Ellsworth (Democrat) and incumbent Julie Ellsworth (GOP)
- **Attorney general** — Republicans Raúl Labrador of Boise, Art Macomber of Coeur d'Alene, and Nampa resident Lawrence Wasden (incumbent), and Democrat Steven Scanlin of Boise

- **Superintendent of public instruction** — Republicans Debbie Critchfield of Oakley, Branden Durst of Garden City, and incumbent Sherri Ybarra of Mountain Home, and Democrat Terry Gilbert of Boise

Other candidate filings include:

- **U.S. senator** — Republicans Mike Crapo (incumbent), Brenda Bourn, Natalie Fleming, Scott Trotter, and Ramont Turnbull; Democrats Ben Pursley and David Roth; Constitution Party: Ray J. Writz; independent Scott OH Cleveland; and Libertarian Idaho Sierra Law (a k a Carta Reale Sierra)
- **First Congressional District** — Republican Russ Fulcher, Democrat Kaylee Peterson, and Libertarian Joe Evans

From page 1

✓ County: Incumbent Merrick has 2 challengers for Dist. 3 commissioner

March 29 sentencing hearing in the wake of his guilty plea to a misdemeanor count of not fulfilling the duties of his elected office.

He remains a Homedale city councilman and Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District commissioner.

The write-in candidacy deadline is Friday, March 25. If no one files to seek the coroner's office, the Board of County Commissioners could make an appointment. People eligible to serve as coroner are at least 21 years old, a U.S. citizen and an Owyhee County resident for at least one year. Anyone elected or appointed to the office of coroner must attend a coroner's school within a year of taking office.

County Clerk Angie Barkell and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi filed for re-election on Feb. 28, the first day of the filing period. Merrick also filed on opening day.

Incumbent county treasurer Annette Dygert submitted her re-election papers March 4.

Frederick and Owens entered the race last week with Frederick filing on March 8 and Owens submitting her paperwork on Friday. Nettleton also entered the fray on March 8.

There also appears to be a couple of contested races for the Republican Central Committee positions.

Helene L. Welch has filed to challenge sitting South Homedale (Precinct 2) committeeman Oscar Evans, and Michael D. Nelson will take on South Marsing (Precinct 4) incumbent Scott Jensen.

There are single candidates for the other precincts:

- **Wilson (No. 6)** — Stephanie Duckett
- **Murphy (No. 7)** — Brenda Richards
- **Grand View (No. 9)** — Owens
- **Bruneau (No. 10)** — Sidney Erwin
- **Riddle (No. 11)** — Ruth Jackson

- **Three Creek (No. 12)** — Paula Brackett

No candidates filed for North Homedale (Precinct 1), North Marsing (Precinct 3), Pleasant Valley (Precinct 5) or Oreana (Precinct 8).

Prospective voters have until April 22 to pre-register for the election. Absentee ballots may be requested until May 6.

✓ Legislature: GV's Payne seeks Seat 23A

- Tyson Scott Garten of Kuna
- Jason Knopp of Melba
- Michael Law of Kuna

In addition to Winchester, other Seat B candidates are:

- Chris Bruce, Kuna
- Tina Lambert, Caldwell
- Shaun Laughlin, Kuna

Current state Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) will seek the Republican nomination against two other candidates, one each from Ada and Canyon counties.

No Owyhee County residents filed for the senatorial election.

The Republican primary will see Lakey against Steve Allmer of Nampa and Martha Drake of Kuna.

Two Democrats — Melba resident Shawn L. O'Dell and Kuna's Mik Lose — will face off in that party's primary. O'Dell lives in Canyon County.

Libertarian Jon Basabe of Caldwell also is running for the Senate seat.

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Homedale COSSA levy reauthorized

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- No one in Owyhee County voted in the Castleford School District election. The levy passed, 54-15.
- Owyhee County voters were in favor of the Glenns Ferry School District supplemental levy by a 15-3 count. Combined with Elmore County voting, the levy was approved.

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Homedale Elementary
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
March 16: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, grapes **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll
March 17: No School
March 21-24: No School – Spring Break

Homedale Middle
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Offered daily: Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese; vegetable and fruit choices
March 16: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll
March 17: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, salad with ranch, Jello
March 21-24: No School – Spring Break

Homedale High
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
March 16: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans, pepperoni pizza with tossed salad, or ham and cheese sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick
March 17: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog with tots, or

chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with tots, or BBQ chicken ranch wrap with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick, chocolate chunk cookie
March 21-24: No School – Spring Break

Marsing
Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School breakfast option: Cereal
Middle/High School lunch option: PB&J sand.
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
March 16: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich, cheese stick **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, hot roll, snickerdoodle cookie, Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco, potato wedge
March 17: **Breakfast:** Mini bagel, yogurt **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Popcorn chicken, French fries, hot roll, Cold Grab-n-go: Chicken bacon ranch wrap
March 21-24: No School – Spring Break

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 16: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots
March 17: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli
March 21-24: No school – Spring break

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March 22: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables
March 23: Ham and beans, baked potato, spinach, cornbread

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)
March 16: Corned beef and cabbage, roasted potatoes, baby carrots, green Jello and pears, Baci roll
March 18: CLOSED
March 21: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Capri vegetables, wheat bread
March 23: Spaghetti and meat sauce, broccoli, green salad, pears, French bread

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March 17: Corned beef, red potatoes, carrots, cabbage, green salad, Tapioca pudding, Jello and mandarin oranges, bread
March 22: Lasagna with meat sauce, whole grain noodles, green salad, pears, cottage cheese, beets, fruit cobbler, garlic bread
March 24: Chicken enchilada casserole, refried beans, Spanish rice, creamed corn, whole grain tortilla chips, green salad, berry fruit cup

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March 17: Roast pork
March 22: Turkey enchiladas
March 24: Hamburger gravy



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HES book fair makes a comeback

Homedale Elementary School welcomes back its book fair today and Thursday after a two-year absence.
The book fair will coincide with parent-teacher conferences tonight and during the day and evening Thursday.

The book fair wasn't held last year, and it was set up and ready to go in March 2020 when everything shut down in the same week because of COVID-19 isolation.
For more information, call the school at (208) 337-4033.

Calendar

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
Circuit Breaker tax relief workshop
10 a.m., to 1 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau
Yoga class
10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

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
Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Yoga class
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.
Community movie night
7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Friday
U and I Together class
2 p.m., "Visual Arts," 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. (208) 337-4228.
OCHS meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

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Saturday

Rabbit Creek 100
DIRT Inc.-sponsored motorcycle race, AMA National Hare and Hound Series, Round 2, Owyhee Desert, Murphy.
Food bank distribution
9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View

Free lunch

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

Sunday

Rabbit Creek 100
DIRT Inc.-sponsored motorcycle race, AMA National Hare and Hound Series, Round 2, Owyhee Desert, Murphy.
IGRA girls' rodeo
9 a.m., Badiola Arena, 402 US Hwy. 95, Homedale

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.

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Thursday, March 24

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
Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Yoga class
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale
Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Obituaries

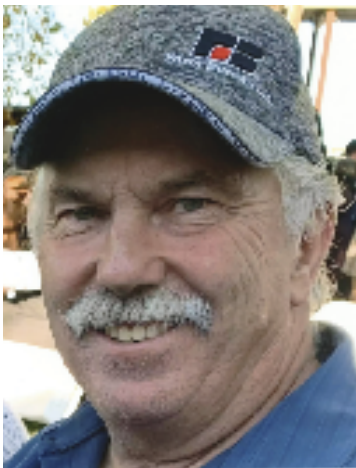
Kevin Matthew Lootens

November 20, 1960
- March 3, 2022

Kevin Matthew Lootens was born November 20, 1960 in Nampa, Idaho, and was the middle child of thirteen siblings. He attended Homedale schools his entire life and after graduation, he married the love of his life, Jo Johnston. They settled in to their life together in Marsing, Idaho, where they have remained. He and Jo were blessed with their son Trent in 1988 and their daughter Katy in 1992.

Kevin was a lifelong avid outdoorsman. He loved the Owyhee Mountains and the property he owned on South Mountain was his special place. He loved hunting, exploring, riding Razors through the hills, and shooting. While no adventure was too tough for Kevin, he maintained an enduring respect for the wild. He was up for any outdoor activity that came along and loved sharing all of these things with his friends and family.

K. L. Repair has long been where everyone in Owyhee County came with anything that needed fixed. Kevin could repair anything or make it work another way if it was beyond fixing. He always shared his knowledge with whomever needed it at the moment. In his younger years, he put his mechanic skills to the test by



building his own demolition derby car, and then for many years after he spent time helping his competitors build theirs. Last year, he rebuilt and restored his dream car, a 1968 Firebird, and since then many burn-outs could be heard down Edison "Speedway."

Kevin enjoyed traveling, was an avid history buff, and sincerely loved to learn. He got to explore the Baltics, Germany, parts of France, Belgium, and Italy, with many stops in between. He and Jo explored Boston and Colorado Springs with Katy and Zack, and in the last few years, he loved traveling to Maui and Austin to see his kids. They shared great times enjoying and exploring each place and many memories were made.

Kevin left us too soon, and we wish he was still with us. He felt so deeply about everyone and everything in his

life. His Catholic faith was the cornerstone of his being. We are saddened by his passing, but we know he was greeted with open arms by his parents, Patricia and John, his sister Melanie, his brothers Mike and Christopher, and other members of his extended family when he arrived in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Jo; his son, Trent; his daughter, Katy Funke (Zack); his siblings, Jack (Margo), Paula, Cheryl Falk (Joe), Steve (Rose), Mark (Cindy), Kelly (Niki), Phil (Cheryl), Donna, and Patrick; and so many nieces and nephews that you cannot name them all. He loved them all dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Marsing Volunteer Fire Department and Marsing Ambulance.

Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden Street, Caldwell, Idaho. There was a visitation Tuesday evening, March 15, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd. Caldwell, Idaho. Rosary followed the visitation at Flahiff Funeral Chapel at 7:00 PM. Inurnment will follow mass at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, Idaho.

Ellis Eugene Pennington

Ellis Eugene Pennington passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from natural causes at his home with family by his side. Ellis was born Jan. 10, 1944 in Ashland, KY to Edgil Pennington and Mary Johnson. He had two brothers and his family moved to Nampa, ID in 1948. Ellis graduated from Nampa High School 1962. He managed the Nampa Rollerdrome where Ellis met the love of his life, Carra Marie Crill. They were married on June 29, 1963 and were blessed with three children: Brenda, Bobbi and James.

He worked as a foreman at Meridian Wood Products and as a beef processor at Armour Meat Co. In 1975 they moved to Homedale, ID where they owned and operated the Homedale Laundromat for nearly five years. Ellis began his career with Homedale School District in 1977 and worked as a custodian, bus driver and maintenance supervisor until he retired after 20 years of service. He and Carra spent 15 fun years enjoying winters in Quartzite, AZ, riding ATVs, rock hounding and meeting new friends. Camping, hunting, fishing and time with friends and family were some of his favorite pastimes. He loved to travel with family and spent many happy vacations in Mexico and adventure cruising, meeting new people

and going to new places. In August 2020, Ellis and Carra sold their Wilder, ID home and moved to Monteagle, TN to enjoy warmer weather and to be closer to their great-grandchildren. He loved riding his lawn mower, listening to the wind in the trees, watching the deer and birds, and making new friends at the coffee shop.

Ellis is survived by his wife, Carra; his brother, Dave (Pat) of Nampa, ID; his children: Brenda of Murfreesboro, TN; Bobbi (Rick) of Mt Juliet, TN; and James (Susan) of Filer, ID; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Larry.

Ellis never met a stranger; he was a friendly, big-hearted, wonderful man who was always willing to lend a hand. He always had a ready smile, infectious laughter, and a twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes. Ellis will be missed by all who loved him. He liked a simple life and at Ellis' request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Instead of flowers, friends can donate to St. Jude's and can enjoy a good meal with friends and family; whenever you have fish or seafood he will be there!

Online condolences may be made at: www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements are entrusted to Cumberland Funeral Home, Inc.

Frederick G. McFarland, Sr.



Please join us in celebrating the life of Frederick G. McFarland, Sr., at 1 p.m., on April 2, 2022 at the Grand View, ID Legion Hall, with a reception to follow. Fred passed on March 9, 2020,

but services were delayed due to the pandemic. We will be gathering to share some favorite memories and stories of Fred, to laugh, to cry, to remember a wonderful man who is greatly missed.

Death notice

DOUGLAS "DOUG" ROBERT SCHEUFFELE, 65, who resided in Marsing as a boy, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at a Kearney, Neb., hospital. A celebration of life luncheon was held Saturday. Cremation: Horner, Lieske, McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services, Kearney, Neb.

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Jogger doubles down on Homedale Sr. Center support

Bob Hulse put in overtime Saturday, but it paid off.

The 83-year-old Homedale resident was supposed to celebrate his birthday by jogging two blocks down West Idaho Avenue.

With a Homedale Police escort and a handful of folks egging him on, Hulse jogged four blocks — round trip from the Homedale Senior Center.

“This is the first time in my life that I got chased by the cops and they didn’t catch me,” Hulse, a retired Santa Claus actor, said.

His plan was to raise money for the senior center’s programs, and coordinator Sandra Ledford said a handful of contributions had been received by the time Hulse pushed off with his wife and grandchildren as an audience Saturday morning.

Nora Oviedo, owner of the High & Low 2nd Hand Store on West Idaho Avenue, was out on the sidewalk cheering for Hulse. She set up an inspirational sign and handed him some festive balloons when he jogged by.

After Hulse completed his trek, Oviedo’s husband, Jorge, handed over a donation on behalf of the downtown business.

Hulse wasn’t running just for the senior center.

“I hope by seeing me that the older generation knows that they can get out and exercise, too,” Hulse said. — JPB

University of Idaho Extension

Seeding pastures can help mitigate high hay prices

How can you increase forage production in your pasture and reduce the amount of expensive inputs needed to feed your livestock? Perhaps your pasture needs some attention. Spring can be a good time to work on improving pastures; however, there are a few things that should be considered before turning over some dirt.

First, consider what is growing there now. If weeds are a problem, just disking them under and replanting will not likely get rid of them. Weed seed that currently exists in the soil will germinate and compete with your new grass seedlings. New grass seedlings can be injured if herbicides are used to control weeds while the seedlings are still young. This is true even when selective herbicides are used. The best plan is usually to control weeds first then plant the pasture. In extreme circumstances, this might involve allowing the weeds to germinate and then disking or spraying them, repeating the process as many times as necessary in order to reduce weed competition. In many instances, good weed control practices coupled with good grazing management can solve the problem.

If replanting is needed, it should be done as early in the spring as possible. Irrigated pastures should be planted close to when irrigation water will be available. If planted too early, you run the risk of the seed germinating and the young seedlings drying out and dying before water is available. They should also be planted before it is too hot. The first part of April through the middle of May is usually best for planting irrigated pastures. Dryland/rangeland pastures must be done while there is adequate moisture available. For best success, dryland pastures should be planted in late fall or early winter. Then the seed will have maximum opportunity to take advantage of winter precipitation.

Perhaps the most frequently asked question is “What kind of grass should I plant?” My answer is that it depends. Irrigated or dryland? How much water do you have available? How frequently will water be available? What will the pasture be used for? How will the grazing be managed? Each of these questions are important because they all affect the management of the grass. The reality is that to a great extent it doesn’t matter what you plant. Over time you will get exactly what you manage for.

With that said, there are definitely some grasses that are better adapted to our area than others. There are also some grasses that I would completely avoid. Give me a call and we can talk about your specific situation. Additionally, Technical Note 24 published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service is an excellent publication that discusses the attributes of many grass, forb, legume, and woody species that can be found in pastures in the Intermountain West. The publication also contains recommended seeding rates. It is good, unbiased information.

With the current cost of hay and other feedstuffs, this might be a great year to take steps to improve your pasture and hone your grazing management to increase forage production and harvesting efficiency.



Scott Jensen

✓ Marsing: COVID funds to pay for project

From Page 1

Rowley was selected to complete the Zone 4 term of the late Deb Holzhey.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said the board interviewed Rowley and Jason Ineck as possible new trustees.

“The board commented positively on both candidates’ qualifications but ended up selecting Sean as the final choice,” Stewart said.

Stewart said the interviews and decision were held in open session, but the vote was performed by anonymous balloting.

The Zone 4 term runs through December 2024.

In other school board decisions:

- The 2022-23 school calendar was approved.
- Trustees agreed to pay substitute teachers bonuses for the remainder of the school year. Subs working seven days in any one pay period will earn \$200, while subs working 14 days in the same pay period will earn a \$400 bonus.
- The board OK’d establishing a contract with Design West to design a new building for concessions and restroom facilities for the outdoor athletics complex.

“The vote allowed us to proceed with discussions with Design West, and we are working out the details of the contract,” Stewart said.

Stewart said the price of the contract will have to be under the threshold that would require the district to put the contract out to bid.

The exact location of the concessions building is yet to be determined.

“We will be trying to centralize the facility in the athletic complex area, but the final location will still need to be decided,” Stewart said.

The outdoor complex includes the football/softball field and the baseball field behind the school buildings on 8th Avenue West.

The construction project will be funded from the \$500,000 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) COVID-19 money that the district has received to address health-related safety and social distancing concerns, Stewart said. — JPB

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Artist to lead library’s next U and I class

A Homedale artist will lead the second-to-last regular U and I Together class at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Julie Townsend Cloud will serve as the instructor for the free class, which will start at 2 p.m., on Friday inside Homedale’s city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The artist will teach Mandala dotting.

The class is open to ages 12 and older, and there are only 12 spots available.

Pre-registration at the library is required. An example piece of the artwork Townsend Cloud will teach will be on display at the library and available for viewing on the library’s Facebook page.

The regular class schedule will end after the March 25 class.

Youth programs continue

The Teens & Tweens attendees will prepare quick snacks during Thursday’s session at the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The activity, which is open



An example of Mandala dotting. Submitted photo

to boys and girls ages 10-17, starts at 5 p.m.

The group will use an air fryer to create quick snacks like tortilla roll-ups and tortilla cinnamon wraps.

• Retired teacher Steve Belknap, a Friends of the Library member, will lead the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

Belknap will read “The Ladybug Girl” by David Soman and Jackie Davis, and “Mel Fell” by Corey Tabor.

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

Marsing students continue Cause Month

Elementary student fighting cancer benefits this week

Spring break is on the horizon, so Marsing High School students are ramping up fundraising efforts as part of Cause Month.

Student council officers are leading the charge with the guidance of co-advisors Mary Beth Prince and Robin Hamblin — and with the knowledge that success means a couple faculty members could be on the line for pies in the face with the right amount of success.

Prince calls the reward “Pie-ing and Dyeing,” because if the student body hits its threshold, she’ll have to dye her hair, too.

The fundraising is a class competition, too. Each class —

freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors — are tasked with bringing in at least \$100 each week.

“If they bring in so much money, one co-advisor will get a pie in the face,” Prince said.

Vice-principal Brian Marshall is also on the hook for special treatment if enough money is generated.

Because spring break begins next week, there will be a big final push between March 28 and March 30, Prince said.

The “Pie and Dye” assembly will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, March 31.

The last full week of fundraising is underway, and there are spirit days planned.

Beginning Feb. 28, the students raised money for a different cause each week:

• Food donations and sundries for the Marsing HUB

• The St. Luke’s concussion clinic: “That one is kind of personal to me because I went to do that a year ago,” Prince said, adding she underwent balance therapy and speech therapy after suffering a head injury.

• This week, the students are raising money for a Marsing Elementary student’s cancer fight. Prince said the money will either help the student directly or be given to a cancer treatment program. — JPB

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March 8	55	26	.00
March 9	50	29	.27/4”
March 10	40	28	.00
March 11	43	19	.00
March 12	52	22	.00
March 13	69	25	.00
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Marsing's pitching corps stifles Horseshoe Bend

A pair of unearned runs was all the visitors could muster as Marsing High School swept its season-opening non-conference doubleheader Friday.

The Huskies ended both baseball games against Horseshoe Bend via the 10-run rule.

Game 1: Marsing 16, Horseshoe Bend 1 (5) — Pitchers Xavier Delgadillo, JT Chadez and Jace Chadez teamed up on a one-hitter against the Mustangs from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Delgadillo gave up one hit and struck out five over the first three innings. Fellow junior JT Chadez booked a strikeout and a walk, and freshman Jace Chadez struck out one batter.

Three freshmen made impressive high school debuts.

Teagan Kinney went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. He also scored

— See *Marsing*, page 11

Trojans sweep diamond doubleheaders

Baseball squad wakes up after opening shutout

A slim victory and a blowout gave Homedale High School its first baseball victories of the season Saturday in the Trojans' Opening Day at John Jackson Field.

Saturday, Game 2: Homedale 14, Filer 3 (5) — Opportunity knocked, and the Trojans crashed through the door, taking advantage of 13 walks issued by four Wildcats pitchers.

With Filer leading 1-0, Homedale took control with four runs in the bottom of the opening inning. Winning pitcher Cody Liebschwager and Tyler Woodward had the Trojans' only hits in the rally.

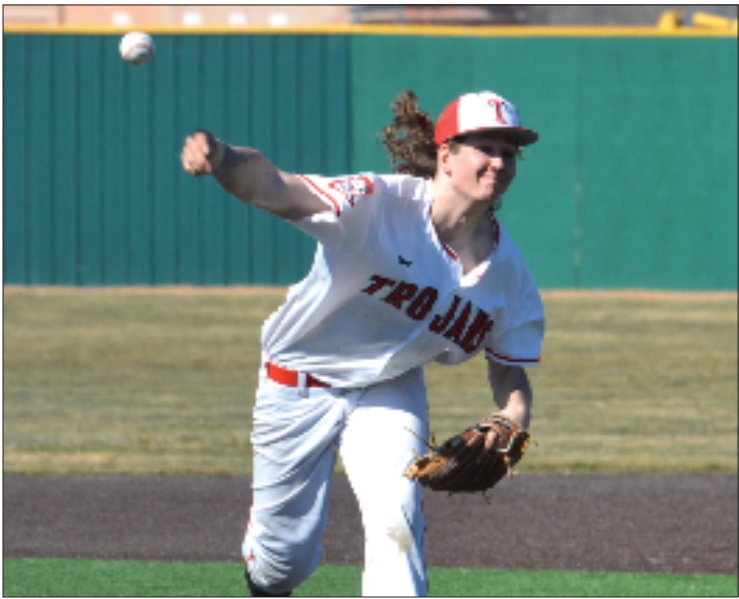
Woodward's two-run base hit plated Liebschwager and John Lejardi.

D'Orr Packer doubled and scored on Sigmund Goode's base hit in the second inning.

Packer and Goode both collected a pair of hits, and each scored three runs.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale 4, Filer 3 — After tying the game with a double in the bottom of the sixth, Woodward scored the go-ahead run on an error. Payton Fine, who reached on an error, scored on Woodward's extra-base hit.

— See *Baseball*, page 13



Above: Katie Christoffersen makes contact in the second game of Homedale's softball doubleheader against Filer on Saturday. Left: Cody Liebschwager lets fly with a pitch during Game 2 of the Trojans' doubleheader against Filer at John Jackson Field on Saturday.

Softball team beats reigning 3A state champ

The latest installment of the Homedale-Filer high school softball saga went the Trojans' way Saturday.

One blowout. One narrow victory.

Homedale swept the non-conference showdown of programs that have won all but one of the Class 3A state championships handed out since 2013.

The Wildcats are the two-time reigning state champs, knocking off Homedale last season in the state final.

On Saturday, the Trojans (2-0-1) exacted a modicum of revenge at Homedale Middle School, beginning with a 21-2 five-inning blowout and then holding on for a 9-8 win in Game 2.

Since 2013, Homedale has captured four state championships, all under coach Larry Corta. Filer captured the 2014 title — beating Homedale in Nampa — for Todd Mansfield and has won the past two championships under Buck Taylor.

Saturday, Game 2: Homedale 9, Filer 8 — The Trojans scored five times in the bottom of the seventh inning for a walk-off victory.

After Filer tied the game, 3-3, in the top of the fifth, Homedale reclaimed the lead

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Melba roars into another track and field season

Deep roster puts Mustangs among state's top programs — again

The new timing system was put to good use by the home squad Friday during the Melba Ice Breaker track and field meet.

Veteran coach Vonnie Willis watched as several Melba High

School athletes attained career marks in the season opener at Dave Mangum Track.

After the first meet of the season, it appears the Mustangs are reloading not rebuilding as Willis begins her 29th year with

the program.

The girls finished tied atop the meet standings with fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference program Nampa Christian. The boys finished third behind Nampa Christian and Cole Valley Christian.

Former head coach Mangum is a volunteer assistant, and the rest of the staff includes

Owyhee County resident Jenny Dayley, Casey Clark, Conrad Evanow and Steve Mitchell.

The teams are coming off successful seasons — the girls won the 2A state championship for the third straight season, and the boys were state runners-up. Both squads rolled into the state tournament as District III champions.

“We lost a bunch of sprinters and jumpers on the boys' side, including Joey Bradshaw, Andrew Herman, Zane Helm, Tyler Arnold, and Cameron Wood,” Willis said, reflecting on 2021 graduates.

Distance runner Josh Leavitt and hurdler and relay member

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Sports

Huskies hit Horseshoe Bend hard

Softball team explodes for wins after no-hit loss

Marsing High School piled up the runs Friday to sweep a non-conference softball double-header on the road Friday.

The Huskies held Horseshoe Bend to just a single run in the bottom of the seventh inning in Game 2 to survived with an 18-17 victory.

Marsing outslugged the Mustangs, 19-6, in a three-inning game to start the day.

Game 2: Marsing 18, Horseshoe Bend 17 — The Huskies took the lead with three runs in the top of the seventh inning to cap a win highlighted by big hitting performances from a host of players.

Emily Thoene drilled a home run and knocked in three runs, and Taylor Callison went 4-for-6 with a double, four RBI and three runs scored.

Exchange student Sophia

Lundberg had a big day in her first week of playing softball. She went 4-for-5 with 2 RBI and two runs scored.

Lilly Thoene went 3-for-6 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI.

Mila Astorquia pitched the game's first 6 2/3 innings, striking out 12 and giving up three earned runs.

The game went back and forth after Horseshoe Bend took a 13-7 lead in the third inning. Marsing clawed back to take at 15-13 lead after a six-run fifth.

Astorquia helped herself out with a 3-for-5 showing at the plate. She scored three runs, posted two RBI and a double.

Game 1: Marsing 19, Horseshoe Bend 6 (3) — The Huskies set up an abbreviated victory with a 13-run uprising in the third inning for a 19-0 lead.

Ariel Ingersoll knocked in three runs, while Callison scored four times from the top of the batting order.

Lily Thoene doubled and knocked in four runs, and her

sister Emily went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Thursday: Notus 12, Marsing 1 (5) — The Huskies endured a no-hitter from the Pirates' Alexis Cudaback in the season opener on the road.

Astorquia scored an unearned run in the fourth inning of the non-conference matchup. She drew one of the two walks Cudaback allowed, stole second, took third on an error and scored when Emily Thoene hit into a fielder's choice.

Astorquia was one of six baserunners for the Huskies. Lexi Loucks reached on an error in the first inning, but was stranded at third base. In the fifth inning, Josie Bartsch was hit by a pitch with two outs and Callison drew a walk.

Cudaback also did damage from the top of the Notus batting order, scoring four times and smacking a two-run triple.

No. 2 hitter Kyndall Jensen also scored four runs while ripping a two-out run-scoring double in the second inning.

Marsing sweeps Melba Ice Breaker 400s

Emily Vanosdall kicked off the year with a personal record to win the Melba Ice Breaker 400-meter run Friday.

The junior joined freshman Sydney Nelson as the only Marsing High School athletes to post top-three finishes as the Huskies' girls in the middle of the pack in the 12-team meet.

On the boys' side, coach's son Braden Ankeny started his sophomore campaign by winning the 400 in 55.14.

Senior Trayton Jacobi was runner-up in the boys' shot put with a heave of 37 feet, 11 inches. Jacobi was fourth in the discus (102-7).

Nelson was third in the 400 at 1 minute, 7.86 seconds. Vanosdall won the race in 1:06.71.

Vanosdall also grabbed fifth in the triple jump at 28-10.

Several girls posted personal records in the first meet of the season for third-year coach Heidi Ankeny. Among the PRs with top-10 finishes:

- Junior Vanessa Freeman at 1:09.06 in the 400 (sixth)

- Senior Regan Stansell at 15 minutes, 43.18 seconds in the 3,200 (ninth)

Other top-10 showings for the girls:

- Freshman Raylynn Vanosdall was fifth in the long jump (13-6) and seventh in the 100 (14.06).

- Nelson was ninth in the 100 (14:58).

- Freeman took sixth in the 200 (29-flat) and ninth in the long jump (12-9½)

Sophomore Tyson Campbell PR'd for fourth place in the boys' long jump (18-11½).

✓ Marsing: Freshmen make a big splash

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Luke Steinmeyer doubled and scored a run in his only at-bat, and Jace Chadez scored three times and collected three RBI.

Game 2: Marsing 11,

Horseshoe Bend 1 (6) — Jace Chadez ripped a double and piled up three more RBI and runs scored.

Another freshman, Levi Puga, scored twice as did freshman Cache Hance and senior Colton Brown.

Four pitchers held Horseshoe Bend to Barrett Huston's single.

Sophomore Gavin Phillips was credited with the win after striking out the side twice in two innings of work. He walked one batter.

Hoops helps Huskies football

Two days of 5-on-5 basketball will benefit the Marsing High School football program Friday and Saturday.

The first Marsing Basketball Tournament Men's 5-on-5 will be held from 6 p.m., to 9 p.m., on Friday and from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday.

Carne asada tacos will be served Friday night as an additional fundraiser.

Cash donations for the foot-

ball team also will be accepted.

The tournament field is set, but anyone wanting to help out with volunteer positions or needing more information can contact Huskies coach Shea McClellin at marsingfb@gmail.com.

Updates on the Marsing football team are available on Facebook, too — @marsinghuskiesfootball.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Baseball
James Hance, sr., C, 2B
Begins 2nd varsity season



Softball
Emily Thoene, sr., OF
3-7, 5 RBI, HR vs. Horseshoe Bend



Track and field
Trayton Jacobi, sr., throws
2nd in shot put, 4th in discus at Melba Ice Breaker

This week's Sports Schedule

Baseball
Wednesday, March 16, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Bill Betts Tournament (At Payette H.S.)
Thursday, March 17 vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Friday, March 18 vs. Melba, 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 19 vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 16, home vs. McCall-Donnelly at Marsing, 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, home vs. Rimrock, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19 at Wilder, noon

Track and field
Thursday, March 17 at Ontario Ice Breaker, 3:30 p.m.



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Sports

Trojans open track season with runner-up showings

Homedale High School picked up four runner-up showings during Friday's season-opening Melba Ice Breaker track and field meet.

Sophomore Kinlee Garrett was second in the girls' 100-meter hurdles and opened the Trojans' runner-up finish in the sprint medley relay.

Senior Ryker Johnson posted a 16.85-second runner-up performance in the boys' 110 hurdles.

Junior Danny Detbun showed improvement from last season, taking second in the boys' 100 with a 12-second sprint.

Senior Allison Whitehead took second in the girls' triple jump at 31 feet, 4 inches.

The HHS boys were fourth in the team standings, while the girls finished fifth.

Garrett completed the 100 hurdles in 19.21, and she was fourth in the 300 hurdles in a minute flat.

She joined fellow 10th-graders Carlie Moore, Cadence Nicoletti, and Katie DeVice for a second-place time of 2:18.71 in the sprint medley relay. Moore and Garrett covered 100 meters apiece with Nicoletti running the 200 legs and DeVice wrapping up the final 400 meters.

Garrett and Moore opened the 4x100 relay, and seniors Laney Swallow and Whitehead brought home a third-place time of 1:10.5.

Whitehead also took third in the long jump at 14-1½.

Nicoletti edged fellow HHS sophomore Mylisa Barrett on attempts in the pole vault, finishing fourth. Both girls cleared 6-6.

Sophomore Brock Johnson set a personal record to take third in the boys' 400 at 55.55.

Three freshmen — Angel Nolasco, Tyler Erickson, and Brandon Reynolds — teamed up with senior Brandon VanEs to finished third in the 4x100 relay at 47.65.

Ryker Johnson also took third in the high jump (5-8), while sophomore Conner McCarney was fourth in the pole vault at 9-6.

✓ Softball: First-year varsity player Trescot makes good first impression

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briefly with a single run in its half of the inning.

The Wildcats then posted four runs in the sixth then took an 8-4 lead in the seventh. Filer scored six unearned runs behind five Trojans' errors.

Olivia Asumendi and Zayne Hall both hit home runs and scored three runs apiece for the Trojans. Asumendi was 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Hall also knocked in a pair of runs.

First-year varsity player Lilly Trescot was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Isana Larzelier also had a single and double with two RBI.

Asumendi started in the pitching circle, striking out seven in five innings. She scattered three hits and walked three. Three of the five runs Filer managed were unearned.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale 21, Filer 2 (5) — Staked to a 6-0 lead after one inning, Dani Sitts struck out 10 and spun a two-hitter for the Trojans.

She helped her own cause with a home run and a double and six RBI.

Olivia Miller and Katie Christoffersen each had a double and two RBI.

Sitts, Miller, and Belisia Larzelier scored three runs each.

Homedale owned a 7-0 advantage before the Wildcats broke through in the third. After Filer scored another run in the fourth to pull within 9-2, The Trojans threw the knockout punch with 12 runs in the bottom of the frame.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 6, Emmett 6 — In one of the few games played on a snowy day, the host Huskies scored four unearned runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a season-opening stalemate.

The Trojans led, 3-0, after 4½ innings when Emmett began its comeback in the non-conference game.

Even after the Huskies cut the deficit to 3-2, Homedale shot back with three runs in the top of the sixth inning.

But Homedale's five errors outstripped the team's 14 hits. Emmett's unearned-run rally came against reliever Asumendi. She gave up three hits and struck out three batters in two innings.

Sitts tossed a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts over the first five innings.

Sitts was one of three HHS batters to post doubles, joining Trescot and returning first baseman Zayne Hall.

Asumendi had a monster start to the season, going 4-for-4 with three RBI. Hall knocked in two runs, and Sitts scored twice from the top of the order. Belisia Larzelier and Miller went 2-for-4.

Homedale stranded 10 baserunners.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Baseball
Tyler Woodward, sr., C
3-for-6, 2B, 3 RBI in 3 games



Softball
Dani Sitts, so., P
22 Ks, 4 hits allowed, win; 6-for-13, HR, 6 RBI in 3 games



Track and field
Kinlee Garrett, so., hurdles
100M runner-up, 300M 4th; 4x100 relay 3rd in Melba



Golf
Landen Wilson, sr.
First year on varsity



Tennis
Terrance LaFleur, so.
Playing JV after transferring from Marsing



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This week's Sports Schedule

Baseball Varsity Wednesday, March 16, at New Plymouth, 5 p.m. Thursday, March 17, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.	Softball Varsity Thursday, March 24 vs. Rigby at Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 1 p.m.
Junior varsity Wednesday, March 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m. Friday, March 18, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.	Junior varsity Thursday, March 17, home vs New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Golf Coed Wednesday, March 16, home for Homedale Ice Breaker, River Bend GC, 10 a.m.	Track and field Thursday, March 17 at Ontario (Ore.) Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
	Tennis Tuesday, March 29 at Ontario, Ore. 4 p.m.



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Sports

Rimrock sprinters leave their mark on Melba medley relays

Rimrock High School athletes shined in the Melba Ice Breaker sprint medley relays Friday.

A senior quartet took second in the boys' race, and the girls' team captured third.

In the boys' meet, Dan Meyrueix and Luis Araujo handled the opening 200-meter legs, followed by Juan Alamilla (400) and Victor Lemus (800). The group finished in 4 minutes, 22.24 seconds.

Rimrock won the girls' sprint medley in 2:27.37 behind 100-meter runs from junior Cristal Araujo and Dayanara Hurtado, while sophomores Samantha Elizarraraz (200) and Annakay Wining (400) wrapped up the effort.

Junior Aden Aquiso established a personal-best mark in the boys' long jump, taking sixth at 18 feet, 6½ inches. Aquiso also took seventh in the high jump (5-2).

Raiders rack up postseason boys' basketball honors

Arron Hall closed the season coaching a group of 1A Western Idaho Conference all-stars.

The Rimrock High School boys' basketball coach earned the right to coach in the District III senior all-star game after being named 1A WIC coach of the year.

Hall coached three of his Raiders players at the all-star game, which was played after deadline Monday in Payette.

Also, All-1A WIC first-teamers, Gus Black, Pedro Varela, and Alex Martinez



Arron Hall finished their prep careers in the all-star game against their 1A Long Pin Conference counterparts. Black was a second-teamer

in the All-1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament voting, too. Junior Aden Aquiso was an honorable mention selection. IdahoSports.com broadcasters made the picks.

One of the other players Hall coached earlier this week was 1A WIC Player of the Year Dallin Criddle from Nampa's Liberty Charter.

Rounding out Rimrock's all-conference players were second-teamer Aden Aquiso and honorable mention player Jack Meyers, another 11th-grader.

✓ Melba: Owyheean's arm, bat propel Mustangs

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Reagan Manzer also graduated.

There are 31 boys out for this year's squad, and 56 athletes total were on the roster when the season began at home Friday.

One of the new boys on the squad is well-known for his athleticism in other sports.

Senior Joe Reiber just finished a state championship season with the basketball team, and he was an ace pitcher for the Mustangs' baseball team as a junior.

seconds).

Freshman Carsten Volkers debuted with a third-place time of 45.81 in the 300 hurdles.

"(Volkers) was an amazing athlete in junior high, and we look forward to seeing what he'll do at the high school level," Willis said. "He is strong in sprints, jumps and hurdles."

Junior Kaden Dayley, an Owyheean, PR'd in the 400 with a fourth-place time of 55.93.

Dayley also finished third in the 200 with a PR of 24.82, while another returner — senior Easton Draper — was runner-up in the sprint at 24.46.

The Melba girls' roster is chock full of top-notch returning athletes, including:

- Record-setting senior Taylor McCoy broke her own school mark and won the discus in 129-11.
- Junior Rozzlyn Cazier, who captured the 1,600 (5:54.75) and the 3,200 (12:43.42) on Friday.
- Junior Meya Young, who won the 100 (12.72) and the long jump (16-8).
- Willis also singled out sprinter and relay team mem-

ber Ahna Shaffer. The team's fastest sprinter didn't compete Friday.

"These athletes are strong, gifted and determined. They work hard in practice each day to make improvements throughout the season," the coach said. "I'm excited to see the gains they'll make again this year."

Another Owyheean, Brooklyn Dayley, is back after a breakout freshman season. She captured Friday's 800 in 2:30.65 and was fourth in the 400 (28.52, PR).

Junior Kendall Clark returns for another season. She won the triple jump in 34-6.

Another junior, Hallie Arnold, picked up three top-five finishes: Runner-up in the 400 (1:07.09), third in the 100 (13.52, PR), and fifth in the 200 (28.68).

Melba softball TKOs Fruitland in 3 innings

There wasn't much mystery to Melba High School's first softball game of the season.

The Mustangs scored 10 times in their first at-bat and cruised to a 33-1 non-conference victory over Fruitland on Friday.

The game, which was played in Payette County, was stopped after three innings. Melba capped the triumph with an 18-run outburst in the top of the third inning.

Ashlie Shaffer got the win. She gave up two hits and an earned run (Fruitland scored in the bottom of the first) and helped her own cause with a

team-high five RBI, four runs scored and a home run.

Emily Zavala also homered while going 3-for-3 with four RBI and a double. She scored five times.

Owyhee County resident Bren Duckett doubled while driving in four runs and crossing the plate three times.

Esther Riley also scored five runs and drove home four more from the top of the order.

Kinzie Stradley also collected four runs.

The Mustangs are in Nyssa, Ore., today. They played on the road against Glenns Ferry on Monday after press time.

Owyheean's arm, bat propel Mustangs

An Owyhee County resident dominated the opener as Melba High School swept a doubleheader to start the baseball season.

Trace Stimpson struck out eight and allowed only a single and a double in the Mustangs' 12-0 five-inning victory Saturday against non-conference foe Glenns Ferry.

Melba blasted the visiting Pilots, 16-0, in the second game, which also ended after five innings.

Game 2: Melba 16, Glenns Ferry 0 (5) — Stimpson scored three runs from the cleanup spot, and Kaden Rosenlund went 3-for-3 with four RBI and three runs scored.

Logan Dunn knocked in a couple runs, and leadoff hitter Parker Hansen doubled and

scored.

Robert Knight started on the mound with two hitless innings. He and three other pitchers — Mike Lester, Izzy Martin and Josh Waite — teamed on a two-hitter.

Knight also notched a double, two RBI and three runs scored.

Game 1: Melba 12, Glenns Ferry 0 (5) — Hansen and Stimpson both had doubles to lead a 12-hit attack. Hansen scored three times in a 3-for-4 performance.

Diego Herrera was 2-for-4 with two RBI, and Stimpson had a pair of hits, a pair of runs scored and knocked in two runs.

Knight went 3-for-3 with three RBI, and Waite scored twice.

✓ Baseball: Dillon Fine shows off strikeout ability

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Dillon Fine, who struck out nine in a complete-game effort, retired the Wildcats in order in the seventh inning to clinch the victory. He scattered four hits and allowed just one earned run.

Filer scored twice in the top of the fifth to take a 3-1 lead.

Woodward was 2-for-3, while Goode tripled home Packer in the fifth.

Last Wednesday: Emmett 9, Homedale 0 (5) — The Trojans were held to a pair of hits in their non-conference season opener on the Huskies' field.

Homedale managed just two hits against two Emmett pitchers. Liebschwager doubled with two outs in the fifth inning. Payton Fine singled and was stranded at third base in the fifth inning.

Andres Garcia walked and made it to third base in the third inning.

Leading 2-0, Emmett broke the game open with a seven-run rally against Lejardi in the third inning.

Dillon Fine started and struck out four batters in two innings, but the Homedale pitcher walked four and allowed two runs on a hit.

Commentary

Mandi Boren,
reporter



Eyes on Owyhee

Your food takes fuel — lots of it

I ran across a meme a city friend shared on social media the other day that made me wonder just how many folks in our great land really don't know where their food comes from.

It said, "I am completely uninterested in hearing people who drive \$70K trucks that get 15mpg complain about the price of gas."

While I can't argue that a \$70K pick-up truck in the city guzzling fuel as a commuter car may be unnecessary, I can explain why that same vehicle, and even more expensive ones, when used as intended are essential to feed the world.

Take for example a recent situation when fellow ranchers in the Owyhees spotted cattle from the air that needed to be removed after a recent snowstorm.

Ranchers banded together for days with a helicopter, heavy equipment, trucks, trailers, horses and snowmobiles to blaze a path to the animals and got them off the remote mountain.

In a few weeks as spring grasses appear, trucks loaded with cattle will be moving animals all over our state at a greatly increased cost.

At the same time, farmers all over Idaho and the rest of the United States will begin spring groundwork on millions of acres of land with tractors also fueled at double the cost as last year.

Beyond farms and ranches, let's not forget our truck drivers hauling these commodities at rates that simply do not pencil out.

Electric vehicles cannot accomplish the monumental task of feeding the world. Good, expensive, fuel-guzzling trucks and equipment are the only things that can efficiently do these jobs.

Processors raise prices to the consumer to compensate for an increase in doing business, but producers are at the mercy of the buyers and processors who aim to keep prices as low as possible.

So, while city folk can use public transportation, electric vehicles, carpooling and bicycles to help offset fuel prices, consideration should be given to the rest of us without those options struggling to feed our families and keep food on your table.

God bless this country and the others whose freedom is under attack.

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com

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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams' cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse Literacy investments help make Idaho students lifelong readers



Whenever I am asked about teachers who influenced me growing up, I recall Mrs. Summers, my first-grade teacher.

She taught reading to her students in a way that instilled in me a lifelong love of reading.

I am better off today for the guidance of Mrs. Summers, and now, as governor, I want to make sure every Idaho student has the same opportunity I had to strengthen their reading skills from a young age and ensure success in education and life.

My priority has been and will continue to be getting all Idaho kids to read proficiently by the end of third grade. It just makes sense. Our investments in education later will have more impact if we can give students a strong start. It is not only our constitutional obligation but our moral obligation as well.

I have always been an advocate for full-day kindergarten for those districts that choose to implement it. Thankfully, Idaho's system of public education is locally driven, with input from parents, and it will remain that way.

My Leading Idaho plan includes an additional \$46 million for literacy, which may go toward offering full-day kindergarten for families that want it in many parts of the state.

This means we will be directing \$76 million

ongoing to districts to ensure our kids can read proficiently by the end of third grade.

With this added investment, we will have increased funding for literacy five-fold since I took office as governor just over three years ago. It is an accomplishment I am truly proud of.

The increased resources can be utilized by districts to address literacy based on their own needs. Some districts may choose to use the dollars for full-day kindergarten, and other districts may choose to use them for after-school reading programs.

I have always supported addressing needs through flexibility. Each district is different, and the money needs to be flexible to ensure success.

I hope that years from now every Idahoan will be able to reflect on their education and think back, like I do now, about someone who helped them learn to love reading from a young age. With the historic literacy investments I am seeking through our "Leading Idaho" plan, we will get there!

— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor, and he will seek re-election to another four-year term this year. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

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Commentary

Financial management
Long-term disability, life insurance policies are crucial

Dear Dave,
My wife and I both work, and we have been looking at level term life insurance policies. A friend says it would be a good idea for us to have accidental death and dismemberment insurance, too. Do you agree?
— Aiden

Dear Aiden,
You both definitely need good level term life insurance policies. Stick with 15- to 20-year level term life insurance, and make sure that coverage is separate from anything provided by your employer. Each one of you needs 10 to 12 times your yearly income

wrapped up in a policy. If you make \$50,000 a year, that means you need a policy with \$500,000 to \$600,000 worth of coverage. The idea of life insurance is to take the place of income. If you or your wife died, the other could invest the insurance money and replace that lost income. You do not — I repeat, do not — need accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance. These policies are cheap, but they’re pretty much worthless because of the long list of conditions they won’t pay out for. Most pay out only a small portion in cases of dismemberment, and many won’t pay a death benefit if you



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die from a medical procedure, health-related issue or drug overdose. The devil’s in the

details, and AD&D policies are chock-full of them. If you have long-term disability insurance in place, which is what I recommend, you can be covered for a substantial part of income lost because of an injury or disability. One study says 25 percent of today’s 20-year-olds will become disabled by age 67. In my mind, those odds are way too high for you to skimp on long-term disability insurance — especially when it’s very affordable in most cases. If you’re in your prime income-earning years, a permanent disability could derail your dreams of homeownership,

paying for your kid’s college or having a dignified retirement. I hope this helps, Aiden!
— 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.

From Washington
Speech, debate critical to developing communication skills

“Personal, professional, and civic interactions are enhanced by the ability of the participants in those interactions to listen, concur, question, and dissent with reason and compassion.” This recognition is part of the text of a resolution I joined in introducing to recognize the important role of speech and debate in refining students’ communication skills and advancing productive discussions. I competed in speech and debate in high school and have benefited from the early introduction of the important lessons I learned from this creative and useful outlet. I joined a bipartisan group of 14 Senate colleagues, led by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), in introducing S.Res. 530 to designate “National Speech and Debate Education Day” in March. Similar to a resolution I backed in past years, and the U.S. Senate passed, this resolution includes the following recognitions:

- It is essential for youth to learn and practice the art of communicating with and without technology;
- Speech and debate education offers students myriad forms of public speaking through which students may develop talent and exercise unique voice and character;
- Speech and debate education gives students

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the 21st-century skills of communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration; and

- Critical analysis and effective communication allow important ideas, texts, and philosophies the opportunity to flourish.

National Speech and Debate Education Day highlights the important lifelong abilities of discerning

and sharing views enhanced through speech and debate and recognizes that public addresses are often a central part of achievements, celebrations, commemorations and pivotal moments in history. The resolution encourages educational institutions, businesses, community and civic associations, and all Americans to celebrate and promote National Speech and Education Day. Further, the resolution recognizes the hard work of speech and debate participants and the considerable time teachers and coaches devote to equipping students with debate skills and opportunities. The Senate unanimously passed this resolution on March 2. I commend the students, teachers and coaches in the 56 schools across Idaho competing in speech and debate this year and wish them the best of luck in their competitions as they refine their skills in effective communications and further this valuable activity.

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

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 19, 1997



Grand View students who completed the Blue Sky program were: (left to right) Sabrina Crisman, Jarel Remick, Isaac Drew, Cody Kness and (front) Rose Remick. Not pictured: Sara Tatro, Mary Tatro and Maria Martinez.

Grand View students complete 4-H program

Eight Grand View Elementary students participated in a nine-week Blue Sky Below My Feet space project at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

The program was sponsored by the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, the Eastern Owyhee County Library, and a grant from EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho Inc. Library director, Kathy Chick, who is also a 4-H leader, organized and conducted the weekly activities and field trip.

The program was offered to all fourth- to sixth-grade students in Grand View as an after-school learning opportunity. The program allowed students to learn about the value of nutrition when astronauts prepare for space flight, the type of materials used in space suits and the space shuttle, and the students also visited CJ Strike Power Plant to learn about gravity.

For the program finale, the kids launched model rockets they had put together and were presented with T-shirts and certificates.

Members of HHS track team set school records

Homedale competed in its first track meet of the season at Vallivue, last Friday. Despite the cold weather, two school records were set: junior Marcus Christofferson broke the record in the 200 running 22.3 and looking strong. The old record was 22.55.

In her first high school meet, freshman Jessica Zatica broke the 5'1 school record in the high jump with a 5'3 jump.

Sundance Park construction may begin this fall

Construction of a five-plex regulation softball center designed for tournament play may begin in Homedale as early as this fall, say members of a committee who have worked for two years to make the park a reality.

The proposed Sundance Park, which at present is no more than a plowed field on the Townsend property in west Homedale, has already attracted interest from softball leagues as far away as Boise and Nampa.

At its peak, the athletic facility would host 16 to 20 teams every weekend. Profits from tournaments will be funneled into youth activities.

The park will also feature a regulation soccer field, and will cost between \$65,000 and \$75,000 to build, which includes the costs of land leveling, an irrigation system, fencing, permanent buildings and seating.

Much of that money will come in the form of a Founders Club, the members of which will see their names on an engraved plaque on permanent display at the finished facility.

50 years ago

March 16, 1972



HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL senior choir recently was selected to perform at the Music Educators National Conference March 24 at Moscow. The group was chosen from more than 30 high schools. Director of the choir is Mrs. Hollis Selders. Front row, from left, Kathy Westby, Cheryl Lootens, Margie Parrill, Cinda Daniell, Lorna Saunders, Paula Lootens, Mackie Tolmie, Sharon Fisher, Karen Kent, Helen Lineberger and Jolinda Murray. Back row, Riley Grimes, Mel Campbell, Tom Grimes, Merlin Ethington, Mike Hyer, Rick Jereb, Alan Echevarria, Craig Blessing and Terry Atkins. Missing from picture, Monte Duncan. Photo by Bette Uda

Trojans salvage 4th place in A-3 state basketball

Homedale Trojans wound up in fourth place in the state A-3 basketball tournament after being defeated by Middleton 69-62 Saturday. The Timberline Spartans of the Pierce-Weippe country copped first.

The Trojans got off to a good start in the tourney last Thursday afternoon, downing Glens Ferry 55-45.

Cornerstone laying ceremony set at library site

A cornerstone laying ceremony will be held at the Homedale High School Library, Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Master of ceremonies will be Deward Bell, superintendent of schools, with the flag raising by the Boy Scouts of America and the invocation by Father Thomas Taylor. A welcome will be given by Homedale Mayor George Murray.

Various community organizations will be represented by the following:

- Tom Arima – Chairman, Board of Trustees
- Duane Root – Principal, Senior High School
- Herbert Fritzley – Principal, Junior High School
- Rocky Bridges – Association of Teachers
- Bob Paxton – PTA
- Gary Tanikuni – Senior High President
- Monte Kirstine – Kiwanis Club
- Hal Tolmie – Chamber of Commerce
- Thompson & Kolbo – Architect
- Opp Construction – Contractor
- Nels Nelson – Ministerial Association
- Fred Wood, Lawrence Kent – Citizens' Committee

Daryl Warwick, Idaho First National Bank – Fiscal Agent

The cornerstone laying ceremony will be conducted by George W. Knoff, Pocatello, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons of Idaho.

George Kubosumi – Master Silver City Lodge No. 13, AF&AM

The oration will be delivered by Dale Peery, Master Councillor, Idaho State Chapter Order of DeMolay and a member of Butte Lodge No. 27, Emmett, in the absence of Gov. Cecil Andrus, Grand Orator, Masons of Idaho.

The casket was donated by Harold Peterson, and the stone will be laid by stone mason, Bob Hahn.

155 years ago

March 16, 1867

HILL BEACHEY is reported as well pleased with the cutoff via Hall's Ranch and the Forks of the Owyhee to Camp McDermit. The proprietors of the new road measured it with a chain at the time Beachey went over, they found a new and direct pass through from The Forks to McDermit. From Silver to Hall's Ranch the distance is called twenty miles; from the latter to The Forks, the measurement makes it thirty, and thence to McDermit (due south — leaving Summit Springs to the right) thirty miles. Thus a saving of at least fifty miles will be effected on this side of McDermit, and Beachey has men at work beyond McDermit viewing the route and matters pertaining thereto so as to further reduce the distance and the time occupied by the through stages. The determination is to shorten the time between Owyhee and San Francisco so that, when the roads get settled, three days will be sufficient. A Good natural road is found from McDermit to The Forks and the bridge men are going to have a ferry on the main stream immediately below, by the middle of April, when the new arrangement will go into effect. In the meantime, we are credibly informed, the Jordan Valley Roll-Road Co. will make a stage road direct from Boonville to Hall's Ranch, which will set aside still another kick of the road now traveled. Altogether, a great improvement on the matter of communication will be practically demonstrated within a month — six weeks at most.

P.S. Since the foregoing was put in type, Mr. J. A. J. Chapman, of the exploring party, requested us to state the thanks of the party are due Col. Baker at McDermit, Cols. Coppinger and O'Byrne at Winthrop, and Jao. Farneman, Esq., at Hall's Ranch, for many favors in the way of horses to ride, escorts for protection, &c., &c.

OPEN POLAR SEA.—Dr. T. I. Hayes has recently published an account of his Arctic Explorations which throws additional light upon the mysteries of the Polar regions. "On the 18th of May (1861) he climbed a ragged cliff, whence he saw the Open Sea; and the next day, advancing further, built a cairn and planted the American flag upon the most northern point ever reached by man." In his words:

Standing against the dark sky at the north, there was seen in dim outline, the white sloping summit of a noble headland, the most northern known land upon the globe. I judged it to be in latitude 82 degrees 30 minutes, or four hundred and fifty miles from the North Pole.

The sea beneath me was a mottled sheet of white and dark patches, these latter being either soft decaying ice or places where the ice had wholly disappeared. These spots were heightened in intensity of shade and multiplied in size as they recede until the belt of the water-sky blended them all together into the color of dark blue. The old and solid frost (some a quarter of a mile and others miles across) and the massive ridges and wastes of hummocked ice which lay piled between them and around their margins, were the only parts of the sea which retained the whiteness and solidity of Winter. All the evidences showed that I stood upon the shores of the Polar basin, and that the broad ocean lay at my feet; that the land upon which I stood, culminating in the distant cape before me, was but a point projecting far into it like the Ceverro Vostochnoi Ness of the opposite coast of Siberia, and that the little margin of ice which lined the shore was being steadily worn away, and within a month the whole sea would be as free from ice as I had seen the north water of Badin Bay, interrupted only by a moving pack, drifting to and fro at the will of the winds and currents.

Sports

High intra-squad competition expected for HHS golfers

Tea Uranga back as class for girls’ district field

The Homedale Ice Breaker golf tournament was snowed out last week, leaving the Trojans championing at the bit for the season to start.

And that goes equal for 10th-year coach Casey Grove, who welcomes back every high school golfer from the 2021 roster and a group of new athletes.

“I think both the boys and girls could qualify for State if they are playing their best in May,” Grove said.

The Ice Breaker has been rescheduled for 10 a.m., today at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

The Trojans’ veteran golfers worked hard on improving during the off-season, Grove said.

Back for her senior season is Tea Uranga, whose father, Tony, is in his sixth season as Trojans assistant.

Tea is the reigning 3A District III champion, and she parlayed that finish into a third-place showing at the state tournament.

“She will be the girl to beat in the conference and potentially in the state,” Grove said. “She has played a lot of golf in her life, so the tournament pressure doesn’t affect her like it does to kids that are new to the golf scene.”

Uranga is one of six players on the girls’ squad

Another senior, Brianna Cayford, is one of four girls who are new to the sport, and Grove says they’re working hard to be ready for 3A Snake River Valley conference varsity competition and to improve throughout the season.

Lita Thomas is a sophomore.

“She is excited about golf and getting better,” Grove said.

Although freshman Gwen Parker is new to high school golf, she’s no stranger to the sport — or the Trojans’ home course. Her family owns a

home off one of the tee boxes at River Bend Golf Course.

“Gwen has played golf for a long time,” Grove said. “She will be an excellent addition to our varsity team. I expect her to be very competitive in the SRV.”

Ninth-grader Melissa Gonzalez has never played golf.

“Again, hopefully we’re able to get all of these new golfers ready for districts in May,” the coach said.

There are 15 boys out for golf, and most of them are returning from last season’s campaign.

“We are going to have six to eight kids that are going to be competing every single week for the top five varsity spots,” Grove said.

“Those top five spots could change dramatically every week depending on how kids play. Competition is good, so I am excited to see how each player responds.”

Senior Eli Heck, a three-time letter winner, will lead the charge as one of three varsity returners.

“He was a very consistent golfer for us last year,” Grove said. “I’m looking forward to him being one of the team leaders this year.”

Another senior, Willie White, returns for his second year of golfing.

“He improved a lot over the year due to his great work ethic,” Grove said. “He played a lot in the off-season.

“I am going to lean on him to be another one of the team leaders. We need him to be a consistent scorer each week.”

Trenton Fisher is the third returner, and Grove said he’s looking for more consistency from the junior.

“Trenton is very competitive and hates to lose, so I expect him to be right in the mix all season for the No. 1 spot on varsity,” the coach said.

Two freshmen are among the first-year players, and senior Landen Wilson will dive into the varsity competition after playing junior varsity golf last season.

“Landen spent a lot of time in the off season improving

his game,” Grove said. “I’m excited to see how much better he has gotten in the off-season. I hope he pushes all the other potential varsity kids for a spot.”

Junior Levi Jamison worked during the off-season after playing as the top JV player last spring.

“I know he is wanting to get a chance at varsity this year,” Grove said.

Two freshmen — Luke Henry and Kinley Balkovetz — join the squad after playing years as youths.

Grove anticipates Henry will be in the battle for the varsity top spot.

“He has experience playing in tournaments, which helps him with tournament experience,” he said. “I expect big things from Luke this season.”

Balkovetz also has experience in summer tournaments and has been a busy golfer for the past two years.

“I expect Kinley to compete for a varsity spot this season,” Grove said.

— JPB

Veteran Trojans continue to climb tennis ladder

Veteran coach oversees veteran roster

Optimism is high even if numbers are low on the Homedale High School tennis team.

All but one of the 10 players who greeted veteran coach Scott Michaelson this spring were on the overachieving squad last year.

A retired teacher, Michaelson said the low turnout allows him to get back to his roots.

“We have low numbers this year, which presents the opportunity for more individual attention and potential for greater improvement,” the 12th-year Trojans coach said.

“We also have returners with state tournament experience as examples of how much improvement is possible with hard work.”

In a mild surprise, the Trojans grew through the challenges of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season and the District III tournament.

The boys and girls both finished 11th in the state tournament.

“Last season we started with no players with more than one year

of experience playing on a tennis team. Our team showed tremendous improvement with every player winning more matches, sets, or games the second time through the conference schedule than the first,” Michaelson said.

Three players rode into the state tournament, “which is a huge accomplishment,” Michaelson said.

All three had little interscholastic experience: Elizabeth Whitehead was in her first year, and Austin Franko and Terrance LaFleur were rookies.

All three are back this season.

Also returning to the girls’ team are Abby Henry, Maite Frank, Whitney Ross, and Destiny Castellanos.

LaFleur has transferred to Homedale after co-oping through Marsing as a freshman. Michaelson said he won’t be eligible for varsity matches until his junior season because of the transfer.

Franko and Brian Vega are back for another season, too.

Elizabeth Whitehead leads the girls’ team this spring. Third-seeded in the District III tournament, Whitehead battled foot pain to reach the state tournament and then finish fifth – all in her first year as a singles player.

Junior Cheyenne Kelly just missed

the state tournament in her first two high school seasons.

“Cheyenne Kelly has a very determined and competitive mentality and has played more district tournament games than anyone on the team,” the coach said. “If that leads to more confidence, she will likely qualify for the state tournament.”

Switching from doubles to singles midway through the season, Franko wound up finishing fourth at the district tournament.

“Elizabeth Whitehead and Austin Franko will be our standouts this season because they have really improved due to their hard work,” Michaelson said.

“More experience and confidence gained from a successful season and playing in the state tournament provide them both a solid foundation for putting together another great season.”

There is one newcomer, Judy Marzoulka. The exchange student from Bethlehem, Palestine, is recovering from a knee strain, Michaelson said.

“The players have positive attitudes, and improvement up and down the ladder provides opportunity for more competition in practice,” the coach said.

Michaelson has guided Homedale athletes for 23 years, and he has 30 years experience as a coach overall. Abbi Jones is his assistant coach this season.

The more things change with Homedale, though, the more they stay the same with other programs in the conference.

Michaelson said the 3A SRV is one of the top conferences in Idaho, especially on the girls’ side with Parma, Fruitland, and Weiser finishing 1-2-3 in last year’s state tournament.

In fact, the Panthers’ girls’ squad is seven-time defending state champion.

The Parma boys are also Michaelson’s pick at the top of the conference after they finished as state runners-up to Sun Valley Community School, and Fruitland took third. Michaelson said Parma and Fruitland will continue their consistency which has put the squads in the top three among the state’s Class 3A programs.

“Weiser has joined them as an elite program the last few years also,” the coach said. “It will be a good battle in the toughest 3A tennis conference in Idaho.”

— JPB

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Public notices

LIEN SALE
Unit F-2, Carlos Ortiz, 729 Marion Dr., Homedale, ID 83628
We will be auctioning off this unit via silent auction ending on Saturday, March 26th 2022. Auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage. 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Unit contains a truck tool box, misc. tools, and misc. household items
03/16,23/2022

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: ELAYNE CORRELL CASE NO. CV 37-22-95
A Petition to change the name of Elayne Correll now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Elayne Harris.
The reason for the change in name is: Changing to father’s last name.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 o’clock a.m. on April 20, 2022 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: March 9, 2022
s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
03/16,23,30;04/06/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-22-00065
In the Matter of the Estate of GLENDA LOUISE DAY, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES M. DAY has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent’s estate is required to present claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned attorney for said Personal Representative, Larry C. Ashcraft, of the firm ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC, at PO Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

and filed with the Clerk of this Court.
DATED March 2, 2022
ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC
/s/:Larry C. Ashcraft
03/09,16,23/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Magistrate Division, Murphy Section
Case No. CV37-22-00070
In the Matter of the Estate of BEVERLY M. HARDIN, a/k/a BEVERLY MARIE HARDIN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TIMOTHY D. STANFILL, JR., has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent, BEVERLY M. HARDIN. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be both (1) presented to the personal representative of the estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Post Office Box 247, Nampa, Idaho (ID) 83653-0247, and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.
/s/Philip A. Peterson
Attorney for:
Timothy D. Stanfill, Jr.
Personal Representative
03/02,09,16/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. § 15-3-801) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUAN VICTOR LLANAS, DECEASED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
/s/:Jane Garzone
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03/16,23,30/2022

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-21-00373
BETTY STAPPLER, doing business as Desert High Real Estate, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARC L. NEWMAN, an individual, Defendant.
TO: MARC L. NEWMAN, an individual.
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY: BETTY STAPPLER, doing business as Desert High Real Estate, in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-21-00373.
THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AGAINST YOU IS FOR: a breach of contract.
At any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, and telephone number (208) 495-2806 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, and telephone number is (208) 454-2974.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED this 14 day of February, 2021.
Angela Barkell
Owyhee County District Court
By: Lena Johnson
Deputy Clerk
02/23;03/02,09,16/2022

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-21-00426
CAPZ HOLDINGS, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL G. RICE and JENELL A. RICE, husband and wife, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest adverse to the Plaintiff in the property described as follows:

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence North 90°00’00” East 25.00 feet along the South boundary of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence leaving the said South boundary, North 0°49’20” West (formerly of record North) 186.00 feet to a 1/2” inch rebar in the East right of way of Eighth Avenue West, the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence leaving the said right of way line North 90°00’00” East 100.00 feet to a 1/2” inch rebar; thence North 0°49’20” West (formerly of record North) 139.5 feet to a 1/2” rebar; thence North 56°14’12” West 121.45 feet (formerly of record Northwesterly 121 feet) to a 1/2” inch rebar in the said East right of way line; thence South 0°49’20” East 207.00 feet along the said East right of way to the INITIAL POINT OF THIS DESCRIPTION.
Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: **Michael G. Rice**
2224 N. Graham Unit 14
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You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650; Telephone (208) 495-2806 within 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(s) 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.
An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 2 and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and must 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.
DATED: Dec. 8, 2021
Angela Barkell
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Lena Johnson
Deputy
02/23;03/02,09,16/2022

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03/16/2022

Sports

3 Trojans named all-state tourney

Melba players bring home 2A MVP awards

Three Homedale High School starters landed on the last all-tournament team of the season.
Jaxon Dines was a first-teamer, fellow junior Mason Strong a second-teamer, and senior Hayden Kincheloe an

honorable mention selection at the end of the 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys’ basketball state tournament.
IdahoSports.com broadcasters chose all-tournament teams at the conclusion of the action on March 5.
Melba’s state championship team was honored with the 2A tournament’s most valuable player and defensive MVP.
Joe Reiber averaged 15 points and 9.3 rebounds along

with 1.7 assists over three victories.
Cache Beus won the defensive award after averaged 2.3 steals and 4 blocked shots during the weekend.
Tucker Lowber brought home the Sixth Man Award for filling the stat sheet at a clip of 11 points, 3.3 rebounds, 1.3 steals and an assist per game.
Braden Volkens was a first-team all-tournament selection.

Owyheean named girls’ 2A state defensive MVP

Two Melba High School players were named to the all-state tournament team.
The Mustangs finished fourth in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout girls’ basketball state tournament after a 54-39 loss to Grangeville in the third-place game.
IdahoSports.com broadcasters picked Owyhee County resident Brooklyn

Dayley as the tournament’s defensive most valuable player. She averaged 4.7 steals per game over the three-day tournament.
Teammate Keylee Wilson was a second-team selection.
Melba beat North Fremont, 47-44, in overtime in the opening game before losing, 41-30, to Cole Valley Christian in the semifinals.



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✓ Adrian: Ketterling leaves Marsing after six years as an administrator

“I am excited for this new chapter in my life.”

Adrian school board president Eddie Kinkade said Ketterling was hired during

the trustees’ regular meeting Thursday.

“We believe that Nick can lead our school in the direction that we feel is best for our stu-

dents, staff, and community,” Kinkade said. “We are very excited for the future of Adrian School District.”

Ketterling will complete the 2021-22 school year at Marsing then begin as Adrian’s superintendent on July 1.

He succeeds interim superintendent Raeshelle Meyer, who led the Adrian district after Kevin Purnell was fired in the first weeks of the current school year.

“My goals for Adrian are going to focus on building relationships with students, staff, and the community,” Ketterling said. “I will be observing and learning as much as I can about the district and education in the state of Oregon.”

Ketterling has spent six years as a principal in the Marsing district. He was middle school principal for the first four years before becoming secondary principal prior to the 2020-21 school year.

“Moving from Marsing is bittersweet,” the Wilder resident said. “I have been there for six years and have devel-

oped so many relationships with students, staff, and community members.

“It is never easy to move away from those relationships and look to start over. I have loved my time in Marsing, and am proud and excited for what has been developed and the direction the district is headed.”

Ketterling leaves Marsing as a team player.

“There are many things that have been accomplished during my time in Marsing. None of which were solely accomplished by me,” he said.

“A leader is only as good as the team and the individuals they surround themselves with. I have had an amazing team of administrators, teachers, and classified staff that have all had a part in everything that has happened in the last six years.”

Prior to joining the Marsing district, Ketterling was a coach and teacher for five years in the Homedale district. His wife, Christine, is Homedale’s federal programs director, and the

couple lives on the family farm with two daughters: 8-year-old Matea and Remington, 5.

Kinkade said six people applied for the superintendent job, and the board narrowed the list to four after initial interviews performed over the past month.

The four remaining candidates attended a community meet-and-greet forum on March 8. The Adrian student body officers asked questions of each candidate individually in front of a crowd of about 130 community members, Kinkade said.

When one candidate was fielding questions, the others were off on tours led by the Adrian FFA chapter officers.

Community members were able to fill out feedback forms on each candidate, and the school board analyzed the data during a special meeting last Wednesday. From that collaboration, the board picked two finalists, and second interviews were conducted a week ago.

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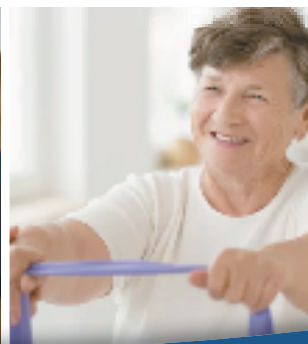
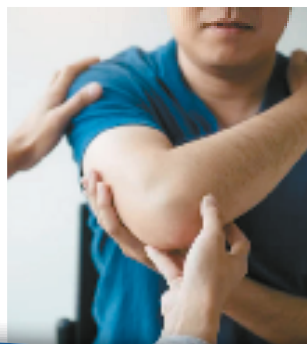
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Greg Purdom (center) and his wife, Carina, accept the Ray Mansisidor Conservationist of the Year Award from Owyhee Conservation District supervisor — and Ray's son — Joe Mansisidor at the Jan. 12 banquet inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale. Submitted photo

Conservation runs in Homedale farmer's blood

Third-generation ag producer Purdom, family honored for soil, water work

by John Bruyninckx

For The Owyhee Avalanche

Greg Purdom perfectly fits the mold of the type of farmer the Owyhee Conservation District envisions as the Ray Mansisidor Conservationist of the Year Award recipient.

Like Mansisidor, for whom the award was renamed prior to the 2021 OCD banquet, the third-generation

Homedale farmer has dedicated his professional life to farming practices to promote conservation.

That's exactly the personal and professional conduct Mansisidor's family and friends sought to honor when the district's annual award was renamed after the 2020 harvest. Ray,

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It's all in how the water runs

Irrigation supply benefits when spring run-off is steady

Early last week, when the Owyhee Reservoir's irrigation storage was listed at about 160,000 acre-feet, John Eells did the math:

"That translates to about 1.1 acre-feet," the South Board of Control manager said.

By Thursday, the reservoir had gained nearly 25,000 acre-feet, rising to about 26 percent of its 715,000 acre-foot capacity.

When full, the reservoir holds two years' worth of irrigation water at an allotment of 4.0 acre-feet.

So, the 1.1 acre-feet is expected to rise in the coming weeks ahead of the irrigation turn-on, which usually comes in early April.

And, ever the optimist, Eells thinks things will improve.

"But there is snow down there (in the Owyhee Basin),

and it depends on how it runs off," he said.

"We had the worst run-off we ever had last year and got 150,000 (acre-feet)."

As he has said in the past, how slowly water is released into the drainage depends on how much moisture is frozen into the ground. Another factor is how quickly warm weather arrives and how it affects the speed with which water is released into the drainage.

With that, there seems to be good news after officials flew the drainage for analysis two weeks ago.

"Everything was white, so that means the ground is still froze up there," Eells said. "It looks promising."

And then ...

"But until it comes off, we won't know."

The growers will know, though, by the actions of the SBOC governors as the turn-on date draws closer.

"If things are still ugly, we will have a growers meeting to inform everybody," Eells said.

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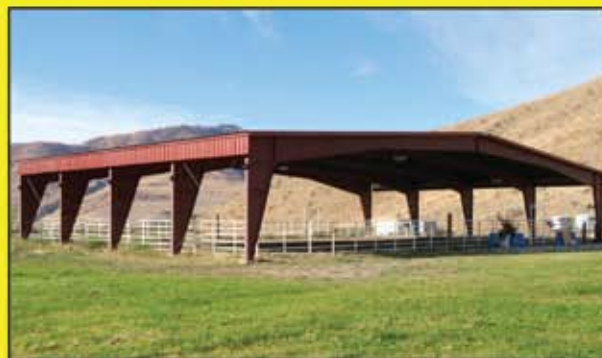
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SBOC irrigators can expect change

Rising operation costs mean assessments will rise next year

Supply-chain issues and inflation are making it difficult to pull off South Board of Control maintenance projects.

And, South Board manager John Eells said, the economic conditions will affect producers' bottom line when it comes to water allotments, too.

"They will be going up," Eells said of the 2023 per-acre allotment charges.

Eells said he has tried to keep the rates lower in recent years while neighboring irrigation districts have raised rates \$5 to \$6 per acre.

He doesn't anticipate as large of a bump for South Board irrigation users, though.

The cost of fuel and chemical has steadily risen as has the cost of materials that SBOC maintenance crews use for off-season infrastructure improvements.

For example, Eells said, the cost of Magnicide H has skyrocketed from \$35,000 per 275-gallon tank (called a "skid") to \$43,000 per skid.

The brand-name chemical, the active ingredient of which is acrolein, is used to eliminate moss from the system's canals.

The jump in plastic pipe costs has also cut into the effectiveness of U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service funding SBOC has received for water conservation and efficiency

— See *Change*, Page 18



South Board of Control maintenance crewmembers Bill Maxwell (left) and Mike Boyce continue work to pipe the 4.3 lateral to provide area producers with pressurized irrigation for pivots and water conservation.



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New directors join irrigation boards

A change has come to one irrigation district board of directors, and a second will soon see a new member.

Adam Duckett has been appointed to complete Jerry Hoagland's term as Div. 3 director on the Reynolds Irrigation District board.

Board secretary Brad Huff said Duckett will be up for election in November, two months before the end of the final year on Hoagland's incomplete term.

Dean Young (Div. 1) is chairman this year after being re-elected last November. Lou Sanchez (Div. 2) is vice-chair and has two years

remaining on his latest term.

The Opaline Irrigation District still maintains a quorum in light of the passing of Div. 2 director and chairman Kenny Sevy.

Board secretary Pam Howard said the district is still working to determine a successor, and the decision could be made at the April meeting.

The Opaline district meets at 7 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month at 7300 Opaline Road off Idaho highway 78.

There are four sitting board members now, which means a quorum can be achieved even with a

director absent.

The directors include: Vice-chair Charles Robertson (Div. 4, term expires in 2023), Div. 1 Zenaido Ponce (2023), Div. 3 Dan Birmingham, whose term ends this year, and Div. 5 Elias Jaca, who was re-elected to a three-year term in November.

In the Ridgeview Irrigation District in Oregon, Sterling Johnston has been appointed to fill the spot vacated when John Lax decided to end his long run on the board of directors that governs part of the South Board of Control. Lax didn't seek re-election in November.

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A front-end loader operator takes a scoop of sugarbeets from the Homedale pile late last summer and puts them into a semi-trailer to haul to the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Nampa processing plant.

Homedale beet dump faces final season

Wilder, Homedale grounds to consolidate off Highway 95 in Canyon County

After decades of creating a temporary annual fixture on the eastern Homedale skyline and providing a steamy phenomenon during cold months, the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s beet dump will disappear after 2022.

The Owyhee Avalanche confirmed last week that the Nampa-based company will consolidate sugarbeet receiving stations in Homedale and Wilder into one central location on about 70 acres of ground a few miles north of the Snake River.

Amalgamated public affairs manager Jessica Anderson said in an email Thursday that the move wouldn't happen until 2023, meaning the 2022 campaign is the final one in which the dumping grounds in Wilder and Homedale are used.

The Marsing station will remain active.

According to a fact sheet Anderson released Thursday afternoon, the two parcels in Homedale and one parcel in Wilder will be posted for sale, and Amalgamated will consider bids along with proposed uses.

The property on which operations will consolidate sits on Upper Pleasant Ridge Road about midway between Homedale and Wilder. Purchase for the land east of U.S. Highway 95 was finalized in January.

The new Fargo Receiving Station will include 25 acres of piling and storage ground. The remaining 45 acres will remain rented farmland for now, but Amalgamated envisions possible sugarbeet research plots and

an agriculture repair shop as a long-term plan. The added uses would be staffed by five to 10 employees, according to the company's fact sheet.

The move is Amalgamated's nod to the changing times.

"Delivering and reloading sugarbeets within the city limits of Homedale and Wilder is increasingly difficult," the fact sheet states.

Homedale sugar beet farmer Steve Nash said growers are aware of the coming changes, which were discussed at a meeting of the Nyssa-Nampa Beet Growers Association earlier this year.

"It's going to be a little farther haul," Nash said of the impact to Homedale-area growers. "Fortunately, you don't have to go up Garman Hill."

Wilder beet truck drivers, however,

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The sugarbeet pilers from Homedale (shown) and Wilder will be moved to the new Fargo Receiving Station in an effort to provide more efficiency for producers off-loading their product.



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Trisha Pascoe (second from left) of Caldwell and a friend search for some relief from the heat, springing for an ice-cold lemonade from Winston, 10 (right) and Remington Sorenson, 11, (right, obscured) at the Homedale Farmers Market last June. The market is scheduled to return in June, but organizers are looking for new leadership.

Homedale Farmers Market moves forward

Manager search, plant sale, summer season planning ongoing

The Homedale Farmers Market is in transition, but will move forward with a 2022 season.

Former Homedale High School student Elias Tines has taken the lead in coordinating the spring plant sale and rounding up vendors for the summer season at Bette Uda City Park.

Alice Pegram, Homedale's city

clerk and treasurer, is a farmers market board member as a private citizen. The City of Homedale doesn't fund or otherwise help operate the farmers market other than allowing use of Bette Uda City Park each Thursday evening in the summer.

Pegram said a large reorganization effort is underway in the wake of former president and manager



Elias Tines

Denise Dixon's resignation earlier this year.

Market organizers currently are taking applications to fill the volunteer manager position.

"We're restructuring and looking for someone to help take charge and work with Elias," Pegram said.

The manager will handle vendor fees and on-site management of the market each week as well as spearhead promotion of the market.

Anyone interested in the position should email Marketing.

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✓ Market: Families with kids invited to get involved

From Page 10

homedalefm@gmail.com.

A high school sophomore now attending school online, Elias is the son of Homedale City Councilman Aaron Tines. He has been active as a paid part-timer for the past two seasons and has played a role with the community garden.

The farmers market president/director will be responsible for obtaining grants and general operation of the market. Additionally, the person will also help run the community garden.

Pegram said volunteers are needed to make sure the community garden

near the Riverside RV park continues to thrive.

"I would love for some families with kids to step up," she said.

The restructuring also includes a campaign to find more board members to help make operational decisions for the garden and the farmers market.

The first order of business is tracking down vendors for the spring plant sale, which will be held from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 7 at Bette Uda City Park.

The vendor fee for the plant sale is \$25 plus five percent of sales.

The farmers market vendor

meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Tuesday, May 10 at Bette Uda City Park.

The summer market is scheduled to start on Thursday, June 2.

A link to vendor applications for both the spring plant sale and the farmers market is available on the Homedale Farmers Market Facebook page.

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Homedale FFA chapter's 2021-22 officers, from left: Rylan Love, vice president; Trinity Neeser, secretary; Ashley Stebly, historian; Heather Reynolds, sentinel; Bailey Purdom, reporter; and John Lejardi, president. Not pictured: Treasurer Catherine Decker and student advisor Trenton Fisher

Homedale FFA talks a good game

Chapter members win numerous awards, compete at state level

by Bailey Purdom

Homedale FFA chapter reporter

The last few months have been very busy for the Homedale FFA team.

The Treasure Valley District's annual Leadership Development

Events were held at Ridgevue High School in Nampa on Feb. 9.

During the second leadership event of the year, Homedale FFA chapter members participated in three events: Employment Skills, Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking.

Homedale chapter members finished second in all three events — Brianna Cayford in Employment Skills; Morgan Fuhrman in Prepared Public Speaking; and Katie DeVice

in Extemporaneous Speaking (See photo, Page 27).

Farm Bureau speech success

FFA members were busy with competitions and compiling records books from December to February.

Four chapter members — John Lejardi, Heather Reynolds, Dani Sitts and Anna Pawlak — competed in the Canyon County Farm Bureau

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Owyhee's other irrigation boards

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Div. 2 — Lou Sanchez, vice-chair (2023)

Div. 3 — Adam Duckett (2022)

Secretary

Brad Huff, (208) 495-2950

Ditch rider

Kris Davis, (208) 250-0193

Meeting time — First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Wilson School House

Opaline Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Zenaïdo Ponce, (2023)

Div. 2 — To be determined

Div. 3 — Dan Birmingham (2022)

Div. 4 — Charles Robertson, vice-chair (2023)

Div. 5 — Elias Jaca (2024)

Secretary

Pam Howard, (208) 880-9695

Email — opalineirrigationdistrict@hotmail.com

Watermaster and ditch rider

Andy Howard, (208) 896-5274

Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba

Grand View Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Mark Frost, chair (2024)

Div. 2 — Buster Ridley (2023)

Div. 3 — Kenny Unruh (2022)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Evan Shaw, (208) 580-3336

Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Snake River Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Ron Ridley (2023)

Div. 2 — Dan Whitted, vice-chair (2024)

Div. 3 — George Bennett Jr., chair (2022)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Mike James, (208) 599-2828

Meeting time — First Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Grand View Mutual Canal Co.

Chair — Randy Hipwell (2023)

Vice-chair — Rohl Hipwell (2023)

Director — Jerry Meyers (2024)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

John Morrison, (208) 599-2310

Meeting time — First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View. Shareholders meeting in February (call office for details).

Upper Grand View Canal Co.

Chair — Jens Schkade (2022)

Vice-chair — Billy Wolfe (2023)

Director — Charles Ensz (2024)

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The new Clover Crew 4-H club cleaned up around co-leader Madi Anderson's work place recently when club members performed a community service project at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing. Submitted photo

New Marsing-based 4-H club hits the ground running

Owyhee County has a new 4-H club.

The Clover Crew is led by Marsing resident Kelly Ineck and Madi Anderson.

Anderson is the 4-H program coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension in Marsing.

The Clover Crew recently elected its inaugural officers:

- **President** — Jordan Ineck
- **Vice-president** — Dallas Devecchio
- **Secretary** — Bobbie Freelove
- **Treasurer** — Erika Frazier
- **Sergeant-at-Arms** — Elias Brock

Several club members are also



Officers for the newly formed Clover Crew 4-H club include, from left, Jordan Ineck, president; Dallas Devecchio, vice-president; Elias Brock, sergeant-at-arms; secretary Bobbie Freelove; and treasurer Erika Frazier. Submitted photo

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✓ 4-H: New club jumps right in with plenty of projects

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enrolled in the Owyhee Shooting Sports 4-H club.

Clover Crew projects include:

- Market swine
- Market lamb
- Market goat
- Pygmy goat
- Dairy goat

- Cat
- Dog
- Chicken
- Gardening
- Leather craft
- Photography
- Baking
- Cloverbud

Club members earlier this year

spent a few hours cleaning up around the Extension Office on 8th Avenue West as a community service project.

Another service project is planned once the weather warms up.

Several of the club members are also in the new Owyhee Shooting Sports 4-H Club.

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✓ **Change:** Inflation reduces effectiveness of NRCS grants

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projects.

"I try to bid projects to pipe, but I can't make the grants work because pipe was \$29 a foot and now it's \$73 a foot," Eells said.

"I have infrastructure money here, but I can't get the pipe or the money's not there to do the projects."

South Board was able to pipe the D2 and 4.3 laterals this winter because there was stockpiled smaller-diameter pipe in the supply yard, Eells said.

A \$600,000 NRCS grant received in Fiscal Year 2021 wasn't nearly as effective, he said, because the project cost soared to \$900,000. South Board had already put 50 percent of the original grant amount in with in-kind contributions, but with fuel and materials costs soaring the money soon ran out.

While the money dried up for lateral improvements, crews were able to get out and perform winter maintenance, such as rehabilitating the South Canal between Succor Creek and Graveyard Point.

This week, crews will start burning weeds on ditch banks in preparation for the arrival of water.

— JPB



Above: One of the South Board of Control's NRCS-assisted projects was pressurizing the D2 lateral. Crews put in 1,000 feet of 15-inch pipe that now allows irrigators served by the lateral to install more pivot irrigation. **Left:** In another pressurization project, Mike Boyce watches as fellow South Board maintenance crewmember Ryan Howe uses an excavator to scoop out more dirt so pipe can be extended on the 4.3 lateral project.

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✓ Water: Spring run-off is crucial

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"If we have a good run-off, we won't have a growers meeting."

Farmers will get about a week's notice about whether to expect a meeting, he said.

According to Natural Resource

Conservation Service data, the Owyhee Basin snowpack was 94 percent of the 2021 median and 84 percent of the 30-year historical median. The Upper Owyhee Basin looks better from a historical standpoint, holding 75 percent of last

year's median and nearly equaling (97 percent) the 30-year median.

The Bruneau Basin, which helps feed farmground in the eastern part of the county, stood at 92 percent of 2021 median and 74 percent of the historical median.

— JPB

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Dewormed horses look to be the picture of equine health on an area property. Submitted photo

Modern deworming method keeps horses healthy

*by Brad Stokes
and Elizabeth Bearden*

As equine enthusiasts, we all know that deworming is a very important aspect of managing our horses, there are more than 150 species of internal parasites that can be found in our four-legged friends. Parasites are a large concern for the equestrian community, and any harm done to a horse is caused by three specific attributes: the parasite species, the population of parasites and the time

span in which the parasites have been active within the horse.

Most parasite control is done through anthelmintics, commonly called dewormers. In the past, it was recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to rotate different dewormers on a rigid eight-week schedule. This is still what most horse owners do to keep their horses parasite-free, but just like any other species parasites can exhibit resistance to dewormers.

The most prevalent parasite in horses used to be the large strongyles or *Strongylus vulgaris*. To combat this parasite, rotational deworming became very popular in the 1960s. It was very effective, and now the large strongyles are virtually nonexistent in horses' systems now. The dominant horse parasites now are called the small strongyles or cyathostomins. These smaller strongyles have a

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✓ **Horses:** Parasite life cycle begins as eggs in manure

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unique life cycle compared to other parasites. It is broken down into five life stages. In the first stage the eggs are passed out of the horse via manure into the pasture. Then the eggs hatch and the larvae develop into infective larvae in Stage 2. The first two larval stages are non-infective. To reach L3, the infective larvae stage, it is all based on environmental conditions. In Stage 3, the horses begin to ingest the L3 larvae that are present on the grass. L3 larvae turn into L4 larvae within the horse's digestive tract. This stage can take up to two years depending on how long the larvae persist in the intestine. Finally, L4 larvae develop into the last larval stage, L5, and create adult parasites. These parasites then reproduce and lay eggs within the horse to restart the cycle.



Brad Stokes



Elizabeth Bearden

Although small strongyles are responsible for milder disease conditions compared to other parasites, they can still pose a large threat. If there are high enough levels in a horse's gut, they can cause a variety of health problems including, but not limited to: lethargy, weight loss and debilitation. They have the unique ability to encyst in the

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About the authors

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"I applied for the internship because as an AgEd major and AgEd teacher I will work closely with the Extension Office and 4-H Youth Development program," she said.

Her future plans are to teach high ag classes and serve as an FFA chapter advisor.

"I would love to stay around Owyhee or Elmore County to teach in a couple years," she said.

The Dean's List student is on track to graduate in May 2024 from the U of I with a degree as well as a commission into the U.S. Army as a 2nd lieutenant.

"I currently plan to join the Idaho National Guard when I commission so I can teach and serve my country at the same time," she said.

Brad Stokes received a Bachelor's in Plant Science (2008) and a Master's in Entomology (2012) from the University of Idaho. He has been in his current position with the Elmore County Extension since 2017. More information about Stokes can be found at www.uidaho.edu/extension/our-people/s-t/brad-stokes

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gut wall, which makes parasite management a bit tricky. An animal can show as a low shedder on a fecal egg count test, but still hold millions of parasites in their intestines. A study done in 1999 showed that a sudden emergence of encysted parasites can cause intestinal inflammation. The large number of larvae in the intestines creates inflammation, which can cause pathological effects such as: edema, diarrhea and even potential death.

The small strongyles' distinctive trait that enables them to survive rotational deworming is the ability to encyst themselves. In 2002, another scientific report showed that the encysted (encapsulated) parasite numbers can get so high that they cover the entirety of the gut wall. When populations are this high, nutrients are unable to be fully incorporated into the dietary needs of the horse. Most dewormers kill parasites in the lumen of the intestine, but they are unable to kill the small strongyles because of the encysted protective sheath. Therefore, the AAEP has stopped recommending the eight-week rotational deworming program.

Now, you may be asking how you should be keeping your horses safe from parasites. In 2004, there was a study done on how effective different dewormers were with combating the small strongyles. This test was done using a fecal egg count reduction test (FECRT). In this test, the eggs are counted in a horse's feces before the dewormer is used and then again 14 days after it is administered. This study was done in the southern United States, and it showed that the percentage of farms

harboring resistant populations of small strongyles were 97.7 percent for fenbendazole, 53.5 percent for oxi-bendazole, 40.5 percent for pyrantel pamoate and 0 percent for ivermectin. This study shows that there were no small strongyles that were resistant to ivermectin to date.

There is another way that you can test the effectiveness of a given dewormer, though. The egg reappearance time (ERP) assesses the amount of time it takes for the parasites to reappear. The ERP has been decreasing with ivermectin for the small strongyles since the drug has made its appearance. This means that the parasites are disappearing faster than they were initially.

It has become obvious that the old method of rotational deworming is outdated and will not get the job done anymore. If horse owners continue to use the eight-week cycle program, horse parasites will have a high resistance to all the classes of dewormers. This will make it so there are no effective treatments that will fight parasitic infection.

The first step of creating a new deworming regiment for your horses is to move away from rotational deworming. Mature horses should be administered ivermectin once or twice a year. This will keep the parasite populations down as well as keep them from gaining resistance. Younger horses are more prone to parasites, so they should probably be administered dewormer more frequently. Foals are most likely to attract ascarids (small intestinal roundworms). Ascarids are resistant to ivermectin, so benzimidazoles should be used starting at about two to three months of age, then again at four to

six. After those couple months, a FECRT test should be done to assess whether ascaris or strongyles are more prevalent in a given horse. After receiving the results of this test you can decide what dewormer is best for your horse. Veterinarians are also very good resources to find what dewormer is most common in your area.

Deworming treatments are typically done in the fall and spring seasons. There are also more simple ways to try and help prevent parasites like manure disposal, pasture management, feeding techniques and a clean water supply. The world is constantly evolving in all aspects of life, so it's only fitting that our deworming techniques move right along with it.

Keep in mind that the presence of parasites, or eggs, alone is not a justifiable reason to treat horses. Educational material exists that defines the given population of eggs or parasites and when to control. This methodology helps prevent resistance among the parasite populations in horses. Read and follow the chosen dewormer label and use a proper rate of application. With any specific questions regarding deworming practices, refer to your local veterinarian or animal healthcare specialist.

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Marsing FFA always gives back

Marsing FFA chapter members recently packed box lunches for pick-up to mark National FFA Week.

But chili and hot potato meals provided to the community and teachers is just the beginning under the leadership of advisor Hannah Mamer.

The group served a barbecue in late summer to start the school year and — once again — thank the community for helping the chapter thrive.

During February's Marsing Disaster Auction, a group of FFA'ers carried sale items around the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center so bidders could get a closer look.



Marsing FFA member Gene Showalter holds up door prizes during the chapter's kickoff barbecue held last summer.



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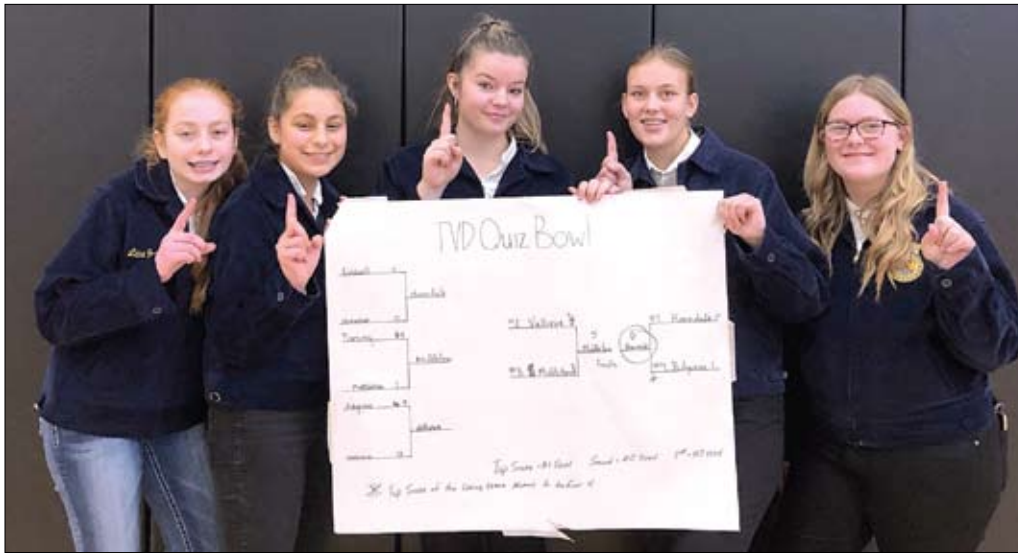
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Quiz Bowl Team (left to right): Julianna Clair, Rachel Pawlak, Tayler Trout, Allie Bell, and Raelynn Kiser

✓ FFA: Chapter advocates for ag in everything it does

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Discussion Meet at the Parma Ag Complex on Dec. 15.

Three of the members advanced to the District 4 competition with Pawlak winning the county competition and Sitts finishing second.

At the district competition, against youth from all over Western Idaho, Pawlak and Sitts again finished first and second to qualify for the State Discussion Meet.

Pawlak and Sitts competed in the preliminary heats at the state meet on Feb. 7 in Boise but didn't advance to the final four.

In January, two Homedale chapter members captured the top two spots in the Canyon County Farm Bureau's Prepared Public Speaking contest.

Fuhriman placed first with her speech titled "The Wolf is at the Door," analyzing Idaho's urbanization issue.

DeVice was runner-up with her speech titled "CRISPR" about the future of Ag Production.

Several weeks later, DeVice took second at the district meet, and

Fuhriman finished fourth.

Advocating for ag

The Homedale FFA Officer Team participated in the Day on the Hill Legislative Luncheon on Jan. 24 in Boise.

The officer team dined with Idaho legislators and other state officials and were able to advocate for agriculture.

Gov. Brad Little spoke during the luncheon, officially declaring Idaho's FFA Week.

After the luncheon, a group of Homedale FFA members participated in the Gem State Leadership Conference. Upperclassmen and underclassmen were split into separate groups and participated in two different conferences led by 2021-22 Idaho FFA state officers. The underclassmen participated in the Enrich Conference, while the upperclassmen participated in the Pursue Conference.

Members attended five different sessions, learning about valuable life lessons and leadership skills. A group of members also participated

in an "Idaho Industry Tour" of the Boise water treatment plant. The skills and lessons learned at the Gem State Conference will allow FFA members to grow in leadership skills and help improve the chapter and the community.

Collecting district titles

Multiple Homedale FFA members competed in the numerous contests at the Treasure Valley District FFA Leadership Development Event on Dec. 8 in Notus.

Kennedy Kildow won the Greenhand Creed contest and earned the opportunity to compete at the State Leadership Conference in April. Creed speaking is only offered for freshmen in FFA.

Homedale also won the district championship in the Greenhand Quiz Bowl. The five-person team of Tayler Trout, Rachel Palwak, Julianna Clair, Allie Bell and Raelynn Kiser answered questions covering general agricultural production and FFA knowledge. There is no state Quiz Bowl.



Farm Bureau discussion state meet

Left: Anna Pawlak makes a point during a discussion competition in Boise last month. Above: Dani Sitts (left), like Pawlak a member of the Homedale FFA chapter, also qualified for the state meet after progressing through the Canyon County and District 4 competitions. Idaho Farm Bureau Federation photos



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Search for rangeland-recreation harmonious existence continues

IRCP holds annual meeting in Nampa

The Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership is on track for its annual meeting this week in Boise.

The group, whose coordinator is Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards, postponed its annual meeting in January for undisclosed reasons.

The two-day meeting, “Collaborations for Healthy Rangelands,” will be held Thursday and Friday inside the Elk Room at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Southwest Region Office in Nampa.

Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.com. Search for Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership.

The first-day session begins at 1 p.m., when Jared Talley, Ph. D., delivers “Collaborating Across Differences: The Situation/The Problem/The Solution Framework.”

Talley is a Boise State University faculty member dealing with Environmental Philosophy and Governance.

According to the IRCP meeting description, Talley specializes in collaboration in natural resources and will set the theme for the meeting.

The IRCP annual meeting will feature panelists sharing information and generating discussions. There will also be breakout sessions dealing



A recreationalist takes the time to get off his four-wheeler and close a livestock gate while riding in the Owyhee Front. The Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership's annual meeting will delve into the issues of recreationalists on rangeland this week. Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission photo

In the main section of this week's The Owyhee Avalanche: County commissioners urge recreationalists to proceed with caution and courtesy as warm weather arrives in the back country.

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Homedale FFA's bring home awards from leadership development event

Homedale FFA members show off their awards after the Treasure Valley District Leadership Development Events at Ridgevue High School in Nampa on Feb. 9. **From left:** Homedale FFA chapter co-advisor Shane Wetzel, Katie DeVice, Morgan Fuhriman, student-teacher Loren Eels, Brianna Cayford, Rylan Love, and chapter co-advisor Rachel Rheuby. Submitted photo

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Greg Purdom stands at the edge of a settling pond that the South Board of Control helped dig to keep field run-off — and accompanying sediment — from crossing a road and draining into an irrigation ditch.

✓ **Conservation:** Purdom plans more projects soon

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who dedicated 60 years to serving the community as a farmer and a conservation district supervisor, passed away in the spring of 2020.

Purdom, who attended the January banquet with his wife, Carina, and their three children has also dedicated a lot of time and energy on the front lines of soil conservation efforts at the family's G & C Farms.

Purdom has been growing mostly corn, wheat, alfalfa hay and beans on his 600-acre farm for about 30 years. He has always included conservation efforts in his farming philosophy.

"I've been interested in the conservation part basically as long as I've been farming," Purdom said. "It just makes sense to do the best you can with it."

He takes advantage of a program implemented by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the past 15 years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture

agency has a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to help farmers like Purdom manage natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The program provides assistance in planning and implementing conservation practices to save energy, improve soil and other related resources on agricultural land.

Water and soil conservation are the main drivers for Purdom's involvement. He has converted many of his fields to overhead irrigation, which reduces run-off and provides more efficient crop coverage.

"The NRCS began their cost-share program, and that afforded me the opportunity to start putting in pivots," Purdom said.

Purdom plans a wheel line project and more pivots, but the progress of his conservation efforts is at the mercy of how healthy the federal program is funded from year to year.

"The ratio of cost depends on the project, and the year, and how many feet of pipe is being installed," he said. "You never know for sure until you do the exact project."

Pivots, in the world of farming, are those mechanized irrigation machines we've all seen here in Idaho. They are usually on wheels, so they can move around. They somewhat resemble a bunch of playground jungle gyms, only with water spraying down on to fields.

Through the federal program, Purdom has been able to install five pivots on ground that he farms.

"The biggest deal with NRCS is they want gravity irrigation converted to overhead pivots," he said. "They don't want water running down a corrugate."

A corrugate is a furrow in the space between rows of crops. The corrugates fill with irrigation water

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✓ Conservation: Award is extra special for Purdom

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that is usually siphoned from ditches or standing water. That promotes erosion that moves sediment into nearby irrigation infrastructure.

“It is always because you dump dirty water in the canal. So if you wash corrugates down, irrigation water doesn’t soak as well and crops don’t grow as well,” Purdom said. “It all just kinda goes together.”

Erosion can build up nearby ditches and canals with silt, or – in Purdom’s case – move silt into the Snake River.

That’s where the South Board of Control’s help comes in with the construction of settling ponds to capture run-off, or the application of chemical that binds to the sediment and impedes its movement in the flow of water.

SBOC sells Soil Fix, the brand name for the granule chemical, at cost to producers.

Purdom comes by his love of farming honestly. His grandparents, Woody and Mary Purdom, lived in the only house on Purdom Lane, and farmed there after moving from Arizona in the 1940s. His parents, Bill and Judy Purdom, farmed off Southside Road.

Maternal grandparents Harold and Irene Markley farmed in the Ridgeview area just over the Oregon border, west of Homedale.

The Ray Mansisidor Conservationist of the Year Award has special meaning for Purdom beyond the recognition of his conservation efforts.

“I always had a lot of respect for Ray, and to get this award means a lot,” Purdom said. “I always looked up to him.”

Mansisidor’s son Joe, who succeeded his father as an OCD supervisor, presented his old Homedale High School classmate with the award in January.

Purdom’s family joined him at the ceremony. His wife Carina is the farm’s bookkeeper. Their three children, who grew up helping on the farm just as Greg had with his parents and grandparents, were also on hand.

The eldest, son Gage, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Idaho. Daughter Bailey, 16, is a

junior at Homedale High School, and the youngest son, Cylas, is 11 and a sixth-grader at Homedale Middle School.

Even though his children have helped on the farm and have proven to be some pretty talented siphon tube-setters in annual Owyhee County Fair competitions, Purdom will watch them create their own paths.

“I want them to get their college educations, and then it’s up to them after that,” he said. “My favorite part of farming is that it’s a good business to raise a family in.”



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will be making the climb up the hill after emptying their trucks.

Speaking before diesel prices began to skyrocket two weeks ago, Nash said the longer trips would add to the expense of getting beets to harvest. Undoubtedly, that squeeze will be more acute with the higher fuel prices.

Nash's other concern is a bit of foresight: Homedale's Snake River bridge was built in 1967, and it could come up in the Idaho Transportation Department's replacement rotation in just a few years.

"What concerns me is the bridge work," he said. "If they do that work, how are we going to get around it?"

It's possible Owyhee County beet loads could be routed to Marsing if and when bridge construction is carried out.

Consolidating the two beet dumps could provide efficiency for farmers, too.

Beet pilers now stationed in

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— Steve Nash

Homedale sugarbeet grower



Homedale and Wilder will be moved to the new location, possibly creating faster off-load opportunities for beet haulers and quickening harvest time for farmers.

Inbound and outbound scales are planned to ease truck traffic congestion.

Amalgamated is working with an engineering firm to analyze U.S. 95 traffic to determine what intersection improvements may be necessary.

Road construction is tentatively planned for next spring.

Other improvements to ease traffic impact include placing the receiving station's entrance and exit as far

west as possible to improve the line of sight with the Upper Pleasant hill that is east of the property.

A gravel road will be built an adequate length to accommodate truck traffic and minimize tracking mud out on to Upper Pleasant Road.

Amalgamated is also working with the Golden Gate Highway District on improvements to Upper Pleasant Road.

— JPB

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with current rangeland topics.

Later Thursday, the “Sage Grouse 3.0 — Greater Than Grouse” panelists will discuss the vision for sage-grouse in Idaho and cover what planning efforts have worked and what strategy may need tweaking to get the maximum desired outcome through conservation efforts.

A four-hour second-day session starts at 8:30 a.m., on Friday with a panel discussion on the federal infrastructure bill.

Federal representatives from the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and others

will discuss potential opportunities within the state during the discussion “Infrastructure Funding: How Can We Put It to Work for Idaho?”

Perhaps the biggest on-the-ground discussion pertaining to Owyhee County will be the final piece of the meeting Friday as analysis of the relationship between recreation and rangelands continues for a third year.

“Recreation: Getting Back on Track” will delve into issues created by the increase in recreation the state’s rangelands.

Other parts of the discussion will examine at how groups are looking

to work together and the agencies’ rec policy currently in place for recreation.

During a breakout sessions, attendees will continue talking and search of opportunities to address the challenges and improve information sharing.

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