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New Marsing bridge looks new again

An Idaho Transportation Department crew carried out repair of the metal railing on the Marsing Snake River bridge last Wednesday. City officials had been trying to get the railing replaced since December when a truck slid on icy roads and flung a trailer into the metal.



Irrigation allotment bumped again

Growers got another bit of good news from irrigation officials last week.

The 2022 allotment from the Owyhee Reservoir will top out at 2.5 acre-feet.

“That’s where I say it’s going to land unless we get something major — a rain event or something,” South Board of Control manager John Eells said.

The Owyhee Project Joint Board gathered in Nyssa, Ore., early last week and decided to increase the allotment for the second time since the preliminary was set at 2.1 acre-feet.

“We waited ’til the water flushed out,” Eells said of the timing for the meeting. “We wanted to wait (for the) end of the inflow (from the Rome gauge on the Owyhee River

into the reservoir).”

The boost in water allotment came two weeks before the next round of meetings for the boards that govern the southern end of the Owyhee Project.

The May meetings will be held Tuesday inside the SBOC building at 201 W. Wyoming Ave.

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Budget set, Marsing centennial shindig a go

The City of Marsing will spend up to \$2,000 to celebrate the community’s centennial over a three-day period in July.

City council president Chris Even, who has kept a sharp eye on how the

development of ideas might affect the general fund, made the motion to approve the expenditure.

The vote came in a brief special meeting Thursday

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Melissa Raymond shows off her Boston Marathon medal. Photo by Randall Raymond

Third time is a dreamy charm for Owyhee’s Boston Marathoner

Rimrock coach finally outruns COVID-19 to battle iconic course

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

It has been a long two years for Rimrock High School coach Melissa Raymond, but with grit and determination she accomplished her goal and finally got to run her race with more than 28,000 runners at the 126th annual Boston Marathon.

The Raiders’ cross country coach qualified for the iconic race in 2020, but COVID-19 stripped Raymond’s hopes of Boston just one month shy of race day. Disappointed but not

deterred, Raymond instead ran the virtual race on a course outside of Grand View.

Determined to re-qualify, Raymond hit 2021 with a vengeance. She was successful, but COVID-19 struck again. Raymond was informed that health protocols were being placed on the annual event and her application was denied because of extreme “field size limitations.”

According to Raymond, Boston qualifying times vary based on age and gender, but overall acceptance

times for the 2021 race were a historic 7 minutes and 47 seconds faster than the qualifying time in all age groups.

With dreams set on 2022 Raymond focused on improving her time. Her spirits were lifted in June at the Revel Sun Valley Marathon when she clocked a personal-record time of 3 hours and 22 seconds to earn another chance at Boston.

This time her application was accepted. It was finally her time.

Raymond recalled the April 18 race day mile-by-mile on her Instagram account fitnfoodiefun. She said the

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Candidates pledge equal representation for Owyhee at Statehouse

About 70 people turned out for the second Owyhee County Republican Central Committee-sponsored candidates' forum last week.

Candidates for county offices as well as legislative positions in the revamped District 23 introduced themselves and answered audience questions posed by GOP precinct committee chair Shawn Dygert of Guffey.

Every candidate who had attended the April 19 forum in Murphy showed up for the second go-round with the addition of Chris Bruce, a Kuna resident who is seeking District 23 House Seat B in a purely Republican race against Caldwell resident Tina Lambert, another Kuna resident, Shaun Laughlin, and Homedale resident and former state legislator Lyman Gene Winchester.

Absent again were county coroner write-in candidates Aaron D. Tines, the incumbent, and Jennifer Stevenson.

A third forum was held Tuesday after press time at Rimrock High School in Bruneau.

The forums have been a chance for fellow Republicans to get to know the candidates who will be on the May 17 primary ballot.



Audience members, including legislative candidates Chris Bruce (forefront) and Michael Law center, listen to District 3 commissioner candidate Wyatt Frederick during last week's forum.

As with the Murphy forum, candidates' presented platforms with standard GOP planks — right to life, protecting the 2nd Amendment, self-determination, property rights and liberty.

The legislative candidates also spoke about ongoing property tax reform, which caught Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick's attention.

The incumbent county commissioner, who is seeking another four-year term against the challenge of Wyatt Frederick and Andrea Owens, took time

out of answering a question to implore the men and women who would be representing District 23 at the Statehouse to essentially think of the little guy when considering property tax reform.

Merrick's point was that, now that Owyhee County is in a district with portions of southern Canyon and Ada counties, lowering property taxes would hurt Owyhee's ability to provide services more than it would the big brothers across the Snake River.

Merrick pointed out that

Owyhee County already struggles to retain employees because the tax base makes it difficult to raise money to pay salaries comparable to Ada and Canyon.

The commissioners are analyzing a wage study and the hard choices of finding a way to make significant changes to the salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2023.

Keeping Owyhee County constituents in mind was the implication of the first question when Dygert began grilling the candidates.

"I can't be a proper representative if I'm not out here searching for what Owyhee County wants and Owyhee County needs," Dist. 23, Seat A candidate Melissa Durrant of Kuna said.

Fellow Dist. 23A candidate Jason Knopp, a Melba resident, put a finer point on the power that Owyhee County may hold.

"This is a four-way race, and I don't think Owyhee County votes are going to be less important than those in Ada and Canyon," he said.

Durrant and Knopp are running against Kuna resident Michael Law and Grand View resident Tammy Payne. There are no Democrats in the race, so the primary will decide one of the county's state representatives for the next two years.

State Senate candidates Todd Lakey and Steve Allmer promised the audience that Owyhee County constituents will be heard and will have their attention.

"We have to represent three counties and we have to hear you," Allmer said. "Our voices better be strong. Your voice will matter and be heard in Boise."

— JPB

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Marsing fireworks experience raffle underway again

Chances to win the second annual Marsing Fireworks VIP Raffle went on sale Monday. A fundraiser for the community’s Third of July fireworks display, the raffle features the Marsing Lions Club tri-tip dinner and dessert from Holy Oly O’s for six people. The meal is served on city hall’s private deck overlooking the Snake River with an unencumbered view of the pyrotechnics. Only 400 tickets will be sold, and there will be two winners (1-in-200 odds of winning). The drawing will be held on at 7 p.m., on June 20 at City Hall. Tickets cost \$10 each and are available at City Hall, OC Coffee, M&W Market, and the Pour House. “We have great support from the City of Marsing, Marsing Fire Volunteers, and several local businesses,” fireworks committee chair James Ferdinand said. The committee must pay for the fireworks by May 22 to receive a 25 percent early-bird discount. The early-bird cost is estimated to be \$7,100, which is a savings of about \$2,000 over the regular cost. — JPB

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✓ Irrigation: Monthly directors meetings set for Tuesday in Homedale

Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 7 p.m. The Gem Irrigation board will convene at 7:15 p.m. The South Board of Control, which includes all Gem directors and the Ridgeview chairman, meets at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to in-person attendance, but are still available via videoconference on Zoom. Anyone interested in sitting in on the meetings via the internet through Zoom can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 to get a link to access the meeting. Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings remotely and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable phone can contact the office for an alternative method of attendance. For those who want to keep up-to-date with emergency notices and other news, visit www.southboardofcontrol.com. — JPB

✓ Marsing: Business contributions could help keep taxpayers’ costs down

inside the Sandbar Community Room. City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson, who has served on the centennial planning committee with other city officials, itemized the different needs to make the July 1-3 shindig successful. The budget request was finally hashed out last Wednesday during a committee meeting. Expenses could include:

- Up to \$500 for fishing derby cash prizes. The derby will have an entry fee of \$10 for one fishing rod or \$20 for two.
- Up to \$1,000 for barbecue competition cash prizes. There will be a \$50 entry fee, but the city will provide 2-ounce cups for tasting, judging sheets, pencils and possibly other supplies.

Thompson said she envisions the competition entry fee paying for the operating costs, but wanted money on hand in case the entries fell short of covering. Pacific Steel and Recycling has agreed to provide trophies for the barbecue competition and the fishing derby. The company is also working on the time capsule.

- \$50 for the free community movie
- \$50 for candy for the planned parade
- Up to \$50 to purchase 4-inch-by-6-inch American flags for a planned 100-person formation.

A local man has volunteered to DJ for the free street dance, which will save the city more money. MSBT Law, with which the city contracts for legal services, is covering the cost of an ice cream social. Integra Resources, which operates the DeLamar Mine, may also do something to help the centennial. Sponsorships and contributions are welcome to help offset the cost. — JPB

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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6 th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school (Friends church sponsor) Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
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Benefit concert planned for Rimrock student

The Rimrock FFA chapter will present a benefit concert to help the family of a freshman injured in a horse accident. Elsie Bachman originally was transported to a Boise hospital after suffering a head injury. She has since been transferred to a Utah hospital for the best possible care, according to the Rimrock FFA press release about the upcoming benefit.

Award-winning western singer/songwriter Juni Fisher will perform a concert at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 17 inside the Rimrock High School auditorium. There are limited tickets available for \$35 each, and proceeds will benefit Elsie’s road to recovery. Call (208) 834-2260, ext. 3214, to purchase tickets in advance.

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✓ Boston: After one virtual, one denied, Raymond runs

start was rough. With so many people, her first few miles were dictated by the crowd. “I was literally in a sea of people for the first mile and even into the second,” she said. Boston was Raymond’s seventh marathon, but she had never experienced anything like this before. “Running through all the small towns was so fun ... I don’t recall there ever being a time I couldn’t hear people cheering,” she said. Through the hills she recalled thinking “This race is no joke.” As she pushed down Boylston Street with the finish line in sight, Raymond said she knew her journey was coming to an end and she was living her dream. “The crowds were several people deep on both sides of the street and cheering so loudly for all the finishers,” she said.

“Crossing that iconic Boston finish line was indescribable ... pure joy!” Raymond crossed the line in 3:32, not a personal record but enough to qualify for the 2023 race. “The weather was amazing, the fans and cheering on the course was epic, and the volunteers from start to finish were nothing short of amazing,” she said. Raymond said she has no set plans going forward, and that’s fine with her. She plans to run a few more marathons this next year and spend more time her family.

— 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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Prioritizing water use for landscape, garden during drought

The recent precipitation has certainly been a welcomed addition as much of Idaho and the Pacific Northwest have experienced below-average precipitation over the winter and into early spring. The Treasure Valley is no



Nic Usabel

different with snowpack levels below average, leading to a bleak outlook for reservoirs reaching water-holding capacities.

During periods of low water resources, it is important to prioritize watering needs for the home lawn, landscape, and garden. The following are considerations for prioritization as provided in Extension publications from Colorado State University and Utah State University. As we proceed into the irrigation season and the reduction of water availability, consider this prioritization for your available water.

The main priority will be young or newly transplanted trees, which have a limited root system. Ensure that water is being applied at the base of the tree to allow for watering of the root ball and surrounding area. This expansion beyond the root ball will encourage new root growth to broadly expand and establish, providing more available water resources for the tree. New roots will not grow in locations where water is absent. Water deeply (12 inches) and infrequently. Frequency will be based on soil texture. For example, sandy soils will need to be watered more frequently while those soils with greater clay content will need to be watered less frequently. Sometimes it's a matter of digging and investigating what moisture conditions are. Consider adding a 2- to 3-foot diameter of wood mulch around the tree at a depth of 4 inches. Mulch should not rest again the trunk of the tree — think shape of a donut.

The second priority will be established trees and shrubs because of their high value and the years of care and maintenance it would take to replace these mature landscape plants. When applying water to trees and shrubs apply at

an appropriate rate that allows water to soak into the soil to a depth of 12 inches. Again, the frequency of water application depends on soil texture or if water restrictions are in place by the irrigation district or municipality. General guidelines are as follows: April once per month, May through September up to twice per month.

Following closely as the third priority are the fruit gardens, vegetables gardens, and perennial flowers. Consider using a wood mulch or organic based mulch around trees, small fruits, vegetable plants, and perennial flowers to reduce water evaporation from the soil. Avoid direct stem to mulch contact. Fruit trees and small berries may benefit from an early water now if soil conditions are dry in your landscape.

Lawns finish out the priority list. If watering the lawn, ensure that sprinklers are operating correctly and applying water to desired location — on the lawn and not the sidewalk or roadway. Make water applications so that water is applied deeply and infrequently allowing the turf to show signs of water need before an application of water is applied. Turn off the automatic timer and water the lawn when needed. Increase the mowing height of the grass and consider mulching the grass clippings versus bag removal.

Find resources and information related to drought, visit uidaho.edu/extension/drought or extension.usu.edu/drought.

Insect pests will be a nuisance to the landscape and garden soon. Receive alerts on when they arrive and management by joining the PNW Pest Alert Network at pnwpestalert.net.

Join us for an upcoming virtual class “Gardening for Pollinators” at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 7. Register today at bit.ly/22Pollinator.

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Calendar

Today

Food distribution

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

Ladies coffee group

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

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

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

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.

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

W. W. Jones school board meeting

7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.

Yoga class

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

Teens & Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Friday

Dinner and auction benefit

5 p.m., happy hour, 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m., live auction, Pat Wroten Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (208) 831-7339 or (208) 370-8421

Saturday

Free lunch

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

Homedale Farmers Market plant sale

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.com

EOCWMA spray day

9 a.m., to noon, Eric Davis ranch, 28433 Jacks Creek Road, Bruneau. (208) 519-1533

EOCWMA spray day

1 p.m., to 4 p.m., Grand View Fire station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 519-1533 or (208) 739-0546

Monday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Homedale library board meeting

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

Tuesday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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 Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Senior citizens board meeting

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

After-school program

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Yoga class

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

Melba School Board meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends

Jordan Valley City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2460 Tuesday and Thursday

Pleasant Valley school board meeting

7 p.m., Pleasant Valley School, 28026 Juniper Mountain Rd., Pleasant Valley. (208) 583-2420

Wednesday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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

Yoga class

10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Death notices

LARRY D. MCBRIDE, 74, of Homedale, died Friday, April 29, 2022. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

LARRY EDWIN REEDER, 71, of Givens Hot Springs, died Wednesday, April 27, 2022. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m., to 10:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m., on Monday, May 9, 2022 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 215 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa (208) 467-7300. Full obituary: ZeyerFuneralChapel.com (208) 467-7300

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day

May 4: Tuna noodle casserole, Brussels sprouts
May 5: Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, rice, California blend vegetables
May 10: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, Malibu blend vegetables
May 11: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables

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)
May 4: Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, oriental vegetables, pears, wheat bread
May 6: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and onions, fresh fruit, wheat roll
May 9: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, V8 juice, wheat roll
May 11: Chicken enchilada pasta, corn, Key West vegetable blend, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
May 5: Chicken Philly cheese sandwich, sandwich vegetables, Tater Tots, shellironi salad, fresh fruit, cottage cheese
May 10: Sautéed cabbage with Italian sausage, green salad, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, pudding
May 12: Baked ziti with meat sauce, green salad, cook's choice soup, garlic bread, fruit melody, yogurt with granola

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon.
Phone ahead to (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu.
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
May 5: Chicken dinner
May 10: Breakfast for dinner
May 12: Beef dinner

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit
choices will be offered daily

May 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

May 5: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

May 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, cheese stick, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots

May 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, oranges **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans

May 11: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, strawberries

Homedale Middle

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

May 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

May 5: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

May 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots

May 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

May 11: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patties, hash brown patty, strawberries

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string
cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices daily
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day

May 4: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans, or pepperoni pizza with tossed salad, or ham and cheese sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

May 5: **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

May 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, or mini waffles, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger with

fries, or pepperoni pizza with fries or turkey bacon sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

May 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with tots, or mozzarella filled breadstick with tots, or southwest chicken wrap with chips, or southwest chicken salad with breadstick

May 11: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), or breakfast round, yogurt **Lunch:** Taquito with potato wedges, or cheeseburger with potato wedges, G&G Club sub with chips or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice,
fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast:
Cereal option

Middle/High School each day: PB&J
sandwich option

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub 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)

May 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie, Cold Grab-n-go: BQ chicken ranch wrap

May 5: **Breakfast:** Mini bagel, yogurt **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, potato wedge, Cold Grab-n-go: Chicken bacon ranch wrap

May 9: **Breakfast:** Apple or cherry frudel **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Mozzarella-filled breadsticks, tots/gems, Cold Grab-n-go: Italian wrap

May 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast round **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, Cold Grab-n-go: Malibu chicken wrap meal

May 11: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, green beans, Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken pizza, potato wedge

Bruneau/Grand View

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

May 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Nachos and chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

May 5: **Breakfast:** Bagels, cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on bun, fries, celery sticks

May 9: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir fry vegetables

May 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

May 11: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, refried beans, broccoli

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Cinco de Mayo fiesta gives families insight into what HHS has to offer

The parents and families of Homedale High School students and incoming freshmen are invited to an informative celebration Thursday.

The Cinco de Mayo Family Fiesta runs from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., at the school, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

A free dinner, fun activities

and music will be the backdrop for school officials' outreach to help families learn more about:

- Extra-curricular clubs and activities
- HHS class offerings
- High school graduation requirements
- TRiO

There also will be school tours.

The celebration, which will begin in the high school gymnasium, is being hosted by HHS, Gear UP and the Future Hispanic Leaders of American (FHLA).

For more information, call the school at (208) 337-4613.

Marsing Chamber plans for “Wine & Art by the River”

Would-be vendors and artists have until May 27 to register for participation in the Wine & Art by the River festival scheduled for Saturday, June 11 at Marsing Island Park.

The festival is scheduled to run from 11 a.m., to 4 p.m.

Booth space is available for the following prices:

- **Arts and crafts** — \$35 per space
- **Wine or beer** — \$75 per space

Food truck owners who want to take part are asked to contact The Chamber for pricing.

A festival application is available at www.marsingchamber.org.

Courthouse report

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

April 25

Alex E. Avila, Owyhee, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$600 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Amber Louise Gibson, Owyhee, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Timothy Daniel Juarez, Fresno, Calif. — Felony marijuana possession, greater than 3 ounces (amended from felony marijuana drug trafficking, 1 pounds or more but less than 5 lbs, or 25 to 49 plants) (plea deal): 14 days in prison. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony criminal conspiracy, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Michelle Nadine Martinez, Owyhee, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$600 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Brian Stephen Newell, Caldwell — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fish without a license (not salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or bull trout): \$226 in fines, \$165 in court costs

April 22

Mikala L. Stimmel, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession: 3 years felony probation, \$285.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to expunge record after successful completion of sentence. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Carl Stevenson Jacques, Boynton Beach, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Austin Taylor Job, Pocatello — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

April 20

Chardee Rae Vanderhoff, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (excessive): 180 days in jail (170 days suspended, 10 days to serve, 2 days must be served, but 64 hours community service can be served in lieu of the remaining 8 days), 2 years supervised probation, 1-year driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$266.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to expunge record after successful completion of sentence

Jordan M. Branan, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (2 days served, 170 days suspended, 8 days in jail or 64 hours of community service to serve), 2 years supervised

probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$266.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor unlawful transportation of alcoholic beverage

Gerardo Caballero Cristino, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI: 180 days in jail (10 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 180-day driver's license suspension, 1 year supervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$226.50 in court costs

Corey Steven Hinrichs, Melba — Misdemeanor false information provided to officer, government agency or specified professional; misdemeanor marijuana possession; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 135 days in jail (served)

Kevin W. Schrader, Homedale — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal): \$150 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

James Robert Sloan, Caldwell — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$272.50 in court costs

April 18

Roberto M. Zavala, Murphy — Misdemeanor DUI: 5 days in jail (4 days suspended, 1 day served), 2 years supervised probation, 6-month driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

Andy Ray Thompson, Middleton — Misdemeanor protection order violation: 12 months unsupervised probation, \$290 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs

Edward J. Cuen, Boise — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fish without a license (not salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or bull trout): \$26 in fines, \$168 in court costs

Hector Daniel Flores Campos, Caldwell — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving: \$100 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Ahmadsaeed Haidaryar, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook (serious): \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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Shakespeare comes to HHS halls, stage

Homedale High School Drama Club members will pop into English classes today to present Shakespeare to the school’s junior and senior English classes.

The mobile matinee is the run-up to “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” which will be presented at 7 p.m., today inside the old gymnasium as a scholarship fundraiser.

Admission will be by donation with proceeds going to the Drama Scholarship Fund that then-HHS senior Jayden Waltman established two years ago as part of his leadership project.

The fund helps students who want to continue in the arts after high school.

Shakespeare at HHS

Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Adapted by Dr. Carolyn Harper
HHS Cast List

Narrator.....	Solstice Johnson
Theseus.....	Corilynn Huskey
Egeus.....	Catherine Decker
Lysander.....	Bobby Christensen
Demetrius.....	Brock Johnson
Philstrate.....	Judy Marzouka
Quince.....	Athena Agnew
Snug.....	Raquel Rich
Bottom.....	Rylan Love
Snout.....	Paige Van Vliet
Flute.....	Adam Francis
Starveling.....	Emma Olson
Hippolyta.....	NeidyRamirez
Hermia.....	Kahlilia Mark
Helena.....	Amber McBride
Oberon.....	Josilyn Given
Titania.....	Chloe Mayers
Puck (Or Robin Goodfellow).....	Téa Uranga
Peaseblossom.....	Katie DeVice
Moth.....	Isabella Steves
Cobweb.....	Lucilynn Tuning
Mustardseed.....	Neidy Ramirez
Tech Crew.....	Sara Termini, Delyla Kester, Grant Waltman

Today



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April 26

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April 27

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April 29

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April 30

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May 1

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May 2

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
04/26	0.0	0	12.5	54	36	46
04/27	0.0	0	12.5	54	36	45
04/28	0.0	0	12.5	53	33	40
04/29	0.0	0	12.5	49	31	39
04/30	0.0	0	12.5	51	33	42
05/01	0.0	0	12.9	50	35	41
05/02	0.0	0	12.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
04/26	0.0	0	12.5	50	35	42
04/27	0.0	0	12.7	52	35	42
04/28	0.0	0	12.7	42	31	35
04/29	0.0	0	12.9	47	29	36
04/30	0.0	0	12.9	43	33	38
05/01	0.0	0	13.6	51	32	41
05/02	0.0	0	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
04/26	3.6	6	26.3	51	35	41
04/27	3.1	5	26.4	50	35	42
04/28	2.3	3	26.4	51	30	36
04/29	2.3	5	26.8	47	27	36
04/30	2.0	3	26.8	49	34	40
05/01	1.5	2	27.1	45	31	37
05/02	1.4	2	27.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 46 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 706 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 125 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 326,940 acre-feet of water on Monday.

More SNOTEL

As of Monday

Fawn Creek, Nev.

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
5.9	19	21.6

Melba Sr. Center offers bingo and more

Activities at the Melba Senior Center are warming up as spring moves along.

Bingo is planned from 10 a.m., to noon on Thursdays.

Nail painting and haircuts will be available from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday. You must call to sign up.

Fit n Fall Proof classes are held from 1 p.m., to 2 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday.

A farmers market takes place from 5 p.m., to 8 p.m., on the first and third Thursdays.

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Explosive Homedale nabs softball district's top seed

Trojans are one postseason win away from another trip to state tournament

Homedale High School unloaded on Weiser in the top of the seventh inning to wrap up the No. 1 seed in the 3A District III softball tournament. The Trojans entered their final at-bat trailing by a run and exited with a 15-9 lead that held up as the final margin in the 3A Snake River Valley conference finale for both squads. The No. 1 seed gives coach Larry Corta's team a bye through Saturday's opening round.

The Trojans (16-4-1 overall, 8-1 in conference after Monday's win) await the winner of Saturday's first-round matchup between No. 3 seed Payette and No. 8 seed — See *Homedale*, page 17A

Reiber, Richardson reset more Melba records

IHSAA honors Owyhee sprinter

Joe Reiber and McKoy Richardson continued their record-shattering ways last week. Reiber set a pair of Melba High School track records. Both he and Richardson broke records that had stood for a generation. An Owyhee County resident, Richardson cemented the Idaho High School Athletic Association Toyota Athlete of the Week Award with his second school record in as many weeks. Reiber also set two records last week, including his own school mark in the 100 meters, during the Dave Mangum Invitational. Running in front of a hometown crowd Thursday, the senior shattered a 28-year-old school record in the 200 meters. Reiber won the ran in 22.13 seconds, surpassing Harlen Allen's 22.5 mark set in 1994. Reiber's school record in the 100 last only seven days. He bettered the mark he established at the Weiser Invitational by winning the Mangum 100 in 10.79. Richardson's record run came in the YMCA Invitational during the — See *Melba*, page 17A



Owyhee County resident McKoy Richardson clears a hurdle during his record-breaking run at last week's YMCA Invitational in Meridian. Submitted photo

Huskies' jumper sets school record at Mangum meet

Three Marsing High School athletes shook off challenging conditions to win track and field championships last week. And one athlete, junior Emily Vanosdall, broke her own school record — set in 2021 — to win the girls' triple jump at the Dave Mangum Invitational in Melba. Vanosdall's new standard is 33 feet, 7¾ inches, established despite difficulty at Dave Mangum Track and Field. "It was cold and windy," Huskies coach Heidi Ankeny said. "Despite the weather, the kids gave great effort. Not as many (personal records) as we would have expected, but the wind really slowed things down on the back stretch, in the jumps and the throws." Vanosdall jumped to second place at 14-2¼ in the girls' long jump, too. In the boys' meet, senior Trayton Jacobi took the shot put title with a 40-5 effort, and sophomore Braden — See *Record*, page 18A



Lexi Loucks moments before signing her letter of intent.

With typical enthusiasm, Lexi Loucks accepts next challenge

Marsing senior heading to Montana school to cheer, study

A long journey jumped on to another track Thursday for Lexi Loucks. The Marsing High School cheerleader signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Montana Western in Dillon, Mont. With parents Melissa and Lamont Loucks standing in the wings on opposite sides of the room and cheer coaches, classmates and myriad relatives looking on, Lexi Loucks — See *Loucks*, page 13A

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Sports

Melba rallies late to beat Marsing for crucial 2A WIC win

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Melba High School scored twice in the top of the seventh inning April 26 to secure a dramatic conference baseball victory over host Marsing.

The Huskies' Gavin Phillips pitched into the seventh inning, but the Mustangs pulled out a 7-5 victory.

"He showed great composure and gave us a great chance to win," Huskies coach JW Chadez said of his starting pitcher. "Melba played a great baseball game, committing only one error. And we showed great fight in that game."

Phillips seemed to settle down in the seventh, getting two pop-fly outs after hitting Parker Hansen with a pitch

and giving up a double to Remmington Sessions to start the inning.

Then Phillips appeared to just run out of gas.

Hansen scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch, and Sessions came home on Robert Knight's base hit to left field.

Three Marsing hitters then went down in order in the bottom of the inning to seal the deal for Melba.

The game was a tight battle throughout.

Marsing built a 3-2 lead after JT Chadez ripped a two-run single in the bottom of the fifth.

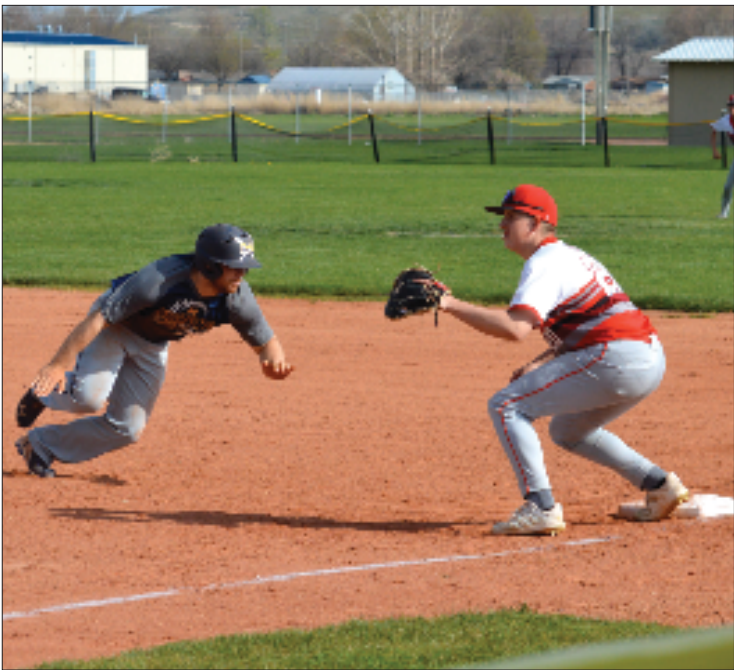
Meanwhile, Phillips was cruising along, having allowed just the two runs on three hits, one walk and a hit batsman.

"Our goal for the week was

to reset our mindset, and focus on the little things," coach JW Chadez said, "We wanted to see our pitchers have more command of the strike zone and get out ahead of the hitters."

Melba rallied for three runs in the sixth to regain the lead, 5-3. Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson tied the score, 3-3, on Knight's base hit, and Knight scored the go-ahead run when the next batter — Kaden Rosenlund — doubled.

The Huskies rallied for two runs in the bottom of the inning to tie the score, 5-5. Phillips' fly-ball double into right field put runners at second and third before Jace Chadez's two-out RBI single plated Xavier Delgadillo. Phillips scored on an error to knot the score.



Marsing's Cache Hance dives back toward the bag as Melba first baseman Kaden Rosenlund sets up for a pickoff throw from Jeff Fahey.

JV track runs ragged

Jill Gammett and Claire Collins closed a busy track and field week with top-10 finishes in Ontario, Ore.

A Jordan Valley High School junior, Gammett finished third in the St. Alphonsus Invitational girls' triple jump Saturday at 29 feet, 11¾ inches. She was eighth in the long jump at 13-3.

A freshman, Collins finished ninth in the girls' 1,500 meters in 7 minutes, 26.15 seconds.

Another junior, Grady Johnsrud, posted a personal record in the boys' 400 meters, taking 13th in 1:02.28.

In the April 26 Crane Invitational, Gammett attained PRs for a triple jump title (30-10½) and a runner-up finish in the long jump (14-1½).

Collins was runner-up in the 1,500 with a PR of 7:07.51.

PRs in the boys' 400 came from Johnsrud (third, 1:03.91) and sophomore Cale Gooch (fifth, 1:05.76).

Gooch also had a PR in the 200, taking 10th in 29.55.

Sophomore Riley Hawker's personal-best mark of 16-6¾ was good for third in the long jump.

HRs fly when Huskies host Melba

The red-hot Melba High School softball team poured it on during an easy conference win over Marsing.

The Mustangs smacked 23 hits and took advantage of 13 errors in a 36-7 2A Western Idaho Conference walkover on April 26 on the Huskies' field.

The game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule, but not before a last-ditch five-run rally from Marsing (6-11 overall, 1-8 in conference at week's end).

Emily Thoene hit a home run and knocked in three RBI for the Huskies. She also scored twice.

Teammate Anna Gluch scored twice and drove in two runs and had a double.

Marsing managed just four hits against two Melba pitchers.

Kinzie Stradley carried a big bat for the Mustangs. She homered and pounded a pair of doubles while knocking in five runs and scored four times during a 3-for-6 performance.

Kenzie Shaffer also hit a home run and scored three times.

Melba (16-6, 6-3) wasted little time setting the tone with nine runs in the top of the first inning.

Owyhee County resident Bren Duckett notched three doubles, while Emily Zavala had a pair of doubles and joined teammates Analiese Robson and Esther Riley with triples. Zavala, Duckett and Riley knocked in four runs each.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Baseball
JT Chadez, jr., LF, P
4-for-10, 5 runs, 3 RBI, 1 win

Softball
Anna Gluch, jr., OF
3-for-10, 5 runs, 5 RBI, 2 2Bs in 3 games

Track and field
Emily Vanosdall, jr., jumps
Broke her own triple jump school record

Baseball Varsity
2A District III Tournament
Friday, May 6, opponent and location TBA, 2 p.m.
If win Friday: Saturday, May 7, home for semifinal vs. TBD, noon or 3 p.m.
If lose Friday: Tuesday, May 10, opponent and site TBD, 2 p.m., or 5 p.m.
If win Friday and Saturday: Thursday, May 12, home for championship vs. TBD, 5 p.m.
If lose Friday and win Tuesday: Thursday, May 12, home for consolation final vs. TBD, 2 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Softball Varsity
2A District III Tournament
Monday, May 9 vs. Cole Valley Christian, New Plymouth H.S., 3 p.m.
If win Monday: Monday, May 9, semifinal at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
If lose Monday's first game: Tuesday, May 10, loser-out game at Nampa Christian H.S., 3 p.m.
If win Monday's first game and lose second: Tuesday, May 10, loser-out game at Nampa Christian H.S., 5 p.m.
If win both Monday games: Wednesday, May 11, championship at Nampa Christian H.S., 5 p.m.
If lose win in Tuesday's game: Wednesday, May 11, consolation final at Nampa Christian H.S., 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

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Sports

Late-season streak gives Trojans district home game

Baseball postseason starts
Saturday vs. Parma

A second-half surge put Homedale High School on the cusp of starting the baseball postseason at home. Weiser ended the Trojans' four-game 3A Snake River Valley conference winning streak and nailed down the top seed in the 3A District III Tournament with a 9-5 triumph Monday in Washington County. But, thanks to a tiebreaker scenario, Payette's 17-1 loss to No. 2 Fruitland on Monday —coupled with the Trojans' clutch 8-3 win over the Grizzlies a week earlier — gave Homedale (12-9 overall, 5-5 in conference) an opening-round game against Parma at noon on Saturday at John Jackson Field. The Vandals lost the No. 5 seed tiebreaker to Parma. **Monday: Weiser 9, Homedale 5** — Moments after Tyler Woodward's sacrifice fly tied the score, 5-5, in the fifth inning, the Wolverines scored four times in the home half to

regain momentum. Weiser took advantage of three errors in the bottom of the fifth. Homedale committed nine miscues in the game, and only three Wolverines runs were earned. Dillon Fine, who struck out six in four innings of relief, took the loss and was bitten for three unearned runs in the fifth. Payton Fine crushed a two-run double, and Dillon Fine scored on a subsequent error to give Homedale a 3-0 lead in the top of the third. Weiser reacted quickly with five runs — three unearned — in the bottom of the inning against starter Cody Liebschwager. **Last Wednesday: Homedale 11, McCall-Donnelly 0 (6)** — Dillon Fine put a fine point on the Trojans' vengeance tour stop in Valley County, striking out 14 and pitching a two-hit shutout.



Homedale's seniors will play one more home game for Burke Deal on Saturday. **From left:** Cody Liebschwager, Tyler Woodward, Deal, John Lejardi, and Beeg Hockenhull. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Oh, and he popped a home run as part of his 2-for-4, four RBI day at the plate. Sigmund Goode scored three runs and knocked in two more on a double and triple. Leadoff hitter D'Orr Packer doubled and scored twice, while Andrew Marston went 2-for-2 with two runs scored. **April 25: Homedale 8, Fruitland 3** — Marston's solo home run snapped a 3-3 deadlock in the bottom of the third inning and ultimately gave the Trojans the No. 3 seed in the

district tournament. After Fruitland opened Homedale's senior night game with a three-spot in the top of the first against 12th-grader John Lejardi, the Trojans knotted the score in the home half. Packer scored on Goode's base hit, Marston scored on Lejardi's fly ball, and Goode swiped home to tie the game. Homedale added back-to-back two-run rallies in the fifth and sixth innings. Lejardi gave up three runs and three hits in the game's

first 2/3 of an inning. Relievers Liebschwager and Dillon Fine clamped down the rest of the way. Another senior, Liebschwager struck out five and scattered three hits in 4 1/3 innings. Fine pitched no-hit ball with two strikeouts over the final two stanzas. Beeg Hockenhull doubled, scored a run and picked up an RBI. Lejardi got his second RBI of the game when he and Fine ripped back-to-back two-out doubles in the fifth.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Baseball
Andrew Marston, so., LF
3-for-4, 3 runs, RBI, HR in 2 games



Softball
Olivia Asumendi, so., SS/P
2 HRs, 1-hitter with 11 Ks in 2 games



Track and field
Izze Jacobs, sr., throws
Won girls' discus 3A SRV title with best-ever throw



Golf
Kinley Balkovetz, fr.
His 44 pushed Trojans to 3A SRV win



Tennis
Judy Marzouka, sr.
Palestinian exchange student playing doubles

This week's Sports Schedule

Varsity Wednesday, May 4, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4 p.m. 3A District III Tournament Saturday, May 7, home vs. Parma, noon If win Saturday: Monday, May 9, semifinal at Weiser, 5 p.m. If lose Saturday: Tuesday, May 10, loser-out game, site and opponent TBA, 5 p.m. If win Saturday and Monday: Wednesday, May 11, championship game, site and opponent TBA, 5 p.m. If lose Saturday and win Tuesday: Wednesday, May 11, consolation final, opponent and site TBA, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, May 4, home vs. Adrian, 6 p.m. Track and field Friday, May 6 at Moke Strong Canyon County Championships, Ridgevue H.S., Nampa, 3 p.m. Tennis Thursday, May 12 at 3A District III Tournament, TBA	Softball Varsity Wednesday, May 4 at Fruitland, 5 p.m. 3A District III Tournament Monday, May 9, home, semifinal vs. Payette or Fruitland, 5 p.m. If win Monday: Wednesday, May 11, home, championship vs. Weiser, McCall-Donnelly or Parma, 5 p.m. If lose Monday: Tuesday, May 10, home, loser-out game vs. McCall-Donnelly or Parma, 5 p.m. If lose Monday and win Tuesday: Wednesday, May 11, home, consolation final, vs. TBA, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, May 4, home vs. Adrian, 5 p.m. Golf Coed Monday, May 9 at 3A District III Tournament, TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 11:30 a.m.
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Sports

Huskies split wild contests

The bottom two teams in the 2A Western Idaho Conference softball standings engaged in another slugfest Friday. This time, Marsing High School couldn't pull out the victory.

The visiting Huskies tied the game in the top of the seventh, but Vision Charter pushed two runs across in its final at-bat for a 17-16 conference win in Caldwell.

The Golden Eagles (2-11 overall, 1-8 in conference) snapped a seven-game losing streak that included a 26-12 loss in Marsing on April 12.

The Huskies (6-11, 1-8) built a 9-2 lead in their first three at-bats, but couldn't avoid falling into a tie with Vision Charter for the No. 5 seed in the approaching 2A District III Tournament.

The Golden Eagles inched to within a run, 9-8, with six runs in the third inning then took a 13-9 lead with a five-spot in their next at-bat.

Freshman Lilly Thoene and senior Lexi Loucks went 3-for-5 from the top of Marsing's batting order. Loucks drove in four runs with a pair of doubles, and Thoene scored four times while notching a double.

Ariel Ingersoll was 3-for-5 with three RBI and a double.

Emily Thoene and Taylor Callison both ripped triples. Thoene knocked in two runs and scored three times.

April 25: Marsing 20, Wilder 19 — The Huskies were able to hold off the Wildcats in the bottom of the seventh inning for a non-conference road win.

Marsing led throughout the game, building an 18-15 advantage after five innings on the strength of back-to-back six-run uprisings.

After Wilder cut the deficit to 18-16, Marsing scored two desperately needed insurance runs in the top of the seventh. That offset Wilder's three-run rally in the bottom of the inning.

Jaci Montgomery and Anna Gluch both pasted doubles for Marsing. Exchange student Sophia Lundberg scored two runs and knocked in two runs.

Loucks was 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI, and Lilly Thoene scored three runs from the leadoff spot. Gluch also drove in three runs, while Callison crossed the plate four times.



Veteran Homedale High School tennis coach Scott Michaelson pays tribute to his senior players prior to the home finale last week. **From left:** Michaelson, Destiny Castellanos, Austin Franko, Abbey Henry, Cheyenne Kelly, Judy Marzouka, Whitney Ross, Brian Vega, and Elizabeth Whitehead. Photo by Camille Henry

Seniors close Homedale home-court careers

Cheyenne Kelly's senior night lasted a little longer than her fellow upperclassmen on the Homedale High School tennis team.

The Trojans' No. 2 girls' singles player needed a tiebreaker to win the first set against Parma's Leix Atkinson on April 26 at the Bette Uda City Park courts.

And both players needed another day to conclude their match. Atkinson was leading, 6-3, in the second set when play was suspended apparently. A notation on HHS coach Scott Michaelson report to The Owyhee Avalanche said the match as to be completed

Monday after deadline.

Kelly's match marked one of three during the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet in which Homedale tennis players won a set.

Sophomore Terrance LaFleur beat Anthony O'Leary, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 2 singles. The match was an exhibition and didn't count toward the meet, which Parma led, 4-1, when Kelly's competition was suspended.

Another senior, Abbey Henry, was able to pick up a set victory in her final home-court appearance. She played the No. 2 girls' doubles match with junior partner Maite Frank. Parma's Mikayla Searle and

Lee Ann O'Leary triumphed, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Other seniors playing before a home crowd for the final time included:

- **Austin Franko, No. 1 boys' singles** — He fell, 6-0, 6-0, to Hayden Ankenbauer.

- **Elizabeth Whitehead, No. 1 girls' singles** — Despite some crisp returns, she couldn't solve Austyn Harris in a 6-0, 6-2 setback.

- **Destiny Castellanos and Judy Marzouka, No. 1 girls' doubles** — The Trojans lost, 6-0, 6-0, to Maryn Wagstaff and Julie Page. Marzouka is an exchange student from Palestine.

- **Brian Vega and Whitney Ross, No. 1 mixed doubles** — The senior duo lost, 6-0, 6-0, to Karli Hancock and Evan Weber.

Thursday: Fruitland 5, Homedale 1 — Franko beat Mayson Bell in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1 boys' singles for the Trojans only victory in a conference dual on the road.

The top two girls' singles matches stretched to three sets.

Whitehead lost to Fruitland No. 1 Chanlar O'Neil, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Kelly dropped a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 decision to Grizzlies' No. 2 Janice Roundy.

✓ Loucks: Senior has been all-around leader at her school

From Page 10A made the commitment near the school's front office.

She was talkative prior to the signing moment, thanking her cheer coaches, her tumbling coach and her basketball coaches and her family.

"Thank you all for supporting me," she said. "It's been a wild journey. Cheer is not seen as a sport much, so thank you for supporting me."

Current Huskies cheer coach Alicia Ryska said Lexi has been as much a foundation for the program as the community has been for her.

"Lexi has been a cornerstone in the success of the Marsing High cheerleading program," Ryska said.

"Lexi really showed her problem-solving skills, her dedication, and her resilience. As a captain she truly kept things rolling in a positive way. She set a great example for the team."

Loucks ranks fourth in the Class of 2022 as graduation looms. She plans to major in Business Communications.

Loucks started cheer at 2 years old and enjoyed several milestones once she got to high

school

- Homecoming queen capped her ascension from Homecoming duchess and princess. She has been a part of the spring court for two years.

- In addition to four years of cheer, she also played volleyball each year in high school while also competing in softball and basketball for three seasons. She also played golf for one year.

- Leadership roles include two years as class president, Student Council secretary and

vice-president, president and secretary during three years in the National Honor Society and historian during her four-year run with the Business Professionals of America chapter.

- She's also a four-year FFA chapter member.

- For her senior leadership project, Loucks organized a mini cheer camp that included a halftime performance during a boys' basketball game. The camp raised \$1,000 for Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"Lexi was able to successfully

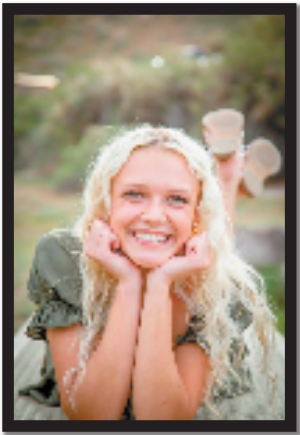
manage being a dual athlete, active in school clubs, and Student Council," Ryska said. "She has made the best of it and truly, her dedication is contagious."

Her cheer talents are evident, too, the coach said.

"The energy she gives is infectious. Her flyer skills have been amazing to watch," Ryska said. "I am thrilled she will be able to keep cheering at the college of her choice."

"Marsing can really be proud of this shining star." — JPB

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Sports

Fueled by freshmen, Trojans win latest by a stroke

Uranga stretches medalist streak to 11 meets

The weather was the only thing that changed in Homedale High School’s latest 3A Snake River Valley conference golf meet.

The HHS boys won another team title — by the slimmest of margins.

And top girls’ golfer Téa Uranga was medalist for the 11th consecutive nine-hole conference meet.

“It was actually a nice day,” Trojans coach Casey Grove said. “It was warm with minimal wind.”

While the weather improved for last Wednesday’s nine-hole regular-season finale at TimberStone Golf Course in Caldwell, Grove expected an excitingly turbulent conclusion

to the boys’ golf season with the 3A District III Tournament looming next week.

Especially after the Trojans edged Fruitland by one shot for last week’s team title.

Led by medalist runner-up Luke Henry, a freshman, Homedale compiled a 184 to the Grizzlies’ 185.

Just to make it interesting, McCall-Donnelly was third, just two strokes back.

That type of margin might be occasionally commonplace in the individual standings, but not in the team chase.

“Every stroke matters,” Grove said. “A three-stroke difference between first and third is crazy. I have never seen that before.

“District tournament is going to be very interesting.”

The 18-hole varsity district tournaments are Monday at TimberStone Golf Course.

Tee times start at 11:30 a.m.,

at the Caldwell-area course.

The top golfers and top two teams move on to the 3A state tournament May 16-17 at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

An 18-hole conference tournament took place Tuesday after deadline at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette. The varsity meet and junior varsity district tournament, was originally scheduled for MeadowCreek Golf Resort in New Meadows, but Grove said Monday that heavy rainfall has made that course unplayable.

Playing as close to home as possible for a 3A SRV meet without being on their home course, the Trojans’ younger golfers bunched their scores together to keep Fruitland and McCall at bay.

Freshman Kinley Balkovetz fired an 8-over-par 44 and tied for fifth individually, matching the score of Fruitland’s Chris Sunderland. Another

ninth-grader, McCoy Swallow, carded a 46.

“Our freshman stepped up and played really well,” Grove said.

Willie White shot a 51 to round out the scoring quartet for Homedale. Fellow senior Eli Heck carded a 53.

“Our two senior boys are struggling right now, but I am hopeful they will get back on the right track by districts,” the longtime HHS coach said. “They both are hard workers and put in the time.”

In what has become old hat, Weiser’s Carter Williams medaled at 1-over-par 37, six shots clear of the 43s from Henry, Fruitland’s Jacob Hamann, and McCall’s Tate Ova.

Uranga rolls again

TimberStone’s policy of not allowing shotgun starts wiped out JV competition and thrust Homedale’s squad into a var-

sity role.

Senior Téa Uranga posted a 10-stroke win for medalist.

“I feel like a broken record,” Grove said. “Téa dominates again.”

Homedale was 12 shots behind runner-up Fruitland and only two shots behind third-place Weiser.

Trojans freshman Gwen Parker shot a 52, tying for third place with Piper Lamm of team champion McCall-Donnelly. The Vandals shot 217 to clear Fruitland by 11 shots.

“Gwen Paker played well,” Grove said. “She is starting to figure things out and is getting better every week.”

Melissa Gonzalez shot a 73, and Lita Thomas scored a 75.

“We are finally getting some team scores as well,” Grove said. “The girls missed out on third place by two strokes, which is an improvement from last week.”

Owyheean lead Mustangs to Mangum Invite sweep

Owyhee County athletes played a part in multiple championships Thursday as Melba High School won both sides of the Dave Mangum Invitational.

The Mustangs were competing at home on the Dave Mangum Track and Field.

Owyheean McKoy Richardson won the 110-meter high hurdles with a PR of 15.34 seconds. He also captured the long jump in 20 feet, 10¾ inches.

The junior was also the final piece of the Mustangs’ 4x400 relay championship, ganging up with fellow Owyheean Kaden Dayley, a junior who started the race, and seniors Easton Draper and Reuben Manzer, to win in 3 minutes, 37 seconds.

Dayley ran the third-stage 400 meters in the Mustangs’ victorious turn in the boys’ sprint medley relay. The team finished in 3 minutes, 54.04 seconds as freshman Carsten Volkers and senior Easton

Draper started off with a pair 200 legs before Dayley handed the baton to senior Reuben Manzer for the final 800.

Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley, a sophomore, won two individual races. She took the 800 in 2:31.15 and notched a 49.84 in the 300 hurdles.

Dayley took the final handoff in the victorious sprint medley relay effort, and she and fellow Owyheean Ahna Shaffer helped the Mustangs to a 1:58.3 performance. Meya Young and Shaffer legged out 100-meter portions, and Hallie Arnold covered the 200.

Shaffer was the girls’ 400 champion with a PR of 1:03.34, PR.

Kayden Dayley started Melba’s runner-up showing in the boys’ 4x200 relay then handed off to Volkers. Freshman Korey Magdaleno and Draper wrapped up the 1:37.95 effort.

Personal records and school records were prevalent

throughout the meet.

- Senior Joe Reiber set a pair of school records to sweep the short sprints at 10.79 in the 100 meters and 22.13 in the 200.
- Senior Ben Kracht was seventh in the 100 at 11.98, and Kaden Dayley’s career-fast 24.32 was good for sixth in the 200.
- Arnold posted a couple PRs to sweep the girls’ sprints. She ran a 13.04 in the 100 to beat Young by .06 of a second. Arnold won the 200 in a career-best of 27.06, another .06 of a second margin over Shaffer.
- Leavitt was runner-up in the 800 (2:31.79), and she took third in the 400 with a PR of 1:04.87.
- Senior Mazie Hansen PR’d for second place in the girls’ 3,200 (13:03.46).
- Junior Gabby Colunga’s best throw of 29-3½ was third in the shot put, and she was fourth in the discus at 86-8.

Other championships included:

- Leavitt anchored the 4x400

win (4:44.7) with teamwork from Eliza Svedin and seniors Daisee Crossley and Laura Forsgren.

- Manzer won the boys’ 800 in 2:13.03.
- Reiber ran the anchor leg during the Mustangs’ victory in the 4x100 relay. Kracht and Draper covered the first and third legs, while Volkers ran the second leg. Melba posted a 45.04 time.
- The Mustangs claimed the top four spots in the girls’ 1,600. Winner Rozzlyn Cazier, a junior, ran her fastest time of the season at 5:45. Leavitt (5:57.56) and Hansen were second and third, respectively. Braelyn Scott, an 11th-grader, finished fourth in 6:10.
- Cazier ran another season-best race to win the 3,200 (12:37.69) ahead of Hansen, and Scott was third in 13:40.73.
- Three juniors, including Kendall Clark, ran the first stages in Melba’s victory in the

4x200 girls’ relay. The team, which included Meya Young, Clark, Arnold and Shaffer, compiled a 1:51.4 effort.

- Senior Tayler McCoy doubled up in the throws, winning the shot put in 31-6½ and the discuss at 111-9.

Other top results:

- Sophomore Hudson Cole was runner-up (2:17.25) and senior Troy Theobald fourth (2:19.17) in the 800.
- Sophomore Raivio Manzer snagged a pair of runner-up showings in the 1,600 (5:10) and the 3,200 (11:12.26)
- Dillon Stosich cleared 5-8 to take second in the high jump, while fellow senior Sean Canoy was fourth in the shot put with a heave of 36-4½.
- In the girls’ meet, Clark (33-0) was second in the triple jump, and junior teammate Melina Helm finished fourth in 29-8.
- Freshman Brinley Gunstream took third in the 110 hurdles at 21.71.

Ferdinand, Nampa Christian dent Melba’s high seed hopes

Trojans catcher, Marsing resident, set to make college choice

After a series of lopsided softball games, Melba High School entered Tuesday’s showdown with the top 2A Western Idaho Conference team with a slim shot at the No. 2 district seed.

The Mustangs (16-6 overall, 6-3 in conference) stumbled when Nampa Christian maintained second place with a 22-9 blowout win on Friday.

The loss on the Trojans’ field ended an 11-game winning streak for coach Don Jamison’s squad.

Marsing resident Harlee Ferdinand drilled a solo home run and drove in three runs for Nampa Christian (12-6, 6-2 at week’s end). Ferdinand’s father,

James, said the senior also threw a would-be base-stealer out from her knees from behind the plate.

Harlee is set to sign a letter of intent to play softball at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., on Thursday afternoon, her father said.

Esther Riley scored an unearned run on Janay Phillips’ ground ball to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Riley, Phillips and Analiese Robson amassed three RBI apiece for Melba.

Melba took down Marsing, 36-7, on April 26 on the Huskies’ field.

April 25: Melba 18, Nyssa, Ore. 8 (6) — Emily Zavala hit for the cycle and drove in six runs as the Mustangs cruised in a non-conference home game.

Zavala went 4-for-5 with a home run, triple and double.

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Homedale Tractor Pulls...

This 1921 Fordson was among dozens of tractors of all sizes and makes competing for trophies in various categories at the Homedale Tractor Pulls held Saturday at the beet dump. The event, sponsored in part by Homedale Kiwanis and the Treasure Valley Antique Power Association, also featured numerous one-cylinder antique power plants on display during the day at the Homedale High School parking lot.

Air Force narrows training range choices to three

In its fourth expansion proposal in eight years, the Air Force has narrowed its list of training range areas in Owyhee County down to three.

The new draft environmental impact statement identifies three 12,000-acre target sites for dropping dummy bombs. One of the sites is located east of the air space allowed for training over Owyhee County.

Air Force officials say moving the range area east will reduce noise over the Owyhee Canyonlands. Increasing the 6,800-mile air space by 6 percent is expected to save pilots’ lives, by providing more realistic training.

Previous expansion proposals were halted under protest by the Shoshone-Paiute tribe, environmentalists, hunters and ranchers. Hunters want no flights over county during bighorn sheep lambing season, and range opponents are vowing to fight range expansion and low supersonic flights.

Juniper Butte, the new target area, is located 25 miles southeast of the 109,000-acre Saylor Creek Training Range. The other proposed sites are near Grasmere, 22 miles southwest of the Saylor Creek range, and Clover Butte, 19 miles south of the range.

HHS students’ poetry is published in book

Amy Wells and Echo Huskey of Homedale recently had their poetry published in a 341-page book called, *Treasured Poems of America*.

The two girls sent in their poems and entry forms which they received from Homedale High English teacher, Mrs. Nash, to the book’s publisher, Sparrow Grass Poetry Forms in West Virginia and were published in the book this past winter.

Echo Huskey is a junior and Amy Wells is a freshman at Homedale. Echo submitted her poem, “The Storm’s Coldness,” and Amy submitted a poem called “Prejudices.”

Echo is the daughter of Marianna Huskey and Amy is the daughter of Jim Wells and Kathy Hensley.

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Trojan trackmen win easily behind Alora

Sparked by three-event winner Wayne Alora, Homedale High School’s tracksters ran up their second-highest score of the season Thursday afternoon to easily retain their championship of the Southwest Idaho League meet.

Coach Ken Kellum’s trackmen won six individual events of 13 contested and half of the four relays to pile up 90 points in winning the crown for the fourth straight year.

Homedale’s other victors included Mike Hyer with :16.9 in the 120 high hurdles, Tom Grimes with 45-4¾ in the shot put and pole vaulter Greg Haylett at 11-0.

Alora also picked up a third place in the long jump to round out his personal 21-point day.

Kellum, who is concluding a sensational coaching record at HHS this spring before becoming head football mentor at Coeur d’Alene High next fall, stated:

“It was a terrible day for turning in outstanding performances due to running into the teeth of a strong head-wind.

“Most coaches, including myself, were still experimenting for the last time prior to next week’s all-or-nothing showdown towards ‘State.’ There were several new faces today in most events.”

Ross Chastain to head Owyhee Historical Society

Ross Chastain, Nampa, was elected president of the Owyhee County Historical Society at the April meeting held recently in Murphy.

Other officers elected were Morris Larson, Marsing, vice president; Edith Evans, Caldwell, corresponding secretary; Hester Gittins, Wilder, recording secretary; and Mary Grammer, Murphy, secretary. New directors named were Larren Arnold, Nampa and Dr. H.A. Amesbury of Caldwell.

Paul Evans of Caldwell, general chairman of the annual “Outpost Day” scheduled for June 4 at Murphy, announced plans were being completed for the event and called for volunteers for the food service.

George Crookham of Caldwell will be in charge of the dinner again this year. A full program will be announced at a later date. All proceeds from the annual event will be used to provide lighting and heat for the new museum building.

The new “Owyhee Outpost,” third in a series of books edited by Jerry Stanke of Nampa and containing stories of Owyhee oldtimers, is on sale. Proceeds from the Owyhee County historical publication go to the society.

It was announced that Julie Hyslop, director of the Historical Museum, has been appointed to serve on a Board of Advisers for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The organization was established by the 81st Congress in 1949 and works for the preservation of national historical sites.

Historical Society sets Outpost Day June 4

The Owyhee County Historical Society will be host for the third annual Outpost Day to be observed at Murphy on Sunday, June 4, with a full course dinner served at Pedracini Hall from 12 o’clock until 3 p.m.

Planned entertainment will consist of a baseball game, conducted tour, artists’ and photographers’ exhibits, museum exhibit and country store.

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MIKE STRONG has a letter on the 4th page. He finds considerable fault with the mail facilities between here and Jordan. It would be gratifying to us to have the papers reach subscribers at way places and so far we have done all we could to “make the connection.”

Sports

Trojans claim titles, PRs at conference meet

Izze Jacobs had the best discus throw of her Homedale High School career Thursday. The senior flung the apparatus 97 feet, 3 inches to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet championship. Jacobs was one of three Trojans who won four titles at Fruitland High School. Senior Ryker Johnson swept the boys' hurdles, clocking a personal-record 16.22 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles and winning the 300 intermediate hurdles in 44.83 seconds. Johnson also posted a personal-best effort of 18 feet, 1 inch to take sixth in the long jump. Another upperclassman,

Christopher Aguilera, ran the winning 2-minute, 8.13-second time in the 800. Johnson's double and Aguilera's 800 meters victory pushed the HHS boys' team to third place. The girls finished fifth. Jacobs PR'd and finished eighth in the girls' shot put at 26 feet. There were other PRs for coach Bobby Christensen's squad: • Sophomore Brock Johnson posted a fifth-place time of 2:13.06 to run the fastest 800 of his career. He was third in the 400 at 56.1. • Freshman Rafael Cuenca was seventh in the boys' 400

at 57.7. • Another ninth-grader, McCoy Swallow, took third with his best throw of 107-11. • Sophomore Carlie Moore was runner-up in the girls' 300 hurdles at 50.58. There were more top marks, too: • Junior Danny Detbun placed second in the boys' 100 (11.81) and attained his fastest 200 time of the season (24.62) to finish runner-up. • Aguilera's best 1,600 of the year (5:00.18) was good for third. • Katie DeVice, a sophomore, finished third in the 800 with a season-best 2:40.24. • Sophomore Kinlee Garrett

posted top-five finishes in the girls' hurdles. She finished second at 100 meters in 17.14, and took fifth at 300 meters in 54.34. • Swallow covered 32-7 in the shot put, while senior Steele Bullard attained 30-10. Senior Leo Martinez (28-5½) and sophomore Brodie White (27-3) also competed in the shot put. • Senior Marcus Galvin was fourth in the boy's 200 at 25.35. • Freshman Evelyn Koons was fourth in the girls' 3,200 in 14:49.5. • Senior Natalia Martinez had the fifth-best discus throw in the girls' meet at 79-2.

✓ Melba: No. 1 in state

From Page 10A weekend at Mountain View High School in Meridian. In his only entry at the prestigious event, the junior rolled to the season's top statewide time in the 300-meter hurdles, winning with a school-record time of 38.73. Richardson shaved .27 of a second off the previous school record of 39.0 that Clayton Heiner set in 1995. Richardson shattered the record twice in the meet, taking .07 of second off the old mark to grab the top seed out of the preliminary heats.

Huskies end week with impressive wins

by John Bruyninckx For The Owyhee Avalanche Marsing High School scored early and often to beat Wilder 22-0 on Saturday in non-conference baseball. The Huskies (14-6 overall) batted around twice in the first inning, posting an insurmountable 14-0 lead. A driving rain made conditions difficult, and Wilder's pitchers walked 12 Marsing batters, giving the Huskies the opportunity to make the most of their 10 hits. Marsing's pitchers allowed six walks, but only two hits. "The game was played in the rain," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "So we did have a few more walks than I would have liked, but the conditions were tough." Huskies starting pitcher Jace Chadez threw the first three innings. He allowed one of Wilder's hits, walking four and striking out two. "In this game, and the one with Vision (Charter), we saw exactly what we wanted to see," JW Chadez said. "We got great starts from Jace and Teagen Kinney. And we took care of business and looked sharp doing it." Against Wilder, second baseman Cache Hance made the most of his two official at-bats, going 2-for-2 and driving in five runs. He also scored three times. JT Chadez, Marsing's leadoff hitter, went 2-for-3, scored three times and drove in a run. Luke Steinmeyer doubled and walked and accounted for three RBI. Levi Puga and Dresden

Wood each threw an inning for the Huskies. They combined for three strikeouts and two walks, and allowed just one hit between them. Thursday: Marsing 13, Vision Charter 2 — Starting pitcher Teagen Kinney did not allow a hit in his three innings of the 2A Western Idaho Conference game. He walked one and struck out four. Marsing's 10 runs during Kinney's stint also helped. Kinney helped his own cause by collecting two RBI and scoring twice. Cache Hance went 2-for-3 with a double. He drove in three runs and also scored twice. James Hance lined a home run to left field in the fourth inning for the Huskies (4-5 in conference at week's end). JW Chadez was upbeat after the two wins. "This will help get our confidence back on track," he said. "And it will lead us into a big week." Tuesday's home game against Cole Valley Christian, played after press time, determined the No. 3 through No. 5 seeds for the 2A District III Tournament, which begins Friday.

✓ Homedale: Asumendi goes deep twice

From Page 10A Fruitland. Homedale will play host to a semifinal game against one of those teams at 5 p.m., on Monday at the middle school. A win not only gives the Trojans home-field advantage for the district title game next Wednesday, but it qualifies the program for another state tournament appearance. Monday: Homedale 15, Weiser 9 — The Trojans sent 11 batters to the plate and amassed six of their 13 hits in the seventh-inning onslaught. Weiser built a four-run edge before Homedale scored five times in the sixth to take a short-lived 8-7 lead. The Wolverines recaptured the lead in the bottom of the sixth, 9-8, before Homeale's decisive inning. Olivia Asumendi was a key figure in the battle. She was 2-for-5 with three RBI, but stemmed the tide in the first inning after Weiser jumped on starting pitcher Dani Sitts for two runs in 2/3 of an inning. Over the next 6 1/3 innings, Asumendi would strike out nine and give up just three earned runs and four walks while scattering five hits. Belisia Larzelier had one of her biggest games of the year,

going 2-for-3 with three RBI and three runs scored. Isana Larzelier was 2-for-2 with three runs and three RBI, too. Arlett Quezada, Zayne Hall and Amaia Aberasturi crossed the place two times apiece. Last Wednesday: Homedale 21, McCall-Donnelly 0 (5) — Asumendi pitched a one-hitter and smashed a late-game grand slam — her second homer of the week — as the Trojans continued a decisive roll through conference opponents. Destiny Haworth started the fifth with a single to break up Asumendi's no-hit bid. She became the only Vandals baserunner to get past first base when Asumendi uncorked a wild pitch before slamming the door with three straight strikeouts. Asumendi struck out 11 and walked one in Valley County. Her grand slam came during the Trojans' eight-run final at-bat in the game truncated to five innings because of the mercy rule. Asumendi drove in six runs, and her batterymate

— freshman Lily Trescot — smashed a pair of doubles and notched five RBI. Shortstop Dani Sitts drove home four runs. Sitts, Olivia Miller and Asumendi scored three runs apiece out of the top three spots in the Trojans' batting order. Homedale 18, Fruitland 0 (5) — Asumendi started the Trojans' conference onslaught with a two-run homer in the first inning. Homedale ended all mystery with 13 runs in the bottom of the second. Sitts struck out nine and lost her no-hitter to a leadoff single in the fifth. Reliever Zayne Hall struck out two of the three batters she faced to close the game. Asumendi knocked in four runs and scored four times. Hall doubled twice in three at-bats, and she and Isana Larzelier drove in three runs each. Hall, Larzelier, Amaia Aberasturi and Miller scored two runs apiece, while Sitts crossed the plate three times from the top of the order.

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Front row, from left: Abbi Jones, Jacqueline Rosas Perez, and Corey Romriell. Back row, from left: Judy Marzouka, Zane Highland, Carson Bingham, Ben Gentry, Todd Thatcher, Kaden Tomevi, and advisor Mark Thatcher.



The Trobot (7895) executes a climb. Submitted photo

Trobot climbing walls for chance to return to contest

HHS team fine-tunes machine for Idaho, Utah regionals

Homedale High School’s Robotics team took on competition in a pair of FIRST Robotics competitions earlier this month.

Most recently, the team competed in the Utah Regional on April 8-9 inside the Maverik Center in Salt Lake City.

The first competition in two years came on April 1-2 at the Idaho Regional inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

“It was great to get back to regional competition after a two-year pause. The Idaho competition was the first one for several new members of the team,” team advisor Mark Thatcher, an HHS mathematics teacher, said.

“They did a good job getting used to the pace of

the competition and making timely repairs and adjustments in order to have the robot ready for each match.”

The Nampa competition featured 28 teams from Idaho, Utah, Montana, California, and Canada.

A week later, there were 40 teams in the hunt in Utah, including a Taiwanese squad as well as students from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

In one adjustment, the Homedale team members overhauled the Trobot’s climber mechanism to earn as many points as possible during an exercise in the Utah Regional.

“One of the unique challenges

HHS Trobots demo part of program fundraiser

The Homedale High School robotics team will provide a demonstration as part of next week’s year-end program celebration.

“Bots, Bingo, and Battle” will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 12 inside the HHS gymnasium.

Money raised from Nerf war registration, bingo and a

potato bar will help the team build its next Trobot.

The activities and the meal cost \$5 each.

For more information, contact HHS teacher and robotics team advisor Mark Thatcher at mthatcher@homedaleschools.org or Abbi Jones at ajones@homedaleschools.org.

stretches them,” he said.

The Trobots are funded by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) grants and local sponsorships.

“They are very appreciative of the past support they have received from the community,” Thatcher said.

Trobots assistance has come from grants from the Idaho STEM Action Center, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Micron, the Bayer Fund, and FIRST Inspires.

Local sponsors include Agri-Lines, Matteson’s, NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts, Campbell Tractor, Parker Advisors, Owyhee Veterinary Clinic, and Succor Creek Construction Co.

Community members will have a chance to see the Trobot in action and renew sponsorships during the May 12 fundraiser.

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✓ Record: Ankeny, Jacobi win boys’ events

From Page 10A

Ankeny won the 400 in 56.19.

“(Ankeny) wasn’t happy with how much the wind slowed him down,” mother and coach Heidi Ankeny said.

Jacobi also finished fourth in the discus at 107-4.

Junior Llee Loucks delivered a couple PRs in the throws with a 23-11 in the shot put (14th) and 62-9 in the discus (16th). Sophomore Trinity Stimmel took eighth in the girls’ discus (73-7).

“(Loucks) is really improving and growing her skills,” Heidi Ankeny said.

Senior Dylan Harris delivered a PR of 2 minutes, 35.35 seconds in his 10th-place finish in the 800. Junior teammate Josue Espejel was sixth at 2:24.41. Harris captured fourth in the 3,200 at 11:53.19.

The younger Vanosdall, Raylynn the freshman, took fifth in the girls’ 100 meters at 13.74, a personal record. Junior Vanessa Freeman was fourth in the race with her season-best time of 13.39, and she was fifth in the 200 at 29.42.

The Vanosdall girls and Freeman joined leadoff runner Sydney Nelson, a ninth-grader, to take third in the girls’

sprint medley relay. Nelson and Freeman ran 100s with Raylynn covering the 200 and Emily finishing with a 400. The team clocked a 2:06.59.

Senior Regan Stansell was fifth in the girls’ 1,600 at 7:12.78.

Ankeny crossed the line fifth in the 200 at 24.19, while PRs were registered by junior Jordan Blas (24.64, eighth) and sophomore Nacho Margarito (27.85, 33rd).

Alex Christiansen ran a PR of 5:56.55 for ninth in the 1,600, while fellow freshman Juan Molina also ran his fastest race for 11th at 6:11.45.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO RETURNS TO HOMEDALE



Contestants deal with all types of weather in first outdoor go-round

The District 2 high school and junior high school rodeo season moved outdoors Saturday and Sunday at the Owyhee County Rodeo arena.

“Saturday we had rain, sunshine and wind. It was chilly to say the least, but Owyhee County was well represented in both the high school and junior high school division,” The Owyhee Avalanche youth rodeo correspondent and contributing photographer Cherie Rolland said.

“The arena was very wet and muddy, especially Saturday. We saw goat tying and tie-down calf roping with the contestants wearing chaps ... whatever it took to stay warm and dry.”

Local cowboys and cowgirls battled the elements to log successful outings, though, at the county fairgrounds in Homedale.

The remainder of the schedule includes:

- **Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15** — Rodeos at Gem County Fairgrounds, Emmett
- **Saturday, May 21** — Cutting horse contests Nos. 5-6, Badiola Arena, Homedale, 8 a.m.
- **Saturday, May 21** — Reined cow horse Round 5, Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, TBD
- **Sunday, May 22** — Cutting horse contests Nos. 7-8, Badiola Arena, Homedale, 8 a.m.

On Saturday, Homedale’s Trey McFarlane made a thrilling junior high school division bull ride, scoring 82 points on a spinning bull to win the event.



The Homedale team of Sam Saunders and Sloan McFarlane roped their animal in 6.64 seconds on Sunday to win the team roping.



Homedale seventh-grader Kenzie Smith finished third in the junior high school barrel racing Sunday with a 17.015-second performance.



Jordan Valley High School senior Tayler Eiguren of Arock was runner-up in Sunday’s pole bending with a time of 21.630 seconds.

Photos by Cherie Rolland
Cherie Rolland Photography



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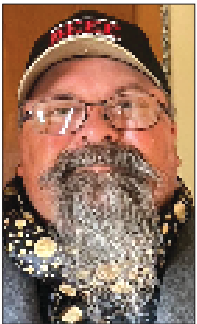
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Wyatt Frederick

- **Age** — 48
- **Occupation** — Delivery and sales for United Oil Co.; owner, Mudflat Towing and Frederick Farms
- **Family** — Wife, Elizabeth, daughter, Addisyn, son, Asa
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — 48 years residing in Owyhee County, Bruneau and Grand View areas
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — No previous political experience; member, Owyhee County Cattlemen’s Association
- **Qualifications for political office** — Lifelong resident of Owyhee County, Farmer-Rancher, business owner. I believe I can help make local decisions that will best represent my constituents. I have a desire to help build a better future for my community.



Joe Merrick

- **Age** — 69
- **Occupation** — Farmer
- **Family** — Wife, Verla (married 47 years); children: Ryan, Dennis, Angela, Sam, Kurt, Kimberly; 21 grandchildren
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — 62 years in Bruneau, Grand View, Oreana
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Scoutmaster, school board member, 4-H leader (18 years), Fair board and Fair board Chairman, County commissioner, Bureau Land Management Resource Advisory Council, BLM RAC Gateway West subcommittee, representative for the Western Governors Council on Gateway West
- **Qualifications for political office** — My lifetime experiences in public service



Andrea Owens

- Age:** 39
- Occupation:** Business owner; owns and manages multiple rentals and Air BnBs
- Family:** Husband, Mark. Children, Kevin, Hailee, Emma, Lydia, and Macy
- Years in Grand View:** Most of her life
- Political and civic involvement:** Lost 2020 Republican primary for Dist. 23A House of Representatives seat to Matthew Bundy. ... Lost 2021 bid to become Grand View city councilperson. ... Previously precinct committeeman, previously served on GOP convention resolutions committee, previous Grand View P&Z commissioner, current Owyhee County youth committee.



Information gleaned and appropriately modified from Owens’ repsonses to The Owyhee Avalanche’s 2020 legislative primary questionnaire. Owens did not submit responses for the county commissioner candidacy questionnaire prior to the April 26 deadline.

— Ed.

Why are you running for office?

- Frederick** — I care about this county, our people, our communities, and our way of life. It is time for new leadership and a stronger voice for our citizens of this County. I want to give back to the community in which I was born and raised. Our commissioners have served for many, many years, some as long as 12 to 16 years. I can bring a fresh set of eyes and ears, a different perspective, and be the true voice of the people of Owyhee County that people can talk to and trust to get things done. It would truly be an honor to serve the people of this County.
- Merrick** — To give back to the citizens of the County and make a difference. Our young people are our future leaders. We need to give them all the opportunities we can and help them to be productive citizens and preserving our way of life.

Compare your philosophy of the commissioner’s role to your opponent’s

- Merrick** — I have the experience and background of county government. I have an understanding of how the State Laws and County Ordinances play into governing the county. Also, the tax revenues and how each one can be used.
- Frederick** — My philosophy is that it is critical to have the ability to reason clearly and see both sides of an issue. To use intelligence and logic at times when the situation can become personal so that the outcome is not prejudiced. I want to acknowledge and be understanding to different points of view in all controversies.

What would you improve about the county and how would you accomplish that?

- Frederick** — I would like to see economic growth, jobs becoming more readily available, infrastructure maintenance and improvements throughout the county, up-to-date technology, keeping taxes low, continuing outstanding education and schools. Accomplishing all this will involve effective communication, involving more citizen input, and willingness to try new ideas and finding resources to make it happen.
- Merrick** — Our roads! Our roads are in need of a lot of attention. We are working to get more grants and highway funding so it doesn’t put a burden on Owyhee County taxpayers.

What crucial issues does the county face? How will you address the challenges?

- Merrick** — One of the most critical issues is the influx of people coming to our County for recreation and the issues they bring with them. It puts a major strain on law enforcement, emergency services, our environmental resources and roads, and private landowners. We are working with Bureau of Land Management on different recreational plans, signage, and upgraded facilities.
- Frederick** — Although there are many crucial issues, preserving our farm ground and ranches and way of life and infrastructure with increased population is one of the top ongoing issues we need to continue to address more effectively. We also continue to face water issues from drought. The County has been working hard to address these critical issues, but I believe there is always room for improvement to accomplish more. such as working with agencies and other groups to bring ideas and solutions that would address everyone’s concerns and viewpoints. I would make sure there is more transparency and involvement from the communities and encourage the other Commissioners to appoint individuals to Boards for more diversity. This will help move our County in the direction of the will of the people of Owyhee County. As always, I strongly encourage community involvement in the process as it is such a vital step in the right direction for our future.

In what areas has the efficiency of county government improved in recent years?

- Frederick** — I really haven’t seen much change in the County’s government in recent years when it comes to efficiency. I fully intend to see that this is an area that is focused on when I am commissioner.
- Merrick** — Improvement can always be made when people learn new technologies and have an understanding that we all work for the citizens of our county.

Where can county government be improved?

- Merrick** — Department heads, for the most part, are very fiscally responsible and keep their departments running very well and efficient.
- Frederick** — My belief is that there is always room for improvement in every aspect of life. I am excited to become commissioner and really take a look at and listen to how things are being handled and offer my knowledge and suggestions to the other commissioners to help improve areas in the County’s Government.

What is your opinion of the fiscal responsibility of county government?

- Frederick** — Every level of Government must have fiscal responsibility and be held accountable to its citizens. This County Government needs to do a better job being more transparent and accountable to the people of Owyhee County. I am looking forward to reviewing the budgets and having discussions where there could be improvement for better fiscal responsibilities.
- Merrick** — Fiscal responsibility is the use of county tax dollars prudently and conservatively with the citizens’ tax money always on the forefront. WE ALL WORK FOR YOU!

What departments do you believe need better fiscal responsibility and why?

- Merrick** — Each elected official is over their own departments and the elected officials and commissioners set down each budget year and discuss their needs. It is their responsibility to run their departments conservatively and responsibly.
- Frederick** — Once I am elected Commissioner, I will be going through all the past and future fiscal information to see where better fiscal responsibility is needed and can be improved and will work hard to bring those changes.

What is your opinion of land use zoning re-evaluation?

- Frederick** — I believe the County could improve on making the advance notice of public meetings and information move available and accessible to our citizens so that everyone is aware of and have time to plan to make public meetings when re-zoning areas are being considered. This is far too important not to make sure everyone is involved in the process.
- Merrick** — The land use planning process is working. Citizens of Homedale, Marsing to Murphy, and Indian Cove have voiced their desires and their desires have been put in place. Oreana’s area is yet be completed.

Election 2022: County Assessor

Robin Monahan

- **Age** — 48
- **Occupation** — Owyhee County Assessor
- **Family** — Married to Morgan Monahan, 24 years; sons: Donovan, Chandler, and Brant; grandson: Drew
- **Years in Owyhee County** — 4 years in Oreana
- **Qualifications for political office** — Idaho State Tax Commission (ISTC) certified mass appraiser; filled every position in assessor’s office. “I fully understand how each process within the office affects the final outcome of ownership and assessed value of property. ... skilled in using and understanding all of the computer programs and the technology used within the assessor’s office. ... Worked alongside the ISTC to develop working checklists for March start up, assessment drive, final abstract reports, and adding solid waste to parcels. ... “I am not intimidated by change whether it happens within the office, county, statute changes through legislation, or the Idaho State Tax Commission. ... ISTC courses completed: Deeds and Property Law, Appraisal Course 1, Int’l Assoc. of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Course 201: appraisal of land, assessor’s workshop ... previous employment: management, bookkeeping, case management



Tiffany Nettleton

- **Age** — 44
- **Occupation** — Owyhee County Planning Dept. (5 years)
- **Family** — Children: Kenzie and Jace
- **Years in Owyhee County** — Approximately 33 years. ... Grew up between Murphy and Oreana on family ranch ... moved back in 2007 after college and living in Treasure Valley.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — First run for office. ... Member, Owyhee County Historical Society board of directors, involvement with county museum, Silver City Property Owners Board volunteer, volunteer for children’s school and activities ... active in county fundraisers and in church where she also volunteers
- **Qualifications for political office** — Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business management, 20-plus years professional business experience. ... experience in finance and budgeting, management, administration, and working with seniors. ... “I have computer and technical skills that include database management and the ability to learn quickly in any environment. I even have prior construction experience, which will help with appraising new construction. My current position has taught me a tremendous amount about local government.” ... Understanding of county operations and how various offices interact in responsibilities to the citizens, and other departments. ... Has worked with almost every county department, most taxing districts, and state and federal agencies ... Familiar with Idaho code and reading it to understand the county’s legal requirements ... Has helped write various ordinances ... Writes legal notices monthly ... “The planning department works closely with the assessor’s office on property matters, and I understand the office operations. I use the ArcGIS mapping system with the county’s parcel map every day and am well versed in legal descriptions, parcel information, and taxing districts.”



Why are you running for office?

Monahan — I am running for Assessor because I care about Owyhee County and its residents. I want to continue with fair and equitable assessment values for the entire county. ... I feel it is my responsibility to protect our property owners while staying within (state) compliance guidelines. Providing personal customer service is important. Our office is a place where anyone is welcome whether they (need) assistance to complete a transaction or have questions about anything the Assessor’s Office is responsible for. ... I continue to learn and grow everyday ... through the mentorship and relationships I have forged with the assessors around the state.

Nettleton — I am running because I love Owyhee County, want to serve our community, and know I will do the best job. I care about the future of our county and see opportunities to improve the county as a whole.

Compare your philosophy of the assessor’s role to that of your opponent’s?

Nettleton — County employees and elected officials work for the people. So that means that the end goal is to provide timely, excellent service, make wise use of our time and resources, follow all regulations so we don’t cost the county in legal expenses, and make sure that what we do is fair for all citizens. If I’m elected and find regulations that don’t seem to be fair or right for our citizens, I will work with the State Tax Commission and legislators to try to fix them. I will also manage the Assessor’s Office so that it runs smoothly, and we are not wasteful with taxpayer resources. I don’t know my opponent’s philosophy; however, I have worked for Owyhee County twice as long as she has and lived here almost all my life, so I believe that gives me a different perspective on the long-term goals of the office and county government.

Monahan — The best way to lead a team is to understand what each job is and how to execute it. I have worked my way up in the Assessor’s Office, working or training in every position, beginning as deed clerk to being appointed Assessor. I understand each job from my own personal experience of what each member of this team is tasked to do and what it actually takes to do it. ... That knowledge helps me understand when questions arise and what changes can be made to improve interoffice policies and processes. With the experience gained through dedication, commitment, and hard work I have a full understanding of the entire role of the Assessor’s Office.

What are the duties of the Assessor?

Monahan — Conducting and carrying out a continuing program of valuation of all taxable properties within Owyhee County. This includes real property, personal property, new construction, and manufactured housing entering or leaving the county. Keeping the parcel map and records of real and personal property in Owyhee County. Maintaining ownership records and processing deeds of ownership changes of property. Processing applications and maintaining all records for Homeowner’s Exemption, Property Tax Reduction, Agriculture Valuation, Exempt Property Exemptions. I also oversee the DMV and Drivers Licensing offices in Marsing, Murphy and Grand View.

Nettleton — The county assessor is primarily responsible for determining equitable values on both real and personal property for tax purposes as outlined in Title 63 of Idaho code. The assessor’s office is also responsible for deed processing, addressing, the county’s GIS parcel mapping system, and the county Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices.

What knowledge and skills must a successful assessor candidate possess?

Nettleton — To be effective, the Assessor must possess strong leadership and management skills, be willing to implement change, be able to think critically, and learn quickly in any environment. It is essential to have strong budgeting and finance skills to cut wasteful spending and utilize taxpayer resources well. It’s necessary to be familiar with and have the ability to understand statutes. The Assessor should have thorough knowledge of our land, its many areas of economic viability, and the diversity between urban and rural areas of our communities.

Monahan — The most valuable skill is being able to understand and explain property values to residents. As a Certified Mass Appraiser, I am able to do that. Having awareness of the differences within our county and how and why those differences have an impact on values in each area. Understanding the roles of the Idaho State Tax Commission and Idaho Transportation Department and how they affect the duties and responsibilities of the assessor’s office. Understanding of all deadlines required by statute and Idaho State Tax Commission and the ability to meet them. Knowing the process from property valuation all the way through to tax collection. The ability to learn, grow and adapt to change is a must. Another skill that I possess and think is very important is being able to manage employees by getting to know them, getting to know their jobs, and helping them to excel.

How will you offset revenue loss with state’s push for more mail-in DMV business?

Monahan — This is a big unknown right now. I am part of a “working group” with nine fellow Assessors and ITD employees to try and find a solution. Meetings (started) in late April, and I am really looking forward to finding a real working solution to keep all of our county services open for Owyhee residents even with the challenges before us.

Nettleton — We need to use taxpayer money wisely. If the amount of business we’re getting doesn’t equate to the number of employees or the hours that we are open in certain offices, then that will need to be adjusted when the time comes. We need to balance wise budgeting with providing excellent service. I don’t anticipate permanently closing any location, but the hours may need to be modified. Our citizens should get priority service in these offices.

What’s the most efficient way to perform appraisals in a large county?

Nettleton — All properties need to be appraised at least every 5 years. When doing appraisals in very remote areas, a significant amount of time is used just traveling back and forth. To me, it makes more sense to plan for those days and work long hours to accomplish as much as possible while in that location. It also helps to have someone who is familiar with the land in those areas, and I have that.

Monahan — The best way to be efficient with a large county is doing as much research in the office as possible prior to going out into the field. We have the county broken down into five areas. One area is covered each year. The boots on the ground plan adjusts within each area. The appraisers and myself break each area into sections making sure we have a clear plan of action to meet the deadlines.

What office functions need improved, and how would you accomplish that?

Monahan — To make the office more efficient and accurate, I have been implementing cross training. When everyone understands why the other person is doing something it gives the whole team awareness of the full process not just “their” part. I feel it is better for everyone to keep learning. We are a small office and have a lot of ground to cover every year, so having people cross trained is beneficial. I have implemented staff meetings

Election 2022: County Coroner

Jennifer Stevenson

- **Age** — 63
- **Occupation** — Semi-retired writer/photographer/farmer. Substitute teacher, Wilder and Homedale schools.
- **Family** — Husband, Graydon Painter (deceased). Son and daughter in-law, Jessie and Lacy Watson; granddaughter Fadra Wilson.
- **Years in Owyhee County** — 4.5 years in Homedale
- **Previous political or civic involvement**—Douglas County Boundary Review Board, E. Wenatchee, Wash. (2010-12).
- **Qualifications for political office** — 1991, B.A. in Sociology, Criminal Law emphasis (U. of Montana, 1991; 3.70 GPA) ... Dept. of Parole intern, Eugene, Ore. (1991) ... custody referee for State of Oregon (1991-93) ... Approximately 20 years as a newspaper reporter covering multiple homicides, suicides and accidental deaths such as car crashes in Washington and Oregon.



Aaron Tines

- Age** — 40
- Occupation** — Owyhee County Coroner
- Years in the county** — 18 years in Homedale
- Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — Incumbent coroner, Homedale city councilman, Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District board member, past Homedale Chamber of Commerce president
- Qualifications for political office that you seek** — 18 years experience with the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office. Training in death investigation, crime scene investigation, interviewing.



Why are you running for office?

Stevenson — I would excel at this position because I’m an advanced-level writer/photographer who memorializes and records events under deadline pressure while keeping the chain of custody intact at all times. I have an excellent work ethic and will bring those traits to this position. Plus, I enjoy the role of a public servant.

Tines — I am running to continue to serve the citizens of Owyhee County during a very difficult time in their lives.

Compare your philosophy of the coroner’s role to your opponent’s

Tines — I am unaware of what my opponent’s philosophies are in regard to the role of the coroner.

Stevenson — My role is to investigate and submit my findings of a person’s death in a coherent and concise manner with all proper follow-up documentation available for review at any given time. Further, I will conduct myself in a non-partisan, objective, fact-finding way by seeking out the true cause of a death and reporting it as such. Also, I will submit reports in a timely manner before or by deadline.

What are the duties of the coroner?

Stevenson — Travel to the location of a potential death and determine the time of death and investigate the circumstances while recording each finding in detail. Take custody of the body and make an identification. Following identification, the coroner must notify the next of kin. All findings and reports become part of what is termed as the “discovery.” Finally, the coroner must complete and file reports and certify a death certificate. In addition, I believe the coroner should act with compassion toward the surviving family members of the deceased.

Tines — The primary duties of the coroner are to determine the cause and manner of death. I also feel an important role of the coroner is education and prevention. I have worked with our local schools with job shadowing and guidance for those who want to pursue a career in forensics and death investigation. I have done work with suicide prevention, drug prevention, water safety and child safety.

What knowledge and skills must a successful coroner candidate possess?

Tines — A coroner needs to know how to effectively investigate. This is done through experience and training. A coroner needs to know state laws and federal laws. A coroner needs to know how to work with different agencies local and federal when investigating a death.

Stevenson — Clear communication is a critical skill. Plus, consistency in the method of investigation is key. Ongoing educational courses would be a must. With technology constantly changing, the methods of investigation would change too.

What would you improve about the office? How would you accomplish that?

Stevenson — I think the office would function better if the reports were submitted in a timely fashion. Having a coroner available to answer questions and respond to other law enforcement officials would be an improvement. I think the coroner should attend county commissioner meetings and submit summary reports on a regular basis. Perhaps a quarterly report would help. Make the reports a matter of public record and post on the county webpage by deadline. I think the coroner could show compassion to survivors and have information referring them to grief counseling.

Tines — I would like to be able to expand the personnel. This will be accomplished through continued recruitment.

What functions of the office are running satisfactorily now?

Tines — The Owyhee County Coroner’s Office functions well. Due to an increase in calls and limited personnel in 2021 there were some issues that arose but have since then been resolved.

Stevenson — From what has been reported, not much is functioning well at all. Further, there are more questions than answers.

How will you restore public trust in the office in light of recent developments?

Stevenson — First, I would open the doors of communication to all branches of government and the public. I would reach out by setting face-to-face meetings, attending city and county public meetings and offering updates from my office. This would allow people to get to know me and how I conduct business. I would continue my education to fulfill my requirements and stay current on ongoing public projects. Mostly, I would show that this position requires professionalism and credibility.

Tines — The public should be assured they are the number one priority of the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office. It is difficult to convey that assurance though words as actions are louder than words. It is my hope that the public will be able to see the continued commitment I have for the citizens of Owyhee County and be able to build upon the trust that had previously been established.

What other areas within the office need improvement?

Tines — The one area of the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office that will need to continue to evolve is the handling of an increase in deaths that occur within the county. In 2021 the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office investigated the most deaths since I was appointed coroner in 2012. This is a trend that I feel will continue as we have an influx of people not only moving into the county but traveling through and recreating in Owyhee County.

Stevenson — Well, one of the problems I see with the coroner’s office is the rural nature of the county itself. This is a large county with a small population. Some of the residents live in remote and hard to access areas. Plus, people who use the public lands for recreational purposes have crashes in hard to reach locations.

What is your opinion of establishing deputy coroners on both ends of the county?

Stevenson — I would have to see the expense involved in establishing that. I am a conservative. Therefore, the cost would have to justify the advantages v. the disadvantages. However, I think the office would benefit with more deputies reporting.

Tines — I would like to have a deputy coroner on both ends of the county. This would better serve the citizens of Owyhee County. It has been difficult to recruit and fill these positions.

How could the commissioners help with the execution of the office’s duties?

Tines — The Owyhee County Commissioners have been very supportive when it comes to the funding the operation of the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office. As always there are areas that you would like to improve or increase but unfortunately it comes down to funding. Owyhee County has limited funds and the Owyhee County Commissioners allocate funds in a way that is best for the citizens of Owyhee County.

Stevenson — They could offer up supportive staff such as computer technicians and keep the office up-to-date both with technology and supplies.

Allmer — Owyhee could provide some education to the other counties within District 23. From what I understand in my top priority subject (education), you have a handle on keeping parental involvement heard and the educational system must hear. The rural atmosphere in Owyhee deals with sparse ground cover — when

Election 2022: District 23 House Seat A

Republican Primary

Melissa Durrant

- **Age** — 34
- **Occupation** — Mom, wife, farmer
- **Family** — Husband: Neil. Children: Caden, Dalten, Jaylee and Kinzlee
- **Years in District 23** — 10 in Kuna
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Current Farm Bureau State Young Farmer and Rancher chair; current Farm Bureau state board member; 2 years on American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Committee; local school district committees, coached ages 3-10 for 6 years in Kuna Police Athletic league soccer; Kuna PAL soccer committee.



Jason Knopp

- **Age** — 42
- **Occupation** — Full-time firefighter, Nampa Fire Protection District
- **Family** — Wife: Darla. Children: Evan, Elliott, MaKinzie, Ava, Owen and Cora
- **Years in District 23** — 34 years. Kuna, 1988-99 (Class of 1997); Melba, 1999-present
- **Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — 9 years, Melba school board (current chair); 7 years, Idaho School Boards Assoc. (current president); served 6 years on Melba Community Auction board (2 as chair)



Tammy Payne

- **Age** — 62
- **Occupation** — Lobbyist, Right to Life of Idaho
- **Family** — Husband, Tom Payne (44 years)
- **Years in District 23** — Owyhee County since 1987. Grand View since 2009.
- **Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — City council, mayor, water and sewer board, P&Z board, Healthy Families Nampa executive director, faith-based liaison for 2 GOP administrations, volunteer lobbyist for Right to Life of Idaho. Currently on several boards: Rimrock Community Food Pantry, Idaho Right to Life Education Society and Right to Life of Idaho.
- **Qualifications for political office** — “My background and education provides me with a thorough knowledge of the legislative process, the skills to manage complex working relationships, and, reflects my dedicated commitment to serve my community for the greater good.”



Michael Law

Kuna resident Michael Law did not submit answers before the Avalanche’s April 26 deadline.



Dist. 23 Senate

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damaged, it takes years to replenish. Water is also very precious and requires protection. However, each Idahoan has their differences, and the Golden Rule should be adhered to by all.
Lakey — I understand and respect that each county has its own local priorities. Owyhee County is prioritizing agriculture, has much more federal lands issues and sees growth differently than the other counties.

How will you balance Dist. 23’s diverse interests?
Lakey — Listen carefully and be fair-minded and thoughtful — each county gets my full attention and effort as I build consensus in the Legislature toward good policy wherever the source.
Allmer — Listening to my constituents, design, develop an

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Why are you running for office?

Durrant — Because District 23 needs someone that can relate and understand the issues faced in such a diverse area.
Knopp — This is a pivotal election. We need to elect the right people to maintain our Idaho values.
Payne — I am running to take a principled stand against the growing normalization of a left leaning culture and policies in Idaho. As a Christian, I am called to care for my community.

What makes you the best choice to represent Owyhee County?

Knopp — I have experience representing the rural communities that are in Melba School District, and I want to use that experience to represent District 23.
Payne — I have a proven track record of getting things done. My extensive experience and education has prepared me for the legislature, and, to fight for our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. I work hard for what I believe in, and I believe Idaho is worth fighting for.
Durrant — My diverse background has given me a foundation of being able to understand the value and issues that Owyhee County has.

What improvements are needed in the Legislature?

Payne — Each piece of legislation should be heard in committee, not stopped by a single chairperson. I will build on existing relationships with legislators to build support for a change in the process.
Durrant — Having as many as possible if not all involved parties’ input on legislation. By having an open-door policy and seeking out the input to have all the facts and create the best legislation possible.
Knopp — I think the legislature needs to focus on the needs of constituents, ensuring the communities have everything that they need to thrive.

What will be your legislative priorities?

Durrant — Ag preservation including the knowledge or understanding ag, water rights, property taxes, infrastructure, and working to better our education system.
Knopp — 1. Property tax reform: We need to make sure we’re not taxing people out of their homes. 2. Fighting to maintain local governance for locally elected officials. 3. Maintaining a strong public education system for our students in the state of Idaho, increasing career technical education possibilities for students in our rural areas.
Payne — Secure Idaho water for Idaho’s agricultural priorities. Repeal the grocery tax. Provide property tax relief — no one should be taxed out of their home.

What crucial issues face District 23? How would you address them?

Knopp — Rising property taxes and the potential loss of local governance. I will fight to

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Election 2022: District 23 House Seat B

Republican Primary

Chris Bruce

- **Age** — 42
- **Occupation** — Loan officer
- **Family** — Wife: Kyrsti. Sons: Madox and Paxton
- **Years in District 23** — 6 in Kuna
- **Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — Current Kuna city councilmember and Ada County GOP District 22 precinct committeeman; Superintendent advisory council; Kuna economic development committee; Kuna Chamber of Commerce board of directors
- **Qualifications for political office** — As listed above



Tina Lambert

- **Age** — 56
- **Occupation** — Homemaker
- **Family** — Husband: David. Children: John, Rachel, and Tim
- **Years in District 23** — Caldwell for 2 years; born and raised in Idaho, lived here for the first 25 years of my life.
- **Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — Served on school board in Washington state; precinct committee officer in Washington state; member, Canyon County Symphony; former member of many community bands and orchestras; served on Oregon Symphonic Band board of directors; volunteered at a crisis pregnancy center in California; member of Christ Reformed Church in Nampa.
- **Qualifications for political office** — Former school board member, precinct committee officer, home-school mom, volunteer on many political campaigns.



Shaun Laughlin

- **Age** — 45
- **Occupation** — Captain, Nampa Fire Dept.
- **Family** — Wife: Erin; daughters: Hailey and Olivia
- **Years in District 23** — 2 in the “new 23” in Kuna; lived on our family farm on Noble Island as a child
- **Previous political or civic involvement/experience** — Professional Firefighters of Idaho legislative advisor for 10 years, worked on campaigns the last 20 years; participation and leadership in various church and philanthropic events over the years.
- **Qualifications for political office** — No special qualifications are required of a legislative candidate other than my desire to serve, and to use my leadership and problem-solving skills on behalf of the citizens of District 23.



Lyman Gene Winchester

- **Age** — Senior citizen. Experienced
- **Family** — Wife, Lena (57 years). 2 sons, 5 daughters.
- **Years residing in District 23** — 57 (Meridian, 1 year; Kuna, 41 years; Homedale, 19 years)
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Precinct committeeman, legislative district chair, 23 years; Ada County Republican chairman, 3 years. 7-term State Representative, Ada, Twin Falls, Owyhee counties; Idaho chairman for two separate presidential candidates, Initiative chairman for two successful referendums (1 percent property tax, mandatory sentencing for felony DUI).



What will be your legislative priorities?

- **Winchester** — Judicial accountability, more transparent policy making, Idaho first in water management.
- **Bruce** — Reduce property and grocery tax. Establish impact fees for our schools. Gain control of our public lands from the federal government.
- **Lambert** — Giving Idahoans their freedom back, shrinking the government, and improving education by giving parents viable choices in how their children are educated.
- **Laughlin** — Supporting public education, backing public safety, and keeping government local and taxes low. Government should be efficient and decisions made closest to the people.

Why are you running for office?

- **Bruce** — To be the communities’ voice at the Statehouse. To strengthen our 2nd Amendment, reduce property and grocery tax, reinforce our personal and medical freedom, protect our water resources and create sustainable growth.
- **Lambert** — To represent the people of District 23 and to fight for their freedom from government overreach.
- **Laughlin** — I have a proven track record working with the Idaho Legislature to get things done as a legislative advisor for firefighters. I want to put that skillset to use for the Idahoans of District 23.
- **Winchester** — To provide leadership in the Legislature and effective representation for all the people in District 23.

Why are you best suited to represent Owyhee County at the Statehouse?

- **Lambert** — I am honest, I have integrity, I cannot be bought by special interest groups, and I am the candidate who will fight to get the government off the backs of the people.
- **Laughlin** — One side of my family homesteaded in Owyhee County and my grandfather and father on the other side farmed and raised cattle and sheep in Owyhee County. These are my roots, and Owyhee County is where I learned my values.
- **Winchester** — My work ethic. In 14 years of prior service (1972-1986), I was the first to arrive in the morning and often the last to leave in the evening, in my chair answered the roll call and voted 96 percent. I am very experienced parliamentarian and often presided in the absence of The Speaker of the House. I know the Rules of the House, Masons and other authorities. I frequently acted as ex-officio editor for both parties to examine proposals prior to submission for printing. The Idaho Statesman designated me a “legislative bright spot” for bringing consensus on tough environmental issues. I believe in collaboration.
- **Bruce** — I understand that the needs for Owyhee are different for the other counties. The only way to understand this is to spend time in the community and hear the residents. If elected, I will be out in the district every quarter to hear from you.

What improvements are needed in the Idaho Legislature?

How would you accomplish that?

- **Laughlin** — Teamwork and grace. Legislators must learn to work together for Idahoans, not out-of-state interests, and they must do it respectfully. I will lead by example.
- **Winchester** — I would like to see some early, voluntary training for exposing members to the rules of the House, living in Boise, where are the best restaurants, what are 24/7 medical options, etc. Maybe meet the mayor or a welcoming official. Talk to other members for ideas and planning. Have fun, enjoy your time here but get to work.
- **Bruce** — Not all bills that are brought forward have a hearing. I believe having one person as the gatekeeper of all bills in committee is not how a republic should work. I will work with all representatives to change this.
- **Lambert** — By working with other liberty-minded, freedom loving legislators, we can transform the legislature into a body that listens to and represents the interests of Idahoans, rather than out of state special interest groups.

What are the most crucial issues facing District 23?

How would you address them?

- **Bruce** — Growth and property taxes. Growth needs to pay for itself. We need to reduce spending so we can reduce the need from grocery and property tax.
- **Lambert** — Growth, water, and agriculture are the crucial issues. We must stop giving breaks to big businesses that take the water our agriculture so desperately needs. We have to protect our farmland so we can feed Idaho.
- **Laughlin** — Continuing drought in the southern farm and rangeland, and growth to the north. I will advocate for farms and ranches to maximize the available water to them and ensure infrastructure is paid by growth itself.
- **Winchester** — Communications. Unifying such a diverse people over such a large area without good communications will require everyone onboard. I would begin by stating the problem and then asking for solutions from the general public, decision-makers, and invite help from every community who are concerned and willing to join in. I would hope for leadership to come from this initial pronouncement. I would listen for progress, for options, for priorities, and withhold my judgment unless specifically asked for. I approach this question with a broad view. That the crucial issues of District 23 are similar to those in Owyhee County: growth, development, taxes and financing infrastructure. The redistricting commission tried their best to align Owyhee County to landscapes much alike. Owyhee County will, in the future, always face this geopolitical gerrymander due to the obvious fact that Owyhee County does not have sufficient numbers to be an independent district. I am a testament that fair and equal representation can be worked out. I face the proposition as a challenge that will provide each citizen equal consideration and at times will add strength to witness greater support to each other, beyond that we would command separate and individually.

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and one on one training. The saying goes...the more you know....

Nettleton — I would like to improve the customer experience for everyone who interacts with the office. I would institute regular ongoing training for employees, so we keep improving continually. During the slower times of the year, I would ensure that ALL employees are cross trained so that when an employee goes on vacation, no customer is required to wait until that person is back to have their issue resolved.

What office functions are running satisfactorily now?

Nettleton — I am sure that some functions are running satisfactorily but believe there is always room for improvement and elected officials should be committed to continually working to do better and training employees to do better.

Monahan — The office as a whole is running satisfactorily, even though we have been short staffed. Every single person on this team has stepped up, gone above and beyond to get everything done and meet all deadlines.

What other areas within the office need improvement?

Monahan — The DMV is the area I am still trying to improve. COVID and the roll out of the new GEM program from ITD had a huge impact on the DMV offices here in Owyhee County. Now that we are thankfully moving past COVID and the Gem system is more familiar and functioning better, it’s time to update the policies that were put in place during the last two years.

Nettleton — I feel the Assessor’s office needs better communication with other offices and that those offices should be seen as customers too. We all need to work together to serve the citizens and if one office can help another office in a timelier manner, this benefits our citizens. The DMV seems to be running more smoothly than it was during covid, but I believe there is still work to do. The county’s parcel map could be improved by making it more user friendly and reducing errors. Since there is employee downtime at certain times of the year in the Assessor’s office, that time must be well spent with citizens getting value from it.

How could BOCC help with execution of the office’s duties?

Nettleton — Each elected official is autonomous in their office. The county commissioners support each office through the budgetary process. They also interact with each department through their weekly meetings and seem to support all of the offices. They are willing to listen and help where they can, which is all I would ask.

Monahan — The commissioners have been working on a wage plan that, when implemented, will help keep our office more competitive with the surrounding counties. We have struggled to keep quality employees here in the county due,

in a large part, to the pay. This will be a huge help in keeping our office running smoothly by retaining our skilled and trained employees and allowing us to hire new employees as needed at a competitive wage. This will help all the offices in the county, not just the Assessor’s. To become a Certified Appraiser, it is an expense to the county so we want to train and retain our employees. Classes that are hosted by the State Tax Commission are only offered twice a year. It takes from 1 to 2 years to become a Certified Appraiser.

Kelly Aberasturi has been a significant source of support especially when it comes to the Marsing DMV. With the number system implemented at the Marsing DMV, he has been there whenever needed helping the customers and supporting the staff.

What are the most challenging aspects of the job?

Monahan — Constant change is the most challenging, but it is also one of my favorite parts of this position. I mentioned before that it is better for everyone to continue learning, I include myself in that. I have had the opportunity to talk with people in the legislature and be part of the conversation about some of the changes regarding property tax over the last two years. I believe it is better to be proactive rather than reactive.

Nettleton — We are seeing incredibly high values and sweeping changes across the state and our county. The increasing values are creating tax shifts which further threaten our seniors being able to stay in their homes. The Assessor must work to represent the best interest of the citizens, including working with the Idaho State Tax Commission and Idaho Legislature if new legislation is needed. In the past we have also seen the DMV be a huge challenge. Since there are three separate DMV offices in the county, good management, training, and support is vital to ensure that citizens are served well. Hiring and retaining employees has historically been an issue in the office, leading to wasted money in retraining staff and losing institutional knowledge. I’m committed to improving that if elected.

What other issues would you like to address?

Nettleton — I am in this for the long run and won’t leave mid-term as we’ve seen become a trend in Owyhee County. I am committed to our people, way of life, history, and future.

Any other comments regarding your platform?

Nettleton — I have researched the courses that are required to become a certified appraiser and, if elected, plan to take them before assuming the office in January. I will seize every opportunity to prepare myself as I am committed to doing the best job possible for you. I would appreciate your vote on May 17th!

Election 2022: District 23 Senate

From Page 5B

action plan by assembling District 23 concerned citizens and meet with those at the Commissioner level, or town level, etc., to implement an action plan. Without a vision, people cast off restraint.

Should Idaho manage all public lands in the state?

Allmer — Absolutely. This should follow the same aspect as governing. The closest to the subject, the better the job will be to manage. This is the same philosophy I carry for having parents in charge of education versus having hierarchy making those decisions.

Lakey — We can certainly do a better job. Practically we should consider the right lands, at the right time in the right way. We should consider management costs and benefits.

Should the Constitutional Defense Fund help pay legal fees for Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry?

Lakey — I voted for it in 2018 and still support use of the fund. That case has statewide benefit regarding priority dates for stock water rights on federal lands.

Allmer — I am not familiar with the specifics and would need to review the subject thoroughly before commenting.

What steps would you take to secure more rural highway district funding?

Allmer — If the funding is due to the expanse of population as is the case for most of Idaho, then I heard a good thought at the last commissioners meeting. The impact and development fees should include many facets that are apparently left out. In the case of those who come to the state and transfer license plates and driver’s licenses, there could be an increase to cover not just the administrative

expense but also the impact of additional traffic, wear, and tear on roads. There is an increasing concern on electric vehicles not paying their share for the transportation expenses. I would investigate a task force to study this (and other challenges) to produce solutions.

Lakey — I will continue to promote additional funding for our roads and bridges. I will continue to advocate that such additional funding needs to be shared with the locals.

Any other comments?

Lakey — I will continue to work with the NRA and others as the lead Senator on most legislation strengthening our second amendment rights. I regularly work with Idaho Choose Life and other pro-life advocates to lead on pro-life efforts in the Senate. Working with agriculture groups to help make agriculture profitable and sustainable will remain a priority for me. As Chairman of Judiciary and Rules I will continue to advocate to fully fund and support law enforcement and first responders and resist liberal efforts to soften accountability for drug traffickers.

Allmer — I love freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! I will be a voice for Idahoans. Being a conservative Christian for many years, I see Idaho at a crossroads to either lose more freedoms or take a stand against big government and more socialism and communism. My philosophy is to live within my means, which Idaho needs to improve on reducing the budget, work hard, follow the rule of law, have a reverent fear for God; all-knowing, choices make up our lives and are the rights of all Americans. Knowledge is power. If we don’t teach the fundamentals of knowledge and teach children how to think for themselves, we’ve lost a vital piece of the foundation for our future. I’m committed to a life of change and will work to make these changes. I will represent many Idahoans who are currently not being heard and are very unhappy with this digression. In this case, which requires us to change the current direction and group think. Our educational system is broken and simply increasing funding is not the answer.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

County needs Nettleton’s business sense, management

I’m writing this letter with a deep conviction and belief of the need to elect Tiffany Nettleton to the position of Owyhee County Assessor.

I have watched Tiffany grow up from a small child to the lady she is today.

With Tiffany’s 20-plus years of business experience, her degree in Business Management, her upbringing, her high moral code and her integrity, her knowing how to treat taxpayers and employees is unparalleled.

Tiffany also leads the other candidate in knowing the geographical county and the people of the county. Tiffany has a history of being involved in the civil responsibility of voting. She has a huge history of volunteer service to organizations within the county.

Learning the duties of the position of Assessor is no more than attending a few classes and passing a test. Learning how to be an elected County Assessor is a lot more difficult. Knowing how to treat people, how to manage employees, how to listen to the taxpayers, how to resolve conflicts, understanding taxpayers’ difficulties or concerns takes a whole different person. Tiffany Nettleton is that person.

I firmly believe it is high time that elected officials in Owyhee County stop retiring mid-term and hand-picking a replacement. Yes, I know that the Commissioners vote on the appointment, but how many times have they gone against the retiring elected official? I’ve been around county government 42 years, and I can only remember it happening once.

This race alone is important enough to come out and vote on May 17.

Vote Tiffany Nettleton.

Gary Aman
Retired Owyhee County sheriff
Murphy

Nettleton’s knowledge, roots make her right for assessor

I am writing this letter of support for Tiffany Nettleton for the position of Owyhee County Assessor. Tiffany has always had an interest in Owyhee County after being raised here, and she has deep roots in the county. She is not someone who will be here today and gone tomorrow. I feel it is important to have someone in this position who understands Owyhee County and the residents.

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Owyhee County Historical Society with Tiffany for several years and have witnessed her thorough investigations into problems and concerns with the society. When we needed to update our bylaws, she volunteered to bring her computer and help with the process. I was able to witness her computer skills, and she was very instrumental in making the task easier for all concerned.

Tiffany is well-educated with a bachelor’s degree in business and experienced in Owyhee County government. I feel she is more than capable of learning everything that goes along with this job.

Please join me in voting for Tiffany Nettleton for Owyhee County Assessor in the primary election on May 17th.

Cathy Sellman
Bruneau

— See *Letters to the Editor*, Page 11B

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.

From Washington

Countering Biden Administration’s push to erode 2nd Amendment rights

President Biden and Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco recently announced the nomination of Steve Dettelbach to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). They also used the opportunity to reiterate the administration’s hard stance against so-called “ghost guns” and its efforts to extend firearms record-keeping requirements that risk establishing an unlawful gun registry. The administration is using all of its tools, including circumventing the legislative process, to go after law-abiding gun owners and firearms vendors. I do not support more gun control. Burdening law-abiding citizens of this country with additional gun restrictions is not the answer to safeguarding the public. I continue to oppose all efforts to weaken Second Amendment rights.

ATF Nomination — Steve Dettelbach’s nomination to lead the ATF is rightly concerning, as it would put a person who has voiced support for eroding Second Amendment rights in charge of the federal law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing gun laws. At President Biden’s direction, the ATF has begun broadening restrictions, including returning to the outrageous practice of repressing firearms licensees for *de minimis* grammatical errors in their record keeping.

“Ghost Guns” — The Biden Administration has taken a hard stance against so-called “ghost guns,” or guns built from unserialized gun assembly kits. The ATF finalized rule 2021R-05, Definition of “Frame or Receiver” and Identification of Firearms, that would redefine firearm receivers in order to require them to have serial numbers. Additionally, President Biden created a National Ghost Gun Enforcement

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Initiative focused on prosecuting criminals who use ghost guns in crimes. However, data concerning the use of ghost guns in crimes is limited, and reported numbers on confiscated guns are not limited to those used to commit crimes. The administration should focus its resources on pursuing dangerous criminals not scapegoating hobbyists.

Firearms Record Keeping — I am also deeply concerned by the ATF’s admission it is cataloguing and digitizing business records from shuttered federal firearms licensees (FFLs). Current federal law requires FFLs to keep their records of firearm transfers for 20 years, at which point they can be

— See *2nd Amendment*, Page 11B

Commentary

Financial management

Caring counsel, not cash, can help couple in tax crunch

Dear Dave,

My younger brother and his wife did their taxes last month and learned they owe \$15,000 to the IRS. I love them both, but they are extremely irresponsible with money. I know they have a lot of credit card debt, too.

I am debt-free, including my home after following your plan, and would like to help them. I was thinking about taking out a one-time loan from the bank to help cover what they owe the IRS, because my emergency fund is a little low after a recent car accident.

Under the circumstances, would this be OK?

— Carson

Dear Carson,

In my mind, “help” would be aiding them in changing their ways with money. I don’t say this to be sarcastic or mean, but it’s the truth about where they are in life right now. They both need to be educated, not enabled, when it comes to their behavior with money. This doesn’t mean they’re bad people, but it does mean you don’t need to be a party to, or a temporary fix for, their bad financial decisions.

Some people might say taking this attitude would mean you don’t love and care about your brother and his wife. Those people would be wrong. You’ve already told me they won’t behave with money,



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so at this point it would kind of be like giving a drunk a drink. You don’t give more money to people who won’t behave with it. That solves nothing, and in

most cases it just reinforces the negative behavior.

This might be a good opportunity to sit down with your brother and his wife, and have a firm — but gentle — talk about their situation. Maybe you could offer to teach them the things that worked for you when it comes to finances, using the Baby Steps as your guide. And make sure they get in touch with the IRS about a payment plan.

I know you love them, but you can’t fix this for them. In some cases, the best thing you can give someone is the understanding that they need to change their behavior. Hopefully, with you as their inspiration and support, they

can learn how to manage their finances wisely.

Good luck, and God bless you all, Carson!

— 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.



Something on your mind?
We welcome
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Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 17 primary election until noon on Friday, May 6.

Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheevalanche.com
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E.

Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Letters to the editor

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Dist. 23A candidate Tammy Payne has our values at heart

I am writing to express my personal support for Tammy Payne in her run for the Idaho House of Representatives, District 23, Seat A. I have known her for many years, and I have found her to be a solid conservative, politically, socially, and in her Christian life. I have found her to be a person of integrity without compromise. She is knowledgeable in the issues that matter to Idaho and Idaho voters, and has the ability to speak for us in the Idaho Legislature. Tammy is a person who does not stand on the sidelines to see who wins and then joins the winning side. She actively speaks out for what she believes. She is active and involved and she gets things done.

With Tammy in the Legislature we will have a representative who stands strong for the values we treasure. She is 100 percent pro-life. She will support family values without compromise. On education, she will support true education while opposing the

so-called education we often see. We will find her fiscally conservative, advocating for responsible use of taxpayer dollars and opposing waste and fraud on every level. She will be an advocate for the agriculture interests in our state, defending Idaho water and property rights. She is a strong advocate for the farm and ranch families that are part of the backbone of our way of life.

We need people like Tammy in our Legislature — people with her conservative beliefs and values, and with her knowledge and ability to speak for us and fight for us. We need representatives with her integrity. I am confident she will stand up strong against the left-leaning culture and agenda, and defend the Constitution. I urge you to vote for Tammy Payne, true conservative Republican.

Pastor Ivan Shetler
Grand View

✓ 2nd Amendment: ATF’s excessive rule-making troublesome overreach

From Page 10B

destroyed. Should an FFL close its business, it must turn its records over to the ATF, which maintains them at the National Tracing Center. The final rule 2021R-05 would extend record-keeping requirements by requiring FFLs to retain key records until they shut down their business or licensed activity. The Firearms Owners’ Protection Act prohibits the federal government from creating a national gun registry. The ATF must adhere to this law and cease any efforts to create a *de facto* gun registry.

The ATF’s excessive rulemaking is deeply troubling, and I am countering its bureaucratic overreach:

- I am an original co-sponsor of S. 1920, the **ATF**

Accountability Act, that would ensure firearms manufacturers and lawful gun owners are not subject to unchecked bureaucratic ATF rulings;

- I joined in pressing the ATF on its use of secret internal guidance to enforce regulations not openly published; and
- I joined in demanding the ATF provide answers on recent actions to prevent law-abiding citizens from creating and owning suppressors.

These are just some of the recent efforts underway to protect and preserve our constitutional right to bear arms. Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) characterized the administration’s push for more gun restrictions

as “a distraction from the reality that the explosion of crime in blue cities is directly attributable to those same cities implementing de-policing, installing progressive prosecutors, and enacting disastrous bail reform policies.” I agree and will continue to press for policies that truly get at the root cause of the violent crime problem without compromising law-abiding citizens’ constitutional rights.

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

Public notices

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The election will be held to elect the following offices:

- **United States Senator**

- **United States Representative – Dist. 1**

- **Supreme Court Justice**

- **Appellate Court Justice**

- **Legislative. Dist. #23 State Senator**

- **State Representative – Position A**

- **State Representative – Position B**
- County Assessor

- County Clerk

- County Commissioner, Dist. 2

- County Commissioner, Dist. 3

- County Coroner

- County Treasurer

- Precinct Committeeman

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:

1. Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale

a. Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628

2. Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing

a. Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639

3. Precinct 006 – Wilson

a. Wilson School House
10427 Johnston Lane
Melba, ID 83641

4. Precinct 007 – Murphy

a. Owyhee County Museum & Library
17085 Basey Street
Murphy, ID 83650

5. Precinct 008 – Oreana

a. Oreana Community Hall
18092 Oreana Loop Road
Oreana, ID 83650
6. Precinct 009 – Grand View

a. Grand View American Legion Hall
410 Roosevelt Ave
Grand View, ID 83624

7. Precinct 010 – Bruneau

a. Bruneau American Legion Hall
32536 Belle Ave
Bruneau, ID 83605

8. Precincts 005, 011, & 012 (mail-in) – Pleasant Valley, Riddle, & Three Creek

a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78
Murphy, ID 83650

9. Precinct 013 - Absentee

a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78
Murphy, ID 83650

Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
05/04,11/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On May 25, 2022, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z22-18 filed by **Ben Lisonbee & Karen Prange** seeking approval to rezone, from agricultural to multi-use, their approximately 3-acre parcel located north of Succor Creek Road and east of Homestead Road where the roads intersect approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Homedale. The subject parcel, RP03N05W181820, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z22-19 filed by **Walter & Kiley Miller** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a single-family dwelling on an approximately 19-acre parcel located south of Market Road, 0.2 miles west of the intersection of Homestead Road and Market Road, approximately 3 miles southwest of Homedale. The subject parcel, RP03N05W190200, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the E½ of the NE¼ of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will continue the hearing on previously recessed application Z22-11 filed by **Greg Schatzel / Maple Estates** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to develop a 19-lot residential subdivision on a 45-acre parcel located on the northeast corner of Thompson and Edison Roads, approximately 1 mile northwest of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP03N04W285712, is

located in a multi-use zone in a portion of the SW¼ of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z22-20 filed by **Idaho Power Company** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a battery energy storage system at their Hemingway Substation, parcel RP01S03W114203, which will expand onto an adjacent 40-acre parcel, RP01S03W117800, located off Wilson Cemetery Road 0.3 miles west of the intersection with Highway 78, approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Melba. The site is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
05/04/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change filed by Garlandon, LLC requesting that the City of Homedale change the zoning from Commercial to Residential at 8 W. Owyhee Ave, Lots 28 & 29, Block 60, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
04/27,05/04/2022

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:

Furnishing road oil, equipment, and personnel for approximately 5.5 miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2022. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM on the 9th day of June 2022.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, 208.896.4581 (office), 208.860.6918 (cell).

Dated: April 20, 2022
Nancy Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
04/27,05/04/2022

LIEN SALE

Unit I-1, Stewart Rhodes, 5410 Pascoe Rd, Marsing Idaho 83639. Unit containing vintage cooler, totes and misc household goods.
Unit J-28, Donald Cobb, 21830 Town Circle #522, Caldwell Idaho 83607. Unit containing Microwave, mattress and other household items.

Unit M-1, Joel Contreras, 503 Selway Homedale Idaho 83628. Unit containing Craftsman tool box, and other household items.

A sealed bid auction will be held on 05-14-2022 for the listed units. Units are located at Hwy 95 Self Storage 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale Idaho 83628. Auction is a cash only sale. Units need to be emptied and cleaned. Units can be previewed between now and the day of auction.
05/04,11/2022

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 85680
RESERVE RIDGE LLC AND GOULD FEEDER PROPERTIES

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Case No. CV37-22-00073
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.
LONNIE K. FRY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF CARLA A. FRY; VICTORIA I. VAUGHAN; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as, 5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628, and legally described as: IN TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: ALL THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE OWYHEE SOUTH CANAL,

Defendants.
TO: DEFENDANTS LONNIE K. FRY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF CARLA A. FRY; VICTORIA I. VAUGHAN; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as **5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628**:

You have been sued by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV37-22-00073.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as **5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628** and legally described as

IN TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: ALL THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE OWYHEE SOUTH CANAL

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 P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. Monarch Sky Ln., Ste. 240, Meridian, ID 83646.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: 4/12/2022
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/Cheylah Volkers
DEPUTY
04/20,27;05/04,11/2022

LLC 909 N ROBINSON BLVD, NAMPA, ID 83687-9511 has filed Application No. 85680 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-7426, 57-7505; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

to expand feedlot numbers of water right no. 57-7426 and 57-7505 requiring change in the nature of use, period of use, and place of use. The transfer proposes converting remaining irrigation use to stockwater use. The transfer proposes to change the place of use for water right 57-7505 to acres located in SESE Sec 13, T1S, R3W and SESE Sec 18, T1S, R2W. The transfer proposes to change the place of use for

water right 57-7426 to acres located in SESE, NESE, SENE Sec 13, T1S, R3W. The proposed place of uses are in the vicinity of Bailey Rd and Upper Reynolds Creek Rd in Nampa, ID.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 5/23/2022. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
05/04,05/11/2022

Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor) IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: IRENE ROMERO CASE NO. CV 37-22-159

A Petition to change the name of Irene Romero, a minor, 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 Irene Acosta-Romero. The reason for the change in name is: Irene wants same last name as siblings and have last name of the man who has been raising her. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock a.m. on June 15, 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: April 28, 2022 s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk 05/04,11,18,25/2022

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No: **ID-20-880546-SW** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **8/16/2022**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, **Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650**, the trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of **OWYHEE**, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: **THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 39 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE**

PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Current Trustee is **Robert W. McDonald, Esq.**, whose address is **108 1st Ave. South, Suite 202, Seattle, Washington 98104** and who can be reached by telephone at **(866) 925-0241**. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **231 W WASHINGTON AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** may be associated with said real property. The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding

title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on **4/30/2019**, by and among **KEITH ALENGUZMAN, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor, and **PIONEER TITLE CO.**, as Trustee, and **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on **4/30/2019**, as **Instrument No. 299614** Official Records of **OWYHEE** County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4) (a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s)

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Election 2022: District 23 House Seat B Republican Primary

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contemporaries. After my complaint, we adjusted and now boot-cut jeans are in the catalog. If you have a unique problem, bring it to my attention. I will fix it.
Bruce — The only way to connect with the Owyhee community is to be present in the community. I will be in each city on a quarterly basis to hear from them.
Lambert — I will hold regular town hall meetings.

How do the needs and issues important to Owyhee County constituents differ from those in Canyon and Ada counties?
Bruce — Now Ada and Canyon are dealing with historic growth. I will be mindful that creating policy for Ada and Canyon do not negatively Owyhee.
Lambert — The obvious difference is that Canyon and Ada counties are more urban and Owyhee County is mostly rural and agricultural, but aside from that, people all over District 23 value freedom and will benefit from smaller government, lower taxes, and a better way of educating children.
Laughlin — Rights are rights, no matter the county, and I will defend them vigorously at the statehouse. As stated above, Ag/water issues and highway funds vs. growth concerns in the Ada/Canyon areas.

How will you balance the diverse interests in the district?
Lambert — By listening to all of my constituents.
Laughlin — By talking with people, learning their issues and points of view, then learning what roadblocks stand in the way of their needs. I will work to find collaborative solutions instead of picking so-called winners and losers.
Bruce — Community input is the only way to understand the different needs of the whole district.

Should Idaho should manage all public lands in the state?
Laughlin — Nobody can manage Idaho lands better than Idahoans, but Idaho cannot afford to pay for it. I worry that if certain people are put in charge of our public lands, our prized hunting, fishing, camping and recreational areas that make Idaho, Idaho, would be sold off. I wouldn’t support that.
Winchester — I am a wise use/multiple use advocate. My master’s thesis (Range Ecology and Management, University of Idaho, 2002) on collaboration in land management includes examples where State and private management exceeded BLM in sustainable production and preservation of natural resources. I don’t like the word “all” because some in-holdings are necessarily granted to the central government for military, cadastral, and security purposes. Idaho’s preamble to admission to the UNION includes the following: (I paraphrase) We welcome you (Idaho) to the union with all rights and privileges as those of Sister States on an EQUAL FOOTING as though you were one of the Original Colonies. *the original colonies had no vast tracts of public lands. Only harbors, ports, forts and armories. A big Yes to future studies and negotiations to retrieving our lands.
Bruce — Idaho should be in control of Idaho lands. I will fight to make this happen.
Lambert — I believe that Idaho should manage its own public lands; not the

federal government. I also believe that more private ownership of land in Idaho would benefit everyone.
Should the Constitutional Defense Fund be used to help pay legal fees for Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry?
Winchester — Absolutely! We owe a debt of gratitude to these and other like Pioneer Patriots for their firm example in facing government overreach into traditional State ownership and administration of Western waters. It is very expensive to face Goliath in their courts and win. They did it and won a precious victory for us. I am 100 percent committed. I hosted a team roping in my arena as a fundraising fellowship for them, and glad to have the opportunity to support them in a small way.
Bruce — The legal fees should have been paid out of that fund. And we should protect our community from future issues of this type.
Lambert — I agree with utilizing that fund to help pay their legal fees.
Laughlin — Based on what I have read about the case, I believe 67-6301(e) “any other activity that is deemed appropriate by the council” allows the committee/CDF to reimburse Nettleton and Lowry. The Supreme Court ruling helped Idaho define water rights and the state should pay for that.

What would you do to get more funding for rural highway districts?
Bruce — I would rely on the expertise of the Idaho Association of Highway Districts. A partnership with ITD is crucial in the success of rural highway districts. I also would not expect that all these needs will be the same.
Lambert — Taking back the approximately 63 percent of Idaho that is under federal control would be a good start in better funding our rural highway districts.
Laughlin — Write and support good legislation responsive to the highway districts’ needs. 2021’s HB362 is a good example: increasing the sales tax distribution to transportation from 1 percent up to 4.5 percent.
Winchester — With the giant infrastructure bill comes a lot of waste and corruption. Crack down on it and seek to re-prioritize the formula to recognize this need. Take a look at a modest sticker program for those using the roads for recreational pursuits. We already pick up their wastes and trash.

Any other comments?
Bruce — I try to pay it forward in my community every day. When I say, “Me having a seat at the table is like you having a seat at the table,” you can expect that. Good or bad, I will always be open to a conversation about our future. God Bless Idaho and America!
Lambert — I am endorsed by Sen. Christy Zito, Make Liberty Win, Citizens Alliance of Idaho, Conservatives of, and Stop Idaho RINOs, just to name a few.
Laughlin — In the interest of saving column inches, please contact me or visit my website for more information about my viewpoints. Thank you, Owyhee Avalanche for helping to keep your readers informed!

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For more information on rights-of-way, refer to Idaho Code §18-7029 and §40-1910.

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