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AG: Sheriff's conduct "intolerable," but not criminal



Perry Grant

No charges after allegation Grant misused child pornography evidence

A second public corruption complaint was filed against an Owyhee County elected official.

This time, the Idaho Attorney General's Office investigated Sheriff Perry Grant.

But, unlike the investigation that led to a guilty plea and probation for Coroner Aaron D. Tines,

the attorney general's office said there was insufficient evidence to prove a crime had been committed beyond a reasonable doubt.

The complaint filed by the county's Human Resources Department alleged that Grant had unnecessarily played a video containing sexually exploitative

material, printed screenshots of the video and tried to get deputies to look at the image, and made jokes regarding the video. The video was evidence in a 2018 child molestation and kidnapping case.

One veteran deputy interviewed for the investigation also alleged the sheriff created a possible

chain-of-custody issue with the victim's body in a high-profile murder case unrelated to the molestation case and not investigated as part of the complaint.

Despite determining there was insufficient evidence to prove a

— See *Sheriff*, page 4A



Corteva continues community-mindedness

Employees of Corteva Agriscience's Homedale seed plant helped spruce up the flowerbed at Bette Uda City Park on Saturday as part of volunteer cleanup day. City officials said nearly 50 people fanned out to clean public spaces and streets.

Eligibility of prosecutor in question

Phillips' primary residence is in Caldwell

Owyhee County's prosecuting attorney is skirting the requirement of primary residence in the county in which he serves as an elected official.

And, while the Idaho Attorney General's Office declined to investigate after receiving two complaints — including one from County Clerk and Elections Officer Angie Barkell — the response letters didn't rule out that Jeffrey L. Phillips may have committed perjury when he filled out a voter registration card with



Jeffrey Phillips

— See *Prosecutor*, back page



Now a consultant for Integra, Big Loop parade grand marshal Kim Richardson got her start at the DeLamar mine as a geologist in 1980. Submitted photos

Big Loop salutes mining, rodeo heritage

Annual amateur rodeo begins Friday

The 60th annual Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo will bring traditional fun and a little distraction to the border town this week.

The Big Loop will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, and the open amateur rodeo will kick off at 1 p.m., on both Saturday and Sunday.

The centerpiece again will be the Big Loop Rodeo at 11 a.m., on Saturday in downtown

Jordan Valley.

This year's grand marshal is Kim Richardson, is currently a consultant for Integra DeLamar Mining Corp. She began working at the Jordan Valley-area silver and gold mine 42 years ago.

Entrants will line up at 10:30 a.m., at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and the parade starts

— See *Big Loop*, page 7A



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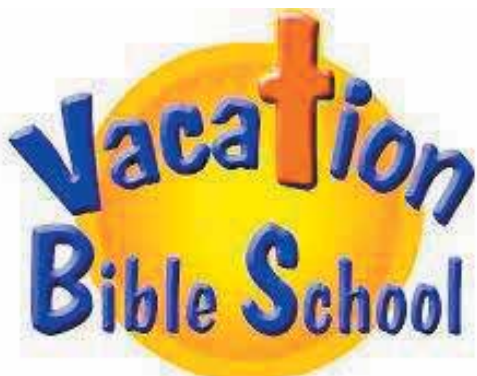
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Putting their hands where their heart is
Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (left) and Councilperson Kim Murray were among the City of Homedale elected officials and employees who helped with Saturday’s volunteer cleanup. Despite the wet conditions, The Fence Store (formerly Treasure Valley Fence ‘n’ Feed), Corteva Agriscience, and the Homedale Farmers Market provided volunteers for the effort. Submitted photo



Who: Kids entering 1st thru 6th grade
Where: Homedale Calvary Fellowship
When: June 7th, 8th, and 9th
Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Register: 208-993-1581

Business growth trumps residential need on Homedale’s Owyhee Ave.

The dearth of residential space in Homedale ran headlong into the idea of a thriving secondary business sector last Wednesday.

The city council denied Tom Gaskins’ request to rezone 8 W. Owyhee Ave., from industrial to residential.

On the same night, council members rezoned 132 W. Colorado Ave., from industrial to residential because, it was determined, zoning triggered by the old Union Pacific railroad was outdated. The existing rental property with out-of-state owners, is near Railroad Avenue.

Denying Gaskins’ attempt to rezone so a friend could purchase the land for his residence keeps intact at least half a block of commercial property on the north side of the street. Gaskins also said he had been trying to sell the property, which he purchased when the adjacent Wishy Washy Laundromat was in development.

Gaskins argued residential zoning would work on the bare lot between a vacant commercial building and the new laundromat because there is residential development to the west in the same block.

But neighboring business owners, including laundromat owner and real estate investor Jesse Denton, Dog Spa owner Marc Tidalgo, and Faydra Given, who owns the Dog Spa building and the Wild Lotus a block south of Owyhee Avenue, asked the council to consider what they perceive as a dearth of commercial space one block north of Idaho Avenue while keeping in mind that the businesses that are there — including the recently sold Bowling Alley — are thriving.

“Being a business owner in a business area, I’d like to see a business with residential above or behind,” Givens said.

Sergio Cervantes, whose father rents space from Gaskins for The Yard Sale Store, supported the application, saying there are people like his father who want to own a home in Homedale but have limited residential opportunities.

“I’m a big proponent of keeping businesses in the business area. I think it’s real important to keep our commercial (areas) commercial,” Councilperson Kim Murray, the owner of a business on East Idaho Avenue, said during deliberation.

“It should remain that way.”

Councilmembers Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins agreed with Murray. Councilman Mike Aebischer was absent.

— JPB

Outreach, reading at Marsing library

Lizard Butte Library has announced an upcoming event and a new ongoing service.

Each Tuesday, the Marsing public library (111 3rd Ave. W.) serves as a Region III Access Point.

Those facing homelessness or escaping domestic violence can take advantage of in-person assessments once a week at the library.

After an assessment, Region III connects people with services and support.

Call (208) 495-5688 to arrange an assessment. Appointments are necessary for the in-person service, which is offered from noon to 3 p.m., each Tuesday at the library.

Phone assessments are available from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday with providers who are working out of the Region III office at 1007 S. Elder St., in Nampa.

There will be three groups of reader prizes this year for boys and girls who sign up for the program and read daily.

Register by June 1 at the library or call (208) 896-4690.

The summer reading story time will take place at 10:30 a.m., each Wednesday in June at City Park at the corner of 1st Avenue West and West 2nd Street. All activities are weather permitting.

This year’s theme is Oceans of Possibilities, and activities will include reading singing and crafting.

Summer reading nears

Registration is underway for Lizard Butte Library’s summer

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Big crowd sends off SBOC retiree

Dozens of current and former co-workers turned out Friday to wish Jim Bertalotto a happy retirement from the South Board of Control.

“Everybody showed up to make sure he was retiring,” SBOC secretary Sherry Maxwell joked during the celebration at the agency’s building on West Wyoming Avenue.

It’s a fair assessment: On Friday, Bertalotto ended 18 years employment with South Board. He worked as an excavator operator and in the maintenance department.

He received a plaque that read:

“Thank you for your dedication and 18 years of service to the patrons of the Gem and Ridgeview Irrigation Districts and South Board of Control. 2004-2022.”

“He’s one of the best employees we’ve got,” SBOC manager John Eells said. “We’re going to miss him.”

Bertalotto said the best part about his SBOC tenure, which began in 2004, was the people.

“The whole crew and the farmers,” he said. “My father-in-law told me that being from a farming community, when farmers are happy, everybody’s happy.”

Bertalotto has lived in the Adrian area for 50 years. He plans to go hunting and fishing and spend time with his family.

Bertalotto has been married to Lisa for 48 years. The couple raised four children and they now enjoy spending time with 12 grandchildren.

— JPB



Above: Retiring South Board of Control employee Jim Bertalotto (right) accepts a plaque from SBOC manager John Eells. **Top:** Bertalotto wanted one last photo with the whole crew.

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✓ Sheriff: Deputy alleges murder victim’s body was left unattended

crime was committed beyond a reasonable doubt, the AG’s office spoke out against the video allegations in its investigation summary and said Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips was directed to have Grant receive training on how to handle sexually exploitative material as part of an official investigation and training on how to appropriately cope with the effects of having viewed such material.

“Despite our decision not to file criminal charges, this office does not condone Sheriff Grant’s conduct,” the AG’s letter states.

“Sheriff Grant indicated to our investigator that the joking may have been a coping mechanism to deal with the emotional toll of the investigation.”

The OCSO investigation involved Chancey Baker, who committed suicide while in custody in another county after his arrest in a 2018 case in which he was accused of molesting a young boy.

“We do not have sufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Sheriff Grant possessed sexually exploitative material outside the course and scope of his duties as a law enforcement officer when he allegedly showed the video to one of his deputies,” the AG office’s response letter to the county’s HR director said.

“The deputy who alleged that Sheriff Grant unnecessarily showed him the video worked for Sheriff Grant at the time Sheriff Grant showed him

the video, and the deputy had been involved — at least to a limited extent — in the investigation into the manufacturing of child pornography.”

Regarding an allegation that Grant placed a printed screenshot from the video facedown on a desk and asked a deputy to turn it over, the AG’s investigator summarized:

“Similarly, we do not have evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Sheriff Grant printed out a screenshot from the video and showed it to a deputy who was not involved in the Sheriff’s investigation. The deputy to whom Sheriff Grant allegedly showed the image told our investigator that Sheriff Grant put a piece of paper facedown in front of him and asked the deputy to turn it over. Because the deputy believed the paper contained an image of child pornography, he did not turn the paper over and thus does not know what image was on the other side. Without proof that the paper actually contained an image of sexually exploitative material, our office would not be able to show that Sheriff Grant committed a crime.”

The investigation summary did confirm that Grant told investigators there may have been inappropriate joking about the material.

“While our office finds joking about child pornography intolerable, we do not have sufficient evidence in this case to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that any joking in which Sheriff Grant participated removed the implied immunity

granted to him under Idaho law,” the letter states.

The complaint filing grew out of Owyhee County HR exit interviews conducted with numerous employees who had resigned from OCSO or had threatened to quit between September and November 2021.

“Discoveries during the interviews suggested people were leaving due to the leadership within the sheriff’s office,” the AG investigator noted in a Nov. 9, 2021 report.

Grant and the Baker case’s lead investigator, Sgt. Jeff Wasson, were among the current and former OCSO employees the AG’s office interviewed.

During his interview, Grant said there “were errors in judgment, but not the ‘worst screw up’ in his life,” according to the investigator’s report.

Grant didn’t recall distributing still images to anyone outside the scope as a law enforcement officer, the report says.

“He stated, ‘If I did, no excuse, I was probably drunk as <expletive>, and really screwed up in my head and I deserve something for that if I did ...,’” the investigator’s report quotes Grant.

Grant was interviewed in Murphy in early January, and the investigator noted that the three-term sheriff became visibly emotional and took lengthy pauses while discussing the investigation of the molestation case.

Grant admitted he drank a lot of alcohol during the case, telling the investigator “somehow this case affected me.”

Then-prosecuting attorney

Douglas D. Emery asked for a painstaking catalogue of the videos for his case, Grant said, and the process was time-consuming.

During the course of the investigation, Grant said he played the song on the video and talked about the song to others as part of decompressing and would make statements like “this is terrible.”

“There was nothing funny about any of this,” Grant told the investigator.

The sheriff also told the investigator he was going through a divorce at the time and his mind was not in a good place for a year.

The AG’s investigation noted that there was some confusion among witnesses whether the music on the explicit video was already part of the evidence, which was found on a thumb drive seized with a search warrant, or if it had been added once the evidence was in OCSO’s possession.

One witness said the sheriff had told him he “had to add music to it because it made it go better ...” and also alledged Grant said “well, that song really fits good” while turning up

the audio.

Wasson told the investigator that the music was original to the video deputies had found.

The AG’s investigation also turned up inference that the body of an Oregon hitchhiker found by hunters in the Bruneau Desert in 2017 wasn’t under continuous law enforcement supervision after deputies secured the scene.

One veteran deputy interviewed told the AG investigator that Grant instructed all deputies to leave the scene except one when the body of Hunter Smith was found. Nicholas Vandenberg murdered Smith in October 2017.

According to the deputy’s testimony, Grant said the body was “so far in the back country no one is going to find the body anyways.”

Grant instructed one deputy to stay until dark then leave.

“You just make sure you are out there by 8 o’clock in the morning because I am supposed to meet ISP by 9 or 9:30,” Grant allegedly said, according to the deputy’s AG interview. “That way when they get out there, it will look like you’re covering the body all night.” — JPB

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The Rock golf tourney sign-ups ongoing

Time is running out to register a team for a golf tournament to benefit The Rock of Homedale. A four-person scramble is scheduled for a 9 a.m., shotgun start on Friday, June 17 at River Bend Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward The Rock’s kitchen construction fund. The tournament entry fee is \$90 per person, and golfers are encouraged to put together four-person teams. Tournament day will begin at 8 a.m., with registration and a putting contest. Information on how to get involved — either as a player or a sponsor — can be found at www.therockofhomedale.org. Registration is available online or by calling The Rock coordinator Kathy Deal at (208) 794-1048. Hole sponsorships are available, and Deal said the sponsors will have the option to set up a booth at the tee box to give information about their product or service. Merchants can also donate gift baskets that will be given as a prize for the longest drive, longest putt and other contests. There’s also a raffle.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and fruit choices daily*

May 18: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick, banana **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

May 19: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken Taquito, buttered corn

May 23: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnis, yogurt, pears **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

May 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast round, cheese stick, peaches **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

May 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Homedale Middle

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

May 18: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick **Lunch:** Taquitos, buttered corn

May 19: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with egg roll, steamed broccoli

May 23: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnis, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

May 24: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese croissant, cheese stick **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

May 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Homedale High

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

May 18: **Breakfast:** Frudel or cereal bar, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak with roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, or turkey bacon ranch wrap with chips, snickerdoodle cookie

May 19: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, cheese tick **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza with potato wedges, or buffalo popcorn chicken with breadstick and potato wedges, club sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

May 23: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, or bagels and cream cheese, or cereal bar, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, or chicken or spicy

chicken sandwich with fries, turkey bacon sub with chips, or BBQ chicken salad with breadstick

May 24: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with egg roll, steamed broccoli, or Malibu chicken wrap with chips, or turkey bacon ranch salad with breadstick

May 25: **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

Marsing

Meals include 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 18: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, cheese stick **Lunch:** Sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberries, Cold Grab-n-go: Ham and cheese sub meal

May 19: **Breakfast:** Pancake sandwich, maple sausage **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper, pineapple tidbits, carrot sticks, Jello, Hot Grab-n-go: Chicken sandwich, French fries

May 23: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnis, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll, Cold Grab-n-go: Ham and cheese sub meal

May 24: **Breakfast:** Banana bread, yogurt **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, carrot sticks, Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, tots/gems

May 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, potato wedge, Cold Grab-n-go: BBQ chicken ranch wrap

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

May 18: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots

May 19: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli

May 23: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

May 24: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

May 25: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn

Younger board takes over at Rimrock

A new board of directors will be sworn in Thursday at the Rimrock Senior Center. Election results were announced earlier this month. Nola Boone was elected board president by a 50-15 margin over Marie Hipwell. Sandy Skinner (vice-president), Elaine Bean (secretary) and Bruce Tucker (treasurer) were elected to their respective positions after running unopposed. The top three vote-getters earned directorships, too, including John Carothers (53 votes), Bill Mead (49), and Kimberly Bearden (36). Ivan Shetler received 34 votes. He is retiring from the board after not being re-elected. Outgoing board members who are retiring include treasurer Jackie Lucas, vice-president Anna Hency and director Verla Robison. “These three ladies have given service and dedication to Rimrock Senior Center for so many years,” senior center coordinator Ellie Gillett said. Gillett said that with a younger board, many members of which are still working, meeting times will be changed. She also said the board has the goal of revitalizing the senior center.

— JPB

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 18: Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes

May 19: Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, Normandy blend vegetables, sautéed cabbage

May 24: Beef stroganoff, California blend vegetables

May 25: Ham and cheese on roll fries or Tater Tots, side salad

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 18: Turkey and ham deli sandwich, Hoagie roll, pasta salad, peaches, juice

May 20: Stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, wheat roll

May 23: Citrus salmon, brown rice, Capri vegetables, apples and berries, wheat bread

May 25: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad, wheat roll

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 available.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order*

May 19: Chicken pot pie, green salad, cottage cheese, Jello fruit, banana, cookie

May 24: Oven BBQ chicken, mac-n-cheese, cook’s choice soup, green salad, dill pickle, fresh fruit, cupcake

May 26: Roasted pork, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cook’s choice soup, garlic toast, beets, whole grain roll, cookies

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 19: Fish dinner

May 24: Beef dinner

May 26: Pork dinner

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Warm weather brings thoughts of food safety reminders

Lately we have had several days of various weather temperatures, and I know we are headed on our way to warm weather!

While the summer season is almost upon us, this is a great reminder for us to follow food safety recommendations when we are out and about. On average 1 in 6 Americans will get sick from foodborne illness this year. While this may make us think of the risk of getting a “simple stomach bug,” this is something that can be severe enough to send at least 128,000 people to the hospital each year and can even create long-term health issues.

If you are looking for ways to protect you and your loved ones now and all year long, there are four basic ways. These four key areas to keep our food safe are to:

- Clean our food
- Separate our food
- Cook our food
- Chill our food

When we refer to clean, we mean your hands, utensils, surfaces and appliances. Germs that can make you sick can survive in many places around your kitchen, including your food, utensils, cutting boards, and countertops. And make sure you don’t forget to wash your hands many times throughout your food preparation process. When you think about cleaning, know that surfaces and utensils should

be cleaned after each use. Fruits and vegetables should be washed using cool, running water, but there is no need to wash meat, poultry or eggs.

Separating our food is important in reducing cross-contamination risk. Do so by using separate cutting boards and plates for produce, meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs. These items should be separated from purchase to cooking in the kitchen.

The cooking piece is where a lot of issues can come into play. It is important to make sure to cook to the correct temperature, dependent on the meat or cut that you are preparing. Food is safely cooked when the internal temperature is high enough to kill germs that can make you sick, just make sure to check the specific food you are cooking. You should also keep food hot, which is 140°F or above after cooking.

Lastly, you should properly chill your food. This can be done by refrigerating or freezing your food. Refrigerate perishable foods within two hours.

For other great food safety recommendations, call the University of Idaho, Owyhee County Extension Office or check out foodsafety.gov

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



Suriñe Greenway

Calendar

Today

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

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

Yoga class

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

Teens & Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Community movie night

7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Friday

Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo

1 p.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2551

OCHS meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Big Loop Rodeo dance

After the rodeo, former Big Loop Pizza and Subs property, Jordan Valley.

Saturday

Big Loop buckaroo breakfast

Jordan Valley High School parking lot, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. 95), Jordan Valley

Food bank distribution

9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View

Friends of the Library book sale

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Homedale Community Center lawn, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Big Loop Rodeo parade

11 a.m. (10:45 a.m., line-up at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church), downtown Jordan Valley.

Free lunch

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

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Big Loop Cowboy Church

10 a.m., Jordan Valley High School gymnasium, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. 95), Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo

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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. (208) 337-4228

GOP central committee reorganization

7 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78., Murphy

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

Region III assistance assessments

Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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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

COSSA Academy graduation

5 p.m., Wilder High School gymnasium, 210 East A Ave., Wilder.

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Death notices

JOHN SHERIDAN EZOLA, 86, of Cedar Hills, Utah, and formerly of Homedale, died Thursday, May 12, 2022 at his home from injuries sustained from a fall. A viewing will be held from 6:30 p.m., to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday May 26, 2022 at the Homedale First Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Services are scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2022. A viewing will start at 9 a.m., and the funeral will follow at 10 a.m. Sheridan will be laid to rest in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A full obituary will be available at www.larkinmortuary.com after May 18.

PETE UBERUAGA, 83, of Nampa and formerly of Homedale, died on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. A Rosary was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 inside the Alsip Funeral Home chapel in Nampa. Graveside services followed at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. The family suggests a donation to Txoko Ona Basque Center, Homedale.

Community invited to help place Memorial Day flags

The semi-annual placing of American flags at the graves of veterans at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery will take place next week. American Legion Post 128 members invite all interested community members to help honor the veterans at rest at the cemetery at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, May 27. Each year for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, members of the Marsing-based Legion post fan out over the cemetery grounds to place flags and pay respects with silence and salutes at the headstones of each military veteran listed on the cemetery’s roll.

Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
						
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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 inches)						
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
05/10	0.0	0	13.5	41	27	32
05/11	0.0	0	13.7	46	28	36
05/12	0.0	0	13.7	52	32	42
05/13	0.0	0	13.7	57	36	47
05/14	0.0	0	13.7	62	40	52
05/15	0.0	0	13.7	75	41	60
05/16	0.0	0	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
05/10	0.0	0	15.2	41	24	32
05/11	0.0	0	15.2	46	29	37
05/12	0.0	0	15.2	52	30	41
05/13	0.0	0	15.3	54	35	42
05/14	0.0	0	15.3	58	43	50
05/15	0.0	0	15.3	70	44	58
05/16	0.0	0	15.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
05/10	0.8	1	29.7	40	24	30
05/11	1.1	3	30.0	41	26	33
05/12	1.1	2	30.0	46	31	38
05/13	0.7	1	30.2	52	35	43
05/14	0.0	0	30.2	56	41	48
05/15	0.0	0	30.2	72	46	58
05/16	0.0	0	30.2	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 899 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 128 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 327,571 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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As of Monday		
Fawn Creek, Nev.		
Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
0.9	3	23.9

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✓ Big Loop: Pat Stanford's son Wyatt joins forces with fellow announcer

at 11 a.m. There are prizes available for the best entries, and judges include Mayor LeeAnn Conro, pastors Rogers Wall and Dale Johnson, Mitzi Elordi, Sherry Anderson, Sherry Jaca, and Gayle Batt. Richardson began work at the DeLamar mine in 1980 after earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in the double major of Geology and Anthropology from William and Mary. She started as a geologist and quickly rose through the ranks, becoming the first woman to serve as a mine superintendent at a major mine in the U.S. Richardson was inducted into the Natinal Mining Hall of Fame and Museum this year. Integra DeLamar Mine and the Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council are sponsoring this year's parade. All the rodeo action takes place at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds on U.S. Highway 95. This year's announcers are Clayton Hanson and Wyatt Stanford, whose late father Pat was a popular rodeo announcer in Owyhee country around the West. There are several rodeo events planned, including some with money added to the purse: • Bull riding, \$1,500 added • Stock saddle bronc, \$1,000 added • Senior barrel racing, \$1,000 added • Team roping, \$1,000 added • Big Loop, junior steer wrestling for ages 10-14, and wild cow milking are events with no additional prize money other than the entry fees. The Jordan Valley Rodeo

Board is sponsoring the Big Loop championship saddles. Therodeo's all around champion will receive a 30-30 Henry rifle, and Skyline Silvermiths has designed the first-place trophy belt buckles. King Cattle Co., Blossom Ranches, JW Rose, Nevada Livestock and Savage Cattle are the stock contractors. The Jordan Valley Lions Club is running this year's red barn concessions booth with proceeds benefiting the club's building fund to construct a new and larger community center where the current Lions Den is located.

A buckaroo breakfast will be served each morning before the amateur rodeo. On Saturday, Jordan Valley FFA chapter members will serve the breakfast in the high school parking lot. Sunday's breakfast takes place at the town's Catholic church. On Friday and Saturday night, the Desert Rose Band will play live music for the rodeo dance. The entertainment will take place on the site of Big Loop Pizza and Subs. The restaurant, which was destroyed by a recent fire, has been razed.

Also on Saturday, a flea market will be held in the city park. A tri-tip barbecue will be served on Saturday after the rodeo. Blaine and Molly Lilly and Homedale resident Wade Black, Road to the Horse world champion, will be on hand at 10 a.m., on Sunday for a Cowboy Church service. The service will be held inside the town's old high school gymnasium. Doughnuts and coffee will be served early, and music for the service is provided by the Church in the Dirt Band. — JPB

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Businesses sought to support Breshears kids fishing day

Organizers are gearing up for the 23rd annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day.

The annual free fishing day for children up to sixth grade will be held at Marsing Island Park beginning at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 4.

Each year, organizers put the word out that sponsors are needed to help put the event together and to also announce that registration is open.

The annual event is organized by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

A limited number of rods and reels are available for loan on the day of the event plus the volunteers will be on hand to hand out bait and offer assistance.

The Island Park pond is closed to fishing except for children for about four hours on the day of the event. The City of Marsing public works staff has been trying to get new fishing docks installed in the pond this spring. One dock has been completely refurbished

and reinstalled, while the other two were pulled for repairs about a month ago.

In addition to the fishing, the boys and girls who turn out will be treated to a lunch of hot dogs, chips and water or soda.

Prizes are available for the first boy and girl who catches a trout, the boy and girl who catches the largest trout, and the boy and girl who catches the first limit.

Posse members pay to stock the pond right before the fishing day, and Fish and Game usually makes a plant, too.

The fishing day is named for LeRoy Breshears, a longtime hunter's education instructor in the Marsing area who also served on the Posse and advocated for the community's youth to get involved in the sportsman lifestyle.

Businesses or individuals interested in supporting this year's event can contact Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or Posse member James Ferdinand at (208) 794-7270.



The latest Outpost Days Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser quilt built by Murphy resident Charlene Nettleton hangs in the hallway between the Owyhee County Historical Museum's bookstore and McKeeth Hall in Murphy.

Outpost Days raffles underway

Plenty of Old West charm will visit the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex next month.

Owyhee County Historical Society members are hard at work putting the finishing touches on 53rd annual Outpost

Days, which will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5 in Murphy.

The two-day celebration aims to celebrate Owyhee County's rich history and will feature attractions such as at cattle drive, the Fort Boise Garrison,

lost arts demonstrations and the Snake River Stampede stagecoach on display.

A chuck wagon dinner will be served at 5 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, and buckaroo breakfast will be available from 8 a.m., to 10 a.m., both days.

Music with western flair will be performed by the Junior Jammers fiddlers and the band Wilder at 6 p.m., on Saturday, June 4.

There will be pony rides for the children under the guidance of Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Ella Boren of Oreana.

Fundraising aspects of this year's celebration include:

- The return of the online auction. Items can be viewed and bid upon at outpostdays.afrogs.org.
- The annual raffles for a quilt and a gun. Tickets for each prize cost \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

The museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday and is located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Call (208) 495-2319 or visit the museum's Facebook page for more information on the celebration and the complex.

A graphic with a light blue background and large, dark blue, stylized circular shapes. At the top, the word "HIRING!" is written in a large, bold, red serif font. Below it, "WE WANT YOU" is written in a smaller, dark blue, all-caps serif font. In the center, a white rectangular box contains a dark blue monogram "PA" and the text "PARKER ADVISORS" in a dark blue, all-caps serif font. Below the white box, a red rounded rectangle contains the text "FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT" in a white, all-caps serif font. Below that, a small red rounded rectangle contains the phone number "(208)337-3271" in a white, all-caps serif font. At the bottom, a red horizontal band contains the text "FOR MORE INFORMATION" in a white, all-caps serif font, and another red horizontal band contains the text "PARKER ADVISORS.COM/BLOG" in a white, all-caps serif font.

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Malia Tate of Steele Legacy Honey and Crafts shows Opal Nash Story Time attendees a beehive during her visit to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on May 9. Submitted photo

Book sale for Homedale library scheduled next door Saturday

Director says more people getting library cards

The semi-annual Friends of the Homedale Library book sale takes place Saturday.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on the lawn of the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Proceeds are used to support programming at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library and to purchase materials.

• On Thursday, the second-to-last Teens & Tweens program of the year will take place at 5 p.m., inside the community center.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend and take part in a rock painting craft.

• The Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers will feature youth services coordinator Emily Lincoln reading a pair of books.

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, and the

featured readings will include “The Little Lost Unicorn” by Lorna Hussey and “There was An Odd Princess Who Swallowed A Pea” by Jennifer Ward.

The children will make a unicorn craft after the reading.

• Lincoln continues to work on the summer reading curriculum, and registration is open at the library until Thursday, May 26. The program will be held in June.

“We are anticipating around 60-100 children participating in the program,” Lincoln said.

• Participation was a brief topic at last Wednesday’s city council meeting when library director Sharla Jensen gave an update.

Jensen said that there are 1,459 city memberships and 822 non-resident members for

a total membership of 2,281. The number of folks with a library card has grown by more than 1,900 people since Oct. 1, with 1,250 cards going to city residents and 684 being acquired by non-residents.

Jensen said the library has averaged 1,165 visits per month in the past seven months, and a circulation of 1,150 items per month being checked out.

Jensen repoted that in May 2021 the monthly circulation was 649 items and as of April the monthly number has risen to 1,039.

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

Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday.

The library is closed on Sunday.

— JPB

Owyhee Field Office taking comments on BLM’s wild horse plan

Members of the public have until June 10 to speak up about a proposed management plan affecting Owyhee County’s wild horses.

The Bureau of Land Management is accepting public comment on its proposed 10-year plan to take care of wild horses in three herd management areas (HMAs) located in the Owyhees — Sands Basin, Hardtrigger and Black Mountain.

The public input will help the federal agency prepare an environmental assessment analyzing a variety of wild horse gather and fertility control options to maintain wild horse populations at the appropriate management level within each herd management area as required by the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

The action is needed to reduce impacts to rangeland health and wildlife habitat within the herd management area boundaries and to protect

animal and herd health.

“We are committed to maintaining healthy wild horses on thriving and productive public rangelands,” BLM Owyhee Field Manager Donn Christiansen said.

“With wild horse populations having the ability to double in size every four years, utilizing periodic gathers and fertility control are necessary tools to keep the range and herds healthy.”

Information about the proposed plan can be found online at <https://go.usa.gov/xuPqg>

The web address is case-sensitive.

Send comments via:
• Email — BLM_ID_OwyheeOffice@blm.gov
• Fax — (208) 896-5940
• Postal mail — Donn Christiansen, Owyhee Field Manager, 20 1st Ave. W., Marsing, ID 83639
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Courthouse report

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

May 5
James M. Ming, Nuevo, Calif. — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (14 days served, 166 days suspended, 2 years supervised probation, 6-month driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$352.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic container; misdemeanor flee or attempt to elude police officer in motor vehicle; misdemeanor resist or obstruct officers; misdemeanor trespass, failure to depart; misdemeanor reckless driving; misdemeanor fail to stop or leaving the scene of an accident

May 4
Bill J. Palmer, Parma — Misdemeanor driving without privileges: \$327.50 in fines, \$172.50 in court costs.
Rita Tumika Ramirez, Homedale — Misdemeanor petty theft (guilty after trial): 1 year in jail (10 days to serve, 355 days suspended), 24 months supervised probation.
Miguel A. Rodriguez, Caldwell — Misdemeanor reckless driving (plea deal): 180 days in jail (4 days to serve, 176 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs.

May 2
Joshua James Borgen, Homedale — Misdemeanor domestic battery without traumatic injury against a household member (plea deal): 180 days in jail (10 days to serve, 65 days served, 105 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, \$1,000 in fines (suspended), \$337.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony attempted stragulation; felony intimidate, influence, impede or deter witness from testifying; misdemeanor false imprisonment; and misdemeanor malicious injury to property.
Jeremy Geraldwayne Marco, Sparks, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$400 in fines, \$395 in court costs.

April 29
Latoscha Sherre Nobles, Winston-Salem, N.C. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, logbook not current to last change of duty status (amended from misdemeanor no logbook, serious): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.

April 28
Albert Eduardo Cabrera, Pasco, Wash. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs.



From left: Jacky King, Marsing High School counselor; Regan Stansell; Loni Driscoll, Owyhee Gardeners; Emily Thoene; and Anna Ousley and Carolyn Ingersoll, Owyhee Gardeners. Submitted photo

Marsing High seniors earn garden club scholarships

June meeting moving to Melba location

The Owyhee Gardeners Club has awarded its 2022 scholarships to a pair of graduating Marsing High School seniors. Emily Thoene and Regan Stansell received \$500 scholarships after the Owyhee Gardeners Club Scholarship Committee made it selections. Club member Carolyn Ingersoll manages the scholarship committee. Thoene and Stansell submitted essays as part of the selection process. Thoene will attend The

College of Idaho in Caldwell and major in Bio Medical Sciences. Stansell will study Plant Sciences at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Both students were very appreciative of the local garden club and hope to attend one meeting this summer before leaving for college, according to a garden club press release. The girls also thanked Marsing High School counselor Jacky King for her inspiration, resourcefulness and encouragement to submit the essays. The Owyhee Gardeners raise money for the scholarship fund with fundraisers throughout the year. The club scholarship is

aimed to help local students further their higher education, especially in the fields of agriculture, horticulture and related subjects. Class of 2023 seniors at Homedale and Marsing high schools can contact their counselors for more information about next year’s scholarship application process. The Owyhee Gardeners usually meet at 1 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month inside the Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., attached to the Marsing City Hall. The June 9 meeting is scheduled for Cleo’s Garden in Melba, though. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend and join, no matter their skill level. The club is a member of the state organization, Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. For more information, email OwyheeGardenersClub@hotmail.com

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Above: Several Marsing High School BPA chapter members attended the national leadership conference in Dallas. **Below:** Ethan Freeman shows off his BPA national award. Submitted photos

Marsing High’s Business Professionals chapter earns national awards

Marsing High School students returned from Dallas with awards after the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference.

Ethan Freeman finished third in the Digital Media Productions competition.

Regan Stansell earned the Ambassador Torch Award and competed in Business Law and

Ethics.

Emily Thoene competed in Presentation Management Individual.

Jack Marshall competed in C++ programming.

Other BPA members who made the May 4-8 trip with chapter advisor Kim Freeman included Christal Ramirez, Vanessa Freeman and Alliya Freeman.



Marsing BPA advisor Kim Freeman and chapter member Regan Stansell ham it it up inside the BPA logo. Submitted photos

OCSO rounding up info to help owners when rounding up loose livestock

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has launched a campaign to connect livestock with their owners.

According to a social media post in which OCSO asks for the public’s cooperation, animals at-large are a problem that endangers not only the animals but travelers on the county’s roadways.

In an effort to curb the problem, the sheriff’s office is asking residents and livestock owners to submit animal information to create a database of the county’s large animals.

The online post said that the database will help emergency dispatchers and deputies return the livestock to their owners.

“Dispatch receives countless 9-1-1 and reports of animals on the highway, and this is an important step in keeping our communities and travelers safe while they’re on our roadways,” the sheriff’s office social media post states.

The information OCSO would like to obtain includes:

- What kind of livestock, how many head and a description of the animal for each herd
- Location, milepost and closest highway, road or intersection and the full address of where the animals graze and are safely kept
- Ear tag color and brand, especially if a livestock owner uses multiple brands and ear tag colors
- Addresses and phone numbers of livestock caretakers, gate codes and any other contact information that would be useful in getting livestock inside the proper gates.

The information should be sent to:

Owyhee County, Attn.: Dispatch, P.O. Box 128 Murphy, ID 83650

Or the information can be relayed to the sheriff’s office by calling the non-emergency dispatch number at (208) 495-1154 and selecting option 2.

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Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
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Oversight
is overdue

I take no joy in writing articles such as the two that appear on the front page of this week’s edition. But detailing government corruption and misconduct — criminally prosecuted or not — is a necessary job for the men and women who work in the Fourth Estate.

It is our job to call out wrongdoing in government, to hold accountable those men and women whom the citizens of Owyhee County have entrusted with the conduct of the closer form of government that will affect their everyday lives.

The process that is carried out every two years as it was Tuesday and will be again in November — selecting elected officials — is the signing of a solemn contract.

During a campaign, candidates essentially present their responses to the citizens’ request for proposals and qualifications.

When the voters go to the polls, they choose the candidate they think will best fulfill the job requirements for the good of the county, city, country, taxing district — whatever level of government may be at stake.

The biggest qualifications a candidate must meet: The ability to do the prescribed job well and the ability to conduct himself or herself with integrity.

Based on recent developments, the number of Owyhee County’s elected officials capable of filling those qualifications isn’t where it should be.

• Coroner Aaron D. Tines, whether it is a workload issue, personal or personnel issues, or a lack of support, was placed on misdemeanor probation because of his inability to do the job. The state attorney general’s office now sits as his watchdog for the foreseeable future.

• Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips may have a residential address in Homedale, but — by the letter of the law — he has been ineligible to serve the citizens officially for the past two years, even after he was elected — no matter how many times he tells people he lives in Homedale.

Fortunately, a new state law, which will go into effect before Phillips’ next election cycle, will give county clerks and the secretary of state more tools to determine when would-be candidates or sitting elected officials are circumventing the system.

• Sheriff Perry S. Grant, according to information from an Attorney General’s Office investigation, possesses neither the professional attitude nor the managerial aptitude to serve in the job for which citizens have elected him three times.

Sharing evidence in-house for amusement purposes is flat-wrong, regardless of how heinous in nature the content is. As the sheriff himself told an investigator, there’s no excuse.

The mass exodus of employees and the continual hiring of seasonal employees, part-timers and retirees smacks of a shell game that may look like it is saving the county money in salaries but really is most likely undermining the public’s trust in the agency.

• Assessor Robin Monahan, who was on Tuesday’s

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington
A tale of two economies: What Dems
must learn from GOP tax cut successes

Democrats’ relentless push for massive tax increases and reckless social spending suggests a disregard for the economic reality many Americans are facing. It also ignores the booming economy that existed before the pandemic and the Republican tax policies that led to it, including meaningful reforms delivered by Congress and President Trump in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which boosted our economy and federal revenue. Congress must learn from the past and preserve those pro-growth tax reforms to help reignite our economy, rather than continue down a path of more unsustainable taxing and spending.

Before the pandemic, lower taxes from the TCJA and less regulation translated into:

- higher wages;
- historically low unemployment;
- reduced inequality; and
- The Tax Foundation found “the TCJA reduced federal tax rates for households across every income level while increasing the share of tax paid by the top 1 percent.”

TCJA made our tax code fairer and more progressive, reducing burdens for hard-working Americans. Lowering taxes, broadening the base and eliminating loopholes unleashed strong economic growth, which resulted in better jobs and higher wages, especially for low-wage workers.

While lower tax rates might be expected to result in less tax revenue, the opposite is proving true. A broader tax base paired with increased economic growth has led to the Treasury Department collecting even higher tax receipts. In fact, as the economy has reopened and business activity has resumed, record

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levels of corporate tax revenues are flooding into the Treasury. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates federal revenues have increased by 25 percent (or \$418 billion) in the first six months of fiscal year 2022 alone compared to a year ago. We are seeing historic revenue collections, including, through March, year-over-year gains of:

- 36 percent in individual income tax revenue, “attributable in part to higher total wages and salaries ...”;
- 22 percent in corporate income tax revenue; and
- 24 percent in total federal tax receipts.

Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has refused to learn from the pre-pandemic economy and

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Commentary

Financial management

Tithe to a local church while looking for new place of worship

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have always attended church, and we have always tithed. Over the last few months, we have come to the decision it is time for us to find a place to worship that is a little more involved in the community. If we are actively looking for a new church, should we continue to tithe to our current church? Would giving our tithe money to a charity be better? We both agree it feels strange to continue giving to our current church when we would rather be somewhere else.

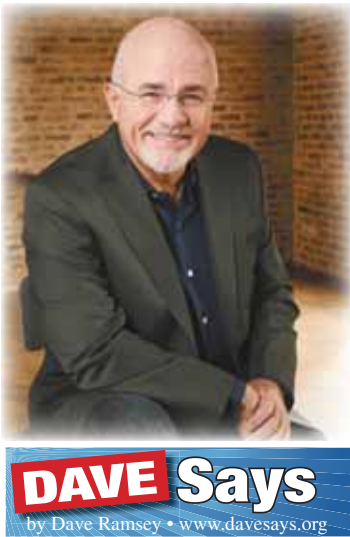
— Brad

Dear Brad,

There's nothing wrong with continuing to tithe to your current place of worship until you find a new church home. It would probably be all right, too, if you gave your tithe to one of the places you visit while you're looking. When it comes right down to it, it's all about learning to be a giver and putting others first.

I can tell you two are taking this situation very seriously. But I mean, it's not like He needs the money, you know? Tithing isn't about making a deposit into God's bank account, or building up spiritual brownie points.

It isn't a salvation issue, either. It's all about changing our hearts and our minds. It's about being a little less selfish,



and a little more Christ-like. I believe it makes God smile when we put other people's needs ahead of our own wants.

There are some pretty strong indications in scripture that a tithe — which is a 10th of your income — should go to your local church. I have no problem with giving to responsible charitable organizations, too, but when it comes to tithing, I'm not sure a generic charity is the answer.

My wife and I have had times in our lives when we changed churches, and in the periods when we didn't have a home church, we'd write out the checks just like normal, but leave the "pay to the order of" portion blank. This way, the money was already accounted for in our minds and in our checkbook. Then, when we found a place that really spoke to us, we'd complete the checks and give them to that church.

I hope this helps a little, Brad. God bless you two!

— 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.

✓ Oversight: Time for the commissioners to step up, supervise officials

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ballot for her own four-year term, also shows little managerial acumen if she can't figure out a way to staff the Grand View Division of Motor Vehicles branch on a consistent basis.

There is no excuse for not sending someone to Grand View when the full-time clerk there is out for surgery or vacation or whatever reason crops up. A two-week closure is inexcusable.

It is not, as Monahan told The Owyhee Avalanche, a budget issue. It's a personnel management issue.

During one of the candidate forums, Monahan also mentioned that her DMV offices are handling driver's license business for the sheriff's office. According to Idaho Code 49, it is the sheriff's responsibility to carry out driver's license examinations and issue licenses.

But in Owyhee County, the DMV staff handles both the driver's license and vehicle registration business.

In fact, the driver's license clerk's salary line in the sheriff's budget was eliminated in 2010 — midway through Daryl Crandall's tumultuous term in office. The

assessor's office has paid all DMV clerk salaries — even the portion for issuing driver's licenses — for the past 12 years. Dist. 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland was on the board then and recalls some type of allowance was made by the Idaho Transportation Department.

Whether the elected officials can be considered "rogue," incompetent, lazy, or whatever qualifier you want to use, there are three other elected officials who apparently aren't holding up the duties of their office — the Board of County Commissioners.

Idaho Code 31-802 helps outline the powers and duties of the county commissioners.

The responsibility for and even culpability in the current collection of fiascos is as plain as the section's capital-lettered lead-in: "SUPERVISION OF COUNTY OFFICERS."

The code empowers the commissioners to "supervise the official conduct of all county officers ...; see that they faithfully perform their duties," among other organizational and managerial functions of each office, including supervising the disbursement of public moneys and revenues.

That gives the commissioners the responsibility and duty to make sure each elected official is running his or her department efficiently, ethically and in the best interest of the citizens.

But, when BOCC chair Joe Merrick was confronted with the mess in the coroner's office recently, he echoed the same shrug-of-the-shoulder, hands-in-the-air, what-can-we-do? reaction that has been the company line for county commissioners for years.

Apparently, the commissioners have been left with the impression that the plain English of Idaho Code 31-802 applies only to their ability to control the purse strings in each department.

In fact, it is time that the commissioners get full-throated about the mess in Murphy. Speak up, admonish and call onto the carpet these men and woman who are neglecting the public trust.

Commissioners: Let those who elected you know exactly what work lies ahead to salvage the reputation of Owyhee County's government.

The contract has been broken. The citizens may want to renegotiate.



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✓ Economies: Biden team must heed lessons

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instead is doubling down on unsustainable tax-and-spend measures. The president's proposals would increase taxes on American businesses by more than \$1.5 trillion — in addition to the nearly \$1 trillion of tax increases included in the partisan House-passed Build Back Better Act — for a staggering total of \$2.5 trillion. These proposals would hurt consumers and workers in the form of higher prices and lower wages. The CBO estimates the House bill would add trillions more to spending, deficits and debt than advertised, once budget gimmicks are removed. Even with gimmicks, the bill would produce hundreds of billions of dollars in deficits.

These tax-and-spend proposals are irresponsible in today's economy. Inflation is high, with consumer price inflation hitting 8.5 percent in March, at a level not seen in more than 40 years. And, inflation has accelerated since the president assumed office in January of last year, from 1.4 percent then to 8.5 percent in March of this year, partly fueled by an

untargeted spending spree in last year's partisan American Rescue Plan Act.

The runaway price increases Americans are facing are broad-based — affecting items ranging from baby food to energy to lamps — and were set in motion long before Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Pursuing tax hikes and more inflationary spending when the risk of recession is rising is bad policy. The Biden Administration and Congress must recognize higher taxes and out-of-control spending could cause serious and lasting harm to our economy.

It is time to learn from the pro-growth tax policies that have worked in the past to protect American families and workers from a bleak economic future.

— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 21, 1997



Homedale A-3 district 3 1997 State Softball Champions: (front l to r) Charity McMillan; Mindy Butler; Roxanne Lopez; Lara Housley; (middle l to r) Jac Landa; Jennifer Overton; Nicole Sonke; Tasha Grammater; (back l to r) coach, Jim McMillan; Anne Marston; Emily Carson; Lisa Maybon; Marissa Housley and assistant coach, Luci Asumendi Mereness.

HHS softball team claims state championship Trojans are champions for second year in a row

Homedale began the quest for the state championship title at the eight-team, State A-3 Softball Tournament in Lewiston on Thursday, with a 5-2 win over Grangeville.

Charity McMillan pitched a two-hitter and struck out 15 to earn the first tournament victory.

In Friday’s opener against Filer, the Trojans only needed five innings to beat Filer 11-0.

McMillan had six strikeouts, one hit and one RBI; Anne Marston hit a triple and a double; Emily Carson hit a triple; and Jennifer Overton a double.

In the second game of the day, Homedale took a five-run lead in the first three innings to defeat Melba for the fifth time this season, 6-1.

McMillan had 12 strikeouts, Overton and Roxanne Lopez each hit a double, Jac Landa and Marston each had two hits and Lisa Maybon, one hit in the game. The final was Homedale 6, Melba 1.

Homedale finished the tournament undefeated on Saturday with a 10-3 win over Orofino to take the state title for the second straight year.

HHS names students of the month

Homedale High School students of the month for May are: business education – Kenny Thomas; humanities – Jennifer Overton; language arts – D.J. Matlock; math – Karlin Johnson; physical education/health – Rigo Zalazar; science – Tina Uria; social studies – Shane Gardner; special services – Anne Marston; and vocational education – Lois Albor.

Retirement celebration will honor Taggart

A retirement celebration will be held at Homedale High School to honor principal Nolan Taggart’s 32 years with the Homedale School District. June 11 will be Taggart’s last day as HHS principal.

Taggart began his 33 years in the field of education, teaching at Homedale Junior High in 1963. In 1966 he left to pursue his master’s at Utah State University, graduated in 1967 and that same year he taught at Mtn. Home Junior High. In 1968, he returned to Homedale and hasn’t left since.

The majority of Nolan’s teaching has been on the junior high level, but he also coached high school football for 25 years, track for 16 and basketball for 10.

He was also principal at Homedale Junior High prior to being hired as HHS principal.

50 years ago

May 18, 1972



A-3 DISTRICT RUNNER-UP was Homedale’s 9-5-1 Trojans of Coach Jack Daniell. From left: First row, Coach Daniell, Doug Cook, Mike Parker, Robert Adams, Monte Duncan, Richard Fritzley, Don Drum, Tom Garcia, Stan Lasselle, Alan Echeverria. Second row, Dave Takasugi, Chane Barnard, Kent Yorgenson, Randy Fry, Charlie George, Terry Horn, Gregg Garrett, Doug Takasugi, Riley Grimes, Ray Garcia.

Yarbrough announces plans to seek re-election

Sen. Walter H. Yarbrough, Grand View, announced today that he would be a candidate for re-election to the Idaho State Senate on the Republican ticket in District No. 19.

Senator Yarbrough first served from Owyhee County and then three terms representing District No. 13, which was comprised of Owyhee County and part of Canyon County including part of Nampa.

Under the new re-apportionment plan, Owyhee County was adjoined to most of the rural areas of Ada County, including Kuna and Meridian forming District No. 19.

Trojans come from behind, win Region II A-3 title

TWIN FALLS — Homedale won the final event of the meet — the mile relay — to come from behind and win the Region II A-3 track meet in a tight battle over Wendell Saturday afternoon.

The Trojans rolled up 52 points to 50 for Wendell in winning their third straight Region II meet.

Coach Ken Kellum’s HHS Trojans, trailing the other Trojans 50-46 entering the final event, won the meet by taking the mile relay in 3:53.3 as Wendell wasn’t entered in the last event.

Victors for Homedale , which is 8-0 as a team this season, were pole vaulters Greg Haylett as 12-6 and high jumper Rick DeGroat at 5-9, the mile relay and the 440 relay, which won in :48.5.

Placing second for HHS were sprinter Wayne Alora all three times in the 100, 220, and 440; hurdler Mike Hyer twice in the 120 highs and 180 lows; and Tom Grimes in the shot put.

Both Alora and Hyer tied a Homedale school record, Alora equaling the :22.7 mark in the 220 set by Tony Mayer in 1965 and Hyer the :20.0 time in the 180 low barriers set by Joni Uda last year.

Robert Paxton named to head district Legion

MELBA — Robert Paxton of Wilder was elected commander of Third District American Legion Auxiliary at a joint convention held Sunday in Melba. Melba Divin Sloneker Post Number 126 and post auxiliary hosted the convention event.

Officers elected to lead the American Legion Auxiliary were LaVon Jackson, Homedale, vice president; Violet Dazey, Homedale, secretary-treasurer and Carol Stocker, Melba, historian.

Max Hanson, Boise, past National vice commander, guest speaker for the convention spoke to the group on “Veterans’ rites.”

155 years ago

May 18, 1867

Result of the Indian Meeting.

To the Citizens of Silver and Ruby Cities: Your committee to whom was entrusted the duty of ascertaining the amount of money and supplies which would be contributed by the citizens of Silver and Ruby for the support and sustenance of armed men, to scout the country and endeavor to suppress the existing Indian hostilities, beg leave to report that your Committee met and organized by electing J. F. Dye, Chairman, and J. M Creed, Secretary; that each member of the Committee was assigned a particular locality in which to solicit subscriptions; that each member of the Committee performed the duty assigned to him, and your Committee would respectfully report as the result of their canvass that there is amongst the citizens a general indisposition to carry out the object in view.

Your Committee would therefore so report and ask to be discharged from further duty in the premises.

J. F. Dye, Chairman. J. M. Creed, Secretary.

Flint District, May, 9th, 1867.

The mineral riches of Flint District, as developed till now, are deposited in granite which is enclosed by a basaltic lava, commonly called cap-rock. The granite territory is about one and a half miles in length and one mile in width.

The different mines show as the principal silver mineral “gray silver ore” — Weissgultgers — a combination of sulphuret of silver, copper and iron, with sulphides of antimony and arsenic. The other occurring minerals contain more or less silver, but never amounting to more than one per cent. This gray silver ore is on top of several ledges partially decomposed and transformed into black silver ore, some of the sulphides of antimony and arsenic being driven off. This black silver ore causes the extraordinary richness of the Rising Star and Sherman, where that soft mineral has been protected from the influence of water by being covered with granite or soil; while that mineral has been carried away where the top is bare, leaving only an iron-colored quartz, thus making the top of a ledge poor.

The vicinity of the basaltic lava has had a good influence on the ledges in its very rear, as can be seen on the Forrest ledge. It is known that the Forrest ore is not as base as the ore from the other mines situated further west. The reason why is easily found in the following: The intense heat evolved during the eruption of the cap-rock, while the fluid masses have been projected, has driven off a good deal of sulphureted antimony and arsenic, thus increasing the percentage of silver contained, still increased by the temporary action of air — which process may be considered as a natural roasting process.

Among the other minerals in the camp is found, imbedded in quartz, antimonial glance and sulphite of antimony, which occur in solid and crystalized masses. This mineral will interfere very much with the results in working the quartz by amalgamation. Iron and copper pyrites occur in small crystals, and can be considered a valuable ingredient in the ore. Zinc-blende is found in its brown variety, which carries generally more silver than the black ore. An increasing vein occurs south of Oro, running north and south. It is composed of a natural black glass called obsidian. The atmospheric influence has destroyed the top part of the vein, wherefrom are derived the black globules found as gravel scattered around in the lower flat.

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✓ **Prosecutor:** Attorney general received two complaints about eligibility

a Homedale address while holding a primary residence in Canyon County.

“... if Mr. Phillips provided false information on the paperwork he filled out to register as an elector of Owyhee County and run for prosecutor, as you allege, he may have committed the crime of perjury,” the AG’s office wrote in its response letters to both Barkell and Meridian resident Chris Berglund — a private attorney and former deputy prosecutor in Owyhee and Canyon counties.

Included in Barkell’s complaint was a copy of Phillips’ signed Owyhee County voter registration card, dated Nov. 3, 2020 (the day of the 2020 general election, meaning he registered at the polls).

“I believe that he has usurped office by committing perjury on his voter registration when he claimed to be an Owyhee County resident and claimed to live at and occupy the Homedale property as his primary residence,” Berglund wrote in her complaint.

Barkell and Berglund filed public corruption complaints

in July 2021. The AG’s office responded less than four months later, noting that the allegations didn’t rise to public corruption because Phillips wasn’t acting in the scope of his office but as a private citizen.

The AG’s office did suggest that both Berglund and Barkell refer their complaints to the Idaho State Police, the county prosecutor, the county sheriff or the Board of County Commissioners. No other action has been sought. Berglund, who worked as Phillips’ deputy from late June to December last year, died in April.

Dist. 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said the commissioners have informally discussed possibly contracting with an attorney to solve the residency issue.

“Finding an attorney that actually lives in the county is very difficult,” Hoagland said. “So that is the option that we looked at. We may have to contract.”

Appointed to the office of prosecuting attorney on July 24, 2019 and subsequently elected to a four-year term in May 2020, Phillips has

a homeowner’s exemption for property taxes attached to a residence in the 19700 block of Susquehanna Way in Caldwell.

“We have been in discussion with the Prosecutor about this and he says he is staying at the property in Homedale while in construction and his family is staying in Caldwell,” Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. “He said he is meeting his obligation to be the prosecutor for the county and that when the school year is over he will move his family to Homedale. We will see.”

Aberasturi acknowledged the complaints to the AG’s office.

According to the Canyon County Assessor’s Office, Phillips has held the homeowners exemption on the Caldwell property since 2019.

A property owner can claim a homeowners exemption only on their primary residence, and state law says county elected officials must be qualified electors within the county where they hold office. That means their primary residence must be in the county in which

they serve.

State law gives elected prosecuting attorneys one year from the date of their election or appointment to move into the county they serve. Phillips could live wherever he pleases if the Board of County Commissioners had a personal services contract with him for prosecuting attorney duties, eliminating the elected office because of a lack of qualified candidates.

Phillips has held office in Owyhee County since 2019, and he earned his own four-year term in the May 2020 primary election (there was no Democratic nominee).

Both AG complaints stated that Phillips often made pointed reference to his residency in Homedale in conversation.

“He has updated his drivers license and stated that he was remodeling the home in order to move his family in, but that he had been staying there to satisfy the residency requirements to both run for office and vote,” Barkell wrote in her complaint. “I have had a couple of complaints that he is not actually residing there.”

Phillips told The Owyhee Avalanche earlier this year that he was “on his way home,” motioning to the west end of Homedale when he visited the newspaper office to offer comment on a deputy-involved shooting. A check with the Homedale School District revealed none of the couple’s six children are enrolled in any of the town’s schools.

He has been listed as a Homedale resident in at least two press releases announcing his application for Sixth District Magistrate judgeships in Pocatello.

Phillips has a residence listed at 124 W. Washington Ave., in Homedale. According to county records, the home is owned by Laura Lynn Phillips, which Barkell’s complaint states is the man’s mother.

“He has quit talking about moving and just makes general references about the house and recently told me he is renting some space to a friend that is getting a divorce and has a couple of small children,” Barkell wrote in her complaint. “Mr. Phillips has a wife and six children, so I would question if they stay there at all.”

Hoagland said the board has discussed the residency question with Phillips.

“We’re just going on what we’re told, and he keeps claiming that he’s living there. We ask him, and he says he’s living there,” Hoagland said.

“He has repeatedly stated to us, the commissioners, in conversations that living there, but nothing on the record.”

Apparently Phillips offered the use of the Washington Avenue house to help an assessor’s office employee who lives in Canyon County attain Owyhee residency in an attempt to apply for the assessor’s job when Toni Gruenwald resigned.

“He said Mr. Phillips explained the residency requirements and offered to rent him a ‘room’ in his house since it is hard to find property. The employee had stated that he can’t really move because his elderly father lives across the street and he needs to remain close,” Barkell wrote.

“He checked with an attorney friend and was told about the judge that really didn’t live in Idaho County that had to step down. He didn’t put his name in for the position.”

A LinkedIn online professional profile lists Phillips as the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney but lists Caldwell as his town of residence.

The Canyon County Assessor’s Office reported that Phillips and his wife Tina were listed as homeowners of the Caldwell house until April 2021 when Tina executed a quit claim deed to Jeffrey.

Barkell stated in her complaint that Phillips even asked how the county clerk would handle a challenge to someone’s voter eligibility.

“Thought it was odd at the time, but I told him I usually inquire about a homeowners exemption in the county where they own property,” Barkell wrote.

In an attempt to streamline the eligibility verification process, Gov. Brad Little signed House Bill 548 into law during the 2022 legislative session. The law directs the State Tax Commission to create a database of homeowners exemptions that county clerks, county assessors and the secretary of state may access. The database doesn’t have to be in place until 2023; Phillips would be up for re-election in 2024.

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Homedale High School's top golfers from the 3A District III Tournament. **From left:** Gwen Parker, third-place girls' tourney; Téa Uranga, girls' district champion; coach Casey Grove; boys' team district champions Luke Henry, Kinley Balkovetz and Eli Heck. **Not pictured:** Willie White and McCoy Swallow. Submitted photo

Uranga, Homedale boys claim district golf crowns

The weather was horrendous, but that didn't prevent Téa Uranga and the Homedale High School boys' team from storming to 3A District III championships. "It was the worst day weather-wise we played so far this season. It was really cold with a mix of rain/snow at times," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Not ideal weather

conditions for a district golf tournament. However the kids played well." Homedale's scoring boys all scored within four shots of each to pile up a 354 to win in blowout fashion. After watching the 3A Snake River Valley conference nine-hole meets swing back and forth on just a couple of strokes, Grove witnessed his team's

widest margin of victory this season. Freshman Luke Henry was the third-lowest individual at 87, and all four Homedale golfers finished in the top six individual to beat McCall-Donnelly by 18 shots. Fruitland was third at 378. McCall also took its team

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Melba girls dominate for district

More records fall, including 43-year-old high jump mark

It's not a cliché as much as it is an annual goal for the track and field athlete — peaking at the end of the season. But Melba High School teammates McKoy Richardson and Joe Reiber seem to have been on an upward trajectory all season. And, on Friday, the school's girls' sprint medley relay team joined the record-breaking

ranks, taking a full second off the previous mark to win the 2A District III championship and qualify for the state meet. The Owyhee County pair of Ahna Shaffer and Brooklyn Dayley ran the 200- and 400-meter legs to wrap up the championship run with a 1-minute, 52.97-second record time. Meya Young and Hallie Arnold opened the race with a pair of 100-meter sprints. Three of the girls — Shaffer, Dayley and

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HHS sophomore shatters school pole vault record

6 titles, 22 state qualifiers from district meet

Cadence Nicoletti broke Homedale High School's 19-year-old girls' pole vault record to reach the 3A track and field state championship meet. The sophomore was successful with the bar set at 9 feet, finishing second in the

3A District III championships at Weiser High School. Nicoletti broke the record of 8 feet, 6 inches that had stood since Liz Villanueva set it in 2003. Backing up Nicoletti's record performance were five boys' championships and senior Izze Jacobs' girls' discus title. Twenty-two athletes qualified for this week's 3A state meet at

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Trojans roll into another state tourney

Homedale pitchers ride 18-inning scoreless streak

Something gave when the two best softball teams in 3A District III clashed for a championship. Weiser High School's four errors was the difference in Homedale's 3-0 victory at Homedale Middle School. Both teams had already

qualified for the 3A state tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Buhl High School. Homedale (19-4-1) is the top seed in the tournament and will play No. 8 Kellogg (5-14) at

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Homedale High School softball teammates pump up pitcher Dani Sitts (19) during last week's district championship game against visiting Weiser. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

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Sports

Huskies late rally falls short, baseball season ends

Marsing can't hold momentum after dramatic two-homer rally

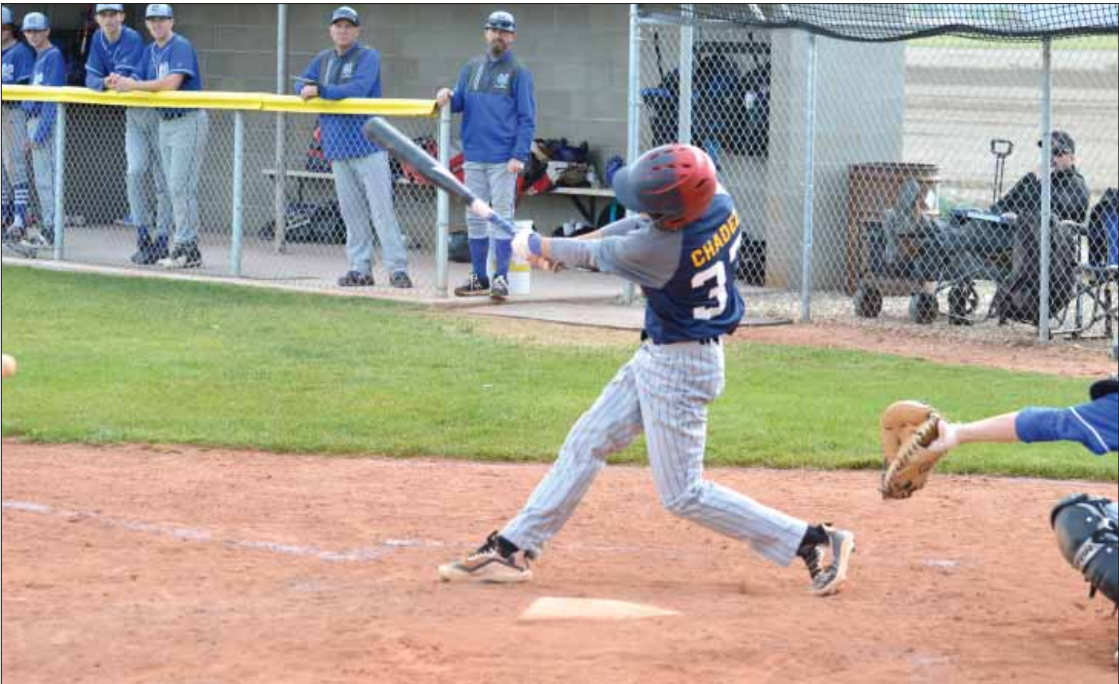
by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Marsing High School's baseball players once again showed the grit and competitive fire they've shown all season.
But the Huskies couldn't prolong their season, falling, 13-11, in eight innings to visiting Cole Valley Christian in a 2A District III Tournament elimination game May 10.

The Huskies fought back from a deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring five times to tie the score, 11-11.

The Chargers took advantage of three walks and Marsing's fifth error of the game to score two runs and win the game in the top of the seventh inning.

"Our guys have been fighters all year," coach JW Chadez said. "(Last week) was no exception. But we stopped throwing strikes, and it got away from us."

Trailing 11-6 in the bottom



Marsing's JT Chadez makes contact during last week's loser-out game against Cole Valley Christian in the 2A District III Tournament.

of the sixth inning after two of Marsing's best hitters, Cache Hance and Teagen Kinney, made outs after Jace Chadez's leadoff single to left field.

But then Marsing came alive and the rally materialized. The comeback was emphatic.

Gavin Phillips crushed a home run to center field.

After Xavier Delgadillo was hit by a pitch and JT Chadez reached on an error, Luke Steinmeyer drilled a game-tying, three-run homer to left field.

"That was exciting," JW Chadez said. "You could see them fighting for it. Like they did all year. They didn't quit. But in the end, they just fell short."

Levi Puga grounded one back to the mound to end the inning.

As the dust settled and the fifth inning ended, Jace Chadez returned to the mound with the game up for grabs.

Chadez had taken the mound with one out in the top of the fifth with runners at first and third. After Nathan Shi-

noda's fly ball brought home a run, Chadez struck out the next Chargers' hitter to end the inning.

Marsing (16-8 overall) scored a run in the bottom of the fifth to keep the game within reach, but Cole Valley Christian got that run back in the top of the sixth.

The momentum Marsing gained with its homer-filled rally was short-lived.

Eight of the first 10 pitches Chadez threw in the top of the seventh were balls, and that put runners at first and second

with nobody out. The Chargers' sophomore second baseman, Noah Grim, reached base and a run scored on Kinney's error, and there were runners on first and third with no outs.

Chadez was able to bear down and get the next batter on strikes, but not before Ben Beglinger stole home to give Cole Valley a two-run lead.

After another walk, the Huskies ended the inning with an unusual double play started with a fly out.

Then as though the final breath had been squeezed out of the Marsing nine, the Huskies went down in short order, getting only one batter to first on a walk before the inning, the game, and the season ended.

"Just as they did all year, our kids fought until the end," JW Chadez said. "They never quit. They made some mistakes, walked too many hitters, and made too many errors. But nobody thought we'd be as good as we were. And these are things we just need to work on during the offseason.

"They'll come back better and stronger next year because of it. We're very proud of them."

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

This week's Sports Schedule



Baseball
Luke Steinmeyer, fr., C/RF
2 hits (HR), 3 RBI, 2 runs
vs. Cole Valley



Softball
Lilly Thoene, fr., 2B
6-for-7, 4 runs, RBI in
district play



Track and field
Trayton Jacobi, sr., throws
District shot put champ;
discus runner-up



Track and field
Braden Ankeny, so., sprints
PRs, state berths in 200
and 400

Baseball
Season complete
Final record: 16-8

Softball
Season complete
Final record: 5-14

Golf
Season complete

Track and field
2A state championships
(At Middleton H.S.)
Friday, May 20
Trayton Jacobi, discus, 9 a.m.; shot put,
3 p.m.
Braden Ankeny, 400 and 200 prelims,
3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 21
Emily Vanosdall, triple jump, 9 a.m.
Braden Ankeny (if qualified), 400 and
200 finals, 12:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing senior wins district shot put championship

Jacobi, Ankeny, Emily Vanosdall make State

Trayton Jacobi had the best performance of his career and the right time during the 2A District III track and field championship meet.

The Marsing High School senior thrower secured two berths for this week's 2A state meet with a pair of personal records at New Plymouth High School on Friday and Saturday.

And he did it with a pair of personal-best heaves.

Jacobi picked up the Huskies' only

district championship with a throw of 42 feet, 7½ inches in the shot put. He was runner-up in the discus at 122-6.

The top four individuals in each event earned spots in the state meet.

Sophomore Braden Ankeny also posted a pair of PRs and will compete in the state meet in the 200 and the 400 after a pair of runner-up finishes. He finished the 200 in 23.16 seconds, and ran the 400 in 52.21.

Only one member of coach Heidi Ankeny's girls' squad will compete in the state meet.

Emily Vanosdall collected the fourth

and final automatic berth out of District III for the triple jump. The junior hopped, skipped and jumped to a 30-11¼ distance.

Marsing athletes achieved PRs during the weekend, too:

- Junior Jordan Blas was sixth in the 200 at 24.17.
- Two athletes had their fastest 800 meters: Senior Dylan Harris at 2 minutes, 32.62 seconds, and freshman Juan Molina at 2:46.29. Junior Jose Espejel didn't PR, but had the Huskies' best finish in the 800, taking ninth at 2:17.75.

On the girls' side:

- Junior Vanessa Freeman was fifth in the 200 at 27.78 and sixth in the 100 at 13.49.
- Freshman Raylynn Vanosdall posted a PR of 30-5¼ for sixth place in the triple jump, and she finished seventh in the 100 at 13.64.
- Vanosdall's older sister, junior Emily, took fifth in the 400 at 1:06.23.
- Junior Llee Loucks attained a PR in the discus with the 15th-place throw of 63-4.
- Ninth-grader Lilly Thoene was seventh in two jumps. She PR'd in the triple jump (29-10¾) and attained 13-8½ in the long jump.

Martin siblings, Adrian boys rule district track

JV's Gammett among 1A Oregon meet qualifiers

Jace Martin missed his own school record, but he's not going to miss the 1A Oregon track and field state meet.

The Adrian High School junior was a quadruple-winner during Friday's 1A District 4 championship meet in Baker City.

The effort carried the Antelopes to the boys' district title, too. Adrian scored 112 points to run away from the field. Second-place Powder Valley scored 96.5 points.

Martin swept the dashes.

He won the 100 in 11.03 seconds, which was .15 of a second off the 10.88 seconds he achieved to break his own school record at the Wayne Invitational in Vale, Ore., on April 22.

He took the 200 meters district title in a personal-best time of 22.22.

The top-two finishes in each individual event automatically qualified for the state meet,

which will be held Thursday and Friday at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. At-large bids are possible, too.

Jace's older brother, senior Conley, was second in both races to make State (11.38, a season-best time in the 100; and a PR of 23.13 in the 200).

The Martin brothers also ran in the Antelopes' championship relay teams at 4x100 meters and 4x400 meters.

Seniors Riley Griffin and Gavin Bayes opened the 44.11-second winning run of the 4x100 team with Jace running third and Conley closing the race.

In the 4x400, Legs 1-3 were covered by Jace, Bayes and Conley after Jesse Walker took the baton out of the blocks. The team finished in 3 minutes, 36.76 seconds.

Griffin qualified for the state meet with a runner-up time of 17.94 in the 110 hurdles. He also PR'd with a fifth-place time of 24.19 in the 200, but only the top two athletes in each event earn automatic berths in the state meet.

Adrian freshman Colten Bayes earned an at-large bid

in the triple jump. He posted a 41-9 effort.

The Antelopes' girls' squad delivered several championships and finished four points behind team championship Crane (141-137).

Freshman Addy Martin, the younger sister of Conley and Jace, swept the sprints to reach the state meet.

She ran a PR of 12.96 in the 100 meters and finished in 26.82 in the 200.

Addy also served on Adrian's state-qualifying relay squads. The Antelopes won the 4x100 in 52.51 and took the 4x400 gold with a 4:21.06 effort.

Martin ran the anchor leg in the girls' 4x100 after the baton passed between seniors Riley Lucas and Lizzy Nielson and freshman Presley Speelmon.

Sophomore Rylee Ready started the 4x400 relay followed by Martin, Speelmon and Lucas during a 4:21.06 tour.

Speelmon made the state meet as the district champion at 1,500 meters. She ran a 5:21.14 race. Fellow 10th-grader Evalyn Nunez posted a personal record in 5:41.39, but missed qualification with

her third-place showing.

Nielson won the triple jump, soaring 32-7.

Jordan Valley's Jill Gammett is returning to the state meet after her personal-record, runner-up mark of 31-7 in the triple jump. Gammett also PR in the long jump, but missed qualification with a third-place 14-11.

Adrian's Lindsey Bertalotto, a sophomore, missed the state meet but established a PR with her third-place distance of 30-4½.

Senior thrower Allyssa Dudley will travel to Hayward Field to represent Adrian in the shot put. Her PR of 32-9 was good for runner-up. She also had the best discus throw of her career (93-4) for third place, but missed the state meet.

Nielson was second in the high jump with a season-best 5-0 to reach the state meet. She also qualified as long jumper with a second-place distance of 16-1¾.

Adrian junior Sadie Wagster pulled off the best jumps of her career. She was fourth in the triple jump at 29-9 and she took pulled off the best long

jump of her career with a 13-7½ effort to finish ninth.

Jordan Valley freshman Claire Collins posted her best effort in the triple jump, taking sixth in 22-4.

Adrian's Riley Lucas threw the disc 83-2 for a personal-record and fourth-place showing in the girls' event.

Nunez was third in the 3,000 meters at 12:52.34, while sophomore Riley Ready PR'd in the 400 with a 1:08.05.

Personal records in the boys' meet included:

- Riley Griffin, fifth, 24.19 in the 200; fifth at 39-3 in the triple jump
- Jordan Valley sophomore Riley Hawker, ninth, 25.4 in the 200
- Gavin Bayes, third place in the 300 hurdles in 43.17; fourth in the long jump at 19-8
- Senior Trevor Bertalotto from Adrian PR'd with a 35-6 in the shot put. He had a sixth-place throw of 103-4 in the discus.
- Jesse Walker was fifth in the 400 at 55.78.
- Ninth-grader Colten Bayes took sixth in the 3,000 at 11:21.

Melba draws Orofino in 2A state opener

Melba High School will look to rebound in the 2A baseball state tournament.

The Mustangs (14-8) open the tournament at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday against Orofino (14-6-1) at Nampa Christian High School.

Melba already held its ticket into the state tournament when it lost the 2A District III Tournament championship game, 3-0, to Nampa Christian on Thursday in Marsing.

Facing the Trojans' ace Landon

Cheney, the Mustangs' mound duo of Jeff Fahey and Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson were up to the task.

The Trojans managed just five hits and scored runs in three innings, including Dane Bradshaw's solo home run. Teammate Carson Atwood went 2-for-3 with a double and a run.

Cheney gave up singles to Remmington Sessions, Fahey, and Josh Waite. He struck out 10 and walked none.

2A baseball state tournament

At Nampa Christian H.S.
Thursday

Game 1 — Orofino (14-6-1) vs. **Melba** (14-8), 9:30 a.m.
Game 2 — Firth (17-6) vs. Wendell (14-3-1), noon
Game 3 — Malad (10-6-1) vs. St. Maries or New Plymouth, 2:30 p.m.
Game 4 — Nampa Christian (24-2) vs. Challis-Mackay (10-9-1), 5 p.m.
Note — St. Maries-New Plymouth play-in game played Monday after press time

Friday

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9:30 a.m.
Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, noon
Game 7 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Game 9, consolation final — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9:30 a.m.
Game 10, third-place game — Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, noon
Game 11, championship — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Sports

Melba works hard for 2A state tourney berth

Marsing puts up big fight
in district softball showdown

Local teams battled close in the opening game of the 2A District III softball tournament.

Melba High School finally seized control with a six-run fifth inning for a come-from-behind victory against Marsing.

The Mustangs, who eventually reached the 2A state tournament, prevailed, 10-7, at New Plymouth High School on May 10.

Fifth-seeded Melba (17-8) starts the state tournament at noon MDT on Friday against No. 4 New Plymouth (19-5) at Orofino High School. It's a rematch of the May 10 district tournament semifinal. The Pilgrims beat the Mustangs, 11-0, en route to the championship.

Melba rallied with three wins in four days, including a 14-4 play-in victory over Orofino on Saturday, to extend the season.

This week's state tournament also represents Mustangs coach Don Jamison's final week at the helm. He is retiring after a long, successful career.

Saturday: Melba 14, Orofino 4 (6) — The Mustangs erased a one-run deficit with two runs in the bottom of the second inning then cruised to a big win in Fruitland.

Melba owned a 2-0 lead when the Maniacs scored three times in the top of the second.

Ashlie Shaffer got the win. Three of Orofino's runs were unearned, and the Melba pitcher struck out eight batters.

Shaffer helped her own cause with a home run, and Emily Zavala also homered. Janay Phillips, Shaffer and Zavala knocked in two runs apiece, while Esther Riley and Brittany Erickson as well as Owyhee County athletes Bren Duckett and Maialen Jaca each had two runs scored.

Melba forced the 10-run rule with five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Thursday: Melba 14, Cole Valley Christian 3 (6) — Another huge sixth inning — seven runs — sent the Mustangs into the state play-in game.

Melba was never challenged, owning a 7-0 advantage after 2½ innings.

Shaffer struck out eight and scattered six hits.

The Mustangs spread the wealth with their 10-hit attack, and hitters at the bottom of the lineup made the most noise.

Addison Franklin was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Kenzie Shaffer went 2-for-3 with a double while knocking in three runs.

Ashlie Shaffer also drove home three runs, while Zavala, Erickson, Franklin, Jaca, and Kinzie Stradley crossed the plate two times apiece.

Last Wednesday: Melba 20, Vision Charter 4 (5) — A shortened game kept the Mustangs' season going and ended the Golden Eagles' campaign.

Vision Charter tried to keep pace in the first 2½ innings of the loser-out game, but Melba ended the suspense with a 10-run uprising in the third inning to build an 18-4 lead.

Ashlie Shaffer struck out seven and gave up just two hits.

Every Vision Charter run was unearned behind five walks and three errors.

Melba pounded the softball throughout the game, racking up six extra-base hits among its 13 hits.

Zavala tripled twice, scoring three runs and driving in three more.

Erickson knocked in four runs while a single and a triple, and she scored three times.

Riley had three hits, including a double, and scored four runs. Duckett doubled, scored twice and notched two RBI.

Jaca tripled, scored a run and knocked in a run. Franklin went 2-for-4.

Huskies crumple under CV hitting

Marsing High School's short stay in the 2A District III softball tournament featured a couple of losses on the road.

The fifth-seeded Huskies' season ended last Wednesday with a 26-5 loss to No. 3 Cole Valley Christian at Nampa Christian High School.

Marsing (5-14) started the postseason with a narrow 10-7 setback against No. 4 Melba on May 10 in New Plymouth.

The Huskies actually owned an early lead against the Chargers after Mila Astorquia's two-run single with two outs in the top of the opening inning.

The junior also had an RBI double in the fifth inning to bring home Anna Gluch. Astorquia scored later in the rally on Taylor Callison's double.

Cole Valley exploded for 15 runs in the bottom of the first inning, picking up 10 of its 17 hits during the uprising.

Marsing committed eight errors, which led to 12 unearned runs, and Marsing pitchers surrendered 11 walks and hit two batters.

Ariel Ingersoll scored the Huskies' third run in the second inning on Lexi Loucks' fielder's choice.

2A softball state tournament

At Orofino High School
(Times MDT)
Friday

- Game 1** — No. 1 Malad (18-1) vs. No. 8 North Fremont (16-11), 10 a.m.
Game 2 — No. 4 New Plymouth (19-5) vs. No. 5 **Melba** (17-8), noon
Game 3 — No. 3 St. Maries (14-3) vs. No. 6 Declo (18-8), 10 a.m.
Game 4 — No. 2 West Jefferson (17-3) vs. No. 7 Nampa Christian (14-8), noon
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 10 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Game 11, losers' bracket final** — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 12, winners' bracket final — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 13, third-place game — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 14, championship game 1 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 15, championship game 2 (if nec.) — Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 5 p.m.

May 10: New Plymouth 10, Melba 0 (6) — The Mustangs were held to one hit in a district semifinal loss on the Pilgrims' diamond.

Kinzie Stradley was the only Melba player able to get a base hit. There were only four baserunners for Melba as Esther Riley walked twice from the top of the order and pitcher Ashlie Shaffer reached on an error.

The Pilgrims scored five unearned runs as Melba was tagged for four errors.

May 10: Melba 10, Marsing 7 — Trailing 7-2, the Mustangs posted six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take the lead for good.

Brittany Erickson stole home with the go-ahead run after

Emily Zavala smacked a two-run double for Melba. Two other runs scored earlier in the inning on Janay Phillips' base hit and a Marsing error.

The Huskies' fast start in the first included Lilly Thoene's run-scoring single.

Thoene later scored on a passed ball.

Thoene scored in the third inning to give Marsing a 3-1 advantage. Freshman Mariah Colbert's ground ball got the job done.

In a sharp contrast to the last regular-season game between Melba and Marsing (a 36-5 rout for the Mustangs), the Huskies kept up the pressure in fifth inning, building a 7-2 lead.

Lexi Loucks drilled a two-

run double and Mila Astorquia knocked in Loucks with a base hit before Colbert scored on another passed ball.

Esther Riley stole home and Analiese Robson scored on a passed ball for Melba's final runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Riley was 2-for-3 with a triple, and she and Robson scored two runs apiece.

Robson, Phillips and Kenzie Shaffer each laced a pair of singles.

Ashlie Shaffer struck out 12 and survived six hits and six walks to get the complete-game victory.

Lilly Thoene went 3-for-3 with three runs scored for Marsing, while Callison scored twice from the leadoff spot.



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Sports

HHS baseball makes dramatic entrance into 3A State

It took a long bus ride, a later start time and a couple extra innings, but Homedale High School is returning to the 3A baseball state tournament.

The Trojans made a trip to Lewiston pay off Saturday, scoring four runs in the top of the ninth inning to knock off Kellogg, 5-2, in a play-in game.

Even scoring four runs in the top of the ninth couldn't spare the HHS faithful a little excitement in the bottom of the inning. Kellogg scored one run before Dillon Fine closed out five innings of relief work by getting Travis Eixenberger on a called third strike to end the game.

Homedale (18-10), seeded, No. 7, opens the state tournament with a rematch against No. 2 Kimberly (20-3-1) at 7 p.m., on Thursday at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. The Bulldogs edged the Trojans, 7-5, in last year's first round.

A victory Thursday could set up a possible showdown with District III champion Weiser, which is seeded third and plays No. 6 Snake River in the opening round.

This will be the sixth state tournament appearance for coach Burke Deal's Homedale program since 2014.

The Trojans lost the championship game to Bonners Ferry in 2018 and Fruitland in 2016. Homedale suffered first-round losses in 2021, 2019, and 2014.

Saturday: Homedale 5, Kellogg 2 (9) — Beeg Hockenhull cleared the bases with a triple in the top of the ninth inning to snap a 1-1 stalemate that had stood since the fifth inning.

Hockenhull scored the tying run in the fifth inning when Andrew Marston knocked in the Trojans' first run of the game with a base hit.

Senior right-hander Cody Liebschwager started on the mound and struck out six batters in four innings.

Kellogg took a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Eixenberger singled and scored when the next batter, Luke Frohlich, doubled.

Liebschwager and Fine combined on a four-hitter.

Payton Fine was 2-for-4 with run scored, Hockenhull was 2-for-3 and cross the plate twice.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 10, Parma 0 (5) — The Trojans scored four times in their first at-bat to take early control and match pitcher Dillon Fine's dominance in the 3A District III third-place game.

Fine struck out nine and scattered three hits while walking

just two batters.

Liebschwager drove in a run in each of his three plate appearances, including a sacrifice fly in the first inning, a bases-loaded walk when the Trojans scored three runs in the third inning, and an RBI single in the three-run fourth.

Payton Fine also knocked in three runs, capping his day with a run-scoring double in the fourth inning.

D'Orr Packer led off the bottom of the first inning with a double, and he later scored on an error.

Dillon Fine was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

From the mound, Fine fired six strikeouts in the first three innings, negating a couple walks and one single. Only one Panther got past first base.

May 10: Homedale 10, McCall-Donnelly 0 (5) — Sigmund Goode mowed down the Vandals with 10 strikeouts and some help from Packer as the Trojans stayed afloat in the tournament.

The junior catcher fired a strike to erase the game's lead-off hitter after Sascha Stoll had singled.

The only other ball a McCall-Donnelly batter hit out of the infield was Connor Hill's two-out base hit in the fourth inning.

The Trojans used clutch contact to help build rallies in the first two innings.

Homedale owned a 9-0 lead after a six-run uprising in the second. Six consecutive hits without an out triggered the outburst. Liebschwager and Hockenhull wrapped singles around Tyler Woodward's triple. Packer, Marston and Goode followed with successive singles.

John Lejardi lofted a sacrifice fly, and Payton Fine ripped a double to drive home the final two runs of the inning.

The Trojans had only one other hit in the game: Goode doubled in the first inning.

Dillon Fine notched a sacrifice fly in the first inning and scored a run in the fifth on Lejardi's ground ball.

May 9: Fruitland 6, Homedale 4 — The third-seeded Trojans couldn't sustain a last-ditch rally in the top of the seventh inning of the semifinal in Payette County.

Trailing 6-0, Homedale threaded four runs around strikeouts, but couldn't keep things going after three consecutive singles with two outs.

Lejardi and Dillon Fine both had two-run singles in the rally.

The second-seeded Grizzlies



Homedale High School right-handed pitcher Sigmund Goode fires toward the plate during his stellar outing against McCall-Donnelly last week at John Jackson Field. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

3A baseball state tournament

At NW Nazarene University, Nampa

Thursday

Game 1 — No. 1 Marsh Valley (19-3) vs. No. 8 Bonners Ferry (13-11), 10 a.m.

Game 2 — No. 4 Sugar-Salem (17-9) vs. No. 5 Snake River (16-8), 1 p.m.

Game 3 — No. 3 Weiser (20-4) vs. No. 6 Sugar-Salem (17-9), 4 p.m.

Game 4 — No. 2 Kimberly (20-3-1) vs. No. 7 **Homedale** (18-10), 7 p.m.

Friday

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m.

Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.

Game 7 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m.

Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Game 9, consolation final — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 10, third-place game — Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 1 p.m.

Game 11, championship — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 4 p.m.

were playing for the first time in the postseason after earning a first-round bye.

Liebschwager walked back-to-back batters to start the bottom of the first inning then forced in Fruitland's second run later in the frame with a bases-loaded walk.

The Trojans couldn't get any traction against Fruitland hurler Landen Mendive.

Packer started the game with a base hit but was stranded at second base. He reached second base after a single in the third, but Mendive got out of the jam with a line-drive double play.

Mendive loaded the bases with two outs in the sixth, giving up a single to Fine and then hitting Lejardi and Payton Fine before Liebschwager struck out looking.

Mendive struck out 14 and walked one while pitching around seven hits.

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Back row, from left: Assistant coaches Chris Popoca and Edy Mesillas, TJ Gonzales, Asa Fredrick, Jack Meyers, head coach Jared Lemieux, assistant coach Sam Ward, Trevor Carothers, Adam Meyers, and David Harrigan. **Front row, from left:** Eli Aquiso, Zeke Ochoa, Pedro Varela (seated), Alex Martinez, Rocky Aquiso, and Luis Araujo. **Not pictured:** Ronaldo Gomez and Dan Meyruix. Submitted photo

1A baseball state tournament

At Capital H.S., Boise

Thursday

Game 1 — South 1 North Star (21-2) vs. North 4 Troy (13-4), 9 a.m.

Game 2 — North 2 Prairie (11-10) vs. South 3 Rimrock (10-11), noon

Game 3 — North 1 Clearwater Valley (13-9) vs. South 4 Garden Valley (9-6), 3 p.m.

Game 4 — South 2 Glenns Ferry (15-9) vs. North 3 Genesee (13-2), 6 p.m.

Friday

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9 a.m.

Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, noon

Game 7 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3 p.m.

Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Game 9, consolation final — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9 a.m.

Game 10, third-place game — Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, noon

Game 11, championship — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 3 p.m.

Raiders run over foe, reach state tournament

Rimrock High School is making an emphatic return to the 1A baseball state tournament.

The fourth-seeded Raiders dismantled No. 3 Horseshoe Bend, 24-4, on Friday in Glenns Ferry.

The victory gave Rimrock (10-11) the No. 3 seed out of the south for the state tournament, and the Raiders open action against Prairie (11-10) at noon Thursday at Capital High School in Boise.

Friday: Rimrock 24, Horseshoe Bend 4 (5) — Ronnie Gomez shut down the

Wildcats on two hits through the first three innings, giving the Raiders the opportunity to build a 24-0 advantage.

Horseshoe Bend scored four earned runs over the final two innings against reliever Zeke Ochoa.

Three players — Asa Frederick, Dan Meyruix and Pedro Varela — ripped doubles and Alex Martinez added a triple to highlight the Raiders’ three-hit attack.

A French exchange student, Meyruix drove in five runs from the top of the batting order, while Martinez and

Varela knocked in three runs apiece.

Varela was 2-for-3 with four runs scored, while Jack Meyers was 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs.

Eli Aquiso scored three times, and Trevor Carothers crossed the plate twice.

Thursday: North Star Charter 12, Rimrock 0 (5) — The top-seeded Huskies scored six times in the bottom of the first inning to take control of the district semifinal game at Settlers Park in Meridian.

Two North Star pitchers held the Raiders to five singles,

including two from leadoff hitter Martinez. Aden Aquiso, Meyers, and Meyruix also had base hits.

Martinez was touched for 12 runs on 11 hits in four innings, but the Huskies only earned five of their runs because of three Rimrock errors.

Last Wednesday: Rimrock 15, Wilder 5 — The Raiders prevailed in a tournament opener in Meridian that featured relatively few hits.

Rimrock took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first inning and didn’t look back.

The team managed five hits

—the same total of the Wildcats off three Raiders pitchers — but Frederick, Martinez and Varela came up big. Frederick and Martinez doubled. Frederick and Meyruix knocked in a pair of runs, and Martinez scored twice.

Varela scored three times and delivered two RBI.

Luis Araujo also scored twice, while Zeke Ochoa scored three runs.

Gomez started on the mound and struck out six in 3 2/3 innings, while Ochoa fanned six batters over the final two innings.

✓ Golf: Strong freshman showing pushes big contingent to home-course state tourney

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to the state tournament, which ended Tuesday after deadline.

“The boys’ team stepped up and played really well,” Grove said. “It was nice to see our kids step up and perform when it matters.”

Uranga kept her unbeaten senior season going with a 15-stroke victory in the 18-hole district championship tournament at TimberStone Golf Course outside Caldwell.

The upperclassman had company when the 3A state tournament took place at River Bend Golf Course outside Wilder.

River Bend is considered the Trojans’ home layout, but it is literally home for freshman Gwen Parker, whose family

home stands just off the No. 6 tee box.

While Uranga won the individual championship at 8-over-par 80 and sewed up a state berth, Parker finished third at 106 and also punched her ticket to the state tournament.

“I am really happy for Gwen Parker,” Grove said.

“The girls’ scores overall were extremely inflated from the regular season. However, Téa and Gwen stayed pretty consistent with what they normally shoot on 18 holes.”

Melissa Gonzalez (153) and Lita Thomas (154) were the other HHS golfers on the course. McCall won the team title by 10 strokes over Fruitland.

In the boys’ tournament, Weiser’s Carter Williams was

district champion at 3-over 75.

He beat McCall’s Thomas Knudson by 10 strokes and was the only golfer not from Homedale or McCall who competed in the state tournament earlier this week.

Behind Henry for Homedale were fourth-place freshman McCoy Swallow at 88, senior Willie White taking fifth at 89, and ninth-grader Kinley Balkovetz finishing sixth at 90.

Senior Eli Heck carded a 107, and every Homedale golfer took the course again Monday for the first day of the state tournament.

— JPB

All-2A WIC academic squad includes Huskies, Mustangs

Melba High School’s track athletes excel in the classroom, too.

Twenty-two track and field team members, including Owyhee County residents Brooklyn Dayley and McKoy Richardson, were named to the 2A Western Idaho Conference Academic all-conference spring roster.

All-conference academic selections, including athletes from three Marsing squads, maintained a 3.75 grade-point average during the varsity season.

Melba track — Dayley, Richardson, Hallie Arnold, Rozzlyn Cazier, Kendall Clark, Emma Dillbeck, Laura Forsgren, Tyler Forsgren,

Brinley Gunstream, Josie Hansen, Mazie Hansen, Joel Helm, Melina Helm, Amee Kracht, Lacey Leavitt, Korey Magdaleno, Isaac Orias, Emily Secord, Eliza Svedin, Brendan Svetich, Troy Theobald, and Braden Volkers

Marsing track — Braden Ankeny, Robert Salazar, Regan Stansell, and Emily Vanosdall

Marsing baseball — Jace Chadez and Dresden Wood

Melba baseball — Cameron Vail and Joshua Waite

Marsing softball — Emily Thoene

Melba softball — Kali Jo Adams, Brittany Erickson, Mallory Lincoln, Analise Robson, Ashlie Shaffer, Kenzie Shaffer, and Kinzy Stradley

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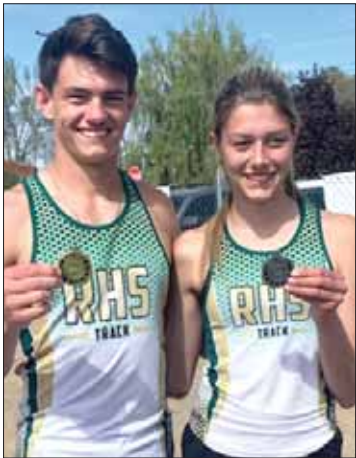
Sports

Raiders’ final track week busier for some than others

Baseball players reach state track meet in Middleton; Rimrock sweeps District III long jump titles

Four Rimrock High School seniors will end their high school athletic careers at the 1A track and field state championships, and three will be pulling double State duty. In fact, five athletes set to participate at Middleton High School this weekend also have dates with the Raiders’ baseball team at the 1A state tournament at Capital High School in Boise Friday and maybe Saturday. Aden Aquiso, a junior, is one of the guys after he won the long jump district championship and took part in the Raiders’ winning 4x200 relay team at New Plymouth

High School. Rimrock swept the long jump district titles as junior Maklay Moore won the girls’ crown with an effort of 14 feet, 9 inches. Aquiso prevailed with a personal-record mark of 20-8¾. Sophomore Ashten Moore is a double-qualifier for the state meet. She was runner-up in the triple jump with a personal-best 29-3¾, and she’ll take a shot at the state title at 1:30 p.m., on Friday. She also earned a bronze medal in the 400 at 1:07.26. The state preliminary heat is at 3:30 p.m., on Friday, and she’ll run at 12:30 p.m., on Saturday



Aden Aquiso (left) and Ashten Moore earned medals in field events Thursday. Photo by Amanda Dygert if she makes the finals field. Aquiso is also a key contributor to the Raiders’ baseball squad — along with freshman Ronaldo Gomez and seniors Alex Martinez, Pedro Varela and Dan Meyrueix. If the Raiders lose their

first-round baseball game Thursday, that will set up a direct conflict with Aquiso’s long jump competition in Middleton. Both the loser-out game at Capital and the Class 1A boys’ long jump championship begins at 9 a.m., on Friday. Another huge conflict is possible if the Raiders reach the third day of the baseball tournament Saturday. Rimrock’s district champion 4x200 relay squad and its 4x400 runner-up quartet are scheduled to compete for the state title during the 12:30 p.m., Saturday session in Middleton. Aquiso ran the second leg, taking the baton from fellow 11th-grader Julio Alamilla, to kick off the Raiders’ victorious turn in the 4x200-meter relay. The team was clocked

at 1 minute, 36.72 seconds after Gomez and Meyrueix completed the last half of the race. The Alamilla brothers ran the first and third legs in Rimrock’s 4x400 relay runner-up performance. Julio handed off to Martinez, and Varela gave the baton to Juan for the final kick of a 3:48.34 effort. The team earned a trip to Middleton because the top two relay teams in the 1A District III meet automatically qualifies for the big show. Juan Alamilla will also compete in the 400 meters preliminary race at 3:30 p.m., on Friday after finishing fourth in the district final at 55.68. The top four athletes in each individual event advanced from the district meet to the state championships.

✓Trojans: Homedale searches for formula to bring home another crown

From Page 1B 9 a.m., on Friday. The Trojans were the second-seeded team behind Timberlake (which slipped to No. 5 in the MaxPreps final seeding) heading into the weekend. With both teams already in the state tournament, Wednesday’s title game was gravy, but it also played a role in solidifying final seeding, which is new to the state tournament this year. All three Homedale runs were unearned because of the Wolverines’ mistakes. And Weiser couldn’t get anything started with sophomore right-hander Dani Sitts scattering four hits and two walks while striking out 11 batters. The Trojans couldn’t get many hits against Tobie Noyer, who spun a three-hitter. Sitts did the most damage, going 2-for-3 with a run scored from the top of the order. She was one of Noyer’s six strikeout victims. Sitts led off the bottom of the first with a single and eventually scored on a wild pitch. Homedale added two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Olivia Asumendi singled, moved to second on Zayne Hall’s base hit and eventually scored on Olivia Miller’s sacrifice fly. Hall scored the game’s final run on another wild pitch. Amaia Aberasturi had one of Homedale’s three singles in the sixth inning. Homedale enters the state

3A state softball tournament
At Buhl High School
Friday
Game 1 — No. 1 **Homedale** (19-4-1) vs. No. 8 Kellogg (5-14), 9 a.m.
Game 2 — No. 4 Filer (16-9) vs. No. 5 Timberlake (19-4), 11 a.m.
Game 3 — No. 3 Weiser (16-8) vs. No. 6 Buhl (9-9-1), 9 a.m.
Game 4 — No. 2 Marsh Valley (18-6) vs. No. 7 South Fremont (11-8), 11 a.m.
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 5 p.m.
Game 10 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Game 11, losers’ bracket final — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 10 a.m.
Game 12, winners’ bracket final — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 10 a.m.
Game 13, third-place game — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 loser, noon
Game 14, championship game 1 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 15, champion game 2 (if nec.) — Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 4 p.m.

tournament having put together three consecutive shutouts and outscoring their past three opponents 38-0. The pitchers’ scoreless streak stretches 18 innings, back to the Trojans’ 15-9 win over Weiser on May 2. The team has five shutouts in its past six games and has allowed 10 runs in the past seven games. Asumendi threw a one-hitter on May 9 when Homedale crushed Parma, 19-0, in the

district semifinals at HMS. Last Wednesday, Sitts and Hall teamed up on a two-hitter in the 16-0 3A Snake River Valley conference-ending victory against Fruitland. Homedale coach Larry Corta brings his team back to the state tournament a year after losing the title to Filer in Boise. The Trojans program has won four state championships since 2013, and Homedale has played for the state title in all but one tournament since. Filer

beat the Trojans twice (last season and 2014), and Bonners Ferry came away with the title in 2017 (when Homedale went 1-2 with one loss coming against Filer). **May 9: Homedale 19, Parma 0 (5)** — The Trojans started relatively slow, scoring 16 runs in the third and fourth innings to force the 10-run during the semifinal. Parma committed six errors, and Olivia Asumendi and Katie Christoffersen led Homedale’s hitting attack with back-to-back run-scoring doubles in the opening frame. Asumendi came within one out of a perfect game, surrendering only Audney Bunker’s two-out double in the top of the fifth inning. She struck out 11 and walked none. Sitts scored in every inning. She singled and scored on Christoffersen’s double in the first inning. The sophomore scored on an error in the second, wild pitch in the third, and a passed ball in the fourth. She also had an RBI single in the fourth inning. Christoffersen scored three runs and collected two RBI. Asumendi scored two runs and knocked in a couple runs. Amaia Aberasturi was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI, while Isana Larzelier scored twice. Belisia Larzelier also scored two runs and drove in two runs. Arlett Quezada also crossed the plate twice.

HHS wins softball academic state title

Homedale High School’s softball players begin the quest for a state title on Friday, but the Trojans are already state champions. The Idaho High School Activities Association included coach Larry Corta’s squad among the list of spring sports state academic champions last week. The Homedale softball team is the only local squad to beat its opponents with classroom success. The Trojans players amassed a cumulative grade-point average of 3.86 to win the Class 3A state championship for softball teams. The only other state academic championship for local conferences was Parma’s girls’ tennis team, which posted a 3.821 GPA. The award is sponsored by the Idaho Army National Guard.

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Sports

Dist. 2 prep rodeo finales make surprise Homedale visit

The District II high school and junior high school rodeo season wrapped up in an unexpected location during the weekend.

The rodeos on Saturday and Sunday were moved to the Owyhee County Rodeo Arena in Homedale.

The original arena for the rodeos at the Gem County Fairgrounds was unusable because of snow on May 10 and rain last Wednesday in Emmett.

Bull riding champion Trey

McFarlane led Homedale's 1-2-3 sweep in the event's junior high school standings this season. Brothers Trell was runner-up, and Ryker Layne finished third.

The McFarlane brothers swept the all around season titles in the boys' junior high school division.

Trey was named all around champion, and Trell earned all around reserve.

— Photos and information provided by Cherie Rolland of Cherie Rolland Photography.



Homedale Middle School student Ryker Layne scored a 68-point bull ride in Sunday's junior high school competition. Photos by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography



Clockwise from above:
Trell and Trey McFarlane teamed up to win the junior high school team roping on Sunday with a 7.94-second performance.

Birch Eiguren of Jordan Valley tied his calf down in 11.11 seconds to win the tie down roping Saturday.

Kambrie McCoshum of Homedale placed in the junior high barrel racing Sunday with a 17.695-second run.



Marsing tops Homedale for youth baseball title
Marsing's 10U baseball team beat Homedale, 10-3, for the league championship. **Coaches in rear, from left:** Caleb Showalter, Jessi Brock, and Gavin Dolence. **First row, from left:** Tucker Lootens, Cooper Payton, Jace Brock, Emmett McIntyre, Wyatt Percifield, Elias Brock, Luke Showalter and Joseph Rodriguez. **Second row, from left:** Oliver Lootens, Brayden Dolence, Lincoln Loucks, Trey Larsen, and Kip Corder. Submitted photo



Oliver Lootens (left) was a double champion during the weekend. His Cowboys flag football team won the Friday Night Lights championship in Nampa. Submitted photo

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Above: Melba's record-setting girls' medley relay team. **From left:** Brooklyn Dayley, Ahna Shaffer (both Owyhee County residents), Hallie Arnold and Meya Young. **Right:** Senior Joe Reiber clears the high jump bar at the New Plymouth High School track and field complex to set the Melba record. Submitted photos



✓ Melba: Owyheean front and center as Mustangs roll on to state meet

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Arnold — joined forces with Laci Cole to set the school medley relay record last year at 1:53.97.

The Melba girls' team won the district championship, while the boys finished one point behind team champion Nampa Christian (123-122).

On the boys' side, Richardson — the junior from Owyhee County — and Reiber tore more pages out of the school record book to help the Mustangs to a runner-up finish in the team meet.

One record, the high jump mark Reiber broke, had stood for 43 years.

Richardson shattered two school records he had established earlier this season, and Reiber's championship run in the 200 meters out-paced his own record-breaking turn a few weeks ago.

Richardson and Reiber took part in seven individual and relay championships during the weekend.

The top four finishers in individual events and the championship relay teams received automatic passage into the 2A state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School.

Richardson left little doubt in most of his events.

- He broke his own record to win the 400 meters in 49.88 seconds. He shaved more than half a second off his previous best mark (50.45).

- He won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a 39.46 effort Saturday, but he broke the school record (his

in Friday's preliminary heats with a pass of 38.71.

- Richardson also took down the 110 high hurdles championship with a time of 14.99.

Reiber broke two school records and just missed resetting a third:

- The 6-foot, 2-inch basketball player of the year broke the school record with a championship leap of 6 feet, 6 inches in the high jump. He broke the 1979 record by $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.

- He took one-hundredth of a second off his own 200-meter dash record, winning the race in 22.12 seconds.

- He won the 100-meter dash, too, but his winning time of 10.84 was .05 of a second slower than his school record.

Reiber ran the final leg of the championship 4x100 relay team, closing out an effort that included fellow seniors Ben Kracht and Easton Draper running before freshman Carsten Volkers handed the baton to Reiber. The team won in 45.06.

Another Owyheean junior, Kayden Dayley, broke out of the blocks in the team's 1:35.31 winning effort in the 4x200 relay. Junior Braden Volkers ran the second leg, and Kracht and Draper finished off the race.

Dayley and Richardson ran the first and final legs for Melba's 4x400 relay championship team. Draper and fellow senior Reuben Manzer were in the middle of the race as the Mustangs triumphed in 3:30.36.

Another Owyhee resident,

Brooklyn Dayley, helped the Melba girls win 10 of the district meet's 14 events.

The sophomore ran her best 800 meters of the year (2:26.23) to win the district title.

She also covered the anchor legs of the Mustangs' championship relay teams for the 4x400 and the sprint medley, giving her two more state meet berths.

Dayley qualified for the state meet with her runner-up time of 51.28 in the 300 hurdles.

The Mustangs won the 4x400 in 4:17.99 as seniors Daisee Crossley and Lacey Leavitt ran the first and third legs with junior Rozzlyn Cazier in the No. 2 spot.

Shaffer finished off the Mustangs' championship effort in the 4x200. Three juniors — Young, Arnold and Kendall Clark — ran the first three legs in a 1:47.79 race.

Young PR'd to win the 100 in 12.55, and Arnold also grabbed a state berth with a personal-best 12.83 for fourth.

Arnold (second, 26.91, PR) and Shaffer (fourth, season-best 27.11) will compete in the 200 state preliminaries.

Shaffer (second, 1:03.89) and fellow sophomore Eliza Svedin (fourth, 1:05.72 and a PR) also qualified for the state meet at 400 meters.

Junior Rozzlyn Cazier established a PR to win the 1,600 championship in 5:35.31, and she took the 3,200 in a season-fast 12:32.

Clark ran the fastest 110 hurdles race in her season (16.26) to capture district gold.

Mustangs swept the throws

with junior Gabby Colunga winning the shot put with a PR of 31-2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Senior Tayler McCoy will finish her high school career in two events at the state meet after winning the discus (116-5) and taking the runner-up spot in the shot put (30-7 $\frac{1}{2}$).

Clark won two jumping titles and will also compete at the state meet in the high jump (4-10) and the triple jump (34-4 $\frac{1}{2}$).

Young is the district long jump champion after reaching 16-11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Other girls who qualified for the state meet include:

- Leavitt with two PRs: 2:28.27 for runner-up in the 800 and 5:53.17 for third in the 1,600

- Another senior, Mazie Hansen, also notched PRs to finish third in both the 1,600 (5:53.91, PR) and the 3,200 (12:52.17).

- Junior Braelyn Scott captured the fourth and final automatic berth in the 3,200 at 13:12.91.

- Sophomore Emma Dillbeck cleared 4-6 to take fourth in the high jump.

- Two Mustangs — junior Melina Helm (third with a PR of 14-8) and sophomore Ella Stosich (14-7 $\frac{1}{4}$) will compete in the long jump at the state meet. Helm also PR'd in the triple jump to grab the third state berth, soaring 32-5 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The other boys' state qualifiers include:

- Manzer (53.13) and Kaden Dayley (53.96) finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 400.

- Manzer was runner-up in the 800 (2:07.83), and fellow senior Troy Theobald put in his bid for an at-large bid with a fifth-place PR time of 2:10.91.

- Sophomore Raivio Manzer logged a couple PRs and state berths, finishing fourth in both the 1,600 (4:56.17) and the 3,200 (10:48.47).

- Freshman Carsten Volkers was runner-up in the 110 hurdles with a PR of 16.63. He finished outside the automatic bid zone with a fifth-place 43.92 in the 300 hurdles.

- Volkers ran the opening leg for the runner-up sprint medley team, which apparently received an at-large berth into the state meet, according to Athletic.net. The team finished in 3:49.48 as Draper ran the second 200 followed by Kaden Dayley (400) and Reuben Manzer (800).

- Senior Sean Canoy will compete in the shot put state competition after his third-place distance of 39-5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

- Three discus throwers qualified for the state meet, including two at-large berths, according to Athletic.net: Senior Dillon Stosich is a lock with his PR of 112-2 for fourth place; Theobald also put up a PR of 110-2 to take fifth, while Canoy had a season-best 108-7 for sixth place.

- Stosich finished fourth in the high jump (5-6).

- Junior Braden Volkers (PR of 39-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) was triple jump runner-up, and teammate Joel Helm, a ninth-grader, earned a state meet berth with a PR of 39-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ for third place.

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Public notices

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: TYSON KENT LEE
BREWER
CASE NO. CV 37-22-171**

A Petition to change the name of Tyson Kent Lee Brewer 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 Tyson William Dean Thomson.

The reason for the change in name is: My grandfather raised me and I want his name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o’clock a.m. on June 13, 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: May 5, 2022
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
05/18,25,06/01,08/2022

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: MARY ANN
RICHARDS
CASE NO. CV 37-22-172**

A Petition to change the name of Mary Ann Richards now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Mary Ann Callaway.

The reason for the change in name is: I am no longer married and want to be known by my maiden name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 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: May 5, 2022
s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
05/04,11,18,25/2022

**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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-12084
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03/01 to 11/15
0.15 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.15 CFS
Date Filed: 03-28-2022
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
T 0 5 S R 0 3 E S 1 5
L5(SWNW),L6(NWSW),SWSW
T 0 5 S R 0 3 E S 1 6
L3(ENE),NESE
Total Acres: 4.2

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and IDWR’s Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. 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 6/6/2022. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
05/18,25/2022



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Sports

✓ HHS: Detbun's first 2022 victory in 100 goes for district championship

From Page 1B

Middleton High School.

Jacobs won the discus championship with a personal-record distance of 101 feet, 1 inch.

Junior Danny Detbun saved his first victory in a 100-meter dash for the best possible time Friday when he grabbed the district crown with a time of 11.62 seconds. Fellow junior Rylan Binford was third (11.91) and sophomore Izmael Ortiz took fifth (12.08).

Binford and Detbun automatically qualified for the state meet, which takes place Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School. Ortiz earned an at-large berth with a fifth-place finish.

The top four finishers in individual events qualify for the state meet, while the next best mark from District III, District V, and District VI earns an at-large invitation.

Senior Christopher Aguilera broke the two-minute mark and ran his fastest race of the season to win the 800 meters crown. Aguilera wrapped up a state meet appearance in 1 minute, 59.16 seconds.

Another 12th-grader, Ryker Johnson, also turned in his best time of the season to take the 300 intermediate hurdles championship in 43.56.

Binford, Detbun and Ortiz will be eligible for the state meet as three-quarters of the Trojans' 4x100 relay team. Senior Brandon Van Es ran the opening leg followed by Binford, Detbun and Ortiz as Homedale won the district championship with a 45.05 effort.

Binford and Detbun ran 200-meter legs, and Aguilera had the closing kick in the 800-meter portion for the Trojan's sprint medley relay championship team. Sophomore Brock Johnson covered the 400-meter leg during the 3:49.8 winning effort for the state qualifiers.

Detbun and Aguilera will also compete in the 200 meters this week. Detbun was third (23.77), and Aguilera finished fourth (23.97).

Senior Ryker Johnson qualified for the state meet in the 110 high hurdles, posting the district runner-up time of 16.41. He'll also be on hand for the high jump (third at 5-8) and the triple jump after finishing fourth with a personal-record effort of 39-5.

Two athletes who finished eighth in the triple jump and high jump are listed a state qualifiers according to Athletic.net. Freshman Brock Walker posted a 37-2¼ mark in the triple jump, and sophomore Keegan McKay cleared a PR height of 5-4 in the high jump.

The Trojans' 4x400 boys' relay also posted a state-qualifying runner-up time of 3:39.24. Van Es started the race with Brock Johnson running the second leg.

Freshman Rafael Cuenca and Aguilera covered the final 800 meters.

Other HHS boys' qualifiers listed on Athletic.net included:

- Brock Johnson (6th, 54.85) and Cuenca (7th, 55.59) with PRs in the 400
- Freshman Conner McCarney cleared 11-0, a personal record, and senior Eli Heck had the same mark but finished seventh in the pole vault. McCarney was eighth in the event.
- Heck also qualified with a sixth-place effort of 18-2 in the long jump.

There were several PRs in the girls' meet, including two in the 800 as sophomore Katie DeVice (3rd, 2:32.93) and junior Jacy Parker (4th, 2:36.9) qualified for State.

DeVice is a two-time state meet qualifier after taking fourth in the 1,600 with a personal-best time of 5:59.62.

Two runner-up hurdlers also will be running this week, including Carlie Moore, who PR'd at 300 meters in 49.68. Sophomore Kinlee Garrett was runner-up in the 100 hurdles at 16.51, and she apparently qualified for the state meet with a 52.12 fifth-place time in the 300 hurdles.

Joining Jacobs in the 3A state discus field is fellow HHS senior Natalia Martinez, who finished fourth with her best throw of the season (90-0).

Jacobs didn't make State in shot put, but posted a career-best distance of 26-4 for ninth place.

Garrett made the state meet with a second-place showing a personal-best mark of 4-10 in the high jump.

Senior Allison Whitehead earned two state meet berths. She finished second in the long jump with a PR mark 16-1¾, and her season-best 33-2¼ was good enough for fifth place and an at-large bid in the triple jump.

Other state meet qualifiers from the girls' team, according to Athletic.net:

- Barrett with a PR of 7-6 for sixth place in the pole vault
- Freshman Evelyn Koon after her PR of 14:43.05 for sixth place in the 3,200
- Barrett took sixth in the pole vault with a 7-6 effort and eighth in the triple jump at 30-11½.
- Ninth-grader Kayci Breshears with a seventh-place PR of 82-1 in the discus
- Sophomore Carlie Moore with a seventh-place time of 28.68 in the 200
- Senior Kaydence Stansell with a seventh-place mark of 52.65 in the 300 hurdles

Homedale Trojans

Baseball
Dillon Fine, so., P/3B
Back-to-back wins, 16 Ks; .363, 4 runs, 4 RBI

Softball
Dani Sitts, so., P/SS
Shutout, 11 Ks vs. Weiser; 4-for-6, 5 runs

Track and field
Cadence Nicoletti, so., pole vault
Earned state meet berth with school record

Tennis
Austin Franko, sr.
Qualified for the 3A state tournament, mixed doubles

Tennis
Elizabeth Whitehead, sr.
Qualified for the 3A state tournament, mixed doubles

Golf
Téa Uranga, sr. & Boys' team
Both won 3A Dist. III championships

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Baseball
3A state tournament
(At NW Nazarene University, Nampa)
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Friday, May 20 vs. Weiser or Sugar-Salem, 1 p.m., or 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, if nec.: Games at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Softball
3A state tournament
(At Buhl High School, times MDT)
Friday, May 20 vs. Kellogg, 9 a.m.
Friday, May 20 vs. Filer or Timberlake, 1 p.m., or 3 p.m.
If nec.: Friday, May 20, loser out game, 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, if nec.: Games at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Track and field
3A state championships
22 qualifiers
Friday-Saturday, May 20-21 at Middleton High School

Tennis
Friday, May 20, preliminary rounds at Owyhee H.S., Meridian, 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, consolation rounds at Owyhee H.S., Meridian, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
If nec.: Saturday, May 20, consolation final, noon; championship, 2:30 p.m., Ridgevue H.S., Nampa

Golf
Season complete
State qualifiers — Girls: Téa Uranga and Gwen Parker. Boys' team

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